



The condemned grandstand at Ettalong Oval

## Ettalong grandstand to be demolished

**Gosford Council has resolved to demolish the grandstand and existing amenities at Ettalong oval.**

New facilities will be constructed on the existing site and draft designs are to be presented to the council which "are consistent with a village theme".

The council resolved that "the design concept is to be received and consultations held with the Sports Council prior to a further

report being presented to council outlining the development of the oval as a village green incorporating the design of the new facilities and identifying the costs involved."

Any surplus funds are to be allocated to the upgrade of James Browne Reserve, Woy Woy.

The council also endorsed the retention of the Ettalong Oval's plan of management.

Council agenda SF.013, July 22

## Fresh approach for aquatic centre funding

**Gosford Council will attempt to reverse a State Government decision to contribute no more than \$200,000 towards the multi-million dollar Peninsula Aquatic Centre**

It has resolved to "seek an urgent meeting between the mayor, general manager and the Minister for Roads to seek reconsideration of the decision not to provide funding assistance for road improvements in the vicinity of the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre".

The council decided to "seek representations with the Minister for Roads, the NSW Premier, the Special Minister for the Central Coast and the Member for Peats".

"The apparent delay of the State Government in honouring its funding commitment to the Central Coast CARES facility" would be raised during these representations.

A staff report to the council stated: "At its meeting on June 24, council considered a report short listing construction firms for the building of the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre.

"In that report, it was noted that further submissions were to be made to the relevant Ministers

and local Members regarding funding for road improvements in the vicinity of the new centre.

"Since council considered last months report, a letter from the Minister for Roads has been received.

"The proposed leisure centre has been in the planning stages for some time and meets an identified community need for an integrated leisure facility.

"The Federal Government has recognised the need for such a facility and its regional role through a grant of \$1.5 million.

"Despite repeated comments of support from local Members, to date the State Government has committed to a grant of only \$200,000.

"A contribution of \$200,000 by the State Government is not consistent with the significance of the facility to the community and it is recommended that further representations be made to the Minister for Roads as a matter of urgency.

"The opportunity remains for the State Government to demonstrate its commitment to the Central Coast and the potential of the proposed leisure centre to contribute to an increased quality of life for its residents."

Council agenda MM.012, July 22

## Council clearing criticised

**Ettymalong Creek Landcare Group has criticised Gosford Council action of clearing vegetation in a regeneration area.**

Group member Mr Bryan Ellis said: "We were told by council that it needed to be done to prevent flooding to houses.

"We dispute that.

"We're also disappointed that council failed to follow its recently-adopted protocol following ecological damage done at Burrawang Bushland Reserve, requiring council to notify and consult with local

(environmental) groups prior to carrying out such work.

"We were not notified and consulted prior to the work (at Umina Oval)," he said.

Mr Ellis said that council's consultation with local environmental groups would help develop natural resource management practices that do not damage the local natural environment needlessly.

He said: "The same storm water drain continues to flush rubbish and sediment into the Billabong.

"This violates council's own

sediment and pollution control policy.

"The drain needs a gross pollutants and sediment trap.

"We hope that council will install one following our consultation with its engineer."

Mr Ellis said that the council's flushing of a storm water drain some two weeks ago behind the tennis courts at Umina Oval and just by Ettymalong Creek was preceded by the knocking down of vegetation in order to move the relevant machinery in.

Con Orfanos, July 23

## Ferry terminal access assessed

**The council's Disability Access Committee has identified the extent that the Fast Ferry terminal at Ettalong will be accessible to the disabled.**

In response, council approved the provision of providing two accessible parking spaces in Bangalow St.

The Disability Committee stated: "The wharf will have hydraulic ramps that meet the gradient requirements 80 per cent of the time.

"Assisted access will be required during the king tides (approximately twice per year).

"The ferry terminal will have undercover seating (like a bus terminal) and an enclosed walkway to the wharf to provide protection from the elements.

"A large part of the terminal is glass to provide minimal blockage of the views of the water.

"There will be no additional parking built.

"The existing carpark will have 30 car parks, two of which are accessible.

"The Traffic Committee is imposing a four-hour parking limit on one side of the residential streets surrounding the terminal.

"The Access Committee raised concerns regarding additional accessible parking as the other forms of transport such as the buses are more difficult to access by some people with disabilities due to the stairs.

"Discussion was held about the possible location of more accessible parking and it was determined that Bangalow St would be the most suitable as it is a wide street without fast moving traffic, yet located close to the pedestrian crossing to the ferry terminal.

Council agenda DA.015, July 22



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For the past six months, we have been fortunate to have had Glen Purse gaining work experience at our office two days a week.

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We would like to wish Glen the best for his future.  
Cec Bucello, Manager

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The paper actively encourages all groups and individuals on the Peninsula to contribute their news, opinions and items of interest for publication.

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A new issue will be released through newsagents each fortnight from July 30.

Press release, July 16

**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

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# Council to fight service station appeal

**Gosford Council has once again refused to grant conditional consent for a service station at Empire Bay**

The decision comes despite advice that they have little chance of winning an upcoming appeal against the refusal in the Land and Environment Court.

Council officers had prepared an array of strict conditions that would be applied to the development consent, however the councillors voted for refusal to grant the Development Application (DA).

Crs Robert Bell, Lynne Bockholt, Malcolm Brooks, Chris Holstein, Tony Sansom, and Debra Wales voted to refuse the DA.

Crs Daniel Cook, Craig Doyle and Geoff Preece supported approval.

In 1997, the site was zoned for use as a service station in exchange for the protection of 14 hectares of environmentally sensitive land which also belonged to the site owner.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell listed reasons which had been raised for refusal of the application.

He said: "Setback from the road is not compliant.

"It is just under 10 metres closer than permitted.

"And there will be no sewer connection for at least four years.

"The size and bulk is out of character with the area.

"There is potential danger to the oyster industry and endangered ecological communities.

"It is not in the public interest.

"There is the danger of spills and an inability to manage spills in a non-urban environment," Cr Bell said.

Cr Lynne Bockholt had other concerns, saying: "The thing that disturbs me is the potential for subdivision.

"This has been before us for months because councillors are hesitant about it.

"This is a big service station, not what the council envisaged (six years ago).

"The developer says he would not agree to having no possibility of subdivision, so we'll be in court anyway."

According to Cr Wales, an assessor from the Land and Environment Court will be coming to inspect and may say that it is indeed not an appropriate location for a service station.

Cr Chris Holstein said that he would oppose the development, but raised concern about the consequences.

"If the matter is lost in court, I worry about the conditions which



may be imposed, rather than the conditions council has laid out in the business paper," Cr Holstein said.

Cr Sansom said: "In light of some of the discussion here tonight, I'll move for refusal.

"It'll be fought out in the Land and Environment Court, irrespective of what we decide here tonight."

An attempt to convince the majority of councillors to change their minds came as a long address from Cr Doyle.

He said: "Here we are told we have no chance.

"I'm going to vote against refusal because it is the common sense thing to do.

"I wasn't on council in 1997, but I think I would have supported protection of that land as well.

"The developers have come to council to ask that they can do the very thing we said they are allowed to do.

"This may be our only chance to apply stringent conditions.

"I'm happy to defend the appeal if we have a chance, but voting for refusal would be a defeat of common sense.

"They're entitled to build," Cr

Doyle said.

Cr Preece concurred with Cr Doyle.

He said: "This highlights the importance of re-zoning.

"You should be studying and assessing the site before it is zoned as anything at all.

"We shouldn't have rezoned it as a service station.

