

Council to defend boat ramp refusal

Gosford Council has decided to defend an appeal against a refused application for a boat ramp at 64 and 66 Shelly Beach Rd, Empire Bay, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The council will ask NSW Fisheries to "co-join with Council in defence of this appeal".

Chris Evans Glendinning Minto and Associates Pty Ltd filed a Class 1 Application in the Land and Environment Court NSW against Council's refusal of a Development Application (DA) seeking approval for the construction of a jetty and ramps.

On July 16, last year, council's development assessment unit refused the application for the following reasons: "NSW Fisheries, as an Integrated Approval body, have objected to the proposal and have advised that a permit to reclaim in any waters will not be issued.

"The proposal does not comply with the requirements of the Brisbane Water Plan of Management

"The proposal will remove

existing public access to the waterfront and replace it with dangerous and restricted public access.

"The proposed pathway is considered dangerous by both Council and the DLWC.

"The proposed boatramps are unsuitable in this location, do not comply with the requirements of Council, the DLWC or NSW Fisheries and would create a proliferation of waterfront structures along a short 30-metre section of waterfront.

"The statement of effects submitted as part of the application is considered inadequate as it does not adequately examine the effects of the proposal, particularly the reduction or prohibition of public access to the waterfront on the community.

"Overwhelming public objection to the proposal.

"Approval of the proposal would not be in the public interest."

The applicant had requested that the application be treated as an application for integrated development.



The site of the proposed boat ramp

An application for integrated development requires that the application be referred to the various approval authorities. The

authorities included DLWC and State Fisheries.

State Fisheries did not agree.

Therefore, council was obliged

to refuse the application for development consent.

Council agenda FS.035, April 22

Water-saving filter planned for aquatic centre

Gosford Council has agreed in principle to support a proposal to install a diatomaceous earth (DE) water filtration system in the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre, despite being told that a sand filter would be less expensive.

The Council's Water and Sewer Fund is to support the initiative with a one-off capital grant of \$100,000, recognising its significant savings in water use.

Diatomaceous earth filters operate differently to sand-based water filters as the fine particles are sucked onto a membrane, this allows for much smaller particles to be filtered, such as bacteria, which are common in children's swimming pools.

In both sand and diatomaceous systems the filters are cleansed by reversing the normal flow of water into the sewer system. This process is called "backwashing".

With sand filtration, more water is used, with the sand retained in the filter housing while being flushed.

With DE filtration, both the DE and the filtrate is washed to the sewer using much less water.

The filtration and water sterilisation technology to be incorporated in the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre will be diatomaceous earth and ultraviolet light.

It has been selected for its efficacy in water treatment was supported as "consistent with the council's overall commitment to the principles of environmental sustainability".

Council had previously requested that the specialist aquatic consultants on the aquatic centre project, Geoff Ninnis, Fong and Partners Pty Ltd, assess the two options with a view to providing the most affordable solution.

The consultants estimated that the use of a DE filtration system over a sand based filtration system would cost an additional \$100,000 in the construction process.

A DE system would also be more expensive in the ongoing running costs.

However, the use of a DE system would use only 15.7% of the amount of water used during the backwash process in a sand-based system.

The amount of water used in backwash process per annum is 826 cubic metres for diatomaceous earth and 5235 cubic metres in a sand-based system

The additional cost associated with the installation of a DE system is partially offset by the potential to reduce the size of the plant room required to house the equipment.

However, there are additional costs associated with operating the system which are estimated at \$23,325 per annum.

The council agenda explained the more expensive decision stating: "Governments sometimes require their businesses to engage in activities that the business would not undertake on purely commercial grounds.

"These are called Community

Service Obligations (CSOs).

"The provision of a subsidy to certain consumers to pay for some of their use of electricity is an example of a CSO.

"The Council of Australian Governments (CoAG) has stated that, for purposes of competitive neutrality, Governments are free to determine who should receive a CSO payment or subsidy, but that such payments or subsidies should be transparent, appropriately costed and directly funded by Government.

"It is appropriate therefore that as part of its service to the community, and as a recognition for employing water saving technology, Council's Water and Sewer Fund contribute to the additional cost of the water saving technology.

"The director of water and sewer has indicated that a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 is appropriate in this instance.

"The policy objective is to encourage water use minimalisation strategies through technology.

"This contribution to a

community project with significant economic and social benefits is within the power of Council to make.

"It is consistent with Council's statement of intent as contained in the Strategic Plan for 2002 to 2007 'to ensure development is compatible with, and protective of, the natural and existing built environment' and to be 'carried out on an ecologically sustainable basis'.

"On purely financial grounds, a sand-based filtration system would be recommended.

"It is proposed that an interpretive display be installed at the new Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre showing the technology that has been utilised and the benefits to the environment.

"This will ensure widespread recognition and a tangible example of Council's efforts to manage water resources responsibly and encourage others to do likewise."

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Cec Bucello, Manager

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Umina Tennis and Sporting Club's address is Umina Sports Oval, Melbourne Avenue, Umina NSW.

However, the Umiña Tennis Club is half a world away on the other side of the Pacific, in Ecuador, South America.

Umiña (spelt with a tilde over the n, indicating that it's pronounced oo-mean-yah) is a suburb of the port city of Manta, just a few kilometres south of the equator.

Photographs show remarkable similarities in the appearance of the two Uminas.

An Ecuadorian real estate agent advertises a lot "in the Umiña neighborhood, the best district of Manta, with 24 hour security and only 200 metres from the sea".

A photo of the building site, with bright blue sea in the background, could easily be mistaken for our Umina.

The Hotel Maria José webpage says: "When you visit Ecuador don't forget to visit the city of Manta, full of magic, with beautiful beaches and a busy nightlife."

On April 27, the newspaper El Diario de Manta reported (in a fine mixture of Spanish and English) the final of Surf Open Manta 2003: "Se corre en la categoría open, junior, bodyboard, y bodyboard junior."

The Peninsula's Umina acquired its unusual name from the aboriginal word meaning sleep or resting-place; Ecuador's Umiña was named in honour of an Aztec goddess.

"In the temple of Manta, Ecuador, was the altar of Umiña, the goddess of health," says one

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website.

"She was represented by a statuette made of emerald the size of an ostrich egg and cut to the shape of the upper part of a human figure."

Another South American country, Chile, also has a place named Umiña.

It's a small village perched high in the Andes, 3600 metres above sea level, not far from the coastal city of Arica, and is the site of a new dam being constructed to provide water for the city of Iquique.

Arica, "City of Eternal Spring," is at the northern tip of Chile on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

It enjoys a mild, dry climate and waters warm enough for swimming, making it a popular, year-round beach resort.

Arica's annual rainfall averages less than one millimetre and they have recorded 14 consecutive years without rain.

The town is justly proud of San Marcos de Arica Cathedral, designed by world-famous tower builder Gustav Eiffel.

Finally, the internet site www.umiña.com isn't in Australia, Ecuador or Chile.

It belongs to Umina Brothers Inc., of Hueneme, California: "distributors of high quality fresh fruit and vegetables in the United States and around the world."

The company was founded in 1927 in New York by Bartola Umina and his three brothers, and is now run by Bartola Umina's grandson.

More details about Umina's South American namesakes can be found in an article in *The World's First Multi-National e-*

Book, on the internet at <http://bdb.co.za/shackle/articles/umiña.htm>

Eric Shackle, April 28

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Aboriginal story a highlight for CWA

A talk by aboriginal author Marjorie Woodrow was the highlight of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association's 52nd Birthday and Cultural Day on Wednesday, April 9.

Mrs Woodrow told her story as one of "The Lost Generation".

"Marjorie spoke in a quiet and dignified manner to a very attentive and appreciative audience," said branch publicity officer Ms Clare Wren.

"She called her story 'Long Time Coming Home', the story of her search for her mother and members of her family."

Marjorie was taken from her mother in 1925 at the age of two.

She did not see her mother until 1993, 68 years later.

Marjorie recalled meeting her mother: "It was pouring rain when Dawn Johnson, a Health Worker from Queanbeyan, and I arrived at the Aboriginal community of Murrin Bridge on May 22, 1993.

"The sky was leaden grey and while my heart should have been gloriously happy, I felt mainly fearful and apprehensive.

"It was sixty-eight years since we had parted, would she accept me?"

"Would she really be my mother who I had been told was

dead all those years ago.

"We were met by a man I found to be a nephew, Alan Johnson.

