

Peninsula project manager starts work

Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca, has announced the appointment of a new project manager "to help strengthen community links on the Peninsula".

Ms Julie Parsons has started work this week under the NSW Government's Community Solutions and Crime Prevention Strategy.

"Julie's role will be to work on effective solutions for the Peninsula, in particular working with young people and older people to establish a collaborative approach," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The program is aimed at providing immediate and innovative responses to crime prevention issues in communities across NSW.

"Julie will work with an advisory group involving Gosford Council, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and other government and community organisations representing the interests of young people and older people."



Julie Parsons

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said the Peninsula Project would be an important

resource for the local community. "Julie will be based in Umina, behind the Umina library, and will

work on improving outcomes for young people and older people on the Peninsula, as well as

addressing the relationship between these groups," Ms Andrews said.

"Her role will also include working with the business community to consider the impact of economic development on young people and older people."

Julie's background includes 20 years community development work, most recently setting up the RoadWise Community Road Safety Program in Western Australia.

This program involved working closely with communities across Western Australia to address local road safety issues as determined by the local community.

The program focused on encouraging government and non-government agencies to work together to reduce death and injury on Western Australian roads.

Julie has also worked for local government in NSW and in the community sector.

Press release, July 10

Council likely to agree to Empire Bay service station

A meeting of Gosford Council last Tuesday, July 8, has paved the way for a service station at Empire Bay, against the wishes of some residents, environmental groups, and councillors.

The developer has lodged an appeal with the Land and Environment court against the refusal of the development, an appeal which council solicitors say the council has little chance of defending successfully.

There are some issues including connection of the development to the sewerage system which the council decided needed to be checked, so a final decision was deferred until the next council meeting.

It is expected that the council will conditionally approve the development on July 22 before the scheduled date for the court

case, which is August 6.

Councillors asked to see the plans for the development, but this was not possible as the plans were with the council's solicitors at the time.

Cr Daniel Cook said: "The right and proper thing to do is to hold off until we have the plans in front of us.

"I would not be happy with this unless it was undertaken to have this site connected to the sewer," Cr Cook said

Cr Craig Doyle thought the application should be consentually approved on the night.

"This is ridiculous, we don't have a hope in Hades.

"If we're going to condition it, that's what we should do rather than shirking our duties.

"This is a decision that was made in 1998 (when the site was zoned for use as a service

station), not tonight.

"We've just got to make the best out of it," Cr Doyle said.

Cr Lynne Bockholt agreed with Cr Doyle.

She said: "We were told by our solicitors tonight that we have no chance and that's just the way it is.

"I'll be supporting approval with the conditions."

Two members of the public spoke to council on the night, both wanting council not to approve the development.

Their concerns were that the sewerage proposal was inadequate, with traffic conditions, and with the risk of spills to the environment.

Concern was also raised that the hours of opening (5am to midnight) were not restrictive enough, which would attract crime and disturb neighbours with noise.

Jonathan Reichard, July 9

Andrews meets clubs about poker tax

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has met with Peninsula registered clubs about the recently announced changes to the poker machine tax.

Representatives from Peninsula Clubs met with their local member to give their views on the impact the proposed changes will have on their clubs.

She listened to the clubs' concerns and gave them her assurance that she would make those concerns known to the Premier.

During the discussions, Ms Andrews acknowledged the contribution, which the registered clubs made to the local community by way of providing excellent recreational facilities to their members, and also their monetary contributions to numerous community service and sporting organisations.

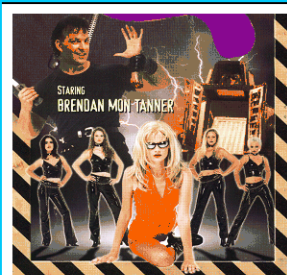


Poker machines at a Peninsula registered club

"The registered club industry plays an important role in the local economy by the very fact that it employs hundreds of local residents and supports local businesses.

"I support the clubs in their campaign to ensure they can maintain a viable future," said Ms Andrews.

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This edition saw the last contribution of sales lady Pam Troman or Esmarelda as some of you know her.

Pam has been with us for over two years and has been responsible for some of our features on dining, health and beauty, and alternative medicine and related health modalities.

Pam has moved to Coffs Harbour to be with her son, daughter in law and three grand children, as well as her budgies of course.

We wish her well for the future.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Public meeting led to sewerage scheme

A public meeting was held at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, on March 13, 1977, to discuss a sewerage scheme for the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Former Shire President Ron Hyndman addressed the meeting.

Ron was head of the Pelican Island team that swept the council elections in 1971.

Only two sitting councillors survived.

Ron's priority was to get a new sewerage scheme and outfall.

Once that was certain, Ron Hyndman resigned from the council.

At the meeting, Ron claimed a Woy Woy loan was used to construct a Passvere Ditch at Wyoming which discharged sewerage into Narara Creek.

This was a loss of \$1 million of Peninsula loan money and also a loss of sewerage priority.

He said that an interim scheme of a Passvere Ditch for Woy Woy was not on.

A motion was then moved for a presidential meeting altering the priority of sewerage.

Federal member Barry Cohen said he would urge the Australian

Government to get more meaningfully involved in the sewerage problems of the Central Coast.

Shire president Malcolm Brooks said the Snake Gully site was not suitable because of the elevation.

He said a feasibility study was needed for an interim scheme for Woy Woy.

He said he would oppose anything but a treatment works with 10/10 effluent, ie the best possible effluent.

Department of Public Works had offered the services of a skin diver to investigate the pollution of the sewer outfall at Mt Ettymalong.

There was a need to reappraise the regional sewerage scheme.

Also that there would be no subsidy if the scheme linked up with the Metropolitan Sewerage and Drainage Board.

State member Keith O'Connell said that the cost of sewerage at Somersby would have to be met by the industrialists who settled there.

Also that it was essential that the Council asked the NSW

Government for reappraisal of the scheme.

Candidate Don Leggett, who was to become shire president in September of that year, said that the State Pollution Control Commission had not investigated pollution of the Woy Woy area, with the exception of the Mt Ettymalong outfall.

At the end of the meeting, motions were passed calling for

- A Presidential minute of reappraisal of the scheme, with an alternate proposal for sewerage for Woy Woy within four years.
- The support of State member Keith O'Connell, and
- If upon refusal by council, the appointment of an administrator.

This was carried.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Tireless worker dies

Mrs Phyl Preston has died at the age of 90, on Saturday, June 7.

Mrs Preston, recipient of the Centenary Medal for her volunteering efforts over some 60 years, was a member of Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary as well as a life member and patron of Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary.

The member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said: "Phyl was a tireless voluntary worker for the community, who was much happier giving to others than receiving anything for herself."

"I'm sure she would have given her last cent away to someone who was in need, because that was the type of person Phyl was."

"All members of her large family and her many friends were very fond of Phyl."

"Phyl will long be remembered for her generosity and kindness."

Press release, June 26

Winners drawn

The Peninsula News pantomime giveaway has been drawn.

The winners of double passes to the Hairy Fairies Space Adventure are LJ Court of Ettalong, C Martin of Booker Bay, C Calder of Woy Woy, and D. Gray of Woy Woy.

The winners of double passes to Cinderella are S Heath of Umina, M Males of Bensville, Laura Penton of Ettalong, and M Brady of Woy Woy.