"I'm going to go with Cr Doyle, not because I want the thing.

"I just don't want to waste \$50,000 to \$100,000."

The case will be heard in the Land and Environment Court from August 5.

Jonathan Reichard, July 23

## Rotary celebrates year of support

**Umina Beach Rotary president Mr Mike Curley finished off his year with a special evening celebrating support to local community groups.**

Brisbane Water Secondary College, The Web Youth Service, Woy Woy South Public School, PCYC, Red Cross Blood Bank, Religious Education Ministries, Ms Ann Martin for the Phu My Orphanage near Saigon were just some of the beneficiaries to receive support during this Rotary year.

One of the club's biggest

projects was the annual Peninsula fireworks carnival at Umina Oval on New Year's Eve.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a special Paul Harris Fellowship Award to past president Mr Ian Figtree for his services to Rotary.

The award was presented by district governor-elect Mr Bruce Allen.

Before finishing his year, president Mr Mike Curley handed the presidential collar to incoming president and local businessman Mr Glen Scorer.

Press release, July 16

## Talk about Exodus Foundation

**Director of the Exodus Foundation, the Rev Bill Crews, will talk about the foundation at Ettalong Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Parade, on Tuesday, August 19, from 10.45am.**

The proceeds from the luncheon, which costs \$8 per person, will be given to the Exodus Foundation.

Ettalong-Umina Mission Support Group secretary Mr Roy Shave said: "The Exodus Foundation gives practical care

and concern for people in need, offering help with food parcels, rent, pharmaceutical assistance, chaplaincy and counselling.

"Urgently needed are blankets, cans of meat, fish, vegemite, peanut butter and long life milk.

"Donations of these would be very welcome," Mr Shave said.

People planning to attend the luncheon are asked to contact Gwen on 4344 6188, or Norma on 4341 0661.

Leaflet, July 7

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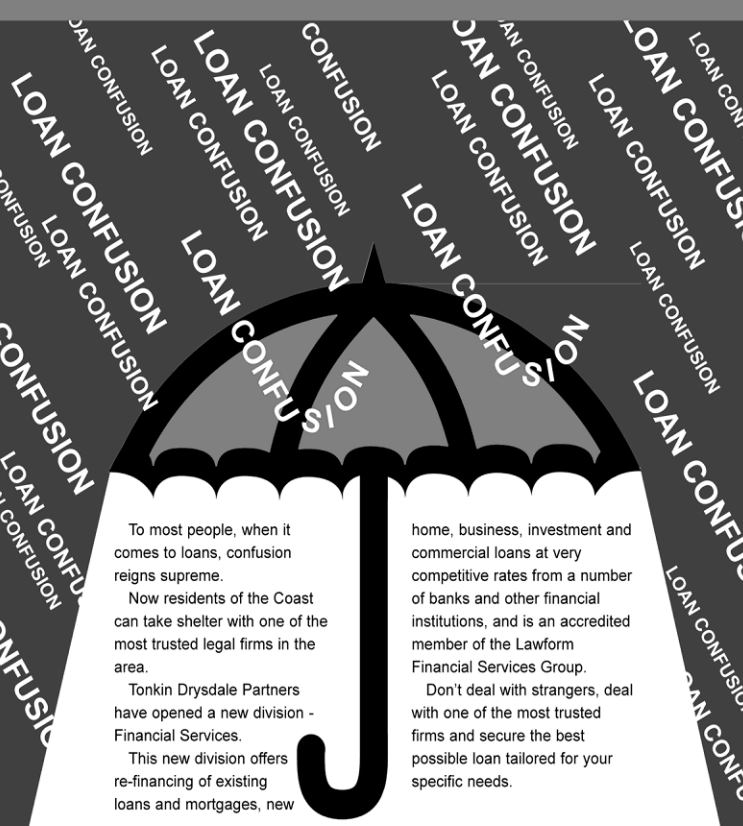
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## Community Forum

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# Residents to fight corruption

**The Peninsula community has reached out to our neighbouring communities on the Central Coast, in seeking to create something of support for those who have for far too long been too frightened to speak out about those corrupt practices which are only beneficial to those who choose to treat the rest of their community with contempt.**

Concerned Residents Against Corruption Incorporated (CRAC) is non sectarian and non party political.

We are interested in joining in teamwork with all interested local persons or bodies, to expose improper activities within government or any other authority which gives unfair advantage to any person, persons or body over another.

To work with determination for the advancement of the interest of the residents and community of the Central Coast and where required, to act in an advisory capacity and/or make representation to council and all government bodies whenever necessary to help achieve this goal.

The preceding two paragraphs is an outline of the objects of CRAC.

The following is my reason for

believing that there is a need for this incorporated activity.

Firstly there are those in our community that for various reasons believe that the august bodies such as the State Ombudsman and ICAC have lost the way.

Serving it seems only to insulate the powers that be from those matters that may make the political situation uncomfortable for the incumbent.

There is evidence enough to show impartiality is a casualty of government, where complaint is concerned.

Time and time again, I personally have meet with the social damage that occurs when people are trusting enough to spend in some cases their life savings pursuing through the courts something that our constitution is supposed to assure each and every one of us as a matter of due process.

I believe that the Westminster system needs responsible guidance, brought about by the insistence of the people.

So that those who are elected can serve the people, in that very manner they held out to us when they stood for election.

Contact with CRAC can be made by phoning 0418 486 260 or writing to PO Box 275, Woy Woy 2256.

Edward James, Umina

# Privileged to have folk club

## July's Troubadour Folk Club featured Sam Leopold.

Sam has been visiting Australia from the United States, and his music sounded "American bluesy" to me.

His distinctive style included original compositions, such as his song about being a father.

He had a lovely sense of humour, and was a whizz on the guitar.

Supporting acts included the regular local performers Vic Jeffries, Billy Rea, The Usual Suspects, Bill Bekric and Earlwood Greg.

Leon Rabin was also a guest

performer, following his feature performance earlier this year.

He is Sam's cousin, and they only recently met up again during Sam's current Australian visit. Leon now lives in Sydney.

Leon sang some favourites, encouraging the audience to sing along.

I particularly liked "Home is anywhere you are", a song I first heard when he was here before.

Peter Mace was another highlight for me, someone I hadn't seen before.

He presented a spirited, funny story about a bushman.

I hope he performs again soon. The audience had a great night, enjoying the top-quality performers.

There were discussions at supper about whether this was one of the best Troubadour Folk Club nights ever.

Anyway, I think we Peninsula and Central Coast people are privileged to have this club in our midst, attracting and nurturing local and international talent.

Thanks to the organisers for all the hard work they keep putting in to make it such a success.

On Friday, August 8, on the Woy Woy waterfront, Duncan Chalmers will be the main guest musician.

I first heard Duncan perform at the Kiama Folk Festival about five years ago, and am delighted whenever I get the chance to hear him again, so I'll be there.

He has a powerful voice, sings ballads and other lovely songs that lift my spirits and make me smile.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

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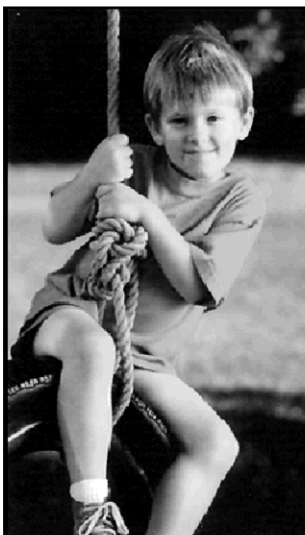
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# Little scrutiny for trade

## What is the proposed US-Australia Free Trade Agreement all about?

The Australian Free Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET) organisation, based in Sydney, could explain that to residents of the Peninsula by providing a guest speaker at community functions.

