

Council lacks advice on promises

A staff report to Gosford Council has suggested information was not available about the status of State Government election promises and budget commitments to number of projects around the Peninsula.

However, a phone call by Peninsula News to the office of Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has elicited the information.

Progress on several of the projects has also been reported previously in Peninsula News.

The report, published in the council agenda, was the result of a resolution by Council in May to have a report on the development of the commitments made by the government presented to Council every six months.

Projects for which the report

stated "no advice received" included:

- the upgrade of Brisbane Water Secondary College
- the alternative learning centre at Umina
- a \$533,000 crime prevention package for Woy Woy
- the Peninsula Community Centre problem gambling service
- funding for the Web Youth Service

Brisbane Water Secondary College principal Mr Pat Lewis said that the upgrade of the College, began on Monday with builders erecting safety fences.

A contract for the \$5 million project had been signed with ACH Clifford and was due to be completed September next year.

"The DA went through Council late last year," Mr Lewis said.

Peninsula News reported in August the opening by Minister of Youth, Ms Carmel Tebbutt, of the

alternative learning centre at Umina for which \$360,000 was promised over four years.

Ms Andrews said that the Minister had also advised her in June that \$89,000 had been approved for the Schools Community Centre project at Umina Public School, plus a \$12,000 one-off grant to cover costs associated with the establishment of the project.

She said the Woy Woy Community Solutions and Crime Prevention package has been implemented with the appointment of the Peninsula place manager Ms Julie Parsons, the vehicle share scheme, the relocation of police officers and special operations officers to Woy Woy.

This also includes peer education, mentoring and other anti-drug initiatives which is under the auspices of Gosford Council on behalf of CDAT which is to run

during Term Four this year.

The Peninsula Community Centre problem gambling service at Woy Woy was funded as promised in the NSW Budget in June this year, said Ms Andrews. The Web Youth Service had also been funded.

Coordinator of the service, Mr Dion Richardson, said that The Web had received the funds, which went towards employing extra staff to boost the facilities opening hours.

"The funding is at this stage only for two years.

"I want to see it continue on a permanent basis," he said.

The staff report to Gosford Council did mention completion of a three-year program to upgrade the coastal walk through Bouddi National Park as "ongoing".

Council officers also reported that the Woy Woy commuter carpark, for which \$4 million was

promised over the next four years, was in the design phase, with plans drawn.

The extension of toy libraries on the Central Coast including at Umina and Woy Woy over the next four years was also in the report, with a sum of \$13,353 received for the project.

The report stated that work on the Pretty Beach boat ramp and jetty had started.

"A site survey and design investigation have commenced," the report stated.

"The funding offer is conditional on development of suitable plans that address boating, engineering and environmental issues."

The 320 hectare addition to Bouddi National Park was noted as a promise kept, with 302 hectare addition to Bouddi National Park gazetted.

Alison Branley, Council Agenda FS152, October 30

Dune work expected next year



Sand blown onto the footpath and roadway at The Esplanade, Ettalong

Dune restoration at Umina Beach and Ettalong is expected to start in March or April next year, according to a Gosford Council report.

The report to the October 28 council meeting noted that funding had been allocated to do further planting and dune restoration in the area.

Council's nursery was to start propagating stock so that

planting could begin in autumn next year.

Director of Environmental Planning Ms Louise Gee said at the meeting that the vegetation would be low level shrubs, and would guarantee the dunes would not grow to be too large.

She said that Council had starred one area where there had been a dune blow out as a priority.

Following this, the council

would consider rehabilitating the area in front of Ocean Beach and Umina surf clubs.

Bush care groups would also be given an opportunity to highlight areas they felt needed attention.

The director also said that the planting provide a greater diversity of plants in the dune area.

Council agenda CL.007, October 28

Support for leisure centre

Minister of Roads Mr Carl Scully has "expressed support" for an assistance package for the Regional Leisure Centre at Woy Woy, according to mayor Cr Robert Bell.

Following a meeting with the Minister, Cr Bell said: "The Minister has made some significant commitments of support and the detail will be announced shortly.

"The Minister expressed support for assistance as a package including road improvements and a cycleway-pedestrian linkage to the leisure complex."

Cr Bell said: "The local member Ms Marie Andrews also indicated strong support for council's submission for a minimum of \$200,000 from Sport, Recreation and Tourism."

Cr Bell and Gosford Council general manager Mr Peter Wilson met with Mr Scully and Member for Peats Ms Andrews on October 17.

They discussed regional road maintenance funding, the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre and a Community and

Road Education Scheme facility. Cr Bell said that the meeting was very productive.

He said the Minister agreed to provide additional funding to address the road funding issues that have become more significant over the last five years.

"Council will be working with the RTA to ensure that Gosford receives its fair share of funding.

"Council will present a new submission to the Central Coast-Hunter group seeking a review of the formula and the reclassification of some roads.

"Some regional roads maybe reclassified as State Roads.

"The Minister has asked Council to put a submission together for further discussion on some specific areas of Council concern.

"The meeting lasted well over an hour and produced some of the best results in recent times for the residents of Gosford City," Cr Bell said.

"We have the Government's commitment.

"All we have to do is agree on the detail but I am confident it will be a good outcome for Gosford."

Press release, October 30

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They also won several other awards and have set a standard that will be hard to beat in the future.

Congratulations to the college music staff and to the motivated students that have worked so hard on this project for two years, they have put their school on the map.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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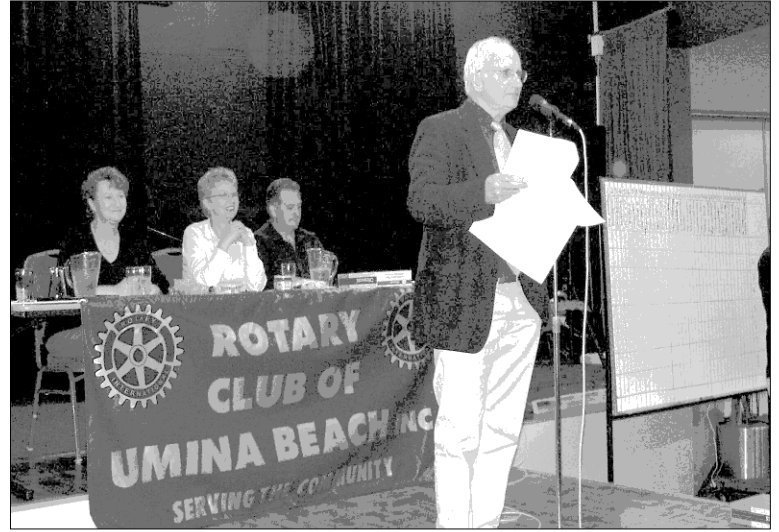
The Rotary Club of Umina Beach in conjunction with Religious Education Ministries held a Trivial Pursuit night on Friday October 24 at Everglades Country Club.

"It was a fun evening compered by well-known child psychologist, Dr John Irvine," said Rotary publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville.

More than 300 people attended and more than \$4600 was raised for religious education teachers at Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

For further information on supporting the Ministries, telephone Jackie Melville during business hours on 4369 2275.

Press release, October 29



Dr John Irvine with Jackie Melville, Rhonda and Ron Featherston from the Religious Education Ministries

Fifth family night planned

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will hold its fifth New Year's Eve Community Family Night at Umina oval this year.

Coordinator Mr Col Gooley

said that this year's event would be based on attracting families to the oval at 6pm.

"They can enjoy all the food outlets and the high calibre entertainment that will be provided prior to the fireworks

display at 10pm," he said Major sponsors and entertainers were being recruited for the event.

With inquiries, telephone Mr Gooley on 0417 414 360.