"He went up to an old, blue painted fibro house shouting: 'Aunty Ethel, your daughter's here.'

"She said: 'Come in out of the rain, boy. Don't stand out there in the rain'.

"As we walked into the house and into the main room he announced 'This is your daughter'.

"A tiny, very dark, slight, elderly woman with no shoes on sat on a little steel chair in front of the window close by the sink.

"She had a piece of old grey Government blanket across her knees.

"I later found she kept this piece of blanket as a constant reminder over the years of her lost children.

"Come over here, girly, don't be shy.'

"I was over 70 years old and this old lady must have been in her 90s.

"Then I asked 'Are you sure we're mother and daughter?'"

"Yes, we're mother and daughter'.

"Ethel was sure, but to satisfy herself even more she asked to look at my chest after the others had withdrawn to leave us alone.

"Sure enough there was the



Marjorie Woodrow with daughter Mrs Lesley Clark and Umina CWA president Mrs Helen Parkinson

mark she and a friend had put on me when I was a baby, and the tiny scar still showed.

"She had done this because it was very common for Aboriginal children, especially those with

lighter coloured skins to be taken away."

Marjorie's mother was Ethel Johnson, also known as Wyman.

Of her three brothers and one sister, she only ever met her

younger brother Peter, known as Gooley Man.

Marjorie has published two books "The Lost Generation" and "Long Time Coming Home".

Clare Wren, April 30

Submissions wanted on city management plan

Gosford Council is to exhibit the Draft City Management Plan 2003-2008 over a four-week period from Friday, April 25, to Friday, May 23.

The package referred to as the City Management Plan comprises of the Strategic Plan, Capital Works Program, Annual Budget, Revenue Policy, State of the Environment and Council's Community Plan.

Copies of these documents may be inspected at council's

administration building inquiry counter at 49 Mann Street Gosford, branch libraries and Terrigal Tourist Information Centre over the exhibition period.

Submissions can be made throughout the exhibition period on the Draft Strategic Plan, Draft Budget, Draft Capital Works Program and Draft Revenue Policy.

All submissions must be received by May 23.

It is expected that council will formally review and adopt the

Draft City Management Plan in June 2003.

During the exhibition period, council will be holding eight public workshops, one for each planning district of the city.

At these meetings, the public will be able to review the draft plan and have a say on how to improve future documents.

The Peninsula meeting will be held at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, May 17.

Letter, March 28

Businesses donate raffle prizes

A number of Peninsula businesses have donated goods to Umina Scouts to fill a Raffle Wheelbarrow.

Tickets will be on sale from mid-May.

This fundraising venture will assist the Scouts in attending the 20th Australian Jamboree, next

year. Umina Scout group is also seeking new adult leaders for all sections.

If you are interested, please email umina_troop@yahoo.com.au or phone Bob Seal on 4341 6480.

Tanya Watson, April 22

Study proceeds for rail underpass

A flora and fauna study is being conducted of the area affected by the proposed railway underpass in South Woy Woy.

The council's director of engineering operations Mr Stephen Glen has revealed this in a written response to a question from Cr Chris Holstein on February 4:

Cr Holstein had asked: "What

is the status regarding discussions with the Roads and Traffic Authority on the Woy Woy Railway underpass proposal?"

The director's response stated: "A letter has recently been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) discussing various aspects of the road safety audit undertaken for the project.

"These aspects require detailed investigation before

further discussions can be effectively held with the RTA.

"A flora and fauna study is also currently being undertaken to determine if these are factors which could affect the location of the roadway and underpass.

"Once these issues have been resolved, a more comprehensive report is intended to be prepared detailing the proposed underpass."

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Bulls Hill plans are devastating

I am writing to give you an insight into the plans that Gosford Councils' roads department have for Woy Woy Rd in the vicinity of the top of Bulls Hill.

Realigning Bulls Hill, as per the plans shown to residents at the public meeting on August 11, 2002, would have a devastating impact on the quality of life of neighbouring residents and for absolutely no net gain to anyone.

These plans show that council intends to lower the height of the intersection of Woy Woy Rd and Horsfield Rd by five metres.

This would bring the road down below the level of the home at 57 Horsfield Rd and other neighbouring houses.

This would cause an increase in traffic noise.

The excavation would also bring the roadway down to the level of the home at 82 Horsfield Rd, again increasing traffic noise.

The supporting earthworks would taper down to the side of the property at 30 Kanala Lane and have a negative effect on the homes at 31 and 29 and Kanala Lane.

The proposed excavations are also intended to cut the corner right up to the boundary line of 195 Woy Woy Rd, having long term detrimental affects on the foundations of the home and the family within.

The new proximity of the road and the lowering of the road height would also affect neighbours.

The home at 214 Woy Woy Rd would need to be resumed by council at a cost in excess of \$500,000.

Council representatives seem very blasé about buying out the owners.

Some homes may need to be resumed against their owners' wishes; other properties will suffer negative visual and noise impact.

Resumption of property was one of the main objections to council's "flyover" solution at the site of the railway crossing.

The Bulls Hill section of Woy Woy Rd could be widened without the proposed excavation or total realignment.

I met with Stephen Glenn last year and proposed that the Bulls Hill Corner could be widened without the need to lower the height or to take the road across the existing gully.

I pointed out that there is enough land on the inside of the corner to allow the corner to be modified.

I further pointed out the negative aspects of a bridge over Woy Woy Road to serve as an

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entry to Horsfield Rd.

I went on to explain that the hill does not need to be lowered for the convenience of heavy transport.

Every truck that travels up Bulls Hill actually makes it to the top and around the corner in its present state.

Trucks in the future will only get better and will have no problem negotiating any improvement.

Mr Glen emphasized safety as a reason for the realignment. Yet the council's own data failed to identify a single accident on Bulls Hill or in the area most affected by the realignment.

The curves along Woy Woy Rd actually serve as a natural traffic-calming device.

A long, virtually straight stretch of road from 214 Woy Woy Rd to the bottom of Bulls Hill would encourage faster traffic speed.

This traffic would need to come to a virtual stop at the proposed roundabout at the bottom of Bulls Hill.

At the moment trucks apply there air brakes for a comparatively short time compared to the length of time required if starting their steep descent from 214 Woy Woy Rd.

Trucks coming up Bulls Hill would need to stay in lower gears for longer because the new gradient would be on average steeper for longer.

At present the gradient becomes significantly less at the intersection of Woy Woy Rd and Horsfield Rd.

The proposed realignment would bring more noise closer to more residents more often.

The widening of Woy Woy Rd would be more cost effective than a total realignment.

It would also have other long-term benefits to present and future residents.

A separate lane could be left for buses to pull over out of the way of traffic and thus allow smoother traffic flow than at present.

Only about half a dozen buses run each day so traffic into and

out of Horsfield Rd would only be minimally affected.

Children would still be able to catch the bus to school at the corner of Woy Woy Rd and Horsfield Rd and not have to walk back up to 214 Woy Woy Rd and then cross the Woy Woy Rd.

Some of these children are as young as six years old.

The intersection of Woy Woy Rd and Horsfield Rd could accommodate a turn-right lane from Woy Woy Rd into Horsfield Rd, thus minimising interruption to traffic flow.

The proposed overtaking lane up Bulls Hill could still extend to 214 Woy Woy Rd.

These benefits could be achieved and still leave room for pressuring the State Government into building a Bulls Hill by-pass in the future.

Four years ago the realignment of Bulls Hill gained virtually no public support as a solution to the railway crossing problem.

Yet council representatives have offered the realignment as the only solution and ignored alternate solutions.

Councillors are elected to serve the needs of the community, not to let their engineering departments create projects that serve little purpose other than to perpetuate their own existence.

At the public meeting a motion was passed unanimously calling on council to rethink the realignment of the top of Bulls Hill.

Council's engineers seem to have totally ignored the community's opinion on this matter and have arrogantly carried on regardless.

With regard to the proposed Bulls Hill realignment, Gosford Council does not appear to be genuine in its attempts to embrace consultation and compromise as a means by which to find solutions that are both satisfactory to most and do harm to no one.

Stephen Laming, Horsfield Bay

Residents save bush

Thank you for your most informative article about the status of the remnant bushland of the Peninsula "Most of our bush 'endangered'" (Peninsula News, April 23).

It is heartening to see that much of what has survived the continued assault on it by Gosford Council has now been granted some protection under state and federal legislation.