AFTINET has the support of over 50 member organisations.

While AFTINET rejects a "fortress Australia" protectionist

strategy, it believes that trade and investment policy should be based on local conditions and fair regulatory standards.

It should also be decided through democratically accountable processes.

AFTINET has monitored international trade agreements and conferences for several years now, since 1994 when the Keating ALP Government signed the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS).

Since then the MAI campaign and several key meetings by WTO have resulted in growing protests about the objectives of these bodies.

As a result the emphasis has shifted towards bi-lateral agreements.

The latest developments concern the proposed bi-lateral Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States.


Little information has been provided by the government to the general public about these proposals.

Such a potentially far reaching treaty could be concluded without much scrutiny by the public.

A Senate Inquiry is being held at present but the Parliament need not approve such a treaty for it to be concluded.

It is the government's prerogative to negotiate, sign and implement the treaty.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach



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# Folk dance workshops planned

**Up to eight folk dance workshops in a variety of styles are planned for the Umina Beach Folk Festival.**

The festival will be held 17-19 October, shortly after the Spike Milligan Comedy Festival.

Dance styles will include Scottish, Irish, English, American contra and International dancing, as well as Australian colonial and belly dancing.

Most of the workshops will be suitable for people with no previous dancing experience.

A family dance and a Saturday night bush dance will also be held, with all dances "walked through and called".

This year will be the first time that dance workshops have been held as part of a folk festival on the Peninsula, according to dance committee member Ms Shirley Hotchkiss.

Folk gatherings held at Patonga over the past two years had included a bush dance, but no dance workshops.

"Workshop presenters will include Sydney's leading Irish set dancing instructor, Margaret Winnett, of the Sydney Irish Ceili Dancers," she said.

"Sydney's leading contra dance caller, Julie Bishop, has also confirmed her attendance."

This year's festival is organised by the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association, which runs the Woy Woy's Troubadour Folk Club.

The festival will be held in venues close to the beach at the Umina Beach Bowling Club, the primary school and the scout hall.

The festival will feature children's activities, music workshops, concerts and poets' breakfasts, as well as dancing.

"It will enable locals and

visitors to sample the traditions of folk culture," said Ms Hotchkiss.

Applications for musical performances are being accepted until mid-August.

"Peninsula people are also welcome to join the festival organisers in planning and running the festival," said Ms Hotchkiss.

"This enables people to develop and use skills such as event management or marketing to ensure the success of the festival.

"During the festival, people can participate through being performers or helping manage the sound systems.

"Others can play key roles in running the festival by assisting with setting up venues and welcoming people.

"This festival has many advantages for Peninsula residents.

"As well as enjoying a weekend of cultural events, it gives us the chance to promote the unique beauty and hospitality of this area.

"The influx of visitors also boosts local business operations.

"The festival enables us to showcase local talent, to develop new skills, to make new friends and to consider new career and recreational possibilities.

"For example, an older person may be inspired to recite their favourite poem at one of the poets' breakfasts."

More information about the festival can be found at [www.geocities.com/troubadourfolkclub/umina](http://www.geocities.com/troubadourfolkclub/umina).

Festival enquiries can be made to Frank and Marilyn Russell on 4341 4060 or [frussell@fastlink.com.au](mailto:frussell@fastlink.com.au)

Shirley Hotchkiss, July 23



Railway workers at Koolewong clear the cliff face of debris to prevent falling rocks from striking trains

# Proposal to improve road verge

**The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust is supporting a proposal "to improve the vegetation along the roadside verge of Scenic Rd at Killcare Heights".**

The Trust has supported an approach to Gosford Council by TAFE bush regeneration teacher Deb Holloman to use volunteers from her class to work on the land outside 149 Scenic Rd at Killcare Heights.

This would lead to regrowth of indigenous low-growing shrubs along that section of Scenic Rd, making a buffer of native plants, according to Mrs Jeannette Thiering of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

The Trust had previously called

on Gosford Council to improve the vegetation along the roadside verge of Scenic Rd at Killcare Heights.

"It had been degraded by being used as a council dump for blue metal and by slashing," she said.

With the sale of adjoining land to two property local owners at 163 and 149 Scenic Rd, many indigenous plants were naturally returning to that side of the road reserve.

Newsletter, July 16

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The event takes place on Wednesday, August 27.

Tickets are \$30 all-inclusive and are available from reception at Woy Woy Leagues Club from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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Flyer, July 24

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## Help with simple nail care

**A new service is now available for Peninsula residents who require assistance with simple nail care, but who can't afford the expense of specialist podiatry treatment.**

Joanna Prendergast is a registered nurse with over 20 years' experience working with the elderly.

Joanna said: "In recent years, I have become increasingly aware of the critical shortage of podiatry services for the elderly and disabled.

"While it is still possible for diabetes patients with foot problems to access the severely under-resourced hospital podiatry department, non-

diabetics and others who do not meet the essential criteria are left with no choice but to seek private podiatry assistance."

Joanna is not offering a specialist service and advises people with foot problems to seek expert advice from a qualified podiatrist.

Nevertheless, there were many who could benefit from her assistance, she said.

"Many pensioners who have uncomplicated feet but who can't see or reach their toenails easily may be putting themselves at risk in order to avoid the expense of specialist podiatry treatment.

"It is this group I aim to target with my service."

Press release, July 21

## Work starts on dementia facility

**Construction has started on an 84-bed dementia facility in Railway St, Woy Woy.**

The facility will be built and operated by The Hammond Care Group, a non profit organisation specializing in the delivery of care and services for the aged and people with dementia.

Hammond Care currently manages a 74-bed dementia facility at Erina as well as 125 community care packages on the Central Coast.

"This domestic and small-scale facility is a much needed service for older residents of Woy Woy who have dementia," said Dr Stephen Judd, chief executive of The Hammond Care Group.

"It will provide people who have dementia with access to specialist residential care in a homely atmosphere and with best-care practices that are recognized at an international level."

The dementia facility has received the support of Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd and State Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms Andrews commented that Hammond Care's increased role in caring for older people in the electorate was welcomed.

"Hammond Care has an excellent record in providing quality residential and community aged care and the area greatly needs the services of a dementia-specific residential facility," she said.

The project is being built by Grindley Constructions, the company that also constructed the facility at Erina, and will be opened in two stages in about a year's time.

The facility will comprise six self-contained cottages that are linked together by service corridors which residents and visitors do not see.

In this way, the cottages operate as separate homes.

Dr Judd said: "Many people with dementia still have many skills but they have simply lost the ability to initiate them.

"The aim in our facilities is to create an environment that assists an individual's abilities to carry out daily living activities that

prompt memory and build self-esteem."

"Emphasis is placed on providing an environment that closely resembles the background of local residents.

"The physical environment is designed to be reminiscent of domestically furnished cottages where the kitchen is the hub of the house and residents are encouraged to participate in activities such as cooking and gardening," he said.

The Central Coast has one of the highest rates of dementia in NSW and the Woy Woy Peninsula has been identified with acute aged care needs, he said.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the population of people aged 70 years and over on the Central Coast represents 12.7 per cent of the population compared to the NSW average of 8.9 per cent for this age group.

Dr Judd said the facility would also benefit the region, claiming it would create 100 new jobs for the Peninsula.

