

## Council lowers pool noise standards

**Gosford Council has agreed to reduce sound insulation in the Peninsula Leisure Centre at its meeting on November 4.**

Council voted to accept "revised noise criteria" to lower sound insulation requirements and reduce project costs by up to \$600,000, allowing the project to proceed.

In a staff report, the council was told the result was unlikely to be acceptable to neighbours.

The final design will incorporate the recommendations of consultants Atkins Acoustics and Renzo Tonin and Associates.

Under the new plans, certification is to be provided to show that the complex meets the EPA's Industrial Noise Policy and the requirements of the consultants' reports, before Council will issue the construction

certificate.

As well, Renzo Tonin and Associates will have to provide certification verifying that the development complies with their May report.

A final report will also have to be submitted by the consultant certifying that the construction and design elements, including the plant, comply with the acoustic criteria as recommended in both acoustic reports.

The amended conditions will provide an acoustic treatment level defined as a "Basic Plus" building design.

Gosford Council received advice on acoustic levels from the Environment Protection Authority and was told the EPA was unable to comment on whether construction was likely to generate complaints from nearby residents.

Council was advised to

investigate all options to reduce noise from the premises and undergo comprehensive community consultation.

"It is the EPA's experience that if noise complaints arise it is very much more expensive to retrofit noise attenuation than to incorporate solutions in the initial design and may compromise the benefits of the facility if restrictions on intended uses and operational times are required," the EPA advised.

The EPA advised that it would judge the acoustics based on the Industrial Noise Policy.

"The EPA will investigate any complaints it receives, although consideration may be given to the economic and social benefits of the proposal.

"The EPA encourages Council to consider all feasible means to avoid impinging on residents' amenity," the EPA advised.

Gosford Council received seven public submissions on the proposal

These submissions addressed compliance with the EPA's industrial noise policy, staging the development to save money, opening hours and more patrons leading to more noise and publishing acoustic reports.

Council staff responded to these objections in a report to the council stating that: "Council is subject to the same criteria regarding noise attenuation as other developers, although the EPA may make some allowance for the fact that the proposal is a community facility."

It noted the suggestion to stage the development.

"The more intense use of the site proposed with greater numbers of patrons and longer opening hours dictate that noise should be attenuated to

acceptable levels at neighbouring dwellings."

It also responded that an information and feedback session was conducted by Elton Consulting on September 25 to both inform and advise residents of the proposed changes and likely impacts on the amenity.

"The objective of the meeting was to rationalise the concerns of Council's assessing staff and those identified by adjoining neighbours," it stated.

"Both consultants undertook a review of seven specified areas, which were of concern."

"Each area was examined in such a way as to produce an acceptable outcome."

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November 13**

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decision turn to page 12**

## Council hands land to National Park

**Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell officially handed over Coastal Open Space System (COSS) land to the National Parks and Wildlife Service at Maitland Bay Centre, Bouddi National Park on Thursday, November 6.**

The land includes the MacMasters Ridge area between MacMasters Beach and Bensville and the lands to the east of Daleys Point and to the north of Hardys Bay.

Other smaller blocks of COSS land adjoining Bouddi National Park have also been added.

The Coastal Open Space System is part of Council's response to environmental protection in Gosford City, according to Cr Bell.

The COSS was adopted by Gosford Council in 1984, he said.

"It was then, and continues to be, an innovative and forward thinking approach to environmental management," Cr Bell said.

"The handover is unique.

"This historic occasion represents a strong commitment



*Mayor Bell and the COSS Committee*

to conservation by the Council.

"Achieving 307.27 hectares of environmentally sensitive land that can be added to Bouddi National Park has taken 12 years," Cr Bell said.

National Parks and Wildlife Service regional director Mr Tom Bagnat said: "No other council in Australia has given environmentally sensitive lands to a government agency like National Parks."

Cr Bell has been chairman of

the COSS Committee since its inception 20 years ago.

Earlier this year, COSS was a finalist in the United Nations Association of Australia 2003 World Environment Day Award.

There was approximately 3000 hectares of land identified for inclusion in the COSS.

In 1984, much of this land was in private ownership.

To date, about 2500 hectares has been brought into public ownership.

*Press release, November 7*

## Resort construction announced

**Multiplex and the Ettalong Beach Club last week announced that construction of the \$90 million resort and entertainment club on the Ettalong Beach Club site has commenced.**

The registered club component of the development was expected to be completed in November next year with the resort scheduled to open the following February.

The Outrigger Ettalong Beach Resort project is being developed by Multiplex and will be managed by resort operator Outrigger Motels and Resorts.

The project will see the construction of a four and a half star serviced apartment hotel and entertainment club with beachside accommodation as well as restaurants, bars, gaming and sporting facilities, a health club and entertainment lounge.