I would like to advise you that as of yesterday (April 29) a small remnant of the Sydney Coastal Estuary Swamp Forest that is Ettymalong Creek bordering the former Ettymalong Swamp was saved from destruction by Gosford Council's engineers by a decision of Environment Australia (EA).

This is the third time that the vigilance of the residents has been crucial in halting council engineers in their primitive efforts to turn our remnant creeks into sterile drains.

On previous attempts, our councillors have unanimously rejected their engineers proposals.

This time, the engineers have chosen to go over the heads of the councillors and appeal to Environment Australia for permission to destroy and again common sense and good science have prevailed.

Ettymalong Creek Landcare have been trying to assist council, councillors and the community in resolving drainage problems in an environmentally sustainable way for some years now and were disappointed that council's flooding and drainage engineers did not even advise us

that they were attempting yet another attack on our creeks.

Having found out about this proposal two days before public submissions were due we quickly sought an extension, which EA were happy to grant.

The proposal as advertised was for the removal of 167 immature native trees but on reading the supporting documents there were some 500 trees to be removed, many mature Swamp Mahogany trees that are a food source for the rare and endangered Swift parrot and Koala.

So much for "endangered ecological communities".

This is doubly disappointing for our group because we took part in a walk of this part of the creek with council's consultant engineer and Cr Penton and agreed on some removal of trees and illegal fill which combined with bush repair and replanting would have satisfied all parties.

Unfortunately, council broke that agreement by removing trees that were to be retained until replanting further up the banks was done.

National Parks and Wildlife Services put a stop on the works.

Incredibly, the consulting ecologist's previous work for council was also found to be inadequate, forcing council to obtain an independent study by National Environmental Consulting Services (NECS) at huge cost to ratepayers which outlined serious deficiencies in the work including failing to consider clearing of native vegetation as a key threatening process.

Bryan Ellis, Umina

Not your average block

In response to your article on page 5 of Peninsula News (April 23), entitled "Non-complying house allowed to be completed", we as the owners of 36 The Citadel would like to inform the community of a few other facts:

The block of land at 36 The Citadel, Umina, is not your average flat building block.

At least 50per cent of the block consists of large rock formations exceeding one metre in height.

We paid professional people - surveyors, engineers and architects - to provide us with as much information as possible to enable a home to be designed that would complement the type of block and ambience of the area.

As a condition of our original approved plans, we were not able to apply Development Control Plan (DCP) 122 to our block.

DCP 122 allows for "cut and fill" on blocks to one metre.

If we had been able to do so, our home currently under construction would have been well within the building envelope.

DCPs are a set of guidelines for the council assessment teams and not a set of rules.

If they were rules, we would have been able to fill.

Another condition of our original approved plans was to supply council with "written levels".

This was provided to council and we have verification that the excavation undertaken at 36 The Citadel conforms with these "written levels".

Finally, whilst Cr Bell felt that our home will have a "severe impact" on our neighbours, the Planning and Development Team, a team of professionals employed by council, recommended that our amended plans be approved.

We are lucky that at least four councillors voted to support council's own recommendation.

Kyle Barnes, Ettalong

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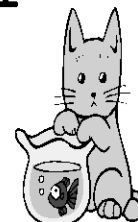
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Doorknock volunteers are sought

The Salvation Army is calling for volunteers to help with the Peninsula doorknock for the Red Shield Appeal which will happen on the weekend of May 24 and 25.

The overall Red Shield goal for the Peninsula is \$80,000 with a doorknock goal of \$26,000.

Volunteers are asked to give a couple of hours of their time to help with this major fundraising drive.

Funds raised through the appeal help the Salvation Army with their many services, which include support for families in crisis, people who are homeless, young people in crisis, food and support for disadvantaged

families.

Volunteers who would like to help with the Red Shield Appeal should simply call the national hotline on 13 32 30 or 4344 1965.

Alternatively, collectors can volunteer via the website at www.salvos.org.au.

The Salvation Army's Mr Rodney Dibley said: "For a successful appeal, we will need approximately 300 collectors on the Peninsula.

"We're encouraging collectors to form teams of four with a driver.

"It's a great social day which is obviously rewarding because you will be making a difference."

Media release, May 2



Construction continues at the Woy Woy Local/Children's court

Colouring competition for Law Week

Woy Woy Local/Children's court will host a colouring in competition for four local public schools as part of Law Week, May 12 to 17.

The local public schools to participate in the colouring in competition are Woy Woy Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, Ettalong Public School and Umina Public School.

Children of all year levels will participate and it is hoped the competition will improve their

awareness of courts and the law.

The picture to be coloured in depicts a court scene.

A local magistrate will judge the competition and consolation and winners prizes will be offered to children from each school.

The competition will be open to the public for viewing.

Local sponsorship has come from McDonalds, Kids Camelot, Cinema Paradiso, AC Knibb, Kaine & Associates, Alleyne & Co, Katie Smith Solicitor, Peninsula Law and Tonkin

Drysdale Partners.

Law Week offers information sessions and activities to the general public on different legal subjects and processes at various venues around the State.

It aims to improve the public's knowledge of the law.

For further information contact Woy Woy Local/Children's Court on 4341 1450, or Nicole Hoffmann, Local Court Liaison, 9287 7425.

Con Orfanos, April 30

Council to decide on tree removal

Gosford Council will tonight (Tuesday) decide what is to happen about the proposed development at 81 Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, which was recently deferred.

The project was deferred to decide whether some large trees on the site could be retained.

The developer has responded to the council's request for more information stating: "We would like to respond to the suggestion that Unit 7 be deleted to enable the retention of five existing major trees.

"Whilst 10 units were possible on this site, we made a commitment to reduce our application to nine (units) for two reasons; in the first instance to protect the trees and secondly to provide an amenity for the occupants.

"As the deletion of this one unit is already a major financial contribution, the loss of a further unit would make the project unviable.

"In turning to the issue of the trees, we would like to propose the removal of the three large

trees along the northern boundary as they are large and thus a hazard to the future buildings and to a lesser degree on the basis that two of them are pinus radiata and one is a camphor laurel, which are introduced species.

"We would also like to remove the two angophoras based on their fragility, inability to cope with any constructional disturbance and propensity to drop limbs without warning.

"Could you please note that your Tree Preservation Officer unreservedly supported the removal of these trees.

"We would like to preserve the two Norfolk Island Pines by careful protection and by the installation of root barriers."

Council officers have recommended that council make a decision on the matter and that, if council wishes to approve the development, a condition was needed stating that Two Norfolk Island pines should be retained.

Council Agenda DH.036, May 6

Concert to support WIRES

The concert lunch with The Belles of Brass, Australia's only all-female brass band, will be held on Sunday, July 13, at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The band was formed with the sole aim of raising funds for charities, particularly supporting the needs of women and children.

The members of the band come from several brass bands from a variety of locations.

They are self-funded and the members of the band donate their time and resources free of charge.

The repertoire for each concert appeals to all ages and tastes

from classical, pop, brass band and works to dance music and show tunes.

Tickets will include meal and show but will not include drinks. The estimated cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for pensioners and \$15 for children but the prices have not yet been confirmed.

For information or to book please call Debra Elliott on 4341 4743 or Pam Strykowski in 4360 2897.

Funds raised on the day will support the animal rescue

service, WIRES Central Coast. WIRES newsletter, April



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Health

Relationships course at health centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be hosting an eight-session course on "Healthy Relationships".

Ms Kate Bradfield from the centre said: "The course is about relationships based on equality and will offer participants the opportunity to recognise respectful ways of relating to others active participation by group members will be encouraged in a safe and respectful environment."

"Themes to be covered are

respect, trust, support, honesty, accountability, shared responsibility, negotiation, fairness, economic, partnership, responsible, parenting, and feeling safe."

"Healthy Relationships" will be facilitated by Yvonne Girvan who is a relationship counsellor with Coast Care Inc.

The course starts on Tuesday, May 6, and is held each Tuesday until June 24.

Each session will be from 10am to 12pm.

There is no fee charged, just a request for a gold coin donation.

For more information or to book a spot, phone the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 4342 5905

Fax, April 10

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Empty shelves at Umina Mall Pharmacy

Pan product recall experience differs

The Pan International product recall has been experienced differently by vitamin retailers on the Peninsula.

The recall created "confusion and chaos", according to Mr Gary Russell of Go-Vita Health and Nutrition Centre, Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy.

Mr Russell said that while authorities continued to notify retailers of product withdrawal, uncertainty surrounded product credits and some customers expressed concerns about the safety of prescription medicines.