Press release, July 18

## Seminar on healthy ageing

**The Woy Woy Older Women's Network is to present a seminar on healthy ageing.**

It will be held at 11am on August 6 at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Locals are invited to hear Mo Kane from Central Coast Health talk on how to keep healthy as you get older and age-related

memory loss which affects many people as they age."

There will be the opportunity to ask questions about every aspect of ageing on the Central Coast

Both women and men are welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Heather McKenzie on 4342 2197.

Flyer, July 18

## New patron appointed

**Mr Ralph Brown has accepted the position of patron to the Woy Woy Branch of United Hospital Auxiliary.**

The position became vacant upon the death of Mr Bill Hall.

Mr Brown has been associated with Woy Woy Hospital for over

two decades.

Woy Woy branch president Ms Christina Sherbon said: "He has a great knowledge of the system of the hospital.

"We welcome his appointment and we look forward to his inspiration."

Letter, July 2

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## New printer opens business

### A new printer has opened for business in Ettalong.

Trading as Print1Pete from his home on the waterfront, proprietor Peter Smith brings his 24 years of printing experience to the area.

"I am a printer by trade and have worked for large printing firms as well as managing instant print shops for many years," Peter Smith said.

"I noticed a huge gap in printing on the Peninsula and thought that it would be an ideal opportunity for me to fill that gap."

Peter has lived in Ettalong for

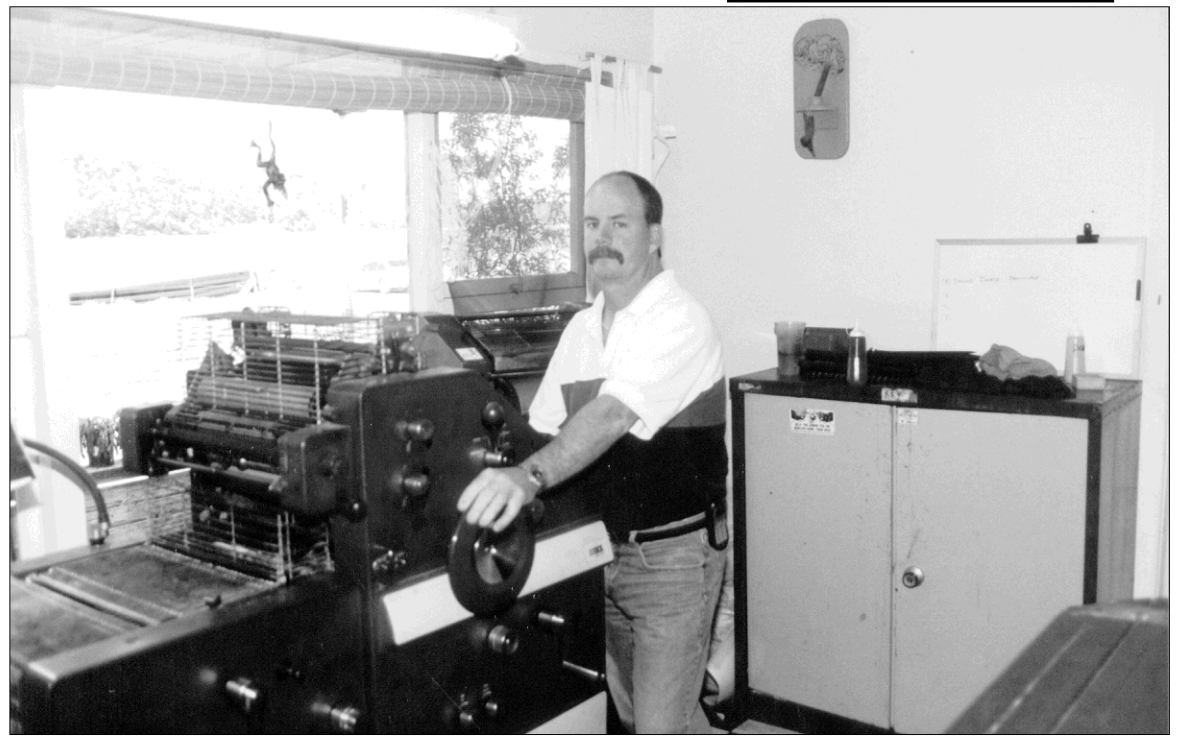
13 years and is married with five children and another on the way later this year.

Peter coaches a junior soccer team and plays in an over-35 age group team as part of his involvement with the community.

He has a small offset printer on site and is awaiting delivery of a guillotine having only commenced business early in July.

He is able to undertake mono and colour printing tasks on site and has a large network of print-related businesses for larger jobs that he will supervise.

Cec Bucello, July 24



Peter Smith with his offset printer

## New club ownership 'imminent'

### The finalisation of new ownership and management arrangements for Woy Woy Bowling Club continues.

The general manager of Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, Mr Peter Hale, said: "We're

hoping the matter will be finalised in a month.

"It's fairly imminent.

"The bank wants to ensure that the new board understands the total arrangements and security matters.

"We will find a secretary manager (for Woy Woy Bowling

club) and provide operational expertise."

Mr Hale said that there will be on-going operational expertise.

A property trust with one major shareholder is the impending owner of the bowling club.

Con Orfanos, July 25.

## Proposal to formalise walking trails

### Moves are being made to formalise public access to the walking trails from Wagstaffe to Box Head in Bouddi National Park and from Killcare to Wagstaffe and Lobster Beach.

Currently, the track passes over private land and is reliant on the agreement of five property owners, according to Mrs Jeannette Thiering of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

One owner Mr Graeme Anderson had suggested that the

trail could become a right of way, covered by a legal agreement, she said.

She said National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) staff were supportive of the proposal and would maintain the walking trail.

They were preparing a submission to go the Minister for Environment, Mr Bob Debus.

A community appeal is expected to be launched to contribute to the legal costs, estimated at about \$4000.

Newsletter, July 16

## Women's survival course

### Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS) at Umina is holding a women's survival course, from Monday, July 29 at 10am.

This group focuses on how to be assertive and take care of self-esteem.

It is a group that also focuses on the challenges faced by mothers.

The course runs for six weeks and is free except for a small donation for photocopying and refreshments.

For enquiries, ring CAPS on 4343 1974.

Winsome Smith, July 14



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# Long struggle to start Umina bowls

**Most bowling clubs start with a meeting of a small band of enthusiasts interested in promoting the game in their area.**

Some have a smooth path to fruition, others a long drawn struggle.

Umina Beach Bowling Club was in the latter category.

The first meeting was in September 1957 in Umina Picture Theatre.

An executive was elected, comprising: president Arthur Wolfe; secretary Bill Pettiet; and treasurer Norm Neighbour.

The executive negotiated a 20-year lease of land on the corner of Melbourne Ave and Carawa St. It had a working capital of \$300, of which \$250 was used to bulldoze and clear the land.

Voluntary effort put down the first green and built a 40 by 20 foot clubhouse.

The club applied for a liquor licence.

It made two unsuccessful applications in 1961.

In 1962, the club was disbanded and re-formed with a new constitution.

The Licensing Court granted its application in December 1962,

when membership was about 120, including women.

The early greenkeepers were volunteers who termed themselves "Pitt St gardeners".

The first qualified greenkeeper, Duncan Campbell, was followed by Fred Lord and Wayne Read.

Negotiations were completed with a brewery and finance company in 1962 to build the 1970s clubhouse.

The club was officially opened in 1966 by the then president of the Royal NSW Bowling Association, Mr. Ted Downie.

The third green was opened in 1970.