Letter, October 30

Coach tour

The Woy Woy Rugby Leagues Club Ladies Auxiliary is inviting local residents to their coach tour of the Lake Macquarie area on November 19.

Departure will be from the Leagues Club at 8:30am and the cost will be \$20, lunch not included.

Lunch will be provided at the

Belmont Sailing Club.

Wilma Shepherd from the Ladies Auxiliary said that the last trip to Penrith Markets went very well with many sales being made and great weather on the day.

The WWRLFC is also having a Christmas harbour cruise on the December 3.

Tickets will go on sale at the Club on November 24.

Wilma Shepherd, October 29

Correction

The article "School surveys parents" in Peninsula News (October 21) incorrectly reported that 37 per cent of respondents to a survey said that they felt they could talk freely to their child's teacher about their

progress.

In fact, 37 per cent strongly agreed they could talk freely to their child's teacher about their child's progress.

In addition, 55 per cent agreed with the statement, a total of 92 per cent.

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Beach wheelchair provided at Umina

A beach wheelchair has been donated to Umina Beach Surf Club to allow people with disabilities access to the beach.

Disabilities group Life without Borders donated the chair made by Beachwheels Australia.

"Umina was chosen as a suitable beach due to the enthusiasm for the beach wheelchairs shown by the president and members of the surf lifesaving club," said the group's area manager Ms Heidi Tucker.

"Access to the beach via ramps to the sand and car parking provided by the council made it

ideal.

"People with disabilities were missing out on access to the very beautiful beaches which are a key feature of the Central Coast," Ms Tucker said.

This meant that many families with people with disabilities were also unable to access the beach, she said.

Beach wheelchairs allowed wheelchair users to be wheeled down to the water across sand, which was normally impossible with standard wheelchairs.

Use of the beach wheelchairs could be reserved through the club, but they may be used without reservation if they were

not already booked.

The wheelchairs would be available for "anyone who wants to enjoy the beach and who cannot either walk across or get their own wheelchair across the sand," Ms Tucker said.

"If the interest is strong this summer, Life Without Barriers on the Central Coast will certainly try to obtain more chairs to ensure more beaches are accessible to everyone."

Life Without Barriers is a non-profit organisation which provides services to people with disabilities and young people in crisis.

Heidi Tucker, October 29



The beach chair at Umina Surf Club

Work for dole at Woy Woy

Mission Australia at Woy Woy has secured new Work for the Dole places for the Working Towards Work project

There were 26 places for Mission Australia in Gosford, Kincumber, Somersby and Woy Woy, announced by Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd on Thursday October 23.

Funding for the project was announced as part of three new

projects involving an additional 61 places that have secured funding on the Central Coast.

The project involves a variety of activities including childcare, maintenance, retail, administration and animal care within the local community

"Work for the Dole gives unemployed people work experience," Mr Lloyd said.

"It provides supervision by local people, and it involves teamwork and initiative by the participants,"

he said.

"The Government is firmly committed to Work for the Dole.

"It provides valuable work experience for participants and offers local communities new or better facilities.

"It shows real partnerships between community groups who sponsor activities, participants and the community.

"That's why it's a success," Mr Lloyd said.

Press release, October 23

Development approved

Council has approved a development application for demolition of an existing dwelling and construction of proposed four-unit residential flat building at 21 Norman St, Umina Beach, at its meeting on October 14.

It was moved by Cr Chris Holstein and seconded by Cr

Judith Penton that the recommendation of the Director of Development and Health be adopted.

The motion was carried. A development application under SEPP 5 housing for five units at 217 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, was also approved at the meeting.

Council Agenda DH 091, DH094, October 14

Search and rescue exercise

Central Coast police and volunteer organisations held a major water search and rescue (SAR) training day on Brisbane Water on Friday, October 31.

"Exercise Navex" allowed Central Coast police and accredited volunteer marine rescue groups to improve their rescue response and update, improve and standardise rescue training.

The NSW Marine Area

Command Level 1 SAR Course was conducted at the Point Clare Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (RVCP) Base and the T.S. Hawksbury Cadet Centre.

More than 30 participants included general duties and water police as well as members of the Gosford, Tuggerah Lakes and Terrigal RVCP, Bar Point Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA), Tuggerah Lakes Volunteer Coast Guard Association (AVCGA), Terrigal Sea Rescue Services and Norah

Head Search and Rescue.

The first half of the day involved participants in the theory of navigation and search and rescue techniques as well as a tabletop exercise.

They then moved to a simulated field search and rescue exercise involving at least five vessels.

The activity was led by Sgt Allen Gannon, SAR-emergency management officer with NSW Marine Area Command.

Press release, October 30

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Health pretext for commercial branding

Coca Cola Marketers aim to poke their logo in the face of the public at every opportunity.

Their influence has penetrated Gosford Council staff.

Council's occupational health and safety coordinator said Council had a sun protection

program to supply the protective clothing to its outdoor workers (Express Advocate, October 21).

The Coca Cola logo is printed on jackets that Gosford Council's employees are coerced into wearing on public land on the pretext that they are at risk from exposure to the sun.

Providing employees with safer working conditions is important but it is not honourable to expose public servants to the indignity of being branded with commercial advertising of foreign-controlled products that contribute mightily to obesity in Australia.

John Collins, Woy Woy

EPA could limit pool use

Residents of the Woy Woy Peninsula are sick of looking at a dust bowl that used to be their local pool. Construction of the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre has been put on hold because Gosford Council has submitted an amendment to the design.

The new plan is to cut back on sound insulation of the facility.

As a regional sports centre, the facility will hold swimming carnivals, basketball, netball and

volleyball comps.

Unlike the old Woy Woy pool, the new centre will be open all year round, seven days a week and as late as 10pm.

As the site is in the middle of a residential area, sound insulation measures need to be seriously addressed.

If nearby residents complain about noise emissions after the centre has been opened, the EPA has the authority to step in and limit operations.

This has been the case for the Bexley Swim Centre.

Surely the sensible approach would be to contain the noise adequately to ensure the facility remains fully operational.

Let's build a quality construction that meets the needs of the Peninsula, keeps to the monetary budget and takes into account that the site is smack-bang in the middle of a residential area.

The amended plan is scheduled to go before Council tonight (November 4).

Michelle Cairns, Woy Woy

The party with no beer

Nice party but...

During the stage show at the Oyster Festival on Sunday, October 26, men in black T-shirts with "Security" emblazoned across their back were telling all beer drinkers that it was an "alcohol-free zone" and you could only drink wine.

It is either "alcohol free" or it is not.

You cannot say it is all right to drink one type of alcohol but not another.

It does not make sense.

Even the "alcohol-free zone" signs put up by the Council were covered over.

People were told to go and buy wine if they wanted to drink.

Did the Gosford Council hire these men or were they touting for business for the wine merchants?

On one occasion, they confiscated about six cans of beer from a couple of young men even though they had no

authority to do so.

To relieve a person of his property without legal authority is a crime.

It is called stealing.

What happened to the beer? How was the beer disposed of?

Are beer drinkers an outcast in this society?

We were all invited to this party, but on no account BYOG.

Richard G Van Wirdum, Woy Woy

Veterans forgotten?

Was any consideration given to a small percentage of the Outrigger development units being allocated to affordable holiday housing for war veterans, their wives and/or widows?

There was a time not so long ago when every night at 9pm members stood in the dark facing the east and recited an ode.

Ironically that ode was called "Lest We Forget."

Mike Hudson, Umina

Birthday heralds summer without pool

If Gosford Council had not bulldozed the perfectly functional Woy Woy Memorial Olympic Swimming pool this year, it would have been 35 years old this month.