However, Mr Ross Pearse of Umina Mall Pharmacy said none of his customers has expressed such concerns.

He said prescription medicines were "safe and have been tested" and it would be more dangerous to discontinue than to continue taking them when needed.

Mr Pearse said that "only a limited range" of vitamin supplement and other non-prescription products were

affected by the product recall.

But he said that anyone with any of the recalled products should stop taking them immediately.

If in doubt on which items have been recalled, a complete list was on the web and could be found at www.recalls.gov.au.

"In Australia, the arrangement is that we purchase non-prescription items on the understanding that quality is assured by the Federal Government.

"Like many of our customers, we also feel let down by what has happened", he said.

Mr Russell said customers were looking to substitute recalled with non-recalled vitamin supplement brands.

He said: "Vitamin supplements are an accepted part of the Australian diet.

"A lot of people have found them to be of great benefit."

Mr Russell said several spokespeople for vitamin supplement brands had said they did not use Pan as a contractor.

He said there were more such declarations to come.

Con Orfanos, April 30.

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Tea rooms' future to be discussed

The future of Umina Tea Rooms is to be discussed at a Strategy-Policy Workshop of Gosford Council.

ET Australia has operated tea rooms in the facility since July 1998 and the current five-year lease which covers this arrangement expires on June 30.

ET Australia has requested that the council clarify its intentions for the space.

The Umina Beach tea rooms are situated behind the library at the corner of West and Bullion Sts, Umina.

The operation of the tea rooms has been subsidised by ET Australia and they have advised that they are unable to continue on that basis.

In early 2002, ET Australia advised that it was ceasing operations at the tea rooms on

June 30 that year.

Successful negotiation of a sponsorship arrangement has enabled continued operation to the expiration of the lease.

The council agenda stated: "A number of other community groups have expressed interest informally in utilising this space.

"The area and amenities available is quite extensive and there may be the potential for two or more groups to collaborate on a shared basis.

"In line with current council policy, an expression of interest process for community organisations which would be interested in the space may resolve this situation in the best interests of council and the community.

"Council would then enter into an occupancy agreement to confirm arrangements."

Council agenda CS.032, April 22



The entrance to Umina Tea Rooms

Obituary: Leah Ruby Francis

Leah Ruby Francis of The Esplanade, Ettalong, died on April 18.

She was born on March 15, 1933, in the Sydney suburb of Newtown.

Birth records show that her mother was Nellie Wilson and her father's name was Eric Brown.

Shortly after her birth she became a ward of the state.

In October 1933, Leah was fostered by the Anforth family, Isobel (whom she called "Aunt") and Isobel's parents, and Vic, and Jack.

The family owned and ran a fruit shop in Forest Rd, Hurstville.

The children helped out in it from an early age.

Leah lived with them from October 1933 until she walked to the church to marry Leo when she was 33.

At age five, Leah was a weekly boarder at "The NSW Institute for the Deaf, the Dumb and the Blind", in Darlington, Sydney.

Leah attended for one year, before the school was closed to be handed over to the air force for the war effort.

Her school re-opened when she was eight as "Wahroonga School for the Blind".

From age 16 until she finished school two years later, Leah attended Hornsby Girls' High School.

Here Leah formed lifelong friendships with Margaret Sharp, Pam Larsen and Barbara Telfer.

It was a real break into mainstream education.

After school, Leah gained a scholarship to "Sydney Teachers' College" located in the grounds of Sydney University.

Leah was the first blind student to attain a scholarship.

There she met Marie Retallic during her two years of study.

Her first jobs after college were

in hospital units for disabled children.

In 1954 and 1955, Leah taught at Wahroonga School for the Blind.

Roslyn Sloane, Marilyn Jones and Sandy Dark were amongst her students.

At 24, she won the Rotary International Scholarship.

She taught at the New York Institute for Education of the Blind, and studied teaching methods in Nashville, USA.

She travelled to Europe to observe more schools and make a visit to the Rose Garden in Salzburg.

Back in Australia Leah became a proof-reader of braille books at Asquith Primary School while studying part-time for a Bachelor of Arts at Sydney University.

Leah met Leo in 1964 across the enquiries counter of the Australian Taxation Department.

They kept in contact, and attended night classes together at Sydney University.

They worked closely together during their two years of Economics 1 and 2.

Leo was pursuing an Economics degree; Leah was studying for Arts Honours which she completed in 1969.

Leah and Leo were married December 10, 1966.

They spent their first years together in Glebe.

Andrew Justin was born

January 8, 1970; Matthew David arrived May 21, 1971; and when Leah had just turned 40 she gave birth to Philip Mark on April 25, 1973.

The family moved to Albury in 1973.

Leo went down to teach accountancy at TAFE for three years of compulsory country service.

The years 1975-1977 were spent in the Solomon Islands with Australian Aid.

Leo taught commerce at Honiara Technical Institute. Leah taught at the teachers' college.

When she was 45, they returned to settle in Gosford.

Leah started to work for the Child Development Unit at the Royal Blind Society at Burwood.

Leah and Robyn Wellington formed a firm friendship while commuting together from the Central Coast.

Leah worked there for over a decade.

Meanwhile, Leah had become a music therapist, and a founding member of the Australian Music Therapy Association.

Lou Poulson was a co-founder. In 1989, Leah joined the University of Western Sydney where she co-ordinated the Vision course in the Special Education Department.

After another 10 years of working, Leah finally retired in March 1999, at the age of 65.

Leah was a supporter and participant at the National Braille Music Camp for many years preceding 2002.

In the new century, two groups of colleagues and friends sought to have Leah's significant contribution to the community recognised.

In 2001, Leah Ruby Francis was made a Member of the Order of Australia (A.M.).

Andrew Francis, April 23

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History day at The Bays

The Bays History Group of The Bays Progress Association is holding a history day and display at the Progress Association Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay, on Saturday, May 3, at 2pm.

The history group has spent the last several years collecting photographs and stories of the area from the earliest days of settlement.

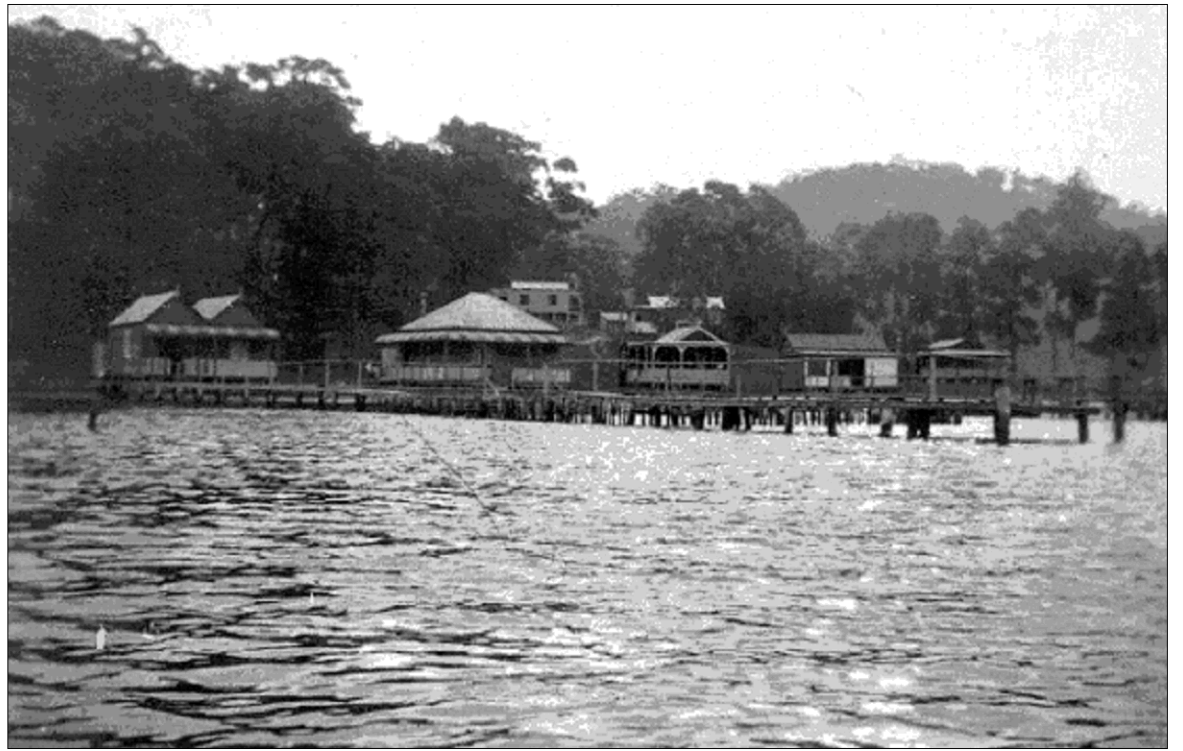
The group is holding a special event at the hall to show its current collection and to encourage local people to learn more about their heritage and history.