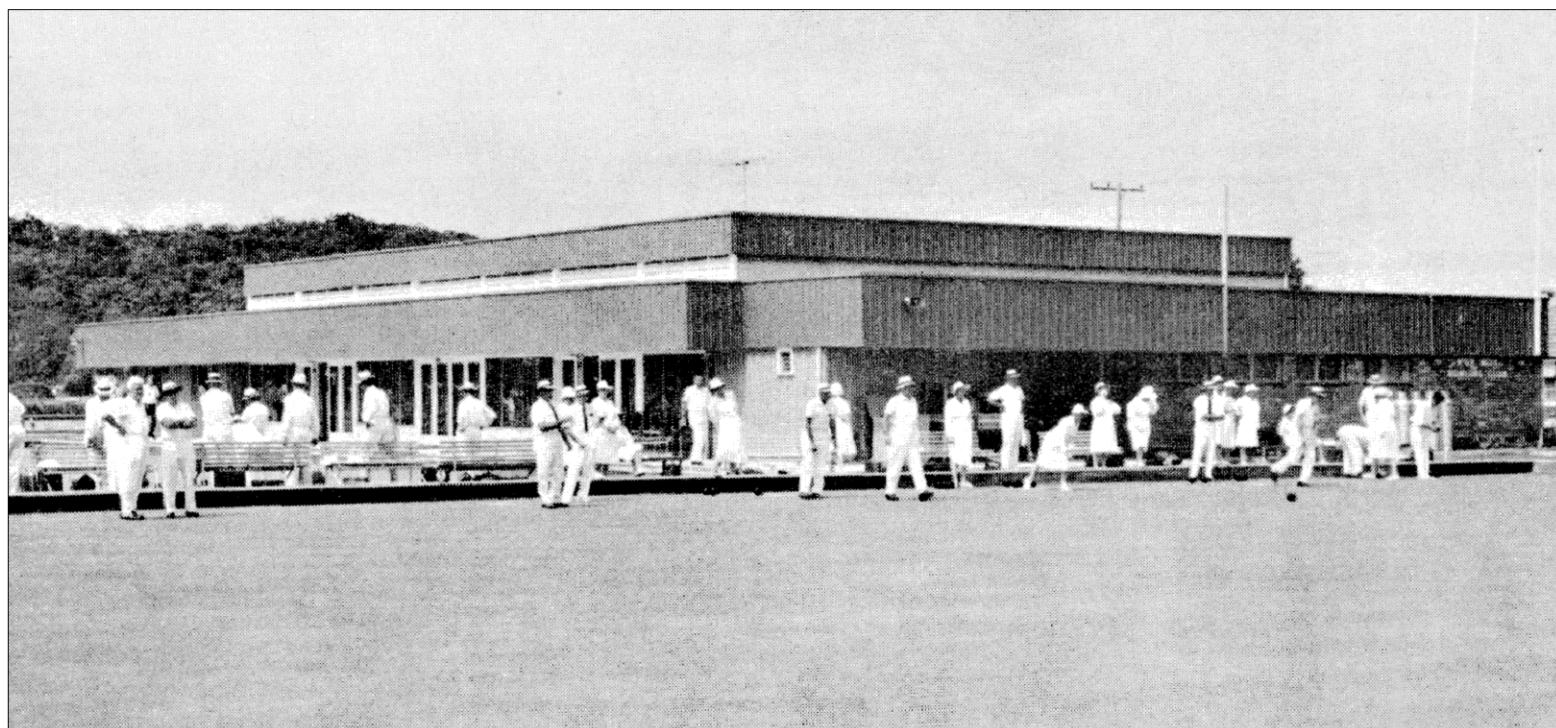
The club won its first district pennant in No 6 grade in 1969, followed by a No 5 grade pennant in 1970.

Membership in 1970 was 182 men, 120 women and 160 social members.

Charities which the club supported include Legacy, Fairhaven School, Umina Surf Club, District Hospital, Meals on Wheels, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

Officers in 1970 were president George Dixon; secretary Ray Smorti; treasurer, Reg Sellman.

**Booklet, 1970**



*Umina Bowling Club, taken in 1970*

## Origins of the Coast Community Church

**The origins of the Coast Community Church stretch back to May 1971 when Mr and Mrs Arthur Evans began an after-school "happy hour" with three small children at their home in Manly View Rd, Killcare.**

Extensions to the home had to be added in 1974 to hold 30 children.

Mrs Claire Lidbury and Mrs Dawn Tadman assisted as teachers.

In 1977, "happy hour" was moved to Dawn Tadman's home.

Then in 1979 it moved to the home of Pam Martin.

A women's Bible study was held and the "happy hour" changed to a Sunday school.

Everyone at the time attended churches out of the district.

In 1981, a community church was formed in the RSL hall.

This was rented for an evening service with emphasis on youth work.

The Sunday school also continued.

The inaugural service and dedication of the hall took place on Sunday, July 31, 1983.

Rev Jim Henderson was welcomed as honorary pastor on

October 28, 1984, and he ministered to the needs of the church and the community for 10 years.

During this time, the evening service became a strong youth-centred service and the Friday Friendship Centre also began.

In 1988, the church purchased the building at 114 Araluen Drive from the RSL, the dedication of the building being held on October 30, 1988.

In 1991, the Hardys Bay Community Church affiliated with the Churches of Christ in NSW.

The Churches of Christ were chosen because of their emphasis on the autonomy of the local congregation and access to trained ministry resources.

In 1991, a morning service also began, with very little resources.

In 1992, Andrew Ranucci began as a student pastor.

In 1993, he was a full-time intern and then started as the first full-time paid pastor in 1994, his salary being subsidised by the Churches of Christ.

In 1996, Chris Zaarour joined the ministry team as a student youth pastor and worked with the church for two years.

Glen Dibley was employed as a part-time youth pastor in 1998.

At the end of that year, Glen moved to America and Michael Littlefair was employed as a part-time youth pastor in 1999.

The year 2000 saw Kevin Sheehan being employed as a full-time associate pastor, having major emphasis in youth ministry, worship and the evening service.

In 1999, Marilyn Nikoloff joined the ministry team.

Marilyn's focus for ministry is with the Hardys Bay congregation and under her leadership an effective kids' club was initiated.

In 1997, due to the growth of the morning service and the Sunday school, space became a problem and a second morning service was started at Empire Bay Public School.

Hardys Bay maintained a 9am service and Empire Bay a 10am service.

The service at Empire Bay continued to grow and by March 2000 a second morning service was started at Empire Bay, services at Empire Bay at 9am and 10:30am and the morning service at Hardys Bay changed to 9.30am.

In 1998 the church purchased property at Lot 2 Bundaleer Cres, Bensville, for the future church and school and the land was

dedicated exactly 10 years after the Hardys Bay property.

The church also changed its name to "The Coast Community Church".

Services continued to grow as well as other ministries - home groups, ministries for women, men, youth, and families.

Also in 1999, the 7pm service moved to Empire Bay school and has enjoyed consistent growth.

A small evening service commenced at Hardys Bay followed by tea.

In 2000, The Coast Christian School was begun on the newly acquired Bensville site.

The school employed Alan Reynolds as its first head teacher and the school began with 26 children.

In July 2000, Lot 3 Budaleer Cres was purchased for future expansion of the church and school.

Easter services in the year 2000 saw record attendances at both Hardys Bay Ministry Centre and Empire Bay and they are looking forward to seeing the church grow and develop "as we strive to see Central Coast families become devoted followers of Christ".