Prime Minister John Gordon officially opened the pool on October 18, 1968.

The popular pool was

completed on schedule at of cost of \$153,000 after a citizens' committee raised the initial funding for the project.

Peninsula residents and schools now face their first summer since 1968 without a decent public swimming pool, while Gosford Council dithers with its planning.

John Collins, Woy Woy

Represented at dinner dance

The Peninsula is expected to be strongly represented at a fund-raising dinner-dance for the Central Coast Reconciliation Group next Saturday.

Organiser Joyce Dukes of Empire Bay said it would be an enjoyable night with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members attending.

The dinner will be held at the

Central Coast Leagues Club, with money raised supporting the group's activities in promoting reconciliation amongst Central Coast residents.

Cost for the buffet dinner and entertainment is \$35 per person.

For further information, telephone Jan Anderson on 4372 1892, or Joyce Dukes on 4363 2243.

Shirley Hotchkiss, October 29



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JL Carney, October 29

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Rotary honours long-serving pianist

Long-serving Bells Musical Group pianist Dorothy Harvey has been recognised for her contribution to the community.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has presented her with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award at a special presentation in Woy Woy Community Aged Care Hostel on Wednesday, October 30.

Club president Mr Glen Scorer made the presentation in front a gathering of about 30 of her friends.

Dorothy was nominated for the award by past club president Mr Rod Radford, who is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

Dorothy was born over 100 years ago in Sydney, the eldest daughter of a Mr Dunlop, the long-time headmaster of Croydon Park Primary School.

She was one of a large family and grew up in Croydon Park.

She became a teacher and

married a young agricultural teacher.

Their schooling experience took them to Bathurst and then to Taree.

They had two sons and a daughter.

It was at Cundelton near Taree that Dorothy first took part in social activities as a capable pianist.

She retired to Booker Bay with her husband in the early 60s.

Dorothy developed her support for the Save the Children organisation in the Woy Woy area.

She also became active in the Presbyterian Church.

In her younger years, Dorothy played bowls and said that she loved the challenge of croquet.

She also gathered a band of Ladies for afternoon mah-jong.

Dorothy lost her husband and both sons to cancer, but managed to survive her own battle with the same disease.

The Bells Musical Group, a band of retirees, made her their

pianist for over 20 years.

She organised groups to sing at retirement homes in the area.

For many years, she was available to any amateur singer and she helped accompany saxophonist or harmonica players not only in practice but also at their appearances.

The local singing teacher Des Taylor often used Dorothy to polish up his pupils for eisteddfod experience.

Dorothy Harvey also has interests in painting and copper work.

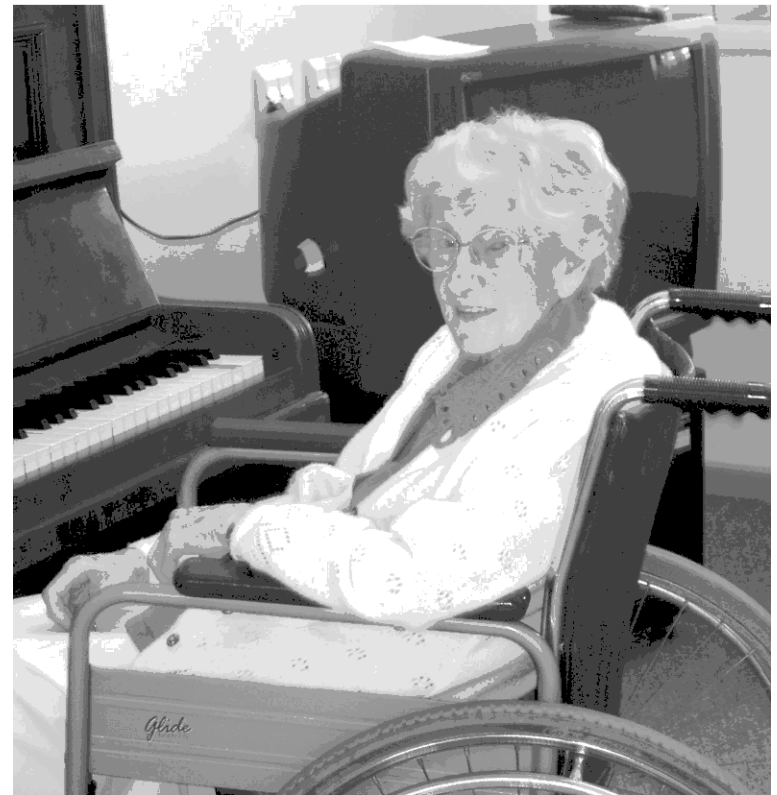
She has prepared wedding cakes and other baked goods.

Her interests include knitting and needle work of various styles and she has made many fancy coat hangers for stalls for the church or "Save the Children".

She has also had a keen interest in gardening, particularly orchids.

Dorothy says that she most enjoys those periods when her daughter returns from America.

Geoff Melville, October 30



Dorothy Harvey



Another Thai restaurant

A third Thai restaurant has opened in Ettalong.

Trading as the Thai Cuisine, proprietors Jane (Chantima Fuengkasem) and Rikki (Prangthong Malakul Na Ayudthaya) opened in September saying that they "want to introduce real Thai food to the area, just like we eat at home".

Jane and Rikki are partners

and this is their first business in Australia.

Jane had a restaurant in New Zealand and Rikki's sister has a similar business in Allambie Heights, where she has traded for 10 years.

Rikki said: "We guarantee that every dish is home made and that it is made from fresh ingredients."

Cec Buccello, October 28

Community safety encouraged

Community safety is being encouraged on the Peninsula with a number of events in the area for Community Safety Week.

The week is a part of the Gosford Community Safety initiative by Gosford Council, Brisbane Water police, and Central Coast Health to broaden public awareness of the issues and approaches to community safety at a local level.

Gosford SES will be providing tea and coffee for commuters at Woy Woy station on Tuesday, November 11, from 6am to 8:30am.

Local residents will be able to speak with the Peninsula Project Manager Ms Julie Parsons about

community safety issues on the Peninsula on Thursday, November 13.

She will be available for a "cuppa and chat about community safety" in the Peninsula Project Office at the corner of West and Bullion Sts, Umina, from 9am to 4.30pm.

Gosford City Lifeguards will be running Learn to Surf lessons at Umina Beach on Friday, November 14, from 4pm.

The activity is suitable for competent swimmers aged 11 to 16 years.

For information, phone Gosford Council on 4385 8106.

Umina PCYC will run an open day on Saturday, November 15, from 9am.

Members of the public are

encouraged to view the facilities, and meet police officers, service providers and volunteers who run the program.

Brisbane Water Local Area Command police will also run bike education workshops.

For more information, phone 4323 5534.

They will be holding Bizsafe workshops for local businesses through local chambers of commerce and will hold crime prevention workshops.

The Department of Education will run community safety awareness in schools and Gosford Council will conduct community safety surveys at local railway stations.

Booklet, October 29

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Health

Hospital hit with gastro

Several patients and staff at Woy Woy Hospital were affected by gastroenteritis over a number of days in October.

Director of Nursing at the hospital, Ms Linda Davidson, said the hospital was working with Central Coast Health's infection control team and the public health unit to manage the illness and prevent its spread.

The illness was contained to one area of the hospital and access to the affected ward was restricted to prevent further spread.

"Gastroenteritis outbreaks occur from time to time in communities," said Ms Davidson.

"They have a tendency to occur in winter but can occur at other times of the year as well.

"The illness is caused by a virus and is most often transmitted via direct contact with an infected person.

"The most common symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhoea, lack of appetite and sometimes fever.

"There are some simple things people can do to reduce their chance of getting gastro, including washing hands before handling food and before eating, and washing hands after toilet use.