Spokesman for the group, Mr Jeffrey Cook, said: "Everyone is welcome to the display and is invited to bring stories, photographs or other material of historical interest and share them with us."

"Very little has been written about the story of The Bays, comprising Horsfield Bay, Phegans Bay and Woy Woy Bay. However many well known names in Brisbane Water have been associated with the area."

The History Group is currently editing the best of photographs and stories for a planned book on the area's past to be published next year.

Jeffrey Cook, April 21



The Bellagio Estate Woy Woy Bay in the 1920s

New patron appointed

Mrs Frankie Oates OAM is Red Cross Umina's newly appointed patron.

This position became vacant on the death of previous patron, Mr Bill Hall.

Frankie has worked tirelessly for many charities and has especially been involved with women's welfare, children's welfare through women's refuges, according to the branch's publicity officer Ms Sylvia Timmins.

She was awarded the OAM in

1992 for this work.

"Through Red Cross, Frankie distributes Trauma Teddies and knitted caps for premature babies from Liverpool to Gosford."

"She now dedicates her work to Red Cross as she feels now, more than ever, Red Cross

needs support.

"Umina branch is proud that Frankie accepted the position of patron with her usual grace and look forward to her guidance and inspiration for the future."

Sylvia Timmins, May 2.



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More wildlife rescuers wanted

The Wildlife Information and Rescue Service (WIRES) is looking for volunteers from the Peninsula area.

They have several volunteer rescuers and carers located on the Peninsula from Woy Woy to Killcare and Bensville, including a snake rescuer, however they are seeking more.

A wide range of animals come into the care of WIRES Central Coast from the Peninsula area.

Birds make up the largest percentage of all rescues, most commonly, rainbow lorikeets, magpies, kookaburras, currawongs, parrots and ducks.

The most commonly rescued mammals are Brushtail and Ringtail possums, with Sugar Gliders, Squirrel Gliders, Greater Gliders and Feathertail Gliders, Bandicoots and occasionally Wallabies and Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Wombats and rarely Koalas making an appearance.

These are usually the result of cat or dog attacks or motor vehicle collisions and generally require long term care.

Most of the collisions with animals in the Peninsula area occur on Woy Woy Rd and near the Woy Woy tip.

WIRES Central Coast has a central telephone number (4323 2326) which directs callers to a telephone roster person who will

attend to any calls from the public.

All relevant information is recorded and passed on to the nearest rescuer who then attends to the call. Every call is given a sequential number and a call form filled out by the phone roster person.

Most calls are received during the day but the service is offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The telephones are the first point of contact with the public for WIRES Central Coast.

Volunteers are sought to monitor calls for the organisation.

An hour or two a week would help to keep the lines open for our native wildlife to receive help.

WIRES is a voluntary, non-profit organisation involved in the rescue, care, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife that have been injured, orphaned or are just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The area covered by the Central Coast branch ranges from the Hawkesbury River in the south, the Peninsula and coastal areas in the east to Summerland Point in the north.

The Peninsula area makes up around 40 per cent of all calls received.

Potential volunteers should contact Pam Strykowski on 4360 2897.

Pam Strykowski, May 2

Guided tree walk at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Tree Committee gathered on Sunday, April 20, to embark on the first registered tree walk.

The walk went for about 45 minutes with 100 adults and 30 children participating.

A chocolate bilby hunt was also held for the children.

Brochures detailing instructions, a map, and descriptions of each tree are available at Pearl Beach Real Estate and from Lois Westlake (1 Pearl Parade) so the public can take the walk any time.

The short walk was planned to give participants an overview of some of the significant trees growing mainly public places within Pearl Beach.

All of these trees have been listed on Gosford Council's significant tree register, either as single specimens or as stands of trees.

Anybody can nominate a tree on their own or public land.

The benefits of listing are an acknowledgement that the owner of the property actively supports the retention of trees, and trees listed are given added protection by Gosford Council and are included on the heritage register.

Pearl Beach is different from many other hot, shadeless seaside villages.

It has well known history of ecological conservation and numerous residents have chosen to live there because of the trees and the many benefits they

provide.

The Pearl Beach Tree Committee is a sub-committee of Pearl Beach Progress Association Inc.

Contact the secretary of the association on 4342 2729 for a suitable form to complete.

Flyer, May 2

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Session on volunteering

The Central Coast Volunteer Referral Agency are running a volunteer information session designed for people who would like to know more about volunteer work in the community.

It will be held on May 12 from 9.30am at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The session includes choosing the right volunteer job, benefits and pitfalls, rights and responsibilities, the power of volunteering, and the types of volunteering positions in the area.

For information or bookings, phone 4329 7122.

There will be a light morning tea provided.

Flyer, April 17

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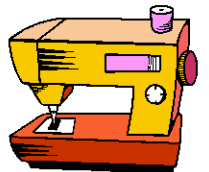
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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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;

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

Snooker Ettalong War Memorial Club at 8.30am Enq 43417307

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy

Classic Night Spot - over 30's, free 8pm, Live band plus DJ, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Men's 18 hole **golf** event; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; Everglades Country Club.

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Pat Walsh organist, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club Enq: 4341 2156

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Woy Woy Leagues Club 12.30pm, Ocean Beach Surf Club Enq: 4341 0721

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm

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

EVERY SUNDAY

Coast Community Church Services 9am and 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm

Children's entertainment Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 11.30am Clowns, jumping castle, disco, \$2. Children must be chaperoned.

Free Jazz or duos 4pm, Players Lounge, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**; men's **bowls** pairs-9.30am; mixed triples **bowls**-1pm; Everglades Country Club.

Champagne Breakfast, 9am, **Game Show** 10am, Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY MONDAY

Yoga Wagstaffe Hall 9.30 am Enq 4360 1854

Bowls Ettalong Memorial Club at

1.30pm Enq 4344 1358

Free Bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club 11am.

Aquafitness, Active over 50s classes, Woy Woy Pool, 1.15pm. Enq: 4341 4150

Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am & 11.30am, Enq: 4341 3370; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm, Enq: 4341 3222.

Strength Training 11.30am Fitness City Ettalong Beach Club Enq 4343 0130

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; **Dancing-9am**; **Indoor Bowls-9am** **Mahjong-1pm**; **Fitness** 1pm **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-U14, 4.30pm 5.45pm-14yrs+, **Tae Kwon Do** 7pm **Circuit Boxing (girls)** PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Child and Parents **Support Service** (CAPS), coffee and chat, 10am, 50 Neera Rd, Umina 24 hour Enq: 4343 1911

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

Fairhaven Cash Houise 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

EVENT CALENDAR
Tuesday May 6
Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9 (1st Tue) Umina Community Hall 7pm

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

Healthy Relationships Peninsula Women's Health Centre. Enq: 4342 5905

Wednesday May 7
Mothers Day Raffle Tickets, outside Beach Books, Umina Woy Woy Hospital Aux. Enq: 4341 2739

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

Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association (1st Wed) 7.30pm. Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach.

Intro to silk painting, Peninsula Women's Health Centre. Enq: 4342 5905

Thursday May 8
Gala Day Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy Enq 4341 1866

Outsiders Club Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Thur) at 9am

Library Bookmobile Daleys Point, Peridon Village. Fortnightly Thursdays 10.15am - 10.30am Peridon Retirement Village Hall, Empire Bay Opposite Post Office & bottle shop 11am - 11.20am Near park & local shop Bensville local shop 11.30 am - 11.40am

Friday May 9
RSL Sub Branch Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Fri) at 2.30pm

Street stall, 9am Outside Flemings, Umina, Red Cross, Umina Branch

Saturday May 10
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group 8am end of Boronia Ave., Woy Woy (2nd Sat)

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

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

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

Sunday May 11
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (2nd Sun)

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

Monday May 12
RSL Womens Auxillary Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Mon) 9am

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

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

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

Tuesday May 13
Toastmasters Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Tue) at 7pm Enq 4341 6842

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

Combined Pensioners Association meeting, games, dancing, afternoon tea (every 2 weeks) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 1pm. Enq 4341 3222

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd Tue)

Enq: 4342 1459.