Jonathan Reichard, July 10

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Money for Nambus repairs

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has presented a cheque for \$6122 to the Gosford City Sub-Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association for urgent repairs to its new Nambus.

The Nambus project started in 1993 with the aim of educating school students about Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

The new Nambus was donated to the sub-branch by the NSW Government following Ms Andrews' representations to the then Minister for Transport, Mr Carl Scully.

"The bus is a former State

Transit Mercedes Benz MK 2 passenger bus, worth an estimated \$40,000," Ms Andrews said.

Following the delivery of the bus, it was found to need some mechanical adjustments.

The sub-branch approached Ms Andrews, who in turn approached the Premier for his assistance.

"I am pleased the Premier has agreed to provide a grant of \$6122 as a NSW Government contribution towards the costs of repairing the Nambus Mobile Museum," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, July 8



Nambus committee members Jim Thorley and Alan Ball with Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews

Information sought on robbery

Gosford police are appealing to the public for information following an armed robbery at a Woy Woy shopping centre on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 2.

Police were told a man entered a clothing store in Deepwater Plaza about 4pm.

The man allegedly produced a knife and threatened a staff member before taking an amount of money and running out of the store.

A staff member chased the

man through the centre and into the carpark.

The man was described as being about 170cm tall, aged in his late 20s to early 30s with short dark hair and a tanned complexion.

He wore a dark blue shirt, stone wash denim jeans and blue and white joggers.

Anyone who saw any part of the incident or has information about the robbery is asked to call Gosford detectives on 4323 5434 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, July 4

Bank feasibility study expected

A feasibility study for a proposed community bank at Ettalong is expected to start in about a month's time.

Committee coordinator for the bank, Cr Debra Wales, said that, although the Bendigo Bank's requirement of \$550,000 in pledges had been met, "more pledges are needed."

Cr Wales said that although pledge numbers were still below

the bank's target of 300, "additional pledges have been made since the information day" on June 27.

"Bendigo Bank sees pledge numbers as an indicator of community support," she said.

Ms Wales said that the absence of a major bank at Ettalong stood in contrast to the mid-90s when four major banks had branches there.

It was not just a question of banking convenience but also

one of business activity decline, she said.

"Shoppers have said that it's gone very quiet."

Cr Wales said that the elderly in particular appreciated face-to-face banking.

"Although such banking is available through the Commonwealth at the post office, the security normally found in banks isn't available."

Con Orfanos, July 9

Development fees waived

Gosford Council has agreed to refund a total of \$17,643 in development application fees to Hammond Care Group after it was established that it is

a not-for-profit organisation.

The group originally requested that council waive water and sewer contributions for a proposed nursing home and hospital on lot 1 Railway St, Woy Woy.

Council refused request to waive the sewer contributions, but agreed that as some other councils waive building and development application fees for non-profit organisations, Gosford Council should do so when requested.

Jonathan Reichard, council agenda WS.005, July 10

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is conducting a survey of koala numbers within Brisbane Water National Park and is asking for help from local residents.

The survey, which aims to find koalas in the Kariong, Umina, Umina Heights, Pearl Beach and Patonga areas, will help the NPWS assess the impact of the recent fires on local koala

populations.

NPWS regional manager Mr Tom Bagnat said the survey would replicate studies conducted in 1995 and 1996.

"The public can assist, by contacting us and advising where koalas have been seen or heard within the last six months," Mr Bagnat said.

"We are particularly interested in information from residents who adjoin Brisbane Water National

Park, as koalas are commonly reported within trees growing in peoples backyards and the adjoining Park.

"Bushwalkers can also help by keeping a lookout for koalas, as they are often seen around the Warrah Trig area."

Sightings can be made to the NPWS biodiversity officer at the Gosford Office by telephoning 4320 4239.

Press release, June 27

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Pleased to read tribute

How pleasing it was to read the tribute to the late, Cath Gissane, RIP.

I am sure she was a truly caring person and one who loved and respected nature.

Gardening is my hobby and I had six trees planted in our garden this spring.

I am so pleased to see the family name, Gissane, in Australia.

Gissane is a name in our family on my mother's side.

My grannie's maiden name was Gissane.

They were originally from County Limerick, Ireland.

It is not a common name and in County Kerry there are Kissanes.

But my Grannie always said it was never spelled with a "K"...it is Gissane.

My grandmother's sister was Mary Catherine Gissane and there were many brothers and sisters.

I was also told as a young schoolgirl that there were members of the family who sailed to Australia generations ago.

I only wish my mom and grandmother were here today to read the tribute to Cath Gissane in the Peninsula News as I did.

I came across the name of a Timothy Gissane on the web which stated he left Ireland for Australia in the mid-19th century, married, settled down and not much more data was available.

I would love to hear from a

member of the Australian branch of the Gissanes.

I would also love to know more about Cath Gissane.

My Grannie's sister, Mary Catherine Gissane, was a midwife in Ireland.

The Gissanes of Limerick were also saddlers, made saddles and leather goods, etc.

They were also marble masons who worked on St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick City and St Colman's Cathedral in County Cork.

When time permits I would love to hear from Australia.

I am in the US and I know there is about a 14-hour time difference.

At present, we are in the middle of torrid weather - 95 degrees.

So hello to all of you "down under" and a special hello to the family of the late Cath Gissane, RIP.

Jacqueline Beusse, Essex Fells, New Jersey, USA

I wish to respond to a letter published in the "Forum" on May 6 (Stephen Laming, Horsfield Bay) as it appears to have resulted in unnecessary concern and some confusion for residents of Horsfield Bay.

In the letter in question, Mr Laming has chosen to comment in detail upon one of the possible options for upgrading Woy Woy Rd discussed at a recent value management study involving community and council participants as if it is an endorsed council proposal.

Council has in fact endorsed in-principle a proposal not involving the realignment of Woy

Woy Rd through the bends near Horsfield Rd.

The endorsed proposal would actually bypass this locality via a new road through the Brisbane Water National Park.

There has been some preliminary investigations undertaken of the option of realigning the bends in Woy Woy Rd near Horsfield Rd as a possible short-term improvement.

However, no options for such short-term works have been considered by council at this time.

In his Forum letter, Mr Laming has sought to develop a detailed criticism of the option of realigning the bends near

Horsfield Rd proposal based upon engineering, environmental and other concerns despite the fact that a detailed design for the project does not exist.

As a consequence his criticisms are not only presumptive that it is a proposal council may eventually support, but also presumptive of the shortcomings of its detail.

You may be assured that any proposal as significant as the possible realignment of Woy Woy Rd would be the subject of a full and balanced assessment of options in association with all community stakeholders.

Cr Robert Bell, Mayor of Gosford



A man with two dreams

I first met Harry Ihlein at Woy Woy in 1964.

Harry was about average height, clean-cut, and he had a quiet and reserved nature, but when the chips were down, he could be very tough and determined.

Harry Ihlein was president of the Woy Woy branch of the Australian Labor Party, in the 60s and he had two projects and two dreams.

One dream was to get Kevin Dwyer, the Labor candidate into State Parliament.

This was Kevin's second attempt to win the State seat.

Harry was Kevin's campaign manager and they worked like Trojans to win the seat.

With his determined streak truly showing, Harry drove himself and the other branch members to exhaustion in the effort to get the Labor candidate elected.

Unfortunately, at that time, the then Labor government was worn out, and the Liberals under a new rising star, Robin [Bob] Askin, were pushing Labor to the wire.