A business centre and conference facilities will also be provided.

It is a 242-unit development, comprised of studios, one and

two bedroom apartments and two penthouses.

It will employ more than 250 tradesmen and contractors during the construction phase and a further 230 positions at the development's completion.

"The resort will provide a much anticipated boost to the regional economy," Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club general // manager Mr Peter Hale said.

"The process of bringing the project to this point has certainly provided substantial challenge and, at times, what appeared to be insurmountable odds.

"Multiplex have proven themselves a professional and invaluable partner and it is with considerable pride and satisfaction that we launch the project," Mr Hale said.

Multiplex project development manager Mr Ben Bacon expressed similar sentiment: "We are thrilled to commence construction on this signature development, modelled on some of the world's best resorts in the Pacific."

*Press release, November 11*

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To enter, put your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send it to "Alice" competition, PO Box 532 Woy Woy 2256 by Tuesday, November 25.

**November 12**

**Story time at library**

**Woy Woy Library will have "story time" from 10:30am to 11:30am on Mondays and Wednesdays until the end of November.**

Story time is aimed at children aged three to five years to introduce them to the joys of literature and language through story, poetry, puppetry, felt stories and finger plays.

Story time sessions consist of theme-based stories with shapes, animals, songs, rhymes

or craft activity.

There will also be a special Christmas story time at Woy Woy library on Monday, December 8, and Umina Beach Library on Thursday, December 11.

There will be stories, songs and a special visit from Santa from 10:30am.

Woy Woy Library will also be holding Christmas craft sessions on Saturday, December 6, from 10:30am, suitable for children aged from five to 12 years.

**Flyers, November 12**

**Australia Day  
births wanted**

**The Woy Woy Australia Day Committee is calling for Peninsula residents born on January 26 to be part of the Australia Day celebrations for 2004.**

Anyone who may know a "26er" is also encouraged to contact the committee through Peninsula News on 4342 2070.

As part of the celebrations, nominations for Gosford Council Australia Day Awards are also being sought.

Award categories include sport, senior citizen, disability, service to the community, cultural, young person, business person and environmental.

Nominations need to be submitted by Wednesday, December 31.

Nomination forms are available at all Council libraries and offices, senior citizens' centres, Peninsula News or by telephoning 4325 8332.

**Alison Branley, November 13**

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**Correction**

**In the last issue of Peninsula News, it was reported that Everglades Country Club raised \$14,000 at its annual charity golf and auction day on September 15.**

This was incorrect.

In fact, the Central Coast Tax Social Golf Club raised \$14,000 at the event which was held at Everglades Country Club.

**November 12**

**Cruise**

**Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club Ladies Auxiliary is having a Christmas Harbour Cruise on the evening of Wednesday, December 3.**

Dinner will be served on board while the boat cruises Sydney Harbour.

The excursion will depart from Woy Woy Leagues Club at 4pm.

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**Letter, November 11**

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# Lloyd questions high fuel prices

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has called on the major fuel companies to account for excessive petrol prices on the Peninsula in the week ending November 2.

The Shell and BP service stations on the corner of Rawson Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, sold unleaded fuel at 96.9 cents per litre on Friday, October 31.

Mr Lloyd said that Central Coast petrol prices remained "excessively high" in the week ending November 2 despite the fact that world oil prices have dropped significantly and the Australian dollar is at a six-year high.

"Currently the average price of petrol in the Gosford City is in the high 90 cents per litre while world oil prices have dropped to \$28.50 a barrel from a recent high of over \$33.



Fuel Prices on November 2 at Cnr Ocean Beach and Rawson Rd Woy Woy. Unleaded at Shell and BP 96.9c



Fuel Prices on November 14 at Cnr Ocean Beach and Rawson Rd Woy Woy. Unleaded at Shell 95.9c and BP 94.9c

"The Australian dollar is now well over 70 cents and it is my understanding that local fuel prices are effected by one cent for every movement of a dollar in international oil prices, and every one cent increase in the

Australian dollar. "On this basis local fuel prices should have decreased by six to eight cents in recent days. "It is amazing how quickly these multinational oil companies seem to increase prices when

world oil prices increase," he said. However, when the reverse happened, local fuel prices did not decrease as quickly, he said. Mr Lloyd said that he wrote to the Australian Competition and

Consumer Commission seeking assistance in ensuring that Central Coast motorists received a fair deal from the major fuel companies. Cec Bucello, November 14

## Reconciliation films shown

Peninsula residents are involved in organising and conducting a series of Cultural Awareness and Reconciliation Family Films to be shown on Saturday, November 29

Denise Markham of Umina is providing art materials so that people can participate in a cultural activity during the break between the films.

Denise said that everyone was welcome, attendance was free and afternoon tea would be provided.