"People who have gastro they should stay home until symptoms have stopped.

"People with gastro should rest and increase the amounts of fluids they drink.

"In some cases medication and hospitalisation may be required.

"Infants, young children and the elderly should seek medical attention," she said.

For more information about gastroenteritis, she suggested people talk to their general practitioner, contact the Central Coast Public Health Unit on 4349 4845 during business hours or see the NSW Health Departments website (www.health.nsw.gov.au) and select Common Health Topics.

Press release, October 22

Relaxation therapy is on offer

A soft tissue relaxation therapy designed to trigger the body's innate ability to heal itself is being offered commercially in Woy Woy.

Sandra Bailey, an accredited Bowen therapist and member of the Australian Bowen Academy, is now practicing the healing technique at the Gnostic Healing Sanctuary.

The Bowen technique is performed by doing short gentle moves over specific points on muscles and tendons, in a specific order, and then followed by mandatory delays to allow the body to process the information it is receiving.

It is used to relieve stress, acute and chronic pain, inflammation, conditions of congestion, headaches, respiratory difficulties and postural problems.

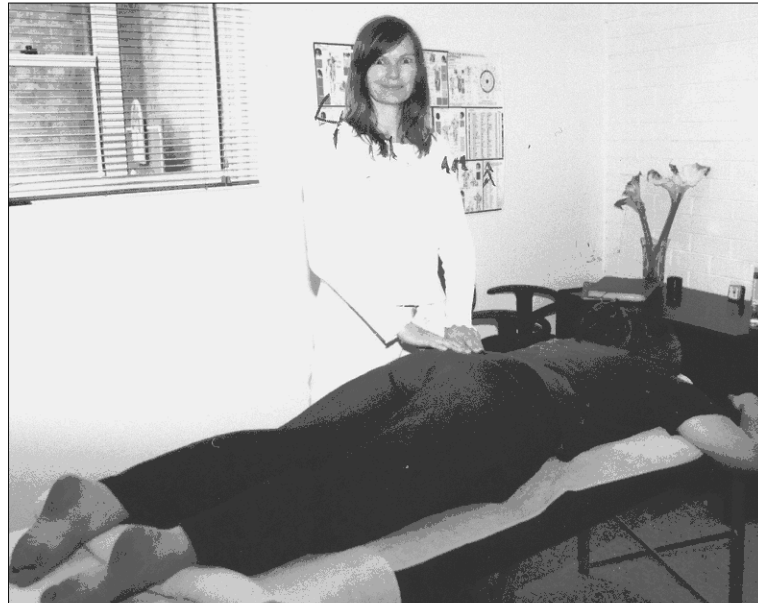
It is suitable for pregnant women, newborn babies and the elderly.

Bowen addresses physical, emotional and cognitive problems.

"Bowen's innate ability to trigger the body's own healing mechanism to get to the core of the problem is amazing," Sandra said.

"Bowen is excellent for children as they have the ability to heal quickly.

"The advantage of having Bowen treatments when you are younger is that it will lessen the chances of you carrying injuries or emotional trauma through to adult life.



Sandra Bailey practising Bowen technique at her new premises in Woy Woy

"It also gives older people with problems a new lease of life," she said.

Tom Bowen, the founder of the modality, discovered that gently manipulating muscles or tendons could relieve a very large variety of complaints, and not just musculo-skeletal, but also organ dysfunction.

Tom Bowen was documented as seeing over 13,000 patients per year and claimed an 88 per cent success rate.

Sandra said the most important feature of Bowen therapy was its ability to treat the whole body, even parts of the body which had not been directly worked on.

Sandra said: "It is a holistic treatment, capable of treating a large range of conditions."

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Garage sale

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be holding a monster garage sale and sausage sizzle on Sunday, November 8, from 8am.

It will be held at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre located at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The centre's health education worker Ms Kate Bradfield said all would be welcome on the day.

For a pick up, phone 4342 5905.

Press release, October 29

Public school promotes health

Empire Bay Public School has received awards for being a Health Promoting School in the Central Coast Health Promoting Awards.

The school was awarded the Nutritious Food Award for implementing a healthy canteen policy and for selling health-promoting foods.

It also won awards for injury prevention, having a sun protection policy and making efforts to provide shade.

The school was recognised for promoting physical activity to the whole school community and promoting positive mental health to the entire school community in the course of the year.

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The new dental surgery at Woy Woy

Dentist moves to Woy Woy

An Ettalong dentist will move his business to Woy Woy this month.

Woy Woy Dental Centre has opened in Railway St.

Proprietor Dr Tim Ho has been practising dentistry for 10 years,

three of which have been in Ettalong.

Dr Ho has purchased the building in Railway Street and established his new surgery upstairs, to enable him to meet greater demand and to be more accessible to public transport.

He will now be open later in the evening and on Saturdays for commuters who would otherwise need to take time off work for dental treatment.

The new surgery has room for three dental chairs and includes some of the latest dental technology. This includes innovations such as digital x-ray, which uses one 10th of the radiation of a normal x-ray, and intra oral cameras which show the patient an internal view of their mouth on a television screen.

The centre also offers implant dentistry and the availability of nitrous oxide gas.

Cec Buccello, October 28

Chemists on the Peninsula have combined to provide extended trading on a roster basis, following the closure of the late night pharmacy in Umina.

Pharmacies on the roster will stay open until 8pm on weekdays and 6pm on weekends.

Ettalong Pharmacy in 249 Ocean View Rd., Ettalong, will stay open late Mondays.

Woy Woy Pharmacy at the corner of Blackwall Rd and Railway St, Woy Woy, will stay open Tuesdays.

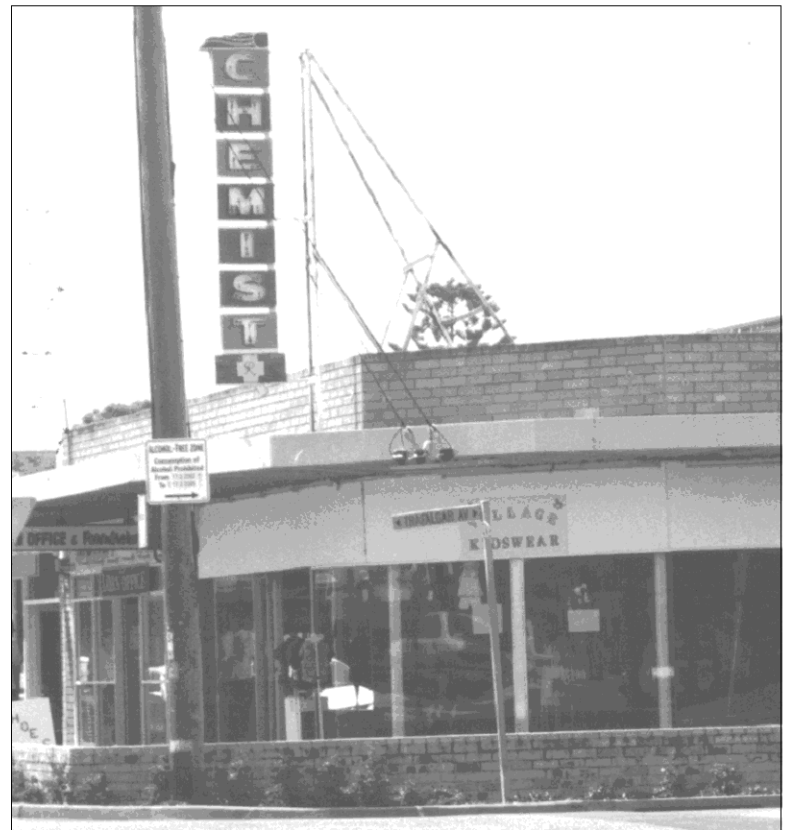
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Judds Pharmacy at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, will stay open on Thursdays.