This situation, combined with the DLP vote gave Kevin Dwyer little chance.

Kevin was beaten and the Labor government fell.

The other project of Harry's,

was one of turning the old Neilson Slipper factory in Railway St, Woy Woy, into a Labor club.

Harry and his committee had Millers brewery interested, had the required number of members and some capital.

He then tried to get some Labor Ministers involved in the scheme, regrettably, all to late.

The Labor government was gone and the club never got off the ground.

Harry had put all his dreams in the one basket, the election and the club.

He had resigned his job in the Fire Brigade as a sail maker, in the hope that Kevin Dwyer would win the election and Harry would be his electorate secretary.

It was not to be and Harry dropped out of the Labor Party, his dreams shattered.

However, he was far from being destroyed, and he always kept a level head and a shrewd sense of humour.

Tragically, Harry's life was cut short in a car accident at Ettalong Beach.

Harry was like one of those unforgettable people.

He was friendly, good-natured, resolute and determined.

A man you could trust, a good bloke.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Rectify water quality problems

If one lives at Woy Woy Bay, it is particularly interesting to read (Peninsula News #69, June 17) that the water quality there is one of the poorest in the Gosford area.

Oil slicks are to be seen sometimes, no doubt due to the increasing number of motorboats using the Bay.

The wash from these vessels is also largely responsible for the undermining of the banks of the Bay.

This also adds to the problems caused by the developed foreshores, which are now almost completely covered in

concrete.

The steep hills behind are being denuded of trees and other natural vegetation.

This results in weeds, pesticides, fertilizer and rubbish being washed straight into the Bay when there are heavy rains.

There is little natural vegetation left to filter this water and it is unable to soak into the soil as it did formerly.

Let us hope that we can rectify the problems as soon as possible, otherwise our children will miss out on this wonderful area and the rich bio-diversity which we have been enjoying.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

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Tree lopping concerns addressed

Concerns about tree lopping in schools have been raised at a recent meeting of the Gosford Council's tree protection committee.

Committee member Paul Burns of Umina discussed the issue of

schools being targeted by tree loppers and issue of endangered plant species.

The "endangered ecological plant communities" at Umina Public and High Schools were also discussed.

Council was told that Russel Kingdom explained current practices and recommendation for replanting.

It was recommended that council's tree assessment officer prepare and distribute an information letter to all schools outlining the correct procedure for tree maintenance on school grounds.

This recommendation was adopted at a later council meeting.

The council's director of environmental planning, Ms Louise Gee, would arrange for council's bushcare officer, Ms Robyn Urquhart, to discuss with Umina Public and High Schools, the future management of the endangered ecological community on the school grounds.

Council agenda TP.011, July 1



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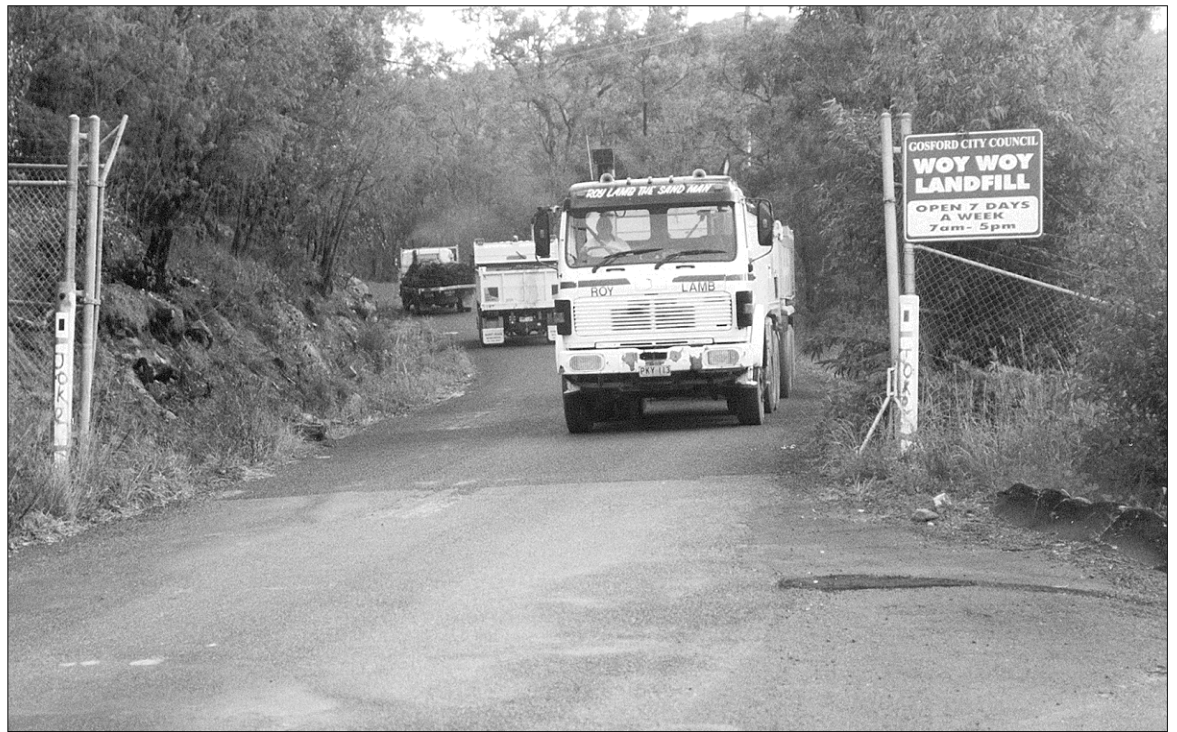
The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and a property owner who requires access from Nagari Rd will be notified if council proceeds with the closure of the road.

The NPWS, the property owner, and other relevant authorities requiring access through the locked gate would be issued with a universal key, if Council were to proceed with the road closure.

Pedestrian thoroughfare near the proposed gate would be maintained for access to the Great North Walk.

Any public comments received as a result of the advertisement will be considered at the next council traffic committee meeting.

Council agenda TR. 03.119, July 1



Bus trip planned
Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club Ladies Auxiliary has planned a bus trip on Wednesday, July 16, to "enjoy Christmas in July aboard the Titanic".

The trip includes a three-course Christmas lunch and morning tea at Swansea Nursery.

Bus will depart from Woy Woy Leagues Club at 8.45am.

Tickets, costing \$48, are available at Leagues Club.

Letter, July 3

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World record for donating blood

A Umina man has been named world record holder for most blood donations.

Mr James Harrison became a blood donor a few days after his 18th birthday in 1955.

Since then he has donated regularly, recently attaining a world record of 804 donations.

Mr Harrison's achievement as the world record holder for "the most blood donated by one person" was recognised recently by the Guinness World Records.

He was inspired to become a regular blood donor after he received a life-saving blood transfusion at the age of 15.

His lifetime dedication to charitable work was recognised in 1999 when he was awarded an Order of Australia for his outstanding contribution to Australian Red Cross Blood Service and the Australian community.

As an avid caravanner, Mr Harrison and his wife travel throughout Australia.

When away from Umina, he always ensures he donates at every possible blood service along the way and has donated in Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Mr Harrison is now aiming to reach 1000 donations.

Woy Woy Red Cross Blood Service is located at Woy Woy Hospital and is open on Tuesdays from 2 to 7.30pm and Wednesday from 9am to 2.30pm.