**Information sheet, May 16**



## Arts and Entertainment

### Spirit is documented

**Jeremy Linton-Mann is celebrating 40 years of film and television program making with the premiere of his latest documentary Community Spirit at Wagstaffe Hall on August 1.**

The film focusses on the predominantly volunteer groups within the four connected communities of the Bouddi Peninsula.

Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach, Hardys Bay and Killcare residents have inherited community spirit, a tradition that was a vital facet of earlier times.

"Back then everyone came and went by ferry because the existing rough tracks into the area were totally unsuitable for the very few private cars," said Mr Linton-Mann.

"Ferries were indeed the lifeline of the district.

"Residents would take the ferry to Gosford market once a week, or go to the pictures or shops at Woy Woy or Ettalong.

"The 3/6d return fare of the 1950s included cinema admission.

"Shopkeepers relied on the ferries for the supply of groceries, medicines and household goods.

"Bigger items were delivered by the twice-weekly Sydney ferries."

The Peninsula has always been a holiday destination, he said.

"Neighbours helping neighbours and visitors was the norm, and this tradition is strongly apparent today."

Recorded over several seasons, the two-part documentary brings a focus to the activities of many of the community groups, as well as Pretty Beach Public School and the RSL.

It features the Community Church Friday Friendship Group, whose members play cards and bowls and visit the less mobile seniors of the area.

It shows the Frigid Digits Winter Swimmers who enjoy the cool water and the post-swim

Putty Beach breakfasts.

Mr Linton-Mann said: "The Wagstaffe CWA raise impressive funds for both local and international causes and the Pretty Beach-Wagstaffe and District Progress Association devote their energies to preserving the beautiful area and amongst other things host the annual Australia Day events.

"We see the Surf Club, established in 1929, whose volunteers must pass a stringent exam to gain bronze medallions before patrolling the beach.

"The Rural Fire Service volunteers' dedication to fire-fighting and other activities, such as being Santa's reindeers, is remarkable.

"The members of The Killcare Gardening Club maintain gardens, visit interesting places and have fun at their Christmas party.

The documentary also features notable citizens such as Bert Meyer, Syd Jenkins and Bruce Dunlop.

"Rod Radford discusses the Amphicar medicine delivery service and how Bob Dyer filmed the story for his show," said Mr Linton-Mann.

"Adrian Murphy tells of his family's ferry boat service.

"Bird man Les Walker feeds the birds at 4pm.

"The Walsingham children visit the big kids at the primary school

"John Jordan talks about The Yum Yum Tree social club and Keron Living discusses visitors' reactions to the area.

"John Bell and Anna Volska perform to raise money for the Hall's piano.

"The RSL stages a Family Fun Fundraiser day for the school, hosts the annual Anzac Day service and its fishing club competes and returns laden.

"The school puts on its first musical and the Melbourne Cup crowd picnic at Putty Beach.

"The warmth of a caring community in action is evidenced as the driving force of Community Spirit," he said.

Association Newsletter, July 23



The Bells

### Singers secure cultural grant

**The Bells entertainment group has secured a cultural grant from Gosford Council.**

Group member Ms Joy Coleman said: "A few months ago we were very worried about our public liability insurance which falls due end of August.

"Our premium went from \$280

to \$410 to \$1000 and we had to borrow some of this to remain insured.

"The Bells were founded 23 years ago, perform 40 to 45 concerts each year, are self funded and perform in Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy, Gosford, Terrigal, Erina and Wyoming and anywhere else we are required.

"If you like to sing the old songs, have some tune in your voice and two half days a week to spare, perhaps you would like to come along and help us.

"We practice in Umina CWA every Tuesday from 9am," she said.

For further information, telephone 4369 1899.

Letter, July 16

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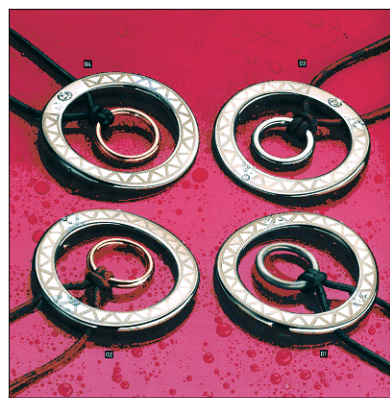
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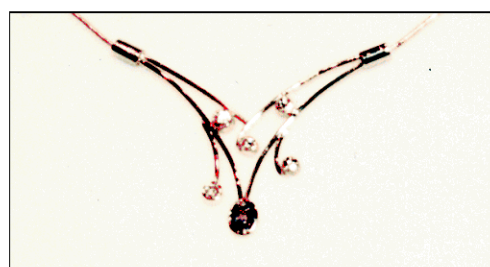
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# What's on in and around the Peninsula

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.

**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, Dunbar 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

**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**, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 year olds Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4344 4924.

**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

**Yoga classes**, Peninsula Community Centre, gentle class 9-10am, general class 10-11.30am. Enq 4360 1413

### 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**

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

**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, Dunbar 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

**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 29**  
Bookmobile (fortnightly) Killcare Heights. Fortnightly Tuesdays Cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Drv, 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11am

**Wednesday July 30**  
Umina Progress Association Umina Community Hall. 1.30pm (last Wed)

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

**ADHD support group**, Ettalong Baptist Church, 10.30am - 12.30pm, guest speaker, psychologist Sue McConaghey, Enq 4341 5400

**Thursday July 31**  
Library Bookmobile (fortnightly) 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 August 1

Bus trip, (1st Fri), School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre Enq: 4341 9333

Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am (1st Fri) Enq 4341 5414

**Free first release movie**, 8pm (1st Fri) Everglades Country Club

**Ballroom supper dances**, 7.30pm, Ettalong, all ages. Pro teachers avail (1st Fri) Enq: 4344 5432

### Saturday August 2

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

**National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association** (1st Sat), Ettalong Beach Club, 2.30pm Enq 4340 4160

### Monday August 4

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

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

### Tuesday August 5

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

**Wednesday August 6**  
**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.

**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

### Thursday August 7

**South Woy Woy Progress Assoc.** (1st Thur) 7pm. Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road. Woy Woy

### Friday August 8

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

**Troubadour Folk Club**, featuring Duncan Chalmers, 8pm, CWA hall Woy Woy opposite Fisherman's Wharf. Enq 4341 4060

### Saturday August 9

**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 August 10

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

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

### Monday August 11

**RSL Womens Auxillary** Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd

## Barbecue for fire unit members

The members of the Community Fire Units of Horsfield Bay, Woy Woy Bay and Umina were invited to a barbecue at Umina Fire Station in Trafalgar Ave on Sunday, July 20.

During the afternoon, they were presented with certificates of appreciation from the NSW Government for their support during the fire season 2001-2002, presented by Supt Keith King, zone commander of the Central Coast.

The Community Fire Units were formed in July 1999.

The members all live close to bushland and regularly meet to maintain clear access to the bush in case of fire and have practice drills in setting up fire hoses to protect the homes prior to the arrival of the fire trucks, if and when a fire erupts.

Anyone interested in joining a group should contact the Umina coordinator, Mr Frank James, on 4342 0918.

Ann Thomson, July 23

# Honoured for theatre work

Ms Pat Gilroy of Woy Woy has been honoured by receiving the Federal Government's Centenary Medal for service to the community through the Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Mr Steve Cummings of Woy Woy Little Theatre said: "This prestigious award is conferred on members of the community who through their selfless voluntary contributions have provided inspiration to others and continue to lead the way in their respective endeavours."

Ms Gilroy, who received the medal three weeks ago, said: "The award came out of the blue. I was amazed."

"Although I have been one small cog in the wheel, it's nice to be recognised."