Chemworld Umina at 299 West St, Umina, will stay open on Fridays.

Umina Mall Pharmacy on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave, Umina, will be open until 6pm Saturday and Sunday.

Fax, October 30



The after hours chemist at Umina that is no longer trading

Diamond award

Woy Woy Public School has been awarded the diamond award from the NSW Canteen Association for the fifth year running.

The award confirmed that 96 per cent of the items sold in the canteen were healthy.

The diamond award was the highest award possible.

The canteen was also recognised by Central Coast Area Health for its healthy canteen policy and selling health-promoting foods.

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Feature

Folk festival was second largest

The Umina Beach Folk Festival held in October became second largest folk festival to be held in the State, according to event organisers Ms Marilyn Russell and Mr Cec Bucello.

Over 130 performers entertained hundreds of patrons over two days and nights in up to eight separate venues from 9am to midnight.

The performers came from as far afield as Ireland, and from interstate and country NSW, as well as from Sydney and the Central Coast.

"All of our individual events were well attended," Ms Russell said.

"The positive, encouraging feedback leads us to believe that we will have more than twice as many people next year.

"We have received lots of congratulatory emails, phone calls and letters from performers



Mothers of Intention was one of the popular attractions

and patrons alike," she said.

Organiser and poet Vic Jeffries was elated with the attendances at the poets' breakfasts.

"We had between 50 and 100 people attending each breakfast, even at 9am.

"This is a first for the Central Coast and they all wanted more," he said.

"I don't know how we're going to fit them in next year.

"We'll have to take over the whole bistro," Mr Jeffries said.

The dance events were also well attended despite several competing dance events on the same weekend, according to organiser Ms Robyn Northwood.

"The dance hall was nearly full for all the dances and the workshops," she said.

"Even the Friday night dance was well attended.

"This was a really pleasant surprise to me," she said.

"The dance presenters themselves really enjoyed their workshops and, where they could, stayed on to try out the other dance styles being taught."

Survey questionnaires were handed out to everyone on arrival and about 70 surveys were returned before the festival ended.

While the survey results had to be collated, first indications were that respondents were satisfied with the festival and would return next year.

One of the highlights of the festival was the farewell concert finale performed by the Wheeze and Suck Band in the club auditorium.

A two-hour concert on and off the stage by this group had everyone present up on their feet and still screaming for more at the end.

Reports from the dance program were similarly enthusiastic, with participants commenting on the variety, the enjoyment and the warm welcome for newcomers.

Volunteers helped with many aspects of the event, including catering, venue management,



A well attended poet's breakfast



Morris dancing workshop

registrations and cleaning.

Assistance in providing sound and lighting for the main stages at the festival was provided by students from Brisbane Water Secondary College who are currently enrolled in the colleges' unique entertainment industry

course.

The event was sponsored by Gosford Council and supported by Umina Beach Public School and Club Umina.

Media release, October 27



Storytelling at the childrens' festival

Jasmine completes acting diploma

Jasmine Baker of Umina is about to complete her Advanced Diploma of Stage and Screen Acting.

"The three-year course has been a real roller-coaster," she said.

"We've done everything from a devised performance in the City Square, which was scary, to a regional tour of The Threepenny Opera.

"I particularly enjoyed the experience of being directed by Adam Cook earlier in the year.

"He was so great, and the chance last year to sing and dance in our cabaret performance."

Jasmine undertook her diploma through the Australian College of Theatre and Television (ACTT)

"We've just done the film scenes for our 2003 Showcase

presentation, so the time here at ACTT is nearly up.

"Actor training is pretty full-on but it's worth it, particularly when you're with such supportive and dedicated people," she said.

The college held a career and acting workshop at the Laycock St Theatre last month.

Press release, October 10

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Little Theatre presents On Golden Pond

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present On Golden Pond from November 14 to 29.

Written by Ernest Thompson and directed by Barbara Hickey, the family-oriented play revolves around an elderly couple who annually escape the Virginian heat to holiday in their favourite spot "Golden Pond".

Director Barbara Hickey said that it was a pleasure to direct such a beautifully-written play.

"Norman (John Hickey), in his early 70s, is flirting with senility which he plays to the hilt," she said.

"Ethel (Joan Dalglish), practical and sensible, is Norman's opposite.

"Norman's estranged daughter and her fiancé Bill, with his son Billy in tow, arrive and slowly the respect and love re-develops.

"This beautiful play creates memorable characters who will remain with you long after the curtain closes.

"On Golden Pond is a classic, the characters are well defined and the love story spans a lifetime of good and bad times.

"Norman and Ethel have survived it all with the love intact

and their love and commitment to each other will live long in our memories."

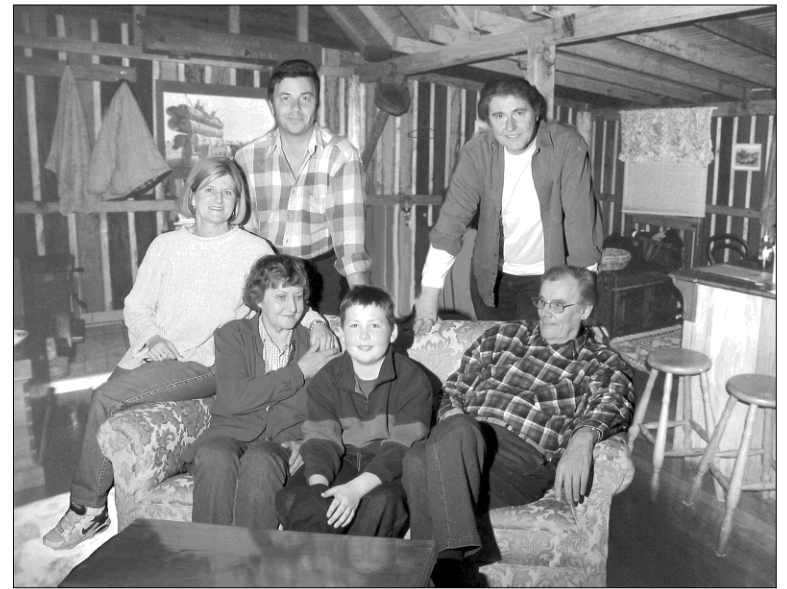
The play will run at 8pm on Fridays, November 14, 21 and 28, and Saturdays, November 22 and 29, and at 2pm on Saturday, November 22, and on Sundays, November 16, 23 and 29.

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

For bookings, phone Linda Williams on 4344 1800 between 9am and 5pm.

Discounts are available for group bookings of 10 or more

Press release, October 29



The cast of On Golden Pond: (back row) Michelle Wallace, Steve Cummings, Richard Goodwin and (front) Joan Dalglish, Mitchell Vangelatos and John Hickey

Dance teams win competition



The 12 years and under troupe perform at Australia's Wonderland

Two dancing show teams from Woy Woy have competed in Sydney against other private dance schools on Sunday, October 19.

The Performing Arts Challenge at Australia's Wonderland attracted schools from the Central Coast and many Sydney dance schools.

The teams were a junior team consisting of students aged 8 to 10 years and an intermediate team of students aged between 11 and 12 years from the Nicole Classique Academy of Dance of Woy Woy.

Students competed in a mixed section of ballet, modern expressive and modern contemporary in both age groups.

"The teams worked hard towards the event and were

greatly rewarded by winning both sections entered, receiving prize money of \$600," teacher Nicole Wilkinson said

"The money has already been put to good use and a new child-safe mirror is being fitted to the studio this week, a fantastic and useful prize for all students," she said.