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Brisbane Waters was most satisfying

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in Woy Woy has won the number one ranking in New South Wales for overall patient satisfaction, according to the HCF health fund's most recent patient satisfaction survey.

"This is an extensive survey embracing both public and private hospitals throughout NSW and winning the number one ranking is a great tribute to the wonderful staff we have working at Brisbane Waters," commented hospital chief executive Mr Graham McGuinness.

"I believe what set us apart was the fact that our staff really appreciate that a hospital stay can be a

daunting experience and they constantly go out of their way to do that little bit extra for their patients.

"This is particularly important when it comes to keeping patients well informed of their treatment and progress and provides them with a greater sense of assurance and comfort," Mr McGuinness said.

Brisbane Waters has consistently performed well in the survey, but this is the first time it has won.

"Given the wide range of surgery it performs and the complexity of its services, the result is very satisfying to its dedicated and hard working staff."

Press release, July 1



Worked in retirement

Long-time Umina resident Joyce McCabe, born November 22, 1916, died on June 20, aged 86.

Friend Mrs Marj Cleere said Joyce had been a regular visitor to the Peninsula, before she retired in 1976.

She then moved to the Peninsula and took a "strenuous role" with a group of other retirees working out of Alice Ranson cottage, where the volunteers created emergency accommodation, a women's refuge, a housekeeping emergency service, shopping for incapacitated, and even cleaning.

"Her last big community effort was to work with Rose at the Senior Citizens.

"This much-travelled lady always thought of others and managed to return with lots of



Joyce McCabe

"little somethings" for everybody. "She could be well remembered for her somewhat abrasive manner whilst getting the job done but inspired others to work now and play later."

Marj Cleere, July 9

Shave raises \$7500

A total of \$7500 has been raised on the Peninsula through the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation, according to Foundation's communications officer Ms Megan O'Neill.

There were 50 entrants from postcode areas 2256 and 2257, who raised the \$7500.

Next year, the World's Greatest Shave will take place on March 12 and 13.

For more information, consult www.worldsgreatestshave.com.
Con Orfanos, press release,

Damage reported at Burrawang Reserve



Burrawang Bushland Reserve was damaged with the construction of this illegal hut

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve Committee is calling for public assistance following "significant damage" done recently to plants in the reserve in Hillview St, Woy Woy.

A camouflaged hut made from trees cut from the reserve was found built into a large hole dug into the ground.

After council workers dismantled the hut, several other areas of the reserve had numbers of trees cut down, more holes dug and much vegetation was trampled.

Most of the damage occurred in the part of the reserve that was recently classified as an "endangered ecological community" – Umina Coastal

Sandplain Woodland.

Committee members have expressed concern at the destruction.

"We would like the reserve's native plants and wildlife saved for all residents to enjoy," said committee convenor Mr Mark Snell.

"The glossy black cockatoo and the swift parrot are just two of the endangered birds that use the reserve's plants for food and shelter."

Anyone with information about the damage done to the reserve is asked to contact council bushcare officer Mr Geoff Bakewell on 4325 8169.

Criminal activity in the reserve should be reported to police.

Media release, July 9

David Steele retires

Lawyer and past president of the Central Coast Law Society, Mr David Steele, has retired from practice and from Peninsula Law on June 30.

David's retirement comes after some 27 years of private practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, 25 years of which has been spent serving the people of the Central Coast.

David graduated from Sydney University Law School with a Bachelor of Laws in 1976 and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on August 12, 1976.

He worked initially at Bowral and then moved to the Central Coast in 1978 to take up a position as an employed solicitor with Robert L Ferry of Woy Woy.

David became a partner in Robert L Ferry & Steele, Solicitors, the next year and soon established himself as one of the leading lawyers on the Central

Coast.

James Walker joined David's firm in 1988 and became a partner in the firm which became Steele & Walker Solicitors following the retirement of Bob Ferry from the practice in 1989.

Steele & Walker later merged with Bingham Turnell Corah, Solicitors, of Woy Woy on July 1, 1999, to form the firm of Peninsula Law.

David retired as CEO and as a partner on July 1 last year but remained a consultant with the firm effectively up until June 30.

Mr Alan Bingham of Peninsula Law said: "His experience in commercial, land and environment, conveyancing and retirement village law was second to none."

"David's record of service to his vast legion of clients and to the people of the Central Coast is exemplary."

"He played Rugby Union for the Woy Woy Rugby Club and the Central Coast representative team for many years; too many

years, some may say.

"He has been involved, over a period of almost three decades, in the sporting, business and charitable life of the Central Coast."

"He was a touch footballer, basketball and squash player of note."

"David, in recent years, developed a passion for yachting and sailed around the South Pacific for some seven months in 2001, covering literally thousands of nautical miles in all conditions (which was) no mean feat."

"David's contribution to the law, to the firm of Peninsula Law and to the people of the Central Coast will be sorely missed."

"We hope that the members of the Central Coast Law Society will join with his former partners and staff of Peninsula Law in wishing David all the very best in his retirement and fair sailing into the future," Mr Bingham said.

Letter, June 26

Bus shelter decision

Gosford Council has decided to provide a parking shelter on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The shelter will be outside Peninsula Plaza to provide access to shopping for elderly passengers.

The request for the shelter came to the council from Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service.

The council's traffic committee considered existing parking arrangements in the vicinity of the Peninsula Neighbourhood

Centre to be satisfactory and recommended that no shelter should be built.

Despite this recommendation, the council decided to provide a shelter.

Council agenda TR.03.115, July 1

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Huttons Advertising Feature

World tour from England ends at Ettalong

As a young butcher from Torquay, Peter Hutton left England in 1969 on a two-year working tour of the world.

He arrived in Australia in 1970.

He fell in love with the country and has remained here since.

Peter is now celebrating his 15th year trading as Peter Hutton and Son, family butchers, Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

He works with his 19-year-old son, Robert, who is a third-year apprentice, and butcher Alan Brooks.

Peter commenced trading in the store in 1988, having taken over from previous owner, Max Hayes, who moved into the video rental business at Kincumber and Wyoming.

It was Peter's first venture in his own business after having worked in butcher shops in the Kings Cross area and also having managed large butcher shops in centres including Warringah Mall.

Peter was originally a pork butcher as pork was always cheaper than beef or lamb in England and was therefore in greater demand.

He has seen many changes in the industry over the past 30 years.

"Until the early eighties, butchers were not allowed to trade before 7.45am or after 5.30pm and had to close on Saturdays at noon even though



Peter Hutton and son Robert at their butcher shop in Ettalong

there were often queues formed wanting to buy their products", Peter said.

"With the introduction of meat sales in supermarkets, this soon changed, as the supermarket would be open to sell other items and had to have their meat section under wraps.

"The problem then was that many people bought their meat at

supermarkets because it was more convenient to do so while doing the rest of their shopping and many butcher shops closed as a result", he said.

"Butchers are now clawing back some of that business because many supermarkets no longer have butchers on site and buy their meat pre-cut, packaged and gas sealed, often having

come from interstate slaughter houses.

"We buy only the best quality meat and pay a premium price for it, but we believe that our customers appreciate the better quality even though it can be dearer than supermarket meat," Peter said.

One change in recent years was the increased restrictions on

temperature control of displays.

"Open displays are no longer acceptable as the temperature at the top of the meat cannot be kept low enough without cold air curtains as can be found in supermarkets.

"Butchers have therefore had to change their shop displays to enclosed refrigerated cabinets at great expense", he said.