Stroke Recovery Group, 11.30am, (2nd Tues), Meals on Wheels Auditorium.

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club (2nd Tue) 7pm Enq 4360 1966

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

Wednesday May 14
Red Cross, Umina Beach Branch monthly meeting 1.30pm (2nd Wed). Umina Uniting Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd, Umina. Visitors welcome.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting (2nd Wed) 10am Aged Care Complex, Kathleen St., Woy Woy Enq 4341 1588

Endeavour View Club Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (2nd Wed).

Kids Drama & Discovery classes at Umina PCYC 4pm children from 5 to 16 (2nd Wed). Enq 4344 7851

Library Bookmobile Patonga Near Community Hall 9.45 am. Pearl Beach Near Community Hall 10.55 am/ Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave., 11.40 am

Thursday May 15
Seniors Social Morning, 9.30am - 12pm (3rd Thurs) church hall at rear of 118 Blackwall Rd. Enq - 4342 5061

Street Stall, outside Flemings, Umina 9am Woy Woy Hospital Aux. Enq: 4341 2739

Friday May 16
Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am 3rd Fri) Enq 4343 3492

Sunday May 18
Vietnam Vets Ettalong Memorial Club (3rd Sun) at 11am

Bootscooters Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (3rd Sun) at 2.30pm

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Arts and Entertainment

Vic Jeffries wins poetry prize

Patonga resident and Troubadour Folk Club member, Mr Vic Jeffries, was awarded second prize in a national poetry competition at the National Folk Festival in Canberra over the Easter holidays.

The competition attracted over 90 entrants and took into account not only the poem itself but also the delivery of the poem.

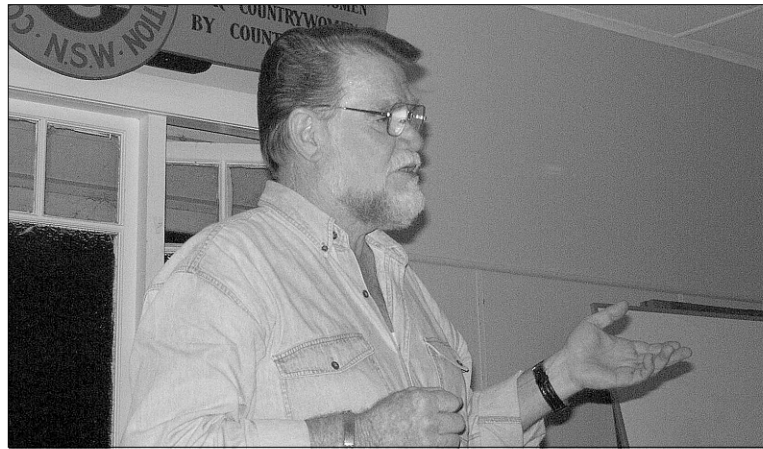
Many of the entrants had been performing publicly for many years, have books published and CDs on sale while others were relative beginners.

Two hour Poets' Breakfasts were held on the Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday and judges announced the winners at the "World Poetry Debate" in the main auditorium on the Sunday afternoon.

Mr Jeffries was awarded equal second prize.

The winner was nationally acclaimed bush poet Bob Magor from South Australia.

Bob has won many awards including twice winning the



coveted Bronze Swagman in Winton Qld, and was elected to the Bush Poets Wall of Renown in Tamworth in 1997.

"I was delighted with the result, particularly in view of how highly regarded Bob is and how new I am at this," said Vic Jeffries.

"I only attended my first folk club less than two years ago when I went to the Troubadour at Woy Woy.

"I had been writing poetry for some time but hadn't had the courage or the opportunity to

recite my poems publicly.

"The Troubadour Folk Club members encouraged me to do so and it has changed my life.

"My wife and I now attend many folk clubs and go to folk festivals and have met some wonderful people along the way," he said.

"I would like to encourage anyone with an interest in music or poetry to attend a folk club or festival and see for themselves how great they are," Mr Jeffries said.

Cec Bucello, May 1



Rock'n'Roll dance classes

Rock'n'Roll dance classes will be held at Woy Woy Leagues Club starting Wednesday, May 7, at 7pm.

They will be run by KO Rockers, which was established in 1990 by a principal dancer Karen Cashion in Queensland.

During 13 years, the classes climbed to 250 students and the most successful "hop" attracted 550.

Some 8000 students have passed through the school, some even meet their life partners through KO Rockers

KO Rockers' involvement in the Gold Coast "Wintersun Rock'n'Roll Festival" has seen them win many trophies and high esteem of other dance schools.

Many friendships made during the years still flourish to this day.

Press release, April 29

Stage play about Van Gogh

Vincent, a stage play about one of the world's most brilliant painters, Dutchman Vincent Van Gogh, is being performed at Peninsula Theatre until May 10.

The play, written by Leonard Nimoy of Star Trek fame, is being performed during this, Van Gogh's 150th birth anniversary year, by Sydney actor Greg Kennedy.

Mr Kennedy said: "This is a story of a special bond held between two brothers.

"This remarkable relationship was recorded in some 1600 letters written between the two.

"At Vincent's funeral, Theo was so overcome with emotion he was unable to speak.

"One week later he hires a lecture hall in Paris and invites, anyone who would like to hear him speak about his loved brother, to come along.

"Like many artists of his time, Vincent was sadly misunderstood by most.

"When Vincent finally achieved his own greatness, at age 37, he sadly took his own life.

"He died in Theo's arms.

"Suffering from terrors of epilepsy, the unconditional love and support he received from his brother Theo, was not enough.

"This story is re-lived as the

final 13 years of Vincent's life is told.

"I found this such an extraordinarily moving and passionate piece of writing.

"My joy is to be able to perform Leonard's work in such a personal and positive light.

"For me, the play holds a most timely and modern theme of one man's struggle to allow others to view the world and all within it, with a special vision of beauty, love and peace," Mr Kennedy said.

The play has been performed by Leonard Nimoy to capacity audiences all over the world.

There was a sellout season on Broadway and a PBS special which aired Nimoy's production was his last performance of this play.

Greg Kennedy, originally from the Central Coast, has performed in theatre, television and film, as well as doing role play acting for many large corporations.

He has appeared in many commercials on TV and has trained at Darlinghurst Drama and Nida in their open programme.

His theatre lead credits include Tennessee Williams' "Period of Adjustment", "Wild Guys", "The Bold and the Reckless", "A Chorus of Disapproval", "Fossils", "Our Country's Good" and "Cosi".

Vincent opened at the Peninsula Theatre on Wednesday, April 30, and runs through to Saturday, May 10.

Tickets are \$28 (full), \$23 (concession) and group discounts are available.

Press release, April 16

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB?

FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR MAY

Thursday 8th	7pm	Dexter Moore
Friday 9th	8.30pm	Big Ask
	12am-3am	Nightspot
Saturday 10th	7.30pm	Karaoke It's Back
Sunday 11th	5pm	Julia Star
Thursday 15th	7pm	Scott Donaldson
Friday 16th	8.30pm	Barnstormin'
	12am-3am	Nightspot
Saturday 17th	FA Cup final on the big screen	

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News



Urban Excentrics

Urban Excentrics at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will have "Urban Excentrics" as guests on Friday, May 9, at 8pm

Urban Excentrics use classical bass lines, jazzy guitar chords, traditional instruments and electronic effects to highlight contemporary acoustic material which is both original and borrowed.

One frequent audience member commented that the band sounded like a mini-orchestra, rock band and acoustic kaleidoscope.

Beginning life as a duo, consisting of guitar/cittern -complete with effects - double bass/mandolin

and vocals, UE has now expanded to include another double bass/banjo player.

Ann Palumbo began her musical career as a classical guitarist.

She studied double bass at the WA Conservatorium, performing orchestral while embracing contemporary music.

Guitarist and occasional vocalist Larry Hoofs has no trouble changing from delicate acoustic finger picking to a distorted guitar solo to effects-driven cittern in a display of musical versatility.

Larry's wry vocal delivery and incisive lyrics provide bizarre counterpoint to Ann's impassioned delivery.

Double bass player Paul Laszlo started out as an electric bassist, but fell for the big one and now freelances orchestral with local and touring orchestras, as well as his jazz and rock gigs.

Urban Excentrics have supported: the Violent Femmes, Max Sharam, Wendy Mathews, D.I.G., Karma County, Black Eyed Susans, Andy White (Ireland) and Rebecca's Empire.