Each child also received a certificate as well as backpack given to the winners by the sponsors of the Performing Arts Challenge.

"The day was not just about dancing, but also a family day where the whole family were able to enjoy the many rides and attractions of the theme park," Nicole said.

"It was lovely to see the children as friends outside the dance studio."

Nicole Wilkinson, October 29

Auditions

Auditions for Woy Woy Little Theatre Company's "Rattle of a Simple Man" will be held at Woy Woy Public School Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, on November 25 and 27 at 7.30pm.

To be directed by Terry Lay, it requires a cast of two males and one female aged 25 to 45.

With inquiries, telephone Terry Lay on 4325 2784.

Email, October 30

Art on sale

Woy Woy Public School's biennial art show will be held in the school grounds on Thursday, November 6, from 6pm to 8pm.

It includes painting and pottery done by students at the school.

Students may reserve one piece of art each but the rest is up for sale.

Some work will be auctioned.

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Daniel wins entertainment award

Daniel Williams, a Year 12 student of Brisbane Water Secondary College, has received the Entertainment Student of the Year award at the 2003 Central Coast Vocational Education and Training - Youth Connections (CCVETYC) awards.

The awards ceremony was held on September 23 at the Mingara Recreation Club.

Daniel competed against TAFE students in the entertainment category.

He is undertaking the Entertainment Industry subject at BWSC Woy Woy Campus.

The teacher of Entertainment Industry, Mr John Maxwell, said that the subject is a 2 Unit UAI subject and its trialling commenced this year across NSW schools.

"We're the only Central Coast school to be trialling it at present," he said.

"It's a two-year 240-hour course with a 70-hour work

placement (industry experience) requirement.

"The subject has been a great success.

"BWSC is looking to become a performing arts academy next year.

"This means more involvement in all aspects of the arts.

"We're also looking to build a sound recording studio.

"We're affiliated with NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) and the Entertainment Industry subject is a grounding for and recognised by NIDA," John said.

Daniel said that Entertainment Industry encompasses a wide range of modules, including sound, lighting, stage management and front of house.

Although a two-year subject, Daniel will be completing the course-work and work-placement components of Entertainment Industry this year because of his past relevant experience.

Daniel has worked voluntarily at Woy Woy Little Theatre (WWLT) since 2001 where he



Daniel and his mother

Skills (Certificate 2) course at Wyong TAFE this year and is planning to undertake the Music Industry - Technical Production (Certificate 3) course at Ourimbah TAFE next year.

Daniel's mother, Linda Williams, said that Daniel has had a passion for the various facets of entertainment industry production since year 8.

"He just loves it.

"Everything has been structured around it.

"He enjoys talking to professionals at WWLT and has picked up quickly what they've taught him."

Daniel made a substantial technical contribution at the Umina Beach Folk Festival, October 17 to 19, as part of Entertainment Industry work-placement requirements.

He and other BWSC Woy Woy Campus students were involved in sound equipment set up and engineering.

Substantial contributions were also made by Raani Furnell Year 11, Cameron Veacock Year 10,

and Sally Beer Year 12.

Raani and Sally are Entertainment Industry students while Cameron was a member of the campus' Tech Crew.

All three students are also involved with WWLT.

Raani, who took on sales and security duties as well sound duties at the festival, is about to learn facets of sound production from Daniel at WWLT.

Cameron has developed expertise in both lighting and sound at WWLT.

Sally is presently rehearsing for WWLT's children's production, The Gingerbread Man.

Significant contributions were made at the festival by Scott and Chris Tyerman, Years 11 and 10 students respectively.

Scott is an Entertainment Industry student while Chris was a member of the Tech Crew.

Smaller contributions were made by year 11 Entertainment Industry students, James Arnold and Paul Kurpiewski.

Con Orfanos, October 30

Kersten wins scholarship

Kersten Kempken from Brisbane Water Secondary College has been presented with the Senior Tap scholarship from the Central Coast Eisteddford by Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell.

"Kersten was amongst a cast of exceptional performers who were selected to showcase their talents at Laycock Street Theatre," according to the college newsletter.

"The review was of a high standard consisting of items ranging from soloists, violinists, piano forte, drama, speech,

singing and dance."

"Kersten received the highest mark of honours with a distinction in her gold star tap exam."

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Education



A bread roll and an apple was all that students and teachers had for lunch at St John the Baptist Primary School as they attempted to empathise with less fortunate students in other parts of the world

School holds Paupers' Banquet

Students and teachers from St John the Baptist, Woy Woy, joined Catholic schools across the Central Coast for a Paupers Banquet on Friday, October 24.

Both staff and students ate only a bread roll and an apple, while a small minority feasted in front of them.

"The banquet teaches that the world is not a fair place. It is full

of inequities," organiser Michelle Perry said.

"Today 24,000 people will die of hunger.

"Some 113 million children, 60 per cent of whom are girls, have no access to education.

"An estimated 300,000 children under the age of 18 are currently participating in armed conflicts," she said.

"The aim is that children come away at the end of the day with a

greater understanding of the problems of global world hunger and poverty.

"This may lead them to a stronger commitment to make our world a better place by the decisions we, the economically fortunate, make in our world," she said.

On the day, the children wore mufti with donations going to the Catholic Missions.

Press release, October 27

Basic skills results

Local public schools received the results of the State-wide basic skills tests and writing assessment program last month.

"I am pleased to say once again that our Years 3 and 5 students are performing very well," Woy Woy Public School principal Mr Warrick Hannon said,

"From a general basis, our Year 3 students performed above

the NSW State mean in all literacy, numeracy and writing.

"Our Year 5's results showed them to be on and very marginally below the state mean.

"The tests have indicated some areas which require our attention for 2004 and our teaching staff will be making a concerted effort to address all needs."

"Overall, we are very proud of the standards these students have achieved," he said.

Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair said that a full report of the schools results was presented at the recent Parents and Citizens meeting.

"I am happy to report that the results for Umina School have been very pleasing and I congratulate all of our teachers, and the students who were tested, for their efforts."

Newsletters, October 27

Final Year 12 assembly

Brisbane Water Secondary College held its Year 12 final assembly at the Woy Woy campus on Wednesday, October 15.

"This was a terrific showcase of the talent on campus and of the work of our Year 12 students," principal Mr David Beattie said.

"I was really pleased to see so many parents in attendance and I was also pleased to receive so many positive comments about the assembly, the speeches and

the thoughts.

"I am very confident that our students have been thoroughly prepared and have every chance to do well in the exam component of the HSC," he said.

Woy Woy campus has also announced its school captains for 2004.

Lisa Pratt is the girls' captain, Tim Moreta is the boys' captain, Jessica Walkley is the girls' vice-captain and Nathan Sheean is the boys' vice-captain.

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Grandfriends project is launched

Woy Woy Public School held a Grandfriends Day on Friday, October 24.

There were performances by school groups and the launch of the Grandfriends Project by Dorothea Marler from the Council on the Ageing NSW.

Year Six students served morning tea to the "Grandfriends".

"A Grandfriend is a volunteer senior citizen who is community minded, has a genuine love of children, and is able to share local knowledge and skills with students," Ms Merler said.

"Grandfriends also need to

have a sense of humour, treat children as individuals and act as a surrogate grandparent or friend to children and as a grand friend to staff."

Grandfriends helped children with reading and writing skills, told children stories and showed them how to draw.

The school is seeking volunteer Grandfriends who are mobile enough to travel to a local school regularly and who are willing to undergo a prohibited persons check

For further information, phone Dorothea Marler on 4375 1125.