"Another change now means that we no longer see Council health inspectors but Safe Food Inspectors from the Federal Department of Health.

"This national control is good for consistency of standards around Australia and I expect it to be extended to all fresh food outlets in the near future including take away and fast food outlets and restaurants".

As well as being a butcher, Peter has an interest in early British military activities.

His alter ego is Sgt William Baker from the royal naval ship Sirius under Lt Capt. Tench in the NSW Corps of Marines.

In this guise, Peter can be found in command of a platoon of men in British military marine uniforms from the period 1788 to 1802.

The Corps donate its time educating people, as well as parading and firing muskets at events such as Woy Woy's Australia Day celebrations.

Cec Bucello, July 8

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Bin-cleaning service starts

A garbage bin-cleaning service has started on the Peninsula.

Trading as Bin Aroma, the service visits clients on council pick-up day and thoroughly cleans their bin.

Company director Ms Susan Leith-Miller said: "The last thing I expected to be doing in life was running a bin-cleaning business.

"But the minute we established Bin Aroma the response told us we were onto something."

Bin Aroma consists of three

people: Susan Leith-Miller, Josephine Caiman and Melvyn Lahina.

"It's Melvyn who does the grunt and grind of the job.

"He's the one who comes around to the house with the cleaning rig, squirts and sprays and deodorises your bin."

Melvyn, who worked for 20 years as a fireman, perfected the cleaning system unique to Bin Aroma, according to Ms Leith-Miller.

"The system was designed in close consultation with the Gosford and Wyong Councils, who have been supportive of the scheme.

"We carry our water, filter and recycle it and are environmentally

sound.

"The deodorant is a natural citrus base with no artificial chemicals.

Mr Lahina said: "I take it personally if I can't get a bin clean.

"It was all those years as a fireman, working with pipes and gauges, hoses and water and pumps, that gave me the experience to know what to do.

Ms Leith-Miller said: "The service is proving popular with the elderly, who simply don't have the physical strength to upturn their unwieldy stinking bins, and with young mums, bedevilled by the age-old problem of dirty nappies."

Cec Bucello, press release,
 July 9

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Comedy festival draws interest from afar

An article published in the Sydney Morning Herald about the Spike Milligan Comedy Festival has drawn inquiries from many parts of Australia as well as from England and Ireland.

Festival Committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein said that he was amazed at the number of calls that came in.

"We had calls from many Sydney radio stations as well as from Brisbane, Melbourne and Darwin," he said.

"This was a great opportunity to promote Woy Woy and the Festival far and wide.

"We also had calls from BBC

Television, Radio 5 in Britain and from radio stations in Belfast and Dublin.

"One radio commentator in Ireland said that he didn't know that Woy Woy was a real place.

"I thought it was made up like Puckoon," he said.

"Today we have arranged for festival committee members, including Spike's brother, Des Milligan, to be interviewed by Ms Kathy Marks, the Australasian correspondent for the British newspaper, The Independent," Cr Holstein said.

The festival will be held on the Peninsula in October.

Cec Bucello, July 8



Kathy Marks, Australasian correspondent for the British newspaper, The Independent, interviewing Mr Des Milligan about the Spike Milligan Comedy festival

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Church celebrates 20 years

Hardys Bay Community Church will celebrate its 20th birthday on Sunday, July 27.

The celebration is to be held in the Hardys Bay Church at 114 Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay, starting at 9:30am.

The morning will recognise the activities of the church over the last 20 years such as kids clubs, youth groups, sporting teams, men's and women's events plus the speaking of hope to people

from God's word.

A morning tea will follow the celebration with a huge birthday cake for all to share in.

Hardys Bay Community Church and Coast Community Church grew from the one church at Hardys Bay but now meet at two different locations.

Hardys Bay Community Church meets at Hardys Bay, while the Coast Community Church meets at Kincumber.

Press release July 7

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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.

Woy Woy vacation care centre activities program weekdays only during school holidays 7am to 6.30pm from \$8.20 a day Enq 0414 511 839

Kindy Gymnastics PCYC Osborne Ave Umina mon - fri 10.00 - 11.00am Enq 4341 9333

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.

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

Adult tap dancing classes, Ettalong Progress Hall 7pm Enq 4342 3925

Sports bar raffle Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Rock'n'Roll Dance Class Ettalong Bowling Club 7pm Enq 4341 0087

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous 7.30pm John the Baptist Hall, Cnr Victoria and Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Free members raffle 1pm Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

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 2 - 3pm 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach \$10. Enq 0425 229 651

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.

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

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

Adult tap dancing classes, Ettalong Progress Hall 10am Enq 4342 3925

Bingo 9.45am Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Free members raffle 1pm and 7.30pm Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Karaoke Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

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 Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 - 2.30pm, 2.30 - 3.30pm. Enq: 4325 1869

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

Free members raffle 1pm Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Hardys Bay Community Church, retiree men and women welcome **indoor bowls**, **canasta**, **scrabble**, and **morning tea** 10am to 12.30pm Enq 4363 1968

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

Snooker Ettalong War Memorial Club at 8.30am Enq 43417307

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

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

Free members raffle 1pm Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm **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.

Free members raffle 1pm 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.

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

Punters choice 12.45pm Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday July 15 Bookmobile, Killcare Heights. Fortnightly Tuesdays Cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Drv, 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11am

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

Wednesday July 16 Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary AGM,

McMasters Rd Woy Woy, 1.30pm

Thursday July 17 Seniors Social Morning, 9.30am - 12pm (3rd Thurs) church hall at rear of 118 Blackwall Rd. Enq - 4342 5061 **Gala Day** (AP Thur) Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy Enq 4341 1866

Friday July 18 Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am (3rd Fri) Enq 4343 3492

Monday July 21 War Widows Ettalong Memorial Club (3rd Mon) 1pm

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

Tuesday July 22 Combined Pensioners Association meeting, games, dancing, afternoon tea (every 2 wks) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 1pm. Enq 4341 3222

Toastmasters Ettalong Memorial Club (4th Tue) at 7pm Enq 4341 6842

Wednesday July 23 Library Bookmobile Fortnightly Weds. Patonga Near Community Hall 9.45 am. Pearl Beach Near Community Hall 10.55am Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave., 11.40 am

Peninsula Women's Health Centre, "Reclaiming Self" workshop, 10am - 12pm, 20A McMasters Rd Woy Woy

Thursday July 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.

Street stall, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary, outside Flemings, West St Umina.

Peninsula Women's Health Centre, Introduction to Silk Painting, 12pm - 2.30pm, concludes on July 31, 20A McMasters Rd Woy Woy

Friday July 25 South Bouddi Peninsula Community Association Wagstaffe Hall (4th Fri) 1.30pm Enq 4360 1002

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

Civilian Widows meeting Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre (Last Fri) 1pm

Saturday July 26 Saturday Supper Dance 8pm BYOG & nibbles. (Last Sat) Woy Woy Masonic Hall, Railway St., Woy Woy Enq 0407 207 918

Wagstaffe Bushcare Group Half tide rocks sign, cnr Albert and Bulkara Sts (4th Sat) 8am

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave., Woy Woy (4th Sat)

Sunday July 27 Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (4th Sun)

Buffalo Lodge Gosford No 63 (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) cnr of Hillview and Railway Sts, Woy Woy. Meet in the Nambucca Dr playground. Phone 4341 9301

Monday July 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

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

Wednesday July 16 Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary AGM,

Thursday July 17 Seniors Social Morning, 9.30am - 12pm (3rd Thurs) church hall at rear of 118 Blackwall Rd. Enq - 4342 5061

Gala Day (AP Thur) Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy Enq 4341 1866

Friday July 18 Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am (3rd Fri) Enq 4343 3492

Monday July 21 War Widows Ettalong Memorial Club (3rd Mon) 1pm

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

Arts and Entertainment

New show at theatre

Dance City Theatricals, a group attached to Peninsula Dance and Theatre School, is putting on a new show called "Seven".