"It would be lovely if everyone could get one."

Ms Gilroy, who arrived in Woy Woy in 1962 from Cheshire, England, said: "I was one of the people to start (Woy Woy Little Theatre) in 1962."

"I was involved with theatre in England."

"It has always been a passion. It's a bit magic."

"We attracted full houses for the first shows here."

"It was just such hard work getting shows on in the first years."

"Fortunately we had Woy Woy Primary School for storage, meetings, and play readings."

Ms Gilroy has been involved in all facets of Woy Woy Little Theatre's work.

"I have acted in and directed plays, worked back stage in every conceivable way, and was the president for many years."

"We have been lucky as we have had a consistently good, hard-working committee."

"Although I'm still on the committee, I'm backing out now because of my age."

"It's been wonderful fun but there's a time to back out," she said.

Ms Gilroy said that she'd like to see more people enjoying the theatre.

"We put on all types of show for all ages - from *Winnie the Pooh* to *On Golden Pond*."

"It's not expensive and once you've been to a live show, you'll return time and time again," she said.

Woy Woy Little Theatre performs shows at the Peninsula Theatre.

Con Orfanos, July 24.



Mrs Gilroy with her centenary medal

## Bushcare introduced

Gosford Council ran an "Introduction to Bushcare Workshop" at Woy Woy South Progress Hall on Sunday, June 29.

The workshop covered topics including: "What is bush regeneration?", causes of bushland degradation, "golden rules" of bush regeneration, and Gosford Council's Bushcare program.

Policies for OH&S, herbicides, site safety and bush regeneration were discussed and a practical display of weed treatment was given.

Reference material was recommended.

The workshop aimed to give participants a basic knowledge of bush regeneration principles and was conducted in a casual,

interactive manner.

People volunteering in the Gosford City Council Bushcare program are encouraged to attend such workshops, but all members of the public are welcome.

For more information about future workshops, contact Gosford Council bushcare officers on 4325 8195 or 4325 8169.

Press release, July 18

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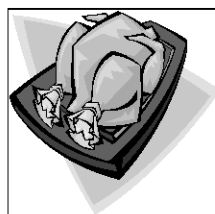
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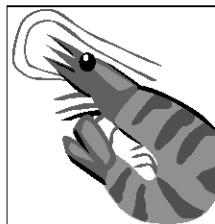
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## Education



A demountable class room at Ettalong Public School

# Library funding is announced

**Peninsula primary schools will receive just over \$18,000 in Federal Government funding for their libraries.**

"Education authorities will be allocated over \$5 for every student in their jurisdiction," according to the Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd.

"All Australian primary schools are provided with funding based on the number of primary school students enrolled at that school in the prior year.

"These funds can be used by schools to purchase printed, audio, braille and e-books by Australian authors or produced in Australia."

The grants were based on enrolments for 2002 and between the seven Peninsula schools, there were approximately 3615 students enrolled, giving a funding total of \$18,075.

Woy Woy South Public School led the enrolment numbers last year with 760 students, followed by Ettalong with 728, Umina 703, Woy Woy 465, Empire Bay 410, St John The Baptist 386, and Pretty Beach Public School on 165.

Central Coast primary schools will share in an estimated \$63,300 in funding under the grants to Primary School Libraries Program for 2003.

Press release, July 22

## Demountables to be air-conditioned

**Almost \$250,000 will be spent to install air conditioning in demountable classrooms at schools on the Peninsula over the next two years.**

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said schools to benefit in her area included for Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina (\$30,644) and Woy Woy

campuses (\$7661) and public schools at Ettalong (\$53, 627), Umina (\$76,610), Woy Woy (\$61,288) and Woy Woy South (\$15,322).

"The Government is fulfilling its commitment to ensure all demountable classrooms are air conditioned by the end of 2004-2005," she said.

"During the first year of the

two-year program, 51 schools across the Central Coast will share in \$2,159,972 in funding to air condition 256 classrooms, 17 specialist learning spaces and 12 libraries.

"The majority of the classrooms are due to be air conditioned in time for the start of the Term One next year."

Press release, July 24



Ettalong Public School library

## Workshop on parenting teenagers

**Demand from parents requiring support in dealing with teenage children has led to child and family welfare agency UnitingCare Burnside to run a parenting workshop on the Peninsula.**

The workshop will be held at

Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College on August 12 at 7pm and will run for two hours.

Burnside's Reconnecting Adolescents & Parents Team (RAPT) will run the parenting workshop.

"Today's parents and

adolescents are faced with many difficult challenges – societal expectations, peer pressure and increased use of drugs, alcohol and violence," said RAPT coordinator Ms Wendy Orth.

"These are just some of the issues identified by parents and young people that stretch their resources and ability to cope and the feedback we are getting is that there are many parents on the Central Coast who need assistance with these parenting issues."

Ms Orth said parenting teenagers can often create unique challenges for parents.

The workshop was designed to help parents "relate more with their teenagers" and "stay connected without being judgemental".

It provided information, support, an opportunity to discover new tools, and a chance to talk with and share experiences and successful strategies with other parents, Ms Orth said.

Some of the topics covered will include normal development of teenagers, discipline (what works and what doesn't), self esteem, communication, feelings, drugs and alcohol, blended families and single parent families.

Press release, July 16

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## Junior soccer team undefeated

**Umina Soccer Club Under 6/3s have celebrated being undefeated in the last two years.**

This team has scored 213 goals and only conceded 17 goals in that time.

Team coach Lee Fullwood said: "Their willingness to learn and still have fun excites us all."

Lee also plays for Umina Soccer Club in the Premier League 1 division, reserve grade.

"There is a good interaction between the senior and junior teams, with the U6/3's getting tuition from current senior coaches and first grade players,"

Lee said.

Club president Barry Cole said: "The kids are often seen on Sunday watching the Umina First Grade play and are involved in sprint races and soccer games at half time."

"Umina Soccer Club has six teams in the Under 6 grade and are always looking for new players in all grades."

"The club has grown enormously in the last few years which is a credit to the determination and efforts of the officials, coaches and managers, all making sure the kids have a great time on the field."

Greg Marsh, July 25



Umina Public School students planting trees at the front of the school



## Local schools plant trees

**Umina Public School and St John the Baptist Primary School students planted trees at their schools on Friday, July 25, as part of Schools Tree Day.**

Planet Ark organised Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day, held on Sunday, July 27.

More than 2000 schools around Australia participated in

Schools Tree Day.

Umina Public School students planted 15 trees at the front of their school under the direction of environmental education teacher and environmental coordinator, Mrs Stein.

Mrs Stein, who holds a science degree and an Associate Diploma in Horticulture, leads and conducts voluntary

environmental activities at the school.

Mrs Stein leads 15-20 students from years 3 to 6 at Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes in planting, mulching, and weeding activities.

Mrs Stein is also creating an Australian Aboriginal bush food garden.

Cec Bucello, press release, July 25

## James returns from leadership tour

**James Phelps of Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus, has returned from his youth leadership tour in the United States.**

The tour incorporated an inter-student council bus tour across the eastern coast of the United States, a four-day inter-student council conference at Lancaster High School, and a five-day camp at Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Twenty-one Australian year 11 students participated in the tour.

The Australian students were accompanied by 90 students from Pennsylvania student councils for the initial bus tour.

"The (bus) tour was about cultural learning and getting to know the kids from the councils."

"We learnt that the American student councils are completely different from ours and that every American school has youth leadership classes."

"Their leadership skills far surpass ours," James said.

The Australian students were accompanied by 2500 US students for the conference.