Colyn Kellahan, October 29

Principal criticises restructure plan

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie has criticised the restructure proposed by the Department of Education.

"The proposal establishes 10 regions linking the Central Coast with the Hunter," he said.

It would form the largest region in terms of number of schools, and second largest in terms of numbers of students and teachers, he said.

"The Principal's Council has

reviewed the proposal and rejects it completely based on the inequities it creates, the reduction in support for schools from district offices and the lack of educational thought that has gone into the cost-cutting exercise.

"I encourage all readers to look at the proposal and let the department know it is a step backwards in the provision of education to our students," Mr Beattie said.

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Stopping rules are explained

Empire Bay Public School has published guidelines for parents dropping off children at school in a recent newsletter.

"Some inaccurate information was provided to parents last term by a Council Ranger regarding rules applying to No Parking and No standing signs," according to principal Mr Gordon Fraser.

Mr Fraser said a driver may only stop in such zones if "the driver is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and does not leave the vehicle unat-

tended; and completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers, and drives on as soon as possible".

He said that a vehicle was defined as unattended "if the driver leaves the vehicle so the driver is over three metres from the closest point of the vehicle".

In any case, maximum stopping time was two minutes; unless information on or with the sign indicated another time, he said.

Vehicles could not stop at all where there was a "No stopping"

sign.

The newsletter also reported that the Roads and Traffic Authority would convert the school traffic lights outside the school to a normal pedestrian crossing with traffic lights operated by pressing the button.

"These lights will operate 24 hours a day," said Mr Fraser.

"There will be no supervisor on duty at the lights and we will have to work together to ensure safety."

Newsletter, October 27

Lost Beside You on best of CD

The song *Lost Beside You* by Fyna has been placed on the Best of National Kool Skools CD

The college was nominated for Best Multimedia Presentation, by students Suzie Wrang and Chris Richardson, for Best Cover Version with *Heaven* by Ashley Wilkinson and Scott Holten and for Best Vocal Arrangement with *How Can I Be Sure?* by Fyna.

Ashley Wilkinson was nominated for Best Female Vocalist.

Laura Baker and Ty Mason were nominated for Best Programming-Electronic Track and Best Rap.

Dave Jenkins and Tyler Bennison were nominated for Best Instrumentalist, Drummer.

Tim John was nominated for Best Instrumentalist, Bass.

Fyna was nominated for Best Acoustic song with *How Can I Be Sure?* and for Best Indie song with *Lost Beside You*.

For The Moment were nominated for Best Indie Band.

Fyna members Alex Bennison

Tim John and Dave Jenkins are currently finishing their HSC with plans to concentrate on their music, composing, recording and performing at gigs.

"They are a fresh-sounding professional band.

"They will be performing for the last time as students in December to raise money for CanTeen, teenagers with cancer," said Ms Faulkner.

For The Moment made up of Toby Priddle-Malm, Billy Burgess and Tyler Bennison are in Years 9 and 10.

"The Awards Night was the first time they have performed in front of a general crowd," she said.

"They impressed all in attendance.

"Tyler Bennison received rave reviews from the presenter who stated 'Someone get this guy an award. He is awesome.'

"Fyna was one of the last to perform on the night and shone like stars.

"The audience moved from their chairs to the front of the stage and was in awe of their

brilliant performance, both audio and visual, that Fyna produce at all of their gigs.

"Fyna wrapped up their alternate rock performance with a guitar solo of the first few lines of *Advance Australia Fair* and had the crowd roaring for more.

"They set an extremely high standard for the Aussie band *Front End Loader* to follow and are destined to be seen and heard in our homes in the not too distant future," she said.

The nominees were supported by 76 people from the school who attended the night.

"I have the best students any teacher could ask for.

"They are so loyal to each other and their music and all deserve awards.

"They really send out a strong message of the talent and unreserved compassion students have on the Central Coast for their peers and their dreams."

There are three Fyna songs available for download at www.mp3.com.auffyna.

Kris Faulkner, October 27



Brisbane Water Secondary College Principal, Mr Pat Lewis, with college upgrade plans in front of one of the buildings to be refurbished

Building starts at college

The upgrade of Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College began yesterday (November 3) with builders erecting safety fences.

The \$5 million project is to be constructed by ACH Clifford and is due to be completed in September next year.

"The development application went through late last year," college principal Mr Pat Lewis said.

"An extensive meeting took place last Thursday to begin planning for the commencement of the building works on both campuses."

Five million dollars will be spent on Stage 1 which will provide Woy Woy Campus with a new administration block on the current Edward St car park and new car parks between the new block and the cricket nets and in front of Technology Futures.

It will involve the conversion of current administration blocks to a special education centre and a careers centre, and extensive drainage works adjacent to new works and the hall.

At Umina Campus, there will be a new human movement studio, performance workshop and change rooms on the grassed area adjacent to the bike compound.

There will be new covered outdoor learning areas scattered around the campus including on the farm, lining of the farm classrooms, new covered hard courts adjacent to the existing science block.

"A team consisting of personnel from Department of Education and Training Properties, Department of Commerce (formerly Department of Public Works), the builder and the college will oversee the works," Mr Lewis said.

The college will be represented by the two campus principals and the college principal.

Mr Lewis will be project manager for the college.

"If any member of the college community has any questions or concerns related to the works, these should be referred to me either through your campus principal, or to me directly," Mr Lewis said.

"These can then be taken up with the appropriate partner in the works or with the overseeing team.

"The first stage of the works will involve the builder in further planning, obtaining materials, and arranging contractors and will occupy the next few weeks," said Mr Lewis.

"Once fences are erected the area within them becomes the sole property of the builder until the buildings are handed over.

"Hard hats and steel capped work boots will be obligatory for anyone visiting the site."

At the Woy Woy campus, the works will begin with the construction of the car park in front of Technology Futures.

"This will mean that staff will then have somewhere to park when the current car park is fenced off for the new admin block."

This will be followed by construction of the new admin block, and then the refurbishment of the current admin block.

Mr Lewis said the builders had been notified of key dates for exams in the hall and will not be doing construction on those days.

"This mainly concerns the School Certificate exams as the major HSC exams will be over by the start of construction," he said.

At the Umina campus, the main construction will be the human movement studio and this will require moving the bike compound to the front of the library.

The fencing of the construction area and the regular movement of trucks onto and off the site will mean that staff who park near the bike compound and near the waste bin will have to park elsewhere while construction is occurring.

Space will be available adjacent to and behind the Science block.

"While construction is occurring there will be inconvenience but the end result will be much-needed better facilities which should lift the morale of us all," Mr Lewis said.

"It's great to see it finally under way."

Press release, October 29

Overwhelming support from parents

Woy Woy South Public School has received overwhelming support in a survey of a random sample of 120 parents.

Responding to each of 20 statements of desirable qualities, agreement that these existed at the school ranged between 92 and 100 per cent.

Parents were able to agree, strongly agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the statements.

While a large proportion of parents strongly agreed with the statements, disagreement was mild with only one person strongly disagreeing to just one statement.

The results contrast with those from a similar survey conducted several years ago and are seen to represent substantial progress made at the school.

Four of the statements generated no disagreement. They were:

"The school has high behaviour

expectations for its students."

"I am kept well informed about what the P&C Association is doing."

"Improving the quality of student learning is the school's main focus."

"The school always seems to be looking for ways to improve what it does"

The statement most strongly supported was that parents and carers felt welcome at the school for interviews, conferences and special events.

Of the 99 per cent said that they did feel welcome, 46 per cent strongly agreed.

The statement that student success was regularly recognised, praised and rewarded received 97 per cent agreement, with 38 per cent strongly agreeing.