It is a show in a musical theatre style and is suitable for adults and older children.

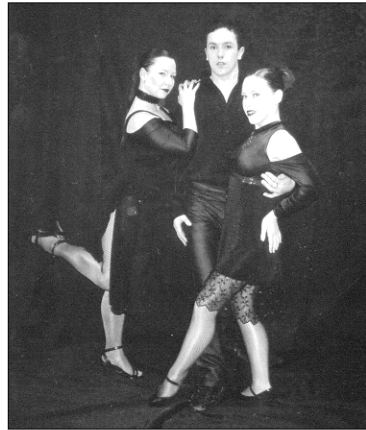
Three double passes to the show are available for the first three callers to 4342 1382.

The show will be playing at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, July 18, at 8pm and on Saturday, July 19, at 2pm and 8pm.

Producer and director Angela Denman said: "This is a musical that has something for everyone.

"Take a light hearted journey through the seven deadly sins, with musical highlights from 42nd St, Cabaret, Sweet Charity and Moulin Rouge, as well as songs from the top 40 dance charts."

Presented by Dance City Theatricals, most of the



Some of the cast members of the musical "Seven"

performers are high school students.

"Who needs Australian Idols when we have all the talent right here on the Coast," said Ms Denman.

Press release, July 8

Woody Guthrie story at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will present "Hard Travellin' - The Woody Guthrie Story" with Peter Hicks and Us Not Them, at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, July 25, at 8pm.

Folk club committee member Frank Russell said: "Woody Guthrie was the greatest folk singer of his generation and has directly influenced performers such as Jack Elliott, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, and Billy Bragg.

"Woody Guthrie sang songs of struggle and political action.

"Without Woody Guthrie the folk revival of the nineteen sixties would not have happened," he said.

Mr Russell said Peter Hicks was a singer-songwriter in the tradition of Woody Guthrie.

"His songs have their roots in the everyday lives and experiences of everyday people, and in the issues of greatest

concern to us all.

"He sings about the environment, about the need for world peace and the causes of war.

"But ultimately, he delivers a message of hope.

"His vision is of a world where people can live and work together in harmony and co-operation, not conflict.

"Us Not Them are Jason and Chloe Roweth, who are regarded as among the finest interpreters of Australian traditional material and are renowned for their beautiful and sensitive arrangements.

"Us Not Them will also be performing songs from their new album As Good as New."

Also performing on the evening will be Bluesman Earlwood Greg, and Jan Couchman's Harp Ensemble.

Tickets can be booked on 4341 4060, 0417 456 929, or email frussell@fastlink.com.au

Press release, July 11



Inspector Pratt played by Bob Farmer

Mystery and humour at Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre is putting on a production of **Murdered to Death**, written by Peter Gordon and to be directed by John Hickey.

Publicity officer Steve Cummings said: "This very funny who dunnit combines mystery and humour in the story of a bumbling detective and his offsider attempting to solve the chilling murders in the manor house.

"This piece is set in the 1930s and a bizarre group of characters

will keep you guessing until the final curtain.

"Will the murderer be unmasked before everyone else has met their doom? Or will audiences die laughing first?"

The play will run at Peninsula Theatre at 8pm on Fridays August 1, 8 and 15, and Saturdays August 2, 9 and 16 and at 2pm on Sundays, August 3, 10 and 17.

Ticket prices are \$16 adult, concession \$12 and child \$5 (up to 15 years).

Press release, July 7

Third term of creative writing

The third term of creative writing classes begins on Thursday, July 31, in the CWA hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf from 12 to 2pm.

Four members' stories have been published by one magazine recently, paying a minimum of \$600 each.

Others have won prizes or commendations in Australian and regional competitions.

Classes are held weekly for eight weeks. Vacancies exist, but numbers are limited.

Hugh Roberts, July 9



WHAT'S ON Gangshow

16-19 July - Central Coast Scouts and Guides present their 17th annual Gangshow - a scouting tradition featuring over 60 performers - tickets from Leonie Lyons on 4324 5802.

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Education

Eisteddfod held at Peninsula Theatre

The Peninsula Theatre has hosted the latest Central Coast Eisteddfod sessions.

Performers from many parts of the Central Coast competed in the popular vocal solo section, held daily from July 4 to 11.

A qualified adjudicator from Sydney judged contestants and each performer received extensive comments on their performance.

Trophies were presented to the first three place getters for each age group in each section.

The popular vocal solo section was open to children and adults.

The youngest age group was nine years and under but the majority of performers were in their mid-teens.

Musical categories covered included pop, rock, rock & roll, jazz, blues, contemporary Christian, country, country rock,

country and western, bush, musical theatre, contemporary, children's film and music theatre, and rock opera.

This year marks the 28th anniversary of the eisteddfod on the Central Coast.

An example of each event was seen on July 10 when 11 entrants, all female, competed in section 804 being for 14 year old entrants in the popular vocal solo contemporary own choice, specially restricted section.

First place was awarded to Emma Vile, second to Nickie Thomsen and third to Hailie Markham.

This was Nickie's fourth performance on the day and only her first year of singing.

"I do drama at school and want to do musicals as a career so I thought I'd give this a go," she said.

"So far I've received highly commended certificates for each performance and to get a trophy and second place was more than I expected."

Convenor of the "popular vocal" competition, Mrs Gail Beaman, was enthusiastic about the high level of talent on the Central Coast.

"We are also pleased with the quality of adjudicator that we have had.

"Today we have Jonathan Mill, one of Australia's leading musical theatre performers.

"He has appeared in Buddy, West Side Story, Cabaret and Mick and Mabel and has written and directed many shows including three Sydney Cabaret Convention winners," Mrs Beaman said.

Cec Bucello, July 11



Dance students Rhiannon Hulls, Emily McCool, Georgia Krinks and Emily Haime

Pam hangs up her dancing shoes

Pam Lovett, principal of the long-established Lovett's Dance Academy, has "hung up her dance teaching shoes" having sold the business to two of her former dance teachers.

Kim Bemet has taken over the Jazz and Tap dance teaching side of the business and is continuing to teach under the Lovett's name until the end of the year at the Umina Community Hall.

Nicole Wilkinson will continue to teach ballet, modern and contemporary dance styles at her new studio in Mutu St, Woy Woy.

The two groups will continue to work together and plan to join together at the end of the year for their combined annual concert.

The studio opened in early June.

At age 22, Nicole has been teaching at the academy for four and a half years while at the same time completing her qualifications.

She started dance training in classical ballet and modern styles at the age of three.

She gained exceptional marks in all grade and higher-grade Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) examinations, receiving honours gradings for her major examinations.

She now holds the RAD

Registered Teacher's Status having completed her studies in August last year, passing with distinction.

Nicole also holds certificate 3 and 4 in child studies and a first aid certificate.