They have performed at many festivals including the National Folk Festival, and the Fairbridge Festival, Western Australia.

Tickets are \$8 at the door, which includes supper.

Floorspots are also available.

Frank Russell, April 30

Parents urged to keep sick children home

Parents from Pretty Beach Public School recently requested that a reminder be sent to all families about the importance of keeping at home children who show

symptoms of illness.

As a result, information bulletins from NSW Health indicating symptoms of both SARS and Meningococcal were included with the school newsletter as well as information

regarding incubation periods for more common diseases.

In the week prior to the recent holidays, the school had one case of measles and several of chicken pox reported.

School newsletter, April 10

College enters Rostrum contest

Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC) students recently took part in a Rostrum Club of NSW heat for a competition called "Voice of Youth" at Central Coast Leagues Club.

On the evening, there were five junior and nine senior contestants representing seven schools from across the Central Coast region.

Alex Beaton, from Brisbane Water Secondary, and Mark Krivo, from Central Coast Grammar, were equal first in the senior heat.

Ms Gail McGrath, representing the Member for Gosford Mr Chris Hartcher, announced the winners and presented the certificates.

There were about 25 people present for the junior competition and about 40 for the senior competition.

In return for nominating students to the "Voice of Youth" competition, BWSC school will receive a free copy of a training video "That Winning Speech"

The video comprises a brief introduction on how to make a speech from a senior Rostrum coach (herself a teacher by profession) plus the "prepared" and "short notice" speeches by the winners of the senior and junior divisions of the National Final of the "Voice of Youth" competition last year.

School newsletter, April 11

Federation president to be guest speaker

The State President of the Federation of Parents and Citizens, Ms Sharryn Brownlee, will be the guest speaker at a P&C information day and workshop to be hosted by Ettalong Public School on Thursday, May 15, from 9.30pm to 2.30pm.

This day will be a development opportunity for parents to increase their knowledge and understanding of how the P&C operates, and of the role of parents to help with their child's education, over and above fundraising within schools.

Ms Brownlee will also discuss the various roles of canteen, craft and fundraising groups which all come under the umbrella of P&C.

She aimed to increase participation and raise the level of understanding between parents, students, teachers and school communities at a local level.

Cost for the day for non-financial P&C members is \$10 to cover morning tea and lunch. Financial P&C members may be subsidised by their schools P&C Association and should speak to their local association.

Parents from all Peninsula schools, Point Clare and Pretty Beach Public Schools are all invited to attend.

Enquiries and registration can be made through your local school P&C Association or contact Liz McMinn at Ettalong Public School on 4341 3550.

Liz McMinn, April 30

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Carolyn Carter says farewell

Ms Carolyn Carter, retiring principal of Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus has written a farewell in a school newsletter.

"This is the last report that I will write for the newsletter as I am retiring from teaching at the end of this week," she wrote.

"As with most significant events in our lives I have mixed feelings. I have found teaching to be wonderful in many ways, learning and educating, watching students develop into fine young adults, celebrating their achievements, and re-living old times when we meet up years later.

"Of course there is the down side of teaching, but this is far outweighed by the wonderful things.

"I began my education at a one-teacher bush school at a place called Rouchel.

"I rode my horse three miles there and back each day.

"I then went to high school at Maitland Girls' High School and stayed at a hostel run by the Department of Education for girls who lived in the outlying rural districts.

"There were no school buses for those areas at that time.

"I then did my teacher training at Newcastle University and Newcastle Teachers' College.

"I grew up in the protest era as a growing number of people opposed our involvement in the Vietnam War.

"The message in those days was 'make love not war', 'flower power'.

"Grown ups were convinced that long hair meant something terrible, and that transistor radios and ballpoint pens would be the end of civilisation as we know it.

"I started teaching at Newcastle Girls' High School when I was 19.

"I was only one or two years older than the sixth form (as Year 12 was called then) girls.

"I also taught at Broadmeadow Boys' HS (Newcastle),



Carolyn Carter

Walgett Central School, Henry Kendall HS, Peel HS (Tamworth), Narrabri HS, and Woy Woy HS.

"Now I'm twice or three times the age of the students.

"I have had a great experience.

"Many things have changed, but some things haven't.

"The students' spirit is still as bright as is the spirit of the teaching and support staff.

"Even in our darkest hours we continue to work together for the noble cause of scholarship and learning for all comers.

"Knowledge, learning and education are still the key to a successful and worthwhile working life; connectedness and forming strong positive relationships with others the measure of our humanity.

"Independence is important in our society, but the interconnectedness of the human spirit that the group brings is vital to us.

"Farewell and thanks for making my time here interesting, educational, warm and friendly.

"I'll be looking on with interest.

"I haven't yet decided whether I will be a concerned citizen and ring the school with the names of the students I see down the street during school hours, hopefully, I'll have more to do with my time.

"Best wishes to you all."

Carolyn Carter, April 11

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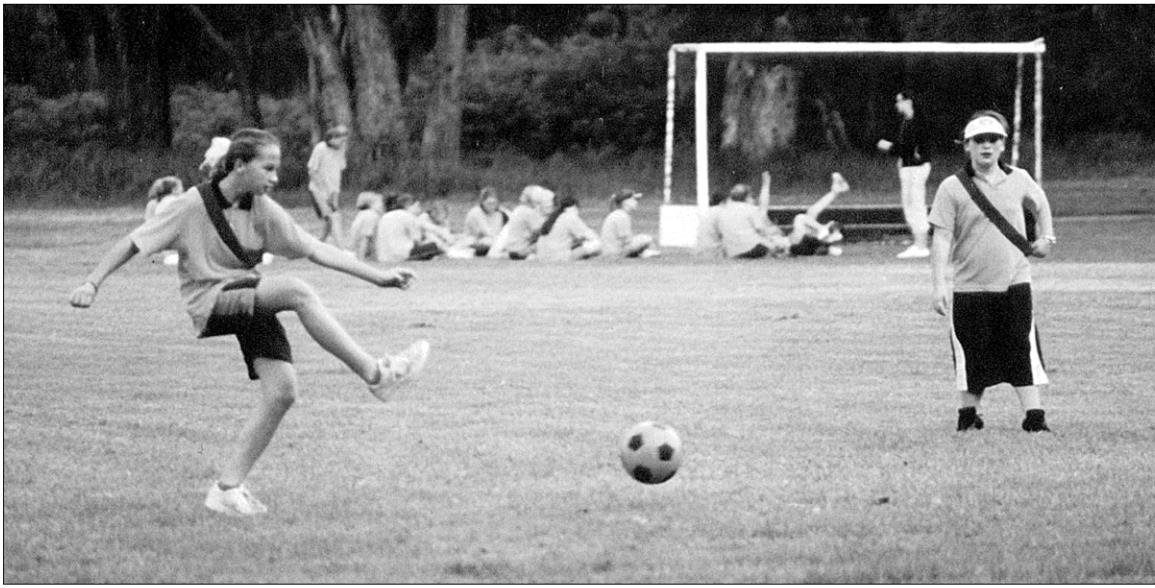
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Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Campus sport afternoon

Boys' program for Pretty Beach

A program aimed at better educating boys is to be run at Pretty Beach Public School.

The school will receive a Federal Government grant of about \$6700, to be shared with Wamberal Public School, under the first stage of the Commonwealth Government's "Boys' Education Lighthouse Schools Programme".

Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said: "This program responds to evidence indicating that boys are significantly underperforming in key educational

areas.

"The schools have been selected to document and showcase how they develop and implement educational practices addressing the needs of boys.

"The \$6700 grant will ensure that the 'Life's a Beach' project will go ahead.

"'Life's a Beach' involves the development of an integrated learning package for boys based on surf lifesaving," Mr Lloyd said.

The findings of the first stage of the program will be provided to schools and teachers by the end of the year and will help to shape the development of stage two

next year.

Stage two will see approximately 30 clusters of schools across Australia established to support good practices in boys' education, said Mr Lloyd.

Each cluster would contain a "lighthouse" school to act as a champion and demonstrator of successful practices and to support the professional development of teachers in schools around them.

Additional information about the program can be found at www.boyslighthouse.edu.au.

Press release, April 30



Cross country sports day at Woy Woy Public School

College takes sixth placing in science challenge

A group of 25 Year 10 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College students came sixth overall in the Central Coast Campus Science and Engineering Challenge Day

held at the Niagara Park Community Centre recently.