Parents were pleased and satisfied that their children attended the school, with 98 per cent agreeing including 39 per cent agreeing strongly.

The poorest response to any

statement was to the statement that parents thought teachers cared if their child was not doing as well as they could have been.

However, 92 per cent said they thought teachers did care, and this was regarded as a very supportive figure.

The survey also asked parents to list strengths and weaknesses at the school.

Strengths highlighted by a number of parents were the staff, balance between school and sport, keen students, excellent opportunities, friendly environment, good P&C, strong in sport, rewards for students, communication with parents and always trying to improve.

Weaknesses highlighted by a number of parents were the need for more grass, less dirt, some classes too large, shortage of duty teachers, some bullying, inconsistent bell times, need for a covered outdoor learning area (COLA), and lack of air conditioning to all classrooms.

Cec Bucello, October 31

School mag in CD format

The Empire Bay Public School Parents and Citizens Association is working on a school magazine in CD format.

"It will be similar to flipping through a photo album with sound, colour and action," the school newsletter has reported.

"Our aim is for each child to feature on this along with the year's events and it can be kept as a memento, shared among family or sent to friends.

"It is something exciting and new and a great way to store those school memories."

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World Cup inspires early training

The Woy Woy Lions have started training for the 2004 rugby union season, hoping to increase their chance of reaching the finals.

"They were inspired by the excitement of the World Cup," said publicity officer Col Gooley.

"They want to make sure their 2004 season does not end before the thrill of the semi-finals." Under coach Ross Hopkins last season, the second and third division teams reached the semi finals.

"The first grade put in some improved displays only to miss out on the big ones at the end of the season," Mr Gooley said.

He said that the club hoped to retain all of its first grade players from last season with veteran Paul Gooley and Peter Wright first to sign on for pre-season training.

Greg Kenny, David "Jabba" Gooley, Dave Hendricks, Greg



Woy Woy Lions inspired to commence training early by World Cup

"Aussie" Smith, Rick Parcell and Danny May were among the seasoned first graders to make

an early return. Last season's front rowers Sione Tuitakau and Vince Alipate

will also join young guns Ben Timmis, Brennan Ellis and Grant Fanelli in a large squad that trains

every Tuesday at 6pm at Umina oval.

The bulk of the squad are about to commence a strength and conditioning program under the tuition of the Joel Keegan at Umina Beach PCYC.

Coach Ross Hopkins said that he was excited about the 2004 season.

"We are hoping to attract new players who will provide experience and depth to the club," he said.

"There is a desperation in the club for all grades to participate in next year's finals and the players realise that they have to change the culture and go through some pain if they are to improve on last season's performance."

Any interested players can ring coach Ross Hopkins on 0417 828 346 or David Gooley 0403 519 954.

Press release, October 29
Ray Benton, October 29

Two compete in State titles

Two students from Authentic Taekwon-Do, Woy Woy, competed in the National All Styles State Titles on Sunday, October 26.

James Luke and Melissa Woods travelled to Sydney early on Sunday morning for registration and competed in the afternoon.

The State titles saw people coming from as far as Coffs Harbour to compete for a place in the National Team.

The competition ran all day starting at 8:30am and finishing at 6pm.

James competed in the point sparring division for his age but did not make it into the finals.

He made into the top eight earning him a place on the state team.

Melissa competed in the Women's Intermediate Patterns and Point Sparring.

She did not win a place in the patterns but won first place in the Point Sparring.

She is now State Champion for the Point Sparring Division.

Both James and Melissa have qualified for the National Titles to be held in Sydney on December 6 and 7 but they both said they were still unsure if they would compete.

Both were testing for their next belts within the next few months and said they wanted to concentrate on that.

Letter, October 30

Surf club competes at Forster

Members of Umina Surf Club competed at Forster surf carnival in juniors, seniors and masters events over the October long weekend.

The Juniors finished number one and the club overall finished number two to The Lakes.

In the Iron Man section, under-11's Gaby Krucler placed first and Olivia Brown second.

In the under-12's, James Murphy placed second and in the under-14's Liam Jackson placed third.

The under-11 Age Champion was Gaby Krucler and the under 14 Age Champion was Robert Moate.

The Open Age Champions were Ashleigh Langford and



Umina Surf Club compete at Forster Beach

Kerry-Anne Copperfield.

In the Club Competition, Umina Juniors came first and Umina SLSC came second overall.

In the NSW State Endurance Ironman Championships, Liam Jackson came third in the under-14 group.

Umina also had good results in the Peters Boat Series.

The "B" Crew achieved one first and two second places.

The girls crew achieved two second places in their first carnival.

Newsletter, October 29

Touch football

Students from Umina Beach Public School competed in the State knock-out touch football competition on the last day of term three.

The girls team won their way through to the final where they were narrowly defeated 2-1.

The boys team won through to round three where they were defeated by finalists Kariong.

Mitchell Coates from Umina Public School was also recently part of a team that came runners-up in the NSW State tennis Championships for under-10's during the school holidays.

Newsletter, October 27

Close game

Woy Woy Public School girls' touch football team played Avoca Public School on Monday, October 20, narrowly losing a close-fought game.

At half time, neither team had scored.

By full time, the scores were still locked at nil-all.

"We didn't know who was more nervous, the supporters or the

team," said Gabie O'Brien.

To break the tie, a player went off every two minutes.

The team played for eight minutes until there was only three players left on each team.

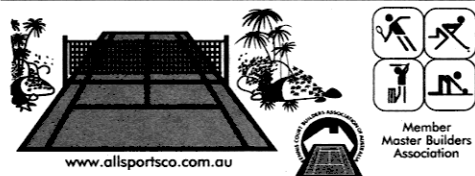
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Gabie O'Brien and Chelsea Campbell, October 27

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Golf day for children's ward

Everglades Country Club raised \$14,000 at its annual charity golf day and auction on Monday, September 15.

The Central Coast Social Golf Club organised the event, which saw 140 golfers converge on Everglades Country Club.

The taxi golf club executive recently presented the funds raised to Ms Elizabeth Ambler, assistant executive officer of Central Coast Area Health.

Ms Ambler thanked the social golf club for the donation, which will be utilised to bolster the Children's Ward Wish List at Gosford Hospital.

Golf club vice-president John Lewis said he was appreciative of the generous support of the local Peninsula business community and the supporters of the golf day.

"The latest donation took the total sum given to the Children's Ward over the past three years by the Taxi Golf Club to \$44,000," he said.

Ray Benton, October 29



Ms Elizabeth Ambler receiving a cheque for \$14,000 from representatives of the taxi social golf club

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Music teacher, Kris Faulkner and member of winning bands, Fyna and For The Moment



Entrants in Kool Skools from Brisbane Water secondary College

College wins Kool Skool award

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus has won the "Koollest Skool" Award for the second year running on Wednesday, October 22, at the Metro Theatre in Sydney.

The national recording and multimedia project awards night was a competition between schools all over Australia.

"We made it a four-day excursion to Troy Horse Recording Studio,

Alexandria, and cut a 14-track CD, a three-minute multimedia video and 30 photo gallery CD Rom," said college music teacher Kris Faulkner.

"We also designed the CD cover and an eight-page booklet."

Studio 52, in Melbourne, will now press 400 copies of the CD which the college will sell for \$10.

A panel of judges selected nominations and the winner for 20 Categories and then the overall Koollest Skool.

Alex Bennisson from Fyna won Best Male Vocalist and Toby Priddle-Malm from For The Moment won Best Instrumentalist.

For The Moment won Best Indie Song with Words On You Lips.

Fyna won Best Indie Band.

A Special Judges Award for Music Engineering went to Tim John, also from Fyna.

For a full report on the Kool Skools awards turn to page 13

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