Almost all of Nicole's students last year achieved a distinction in RAD ballet examinations and a rare 100 per cent mark was awarded to 10-year-old student, Laura Green.

Show teams aged 10 years and under and 12 years and under entered the Baulkham Hills Eisteddfod in June achieving first and second in modern with the two dances performed by the younger group and a first for the older group in both modern and contemporary dance.

"This has been a life-long dream of mine and I couldn't let the opportunity go by when the offer arose", Nicole said.

"To have my own business teaching the students that I have been working with for so long is more than I could have hoped for.

"I borrowed as much money as I could with the support of my father, found new premises and converted it into a studio", she said.

A major expense was the provision of a non-slip, smooth, professional dance floor.

The interior has been repainted and the frontage, which was a roller door, has been transformed into a wall with windows.

An air conditioner, balance bars and mirrors complete the effect.

The school is currently open Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as all day Saturday.

Nicole, who drives to the school from Newcastle each day, is keen to expand the school.

It currently has a wide range of curriculum options and caters for ages ranging from 3 years old to adult.

Examinations are due in July after which the school starts on concert work.

New students can join at any time during the year and boys are most welcome.

Cec Bucello, June 24

Local band enters internet competition

Fyna, a band comprised of three Year 12 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College, has entered an

internet competition called "Best Mix" which is open to all ages.

Two of the band's songs can be heard and voted for on www.thebestmix.com.

Fyna recently advanced to the final of a contest called Youth Rock 2003 and finished in third place.

They won music-related legal advice, studio recording time, music equipment to the value of \$500 for the band and additional music equipment, also valued to \$500, for the school.

First place in Youth Rock 2003 was Balina band "Brittle FX" and

second was the group "Agnes" from Sydney.

Band members Alex Bennison, Tim John, and Dave Jenkins have performed together at school events, fundraisers, and charity events, including the youth suicide concert, Remembrance.

The band entered the Kool Skools Recording and Multimedia Project and won many awards at the NSW Kool Skools music awards presentation.

The band picked up awards in Best Male Vocalist (Alex Bennison), Best Guitarist (Alex Bennison), Best Bass (Tim John), Best Drummer (Dave Jenkins), Best Alternative-Rock Song, Best Cover and Best Alternative-Rock Band.

Fyna was the first band to be presented with the award of the Wayne Coulton Memorial Shield which commemorates Wayne Coulton, a former student of Woy Woy High School, who fell victim to the disease known as lymphodemia.

Press release, June 2.

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Tenders called for campus upgrades

Tenders have been called for the \$5.23 million Stage One upgrades at the Woy Woy and Umina campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the work would provide major improvements at both campuses.

"There has been extensive consultation with local communities to ensure they have maximum input into the design and siting of the upgrades," said Ms Andrews.

Stage One of the upgrade at the Woy Woy campus would provide a new administration building, conversion of existing administration offices to a special education unit, two new car parks, and landscaping and siteworks.

Stage One of the upgrade at Umina Campus would include a new movement studio, performance workshop and change rooms.

There would be an upgraded cricket oval, a new covered outdoor learning area (COLA) over new games courts, a new bicycle compound, new outdoor learning spaces, and landscaping and siteworks.

"These upgrades will ensure Brisbane Water Secondary College is equipped with top-of-the-range facilities, enabling the students and staff to pursue educational excellence," said Ms Andrews.

"These projects will also help to build a strong economy by creating 100 jobs."

Press release, June 27



Distinction and credit recipients from Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Campus
 Front: (L to R) Callum MacVean, Ben Rosier, Oscar Jope, Grant Cheetham and Chad Davis
 Back: (L to R) Ella Brear, Ashleigh Brady, Carleigh Dunn (distinction), Lauren O'Hara (distinction), Nicole Humphries, Brooke Martin, Becky Steward, Heather Buist, Jake Horne

Teachers brush up on computer skills

Teachers at Pretty Beach Public School were released from teaching for a half day on June 27 to participate in a computer skills development activity.

Teachers learned about the EduWeb program which will lead towards the development of computer-generated student portfolios.

Casual teachers were employed for the day so that educational programs were not

interrupted.

The school's focus on technology this year has enabled teachers to become skilled in using Publisher and Excel.

These skills will be used in both lesson presentation and administration.

Education Week, to be held in week eight of term three, will see students exhibiting computer-related learning skills to parents.

School newsletter, June 26

Distinction in science

Woy Woy South Public School students recorded good results in the Australasian Schools Science Competition.

These included a high distinction for Mitchell Orr, distinction for Rachel Carle, Sharmane Spencer, Jake Linnenbank, Callum McMurtrie, Thomas McParlane, and Aurora

Steele.

Achievement awards went to Juliana Peniazeva and Angela Trichter.

There were a further 13 certificates of credit and 26 participation certificates.

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus also performed well, with two students receiving distinctions.

There were 14 credits and two school achievement awards, from a total of 45 participants.

The competition question papers were in full colour with graphics.

The skills assessed included observing and measuring, interpreting data, reasoning and problem solving.

Carl Krucler, Brett Giles, July 1

Biodiversity is the priority

Biodiversity is to be the first priority of Pretty Beach Public School's School Environment Management Plan.

Students from years 3 to 6 conducted biodiversity surveys on school grounds on World Environment Day.

Students assessed the school grounds for habitat health and the number of species of invertebrates (insects and other small creatures).

The information collected will be presented visually as a PowerPoint presentation.

Development is scheduled

The first day of Term 3 at Pretty Beach Public School is scheduled as a School Development Day.

Teachers will spend the day becoming familiar with the new NSW maths syllabus and related Department of Education and Training expectations.

Students return to school on Tuesday, July 22.

School newsletter, June 26.

The next meeting of the school's School Environment Committee will be held at 3.15pm on Thursday, July 24, to discuss restoration and revegetation of the degraded creek-bed behind the school's weather-shed.

The school is applying for an Ecoschool grant to fund the project.

Year 5 and 6 students developed a vision for the

sustainability of the school on May 26.

The vision stated: "We, the students of Pretty Beach Public School, appreciate and value the unique and special environment that makes up our school.

"We are committed to manage and care for it so that it thrives."

School newsletter, June 26

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Bowls teams reach finals

Everglades men's bowling championships are progressing with pairs and triples reaching semis and quarter finals.

In the pairs, Glen and Ted Hewson have won through to the finals after a hard-fought semi against Brian Crawley and John Byrzinski.

The other semi final will feature Jon Gibbon and Laurie Powell playing Shane Slavin and Ian Street.

The Triples quarter finals have been played with one exception - Brian Crawley's team to play Bruce McDonald.

The other semi-finalists are teams led by Gordon Wilmott, Howard Franklin and Barry O'Connor.

The final of the minor singles was played between Kevin Smith and Eric Jackson, with Kevin finishing too strong and winning the first of many future championships.

The June long weekend saw a fiercely-contested competition on

the Saturday with the team of Ray Fairleigh, Ralph Davis and Bruce McDonald winning from M Dickinson, N Leonard and B Selwood in the "winners of the winners" and the team of N Mellish, K Langwitz and H O'Neill winning the "winners of the runners-up".

The Monday pairs saw the combination of N Tiernan and R Mason finishing on top in front of C Arthur and D Gillett with R Reilly and G Pope finishing a close third.

Everglades RSL bowlers went through the pennant season undefeated and won the No 2 pennant.