James said that "self-discovery" was an important element of the conference.

"The US students assumed that their values and wants are universal but not everyone is after the same thing," he said.

The conference also treated leadership themes.

"We discussed the theme that leaders have to do the right things to be followed."

Every Australian student was required to present a workshop at



the conference.

James spoke about the International Student Representative Council to be held in Edmonton, Canada, in 2004.

"I outlined what will happen at the International SRC."

"The conference went really well."

"All the students that listened will be applying to go."

"The American students thought it was cool to hear Australians speak."

"They kept saying 'G'day mate'," he said.

The Youth Leadership Tour culminated in a five-day camp at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, where the Australian students were accompanied by 120 students from various parts of the US.

The camp entailed self-leadership and self-discovery themes and activities.

"The tour as a whole was amazing ... life-altering," James said.

Con Orfanos, July 24.

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## Swans defeated at Newcastle

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL team were defeated by Newcastle City, last year's competition winner, in Newcastle on Saturday, July 19.**

President and player for the Swans, Mr Keir McSkimming, said: "We lost by four goals but were slightly undermanned."

"We led at the close of the first quarter, fell behind at close of the second having been scoreless in it, came back to equal at the close of the third, and experienced a couple of injuries in key positions in the last which cost us the game."

"We were pleased with our performance overall."

With a win over Nelson Bay last weekend, the Swans are in fourth position with four matches

to play and a single win will secure them a semi-final spot.

Mr McSkimming said that the popularity of AFL on the Peninsula was growing.

"The game's popularity is growing for sure."

"We had about 20 players on the reserve grade list last year compared to 32 on this year's list."

"At the junior level, we had one under-12s team last year compared with one Auskick (10 years and under of any gender) team, one under-10s, one under-12s, and one under-14s this year."

"The 12s and 14s are in the running to make the semi-finals," he said.

Con Orfanos, July 25

## Surf Club enters Bay to Breakers

**There were five competitors from Umina Surf Club in the recent Bay to Breakers fun run.**

The race started off in light rain and finished in sunshine with over 950 people competing.

Marissa Moore finished first in her age group and Brigita Parmenter finished third in her age group.

Sam Brown, Garry Mathews

and Greg Brown also competed.

The club is hoping to enter a team in a 24-hour relay in October to raise money for the Cancer Council.

A team of 10 to 15 people is wanted to either run or walk around the track at Mingara.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Greg Brown on 4344 2273.

Newsletter, July 21

## Bulls defeat Roosters

**The Woy Woy Roosters were defeated by the Sydney Bulls, 58-6, in the Sydney-based Jim Beam Cup on Saturday, July 19 at Erina Oval.**

Woy Woy Football Club's football secretary, Mr Richard Smithers, said: "While there were contributing factors in our defeat, mainly a heavy injury toll, you can't take anything away from the Bulls."

"They're a good side - a big, physical side."

"They're among the top three or four sides in Sydney and one of the favourites."

In the domestic Central Coast competition on Sunday, July 20, at Wyong, Woy Woy was defeated by Wyong in the first division, 26-22, in the under 19s, 20-18, and in the under 17s, 42-10.

Con Orfanos, July 25

## Team of century was selected

**The Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club held a reunion dinner on Saturday, July 26, at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.**

Seventeen players from the period 1962-2002 were selected for "the Roosters Team of the 20th Century" by supporters and present and past players, committee members, and

secretaries.

The club's football secretary, Mr Richard Smithers, said that 1962 was the year in which the club won its first premiership under the Central Coast division banner.

The 17 players selected came from an initial list of 40 nominees.

Con Orfanos, July 25



Andy Wing (instructor), Rick Boylan, Richard Zessin, Garry Wilson, Craig Mumford, Nathan Alison, Brian Jackson, Greg Brown (instructor)

## Squad completes boat training

**The first Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) training group recently completed their training at Umina Surf Life Saving Club.**

Led by Andy Wing (IRB Captain and club vice president) with assistance from the Club Training Officer, Bob Powell, and the club's Patrol Member of the Year, Greg Brown, the group

passed the course "with flying colours".

Previously, the IRB Crewman's training was part of the Surf Life Saving Certificate (Bronze Medallion) award.

More than one third of all surf rescues are performed through the use of IRB's.

However, the dangerous nature of the work and the

conditions that these craft regularly operate under has placed greater emphasis on proper training and now the IRB Crewman training is a completely separate curriculum, said Andy Wing.

All existing surf club patrol members who crew IRB's will have to requalify next season using the new curriculum.

Brian Jackson, July 26

## Male crew enters quad sculls

**An all-male crew from the Peninsula-based Brisbane Water Rowing Club entered the novice quad scull competition on Sunday, July 20.**

Greg Madgwick lead the team in the coxswain's position, with Liam Cullen, Ian Mergard, Tony Page, and Stephen Morahan all racing for the first time.

The team arrived early with the intention of warming up and getting in some practice for the race.

As it was the team's maiden race, it was considered important to fine-tune the 'racing start'.

They overturned the boat during the warm up.

Officials assisted, gave advice and returned to their duties.

Head coach David Cullen was preparing for his own race and so did not see it happen.

The team gathered together, dried off, emptied the boat and went on to enter the race.

As with the female crew the previous fortnight, the Brisbane Water crew had substandard equipment, although they kept with the pack.

Only in the last 100-200 meters that they pulled back one boat length from the next boat.

It was against the odds that they entered the competition and finished the race with respectability.

When back on dry land, the team realised that they did not completely empty the boat of water, only adding to the handicap.

Coach David Cullen said: "Under the circumstances, the team did a great job and should be proud of themselves."

"The competition was more experienced and should be more

competitive with a future purchase of oars."

David Cullen entered in the open single scull and once again faced a large field.

This time he was handicapped by 33 seconds.

David finished fifth but is very happy with his performance.

Taking 33 seconds off his race time will make him the fastest rower in the race.

There was a small gathering of supporters that travelled to Drumoyne in Sydney.

They did well to watch the boys complete the race with the weather cold and windy and threatening to rain at any moment.

The rowing club train on weekends and intend to enter their next competition after they have purchased new oars.

Liam Cullen, July 25

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## War widows' oldest member honoured for 104th birthday

Etalong War Widows Guild recently honoured their oldest member, Alice Fitzpatrick, who will turn 104 on August 7.

She was born Alice Simpson on August 7, 1899, at Waterloo in Sydney. Alice started school in country NSW at Curry Curry, then moved to Pelaw Main and finished at Tea Gardens, aged 14.

At the outbreak of World War I, she moved to Sydney.

In 1919, she married Gallipoli veteran James Fitzpatrick and reared six children

Alice has two children still surviving, along with 25 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 25 great great grandchildren.

She was widowed in 1952, when James died of injuries he had received in the war.

Alice was a foundation member of the Crippled Children's Association, with her third child having two club feet. According to her daughter, Gloria Peachy, it was because of Alice's endurance and perseverance that this boy was accepted into the army in 1940.

Alice worked at Selby Shoes until 1970, when she was aged 71.

On retirement, Alice did charity work for Number 9 Community Centre at Newtown, a Meals on Wheels depot.

Alice waited tables and worked in the kitchen.

Alice joined Manickville RSL



Etalong War Widows patron Ruth Winsler presents flowers to Alice Fitzpatrick

Women's Auxiliary in the 1970s and worked with the auxiliary until retiring to the Central Coast in 1980, aged 91.

After moving to Umina, Alice joined the Red Cross and is still a member.

Gloria Peachy, July 22

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