The students had to show their inventiveness in undertaking designated tasks with materials.

The students came first in one of the areas, after having to go back to the drawing board with

only minutes to spare.

Head teacher of science Mr Peter Jones reported that it was exciting to see so many young people totally immersed in scientific problem solving all at once.

School newsletter, April 11

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BMX and skateboard 'success'

Gosford Council held a bike and skateboarding competition at Umina during Youth Week

Council officer Ms Fiona Miller said: "The day was a huge success.

"The event was the result of a partnership between Gosford Council's community development youth services team and the Umina Beach Action Group.

"Many community members volunteered their help as well as joining the young competitors as spectators of the spectacular tricks and performances by both BMX bikers on the newly refurbished dirt track and in the skate bowl itself."

Ms Miller said: "We had a wonderful day and the torrential rain held off until the competition was just finished."

Musical entertainment was provided by Nathan and The

Cookee Crew DJ's and a live broadcast was made by a SeaFM reporter.

A sausage sizzle was donated by B&M Quality Meats Umina, Singletons Butchery, Umina Mall Bakehouse and South Street Fruit Market, and manned by NRG Security and Mother Nature volunteers.

The many prizes on offer were all donated by local businesses, and were presented to the best performers in three age range categories for BMX and Skate competitors.

They were judged by a panel from Pushy Galore and the Coastal Skateboarders Association.

Further events and competitions are planned, including skate boarding clinics and the creation of a board club for all board related sports such as surfing, snowboarding and skateboarding.

Fiona Miller, April 30



Tyson Saunders with Everglades Country Club board members Brian Crawley, Geoff Callingham and Ray Mason.

Tyson helps in SA win

Tyson Saunders, 15, of Woy Woy, attended the Junior National Games for the Disabled in Adelaide from April 11 to 18, as a member of the NSW Junior Wheelchair Basketball team.

Tyson is a member of the Central Coast Wheelies basketball team and was the only Central Coast representative to attend the games.

Although travelling to the games as a member of the NSW team, he filled in for the South Australian team.

Tyson helped the SA team through to the bronze medal play off by beating Victoria in a tight match.

This win for SA ended a streak of 20 consecutive losses.

The SA team lost to Queensland in the play off.

Tyson said: "Although I was a bit nervous, I was happy with it."

Tyson's commitment to and preparation for the games included daily basketball practice, wheeling himself to school daily, exercising his dog on a regular basis and a six-month fundraising effort.

He was supported and assisted by the NSW Wheelchair Sports Association, the Everglades Country Club, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club and his father.

Press releases, Con Orfanos, April 29



Chloe Mobberley and Sabum Moore

First grading held for Taekwon-Do

Authentic Taekwon-Do Woy Woy held its first grading for the on Saturday, April 5.

The grading was conducted by Sabum Moore, sixth Dan Black Belt and chief instructor of Authentic Taekwon-Do.

Mr Moore travelled from Maroochydore, Queensland, to test the students for their next belt.

All the students successfully graduated to their next belt with Chloe Mobberley of Umina successfully testing for her first dan junior black belt.

Chloe attends the Authentic Taekwon-Do "Little Dragons" classes which are held in Alma Ave, Woy Woy.

She's been training for five years now with her heart set on becoming a black belt.

At 10 years old, Chloe is the

youngest girl in Authentic Taekwon-Do on the Central Coast.

Not only did Chloe do well in the physical side of her grading but she excelled in the knowledge side of the exam as well.

Chloe tried hard to achieve her goal training in both the "Little Dragon" classes and also attaining the adult classes as well about two hours a night.

"Chloe puts everything into her training, she's always ready to try something new she wants to learn everything she can within Taekwon-Do," said instructor Amanda Morrison.

Chloe has no intention of giving up her training as she hopes one day to become an instructor.

Press release, April 16

More masters records fall

Bensville Masters Swimmers Elvera Dunn and Kevin Vickery followed their recent results at the NSW Masters State Swimming Championship with further top swims at the Ettalong

Pelicans annual swim meet, held at Forresters Swim Centre.

Elvera broke the Australian record in the 70 to 74 years age group 200m individual medley and NSW records in both the

50m and 100m Butterfly.

Kevin lowered the 80 to 84 years age group Australian record in 200m and 100m freestyle and the NSW record in 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Kevin Vickery, April 10

Blue Swimmers welcome winter

Umina Blue Swimmer Men's Winter Swimming Club is about to embark on a new swimming season.

While the summer is drawing to a close and most people are putting away to sunscreen and the beach umbrella, this group of swimmers is making ready costumes, goggles and rubber caps.

According to club secretary, Mr Graham Tangye, the Blue Swimmers believe that when the temperature drops below normal levels, it's a good reason to go for an early morning swim.

The group has members aged as young as 10 and there is no upper age limit.

They meet every Sunday morning from May to September at the Pearl Beach rock pool at 9am.

There are handicapped races which "are guaranteed to clear the head and give you an appetite for hot soup and

breakfast that follows".

Mr Tangye said: "If you're lying in bed with a coffee and a paper on a Sunday, come down to the pool for something of a change, as new members are welcome.

Press release, April 29

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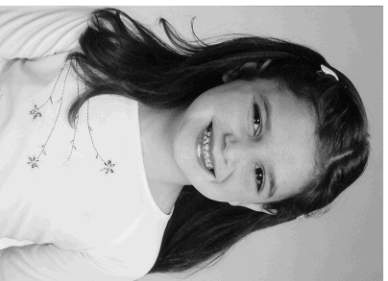
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KIDS IN SHOWBIZ

Ever dreamed of being a star? Well for many students of Peninsula Dance and Theatre School it's becoming second nature.

The school, which has been established on the Peninsula for 18 years,



Bianca Torossiam Woy Woy P.S.

specialises in performance and not only provides a wealth of opportunities to gain experience, but also helps to bridge the gap into professional work. Principal Angela Denman says, "So many students reach an advanced standard and then can't get their big break, we try to keep them performing as much as possible so they can keep their skills fine tuned!"

Many of the school's students have already appeared on shows such as *Home and Away*, *All Saints*, various TV commercials and extras in movies. Corporate and Public Relations work has also kept them very busy. Drama teacher Margaret Denman says, "The kids are constantly being auditioned for various things, commercials



Dance City Theatricals to be seen in July at Peninsula

being the most popular, I just feel sorry for all the running around the parents have to do!" Then there's the school's production company *Dance City Theatricals*, which regularly tours the Sydney Club circuit providing a fun and energetic children's pantomime, and after a successful season at the Peninsula Theatre in 2002 will return again this year in the July school holidays.

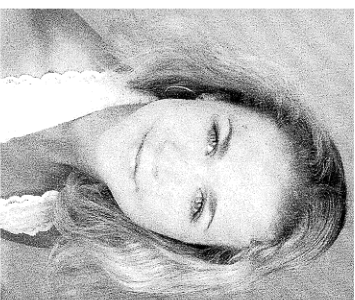


Nat Backhouse

July will also see the Musical Theatre Class present its end of term musical, and then in October all performance students will be touring to Queensland performing at all the major theme parks, and various venues in Brisbane. Adding to the long list of performances is their annual pantomime, a full stage production performed at Laycock Street Theatre, where all the students of the school, including those that only attend once a week for fun, take to the stage. P

But don't worry, if you think all this is enough to exhaust the students, it's getting them off the stage that's the problem!!!!

If you are interested in taking classes, the school offers Jazz (all styles), Tap (a funky modern style), R.A.D. Ballet, Modern, A.M.E.B.



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Dance company forms here

A contemporary dance company called Cuneo Dance Company has formed on the Peninsula.

The company is currently in rehearsals for the premiere of a new work titled "Sleek".

Artistic director and choreographer, Ms Michelle Cuneo, said, "Cuneo is a young, vibrant and exciting company of highly trained contemporary dancers."

"Locally trained dancers come of age in this exciting company that mixes overseas performers with dancers from the Coast and Sydney."

"I oversaw extensive auditions to find just the right mix of dancers capable of pulling off the emotionally charged choreography."

Many of the performers are graduates of the Bachelor of Arts dance courses at the University of Western Sydney and the University of NSW while lead soloist, Martin Pinzick, has performed with a number of European based companies before joining the locally based venture.

Dancer Amanda Miller has recently been awarded an Arts Council Grant to pursue her artistic development.

Press release, April 6

Cast members Martin Pinzack and Miranda Wheen rehearsing "Touch" from the show "Sleek".



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