The teams in the final were Sam Andrews, Ron Reilly, Bruce McDonald and Roger Ford with George Pope, John Partridge, Jack Ghiggino and Barry O'Connor.

The overall winning margin was seven shots which was enough to bring the flag home, the first one since 1988.

Barry O'Connor, July 2



The Umina United Soccer Club girls W14B team

Double-header played at Umina

Umina United Soccer Club played a double header of women's teams at Umina Soccer Field, Melbourne Ave, Umina, on Sunday, July 7.

The newly-formed Women's Under-14B team and the Women's All-Age 3 team and are currently placed fifth and third respectively.

The Under-14s had a one-all draw against the Gosford team and the All-Age 3 teams played Southern Ettalong United

eventually winning three goals to two.

Club president Barry Cole said: "Umina Soccer Club has been growing every year.

"It was only a matter of time before we fielded girl only teams.

"The girls in the Under-14 teams are so devoted to soccer that most of them play in mixed teams on Saturday as well," Barry added.

Umina Soccer Club now boasts 614 registered players, is the largest on the Peninsula and is

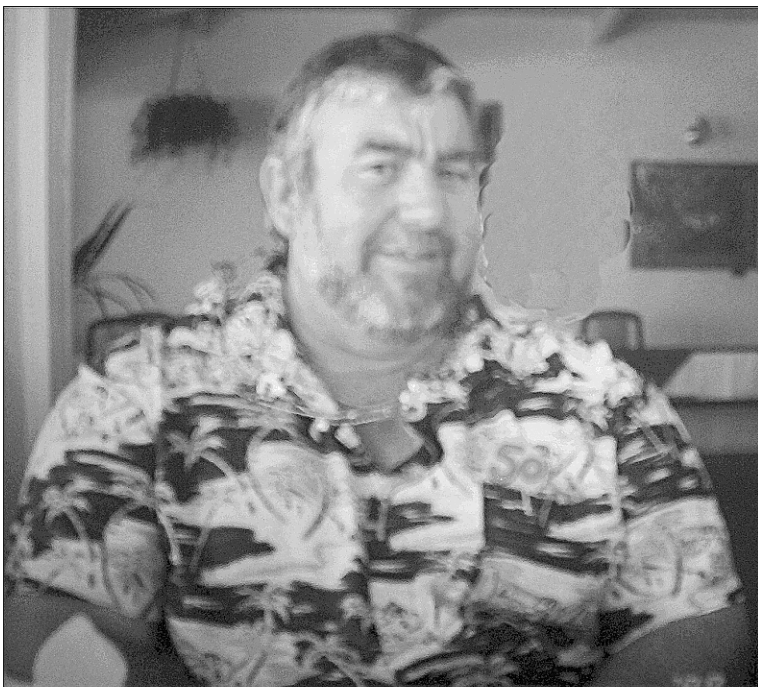
the seventh largest out of the 22 clubs across the Central Coast, he said.

"Next year, we will be looking for more girls who want to play soccer in all girls' teams, especially in the junior competition from 10 to 16 years.

"We are hoping to fill an under-16 girls team which will be girls from 14 to 16 years old," Barry said.

There are over 11,000 players registered soccer players on the Central Coast.

Greg Marsh, July 10



Phil Harding

Phil becomes life member

Phil Harding has been awarded life membership of the Umina Surf Club for his "outstanding service to the club over 17 consecutive years".

Phil became a club member in 1986 when his daughter joined the club and he took on the role of Under 6 team manager.

Over the following 17 years, he has held many different roles, often several at any one time.

These roles have included radio officer, patrolling member, water safety co-ordinator, junior

branch delegate, awards co-ordinator, branch gear steward, First Aid officer, competitions officer and secretary.

Along the way Phil's commitment to surf lifesaving has been recognized with a Ministerial Sports Appreciation Award, several Outstanding Patrol Service awards, Level 1 and 2 Official's accreditation, Senior and Junior Club Member of the Year awards as well as induction into the Central Coast Surf Lifesaving's Board of Examiners this year.

Press release, July 2

Rowing club enters first race

Brisbane Water Rowing Club officially began its competitive life on Sunday, July 6.

The club entered one women's crew and two individual events in the UTS-Haberfield Novice Regatta.

Participants and supporters travelled to Haberfield in Sydney on a fine sunny day in perfect conditions for competing and viewing.

The women's crew, of Melissa Morris, Monica Copeland, Jody Mackay, Margaret Cullen, and Debbie Walters as coxswain, rowed well in their first race in a quad scull.

A late replacement was needed after one of the crew was injured in a basketball accident a few days before the race.

The crew finished within the field, doing themselves, the club and the Central Coast proud in their first outing.

Their coach, David Cullen, feels they will improve with further training, better equipment and when more experienced they will not need to carry the extra weight of a coxswain in a coxless event.

Kevin Hughes also competed in his maiden race (single scull) and finished within the field.

Kevin started well in this large field and after having to stop when another sculler converged into his path, he managed to regain speed and kept up to the pack.



David Cullen sculling on the day

David Cullen said: "With confidence and exposure to more racing, he will settle better and be able to concentrate on technique.

"He shows great potential for the future."

David Cullen was also competitive in the open event.

David faced a large field of contestants entering this race but

once a clean start was achieved, he was able to stay in front of the pack due to his excellent technique and relentless training.

The club is enthusiastic to compete in the next regatta and is anticipating more crews entering.

Liam Cullen, July 11

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Paul Mason and Amanda Morrison at the Taekwon-Do world championships in Greece

Two compete in Greece

Woy Woy's Amanda Morrison and Paul Mason competed in the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) 13th Senior World Taekwon-Do Championships held in Thessaloniki, Greece, from June 11 to 15.

Amanda competed in two individual events and three team events and Paul competed in two team events.

With over 70 countries, there were near 800 competitors with Australia coming home with six silver and two bronze medals.

The Australian women's power breaking team, which included Amanda, won silver after a close tie-breaker with the top-seeded Korean team.

After being the only two countries to break all boards, it came down to a break off for first and second place, the Koreans won by a single board.

This is the first time Australia has had a female team compete in an ITF championship and they exceeded expectations.

Amanda said she was excited about being picked for the team but to come back with a medal was a dream come true.

Paul was a part of the men's team who competed in the power breaking and sparring.

They didn't make it into the second round of breaking but did better in the sparring.

Paul fought well and drew in his first round against Scotland.

The team made it through three rounds, but were beaten by Russia in the quarter finals, one off getting a bronze medal.

Australia has won a bid to host the 14th ITF Senior World Taekwon-Do Championships which will be held in Caloundra, Queensland, in 2005.

Press release, July 4

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Support service seeks volunteer hairdressers

The Australian Red Cross Home Support Service is actively looking for someone on the Peninsula to give haircuts to homebound or disabled people.

Red Cross Home Support co-ordinator Mrs Gitan Armour said: "Having a haircut along with a friendly chat is an enormous boost to a client's self esteem.

"If you are a retired or part-time hairdresser and are looking to help your community, here's your chance.

Mrs Armour said: "There are clients on the Peninsula who need haircuts and we don't have a hairdresser on the Peninsula.

"Full training is provided and all that is needed is a few hours of your time each month.

"There's enormous satisfaction to be had from helping your community," she said.

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Press release, July 8



Pictured: Red Cross co-ordinator Gitan Armour with Gosford volunteer hairdresser Betty Light and client Helen Thawe

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