"TAFE held a cultural

awareness course on the Peninsula earlier this year that was well-attended, so people are interested in learning more about indigenous heritage and culture.

"This film series is another chance to learn with families and friends," Denise said.

It is a response by Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council to its successful weekend camps held this year.

The film series provides a positive way for Indigenous people to socialise with their families, and it enables all community members to find out more about indigenous heritage

and culture.

The films will be shown from 2 to 5pm at the Anglican Church, Mann St Gosford.

It is hoped that one of the future film sessions in the series will be held on the Peninsula.

For bookings and with inquiries, phone Jan Anderson of the Central Coast Reconciliation Group on 4372 1892 or Denise Markham at TAFE on 4348 2286.

Shirley Hotchkiss, November 13

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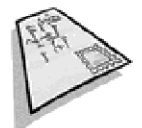
Well, at least this company is protecting our council workers with sunscreen gear.

What next, "Thongs go better with Coke" on the council stop and go signs.

And the council chambers festooned with giant bottles and ads saying: With the fun crowd, councillors and Coke.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

### Last bit of bush to go?



It looks like the church and developers are making a killing out of one of our last bits of bushland on the Peninsula.

Thirty villas, I hear on the

grapevine, are due to decimate the bushland on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St.

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Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

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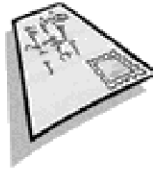
The interest from the shares each year would go to trouble spots in the outback and isolated towns.

Australia could own 10.5 per cent forever.

Whoever is in power, no one should sell Medibank Private.

Les Burke, Woy Woy

## Sack pool bureaucrats and remember the election



I note your extraordinary article regarding the Woy Woy swimming

pool.

It appears that the Council destroyed a problematic but functional group of pools in which hundreds of children had learnt to swim, in which the community has produced many championship winners, and which was used successfully by injured and disabled persons in rehabilitation programs.

These poor persons if their programs are to continue have to

travel at considerable expense to Gosford where the pool is older and leaking!

This community asset has been destroyed and the ground lies fallow and now it appears that funding is not fully available, that the planning was incomplete despite the recreational manager spending a million dollars.

The Council is fiddling around stealing money from this project and that project, selling community assets, and raising a loan of \$6.5million to be repaid by a rate levy - and its still not funded.

And it seems despite all this jiggery pokery, it will not be functional until 2005.

What do you need to do to demonstrate absolute incompetence? Remember the Skillion?

We should sack those bureaucrats involved and remember who has placed us in this sorry state at the next Council elections.

It is difficult to believe but this Council arranged a surf guard patrol during mid-winter, which is a new reason for their workers to be sitting on their bums doing nothing at ratepayers' expense.

Perhaps it was a sop to the residents of Woy Woy in lieu of their heated pool!

John Harrison, Ettalong

### Chance missed to express concerns



For the first time, a councillor at Gosford Council has

contested the "starring" of an issue requested by a fellow councillor.

At the council meeting on November 4, Cr Chris Holstein challenged the starring requested by Cr Debra Wales of amendments to the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre.

As a result, local residents missed out on the last chance to express their concerns with the latest design changes.

Normally, if a councillor stars an issue, it is taken off the night's agenda and is voted on at a later date. However, at this particular meeting, usual protocols were not followed.

Instead, after a show of hands, the issue remained very much on the agenda.

Believing that the starring would mean that no deliberation would take place, local residents did not attend the meeting.

These residents are genuinely disturbed by the possible impacts of the cost-cutting design changes.

Councillors responsible for the premature demolition of the old Woy Woy pool are trying to push the development through council to save face before the next council election.

They seem to be ignoring advice from the EPA and residents alike, in a mad dash to get their name on a plaque in the foyer of the new complex.

Michelle Cairns, Woy Woy

## War memorial now looks like battleground



War hero Sir Roden Cutler VC

laid the foundation stone for the Woy Woy Memorial Olympic Pool in 1967.

Generations of residents enjoyed this public amenity under

the capable management of veteran swimming champion Kevin Vickery.

When Kevin retired, signs of privatisation and cultural imperialism appeared at the pool.

Staff on Gosford Council's payroll were employed serving

imported coffee from a new machine in the kiosk and Coca-Cola logos appeared on the backs of Council's pool attendants but no Australian flag fluttered over the war memorial pool even on days of national significance.

There was no such display of patriotism because, as mayor Cr Robert Bell explained, there was no flagpole on the site to fly the flag on Remembrance Day 2002.

In 2003, no flag was hoisted on Australia Day and by Anzac Day Gosford Council, responding to development pressures, had with indecent haste completely obliterated the whole pool complex decades before its use-by date, leaving Woy Woy without a decent public pool for the indefinite future.

On Remembrance Day 2003, the site looks like a World War One battleground.

Gosford Council is guilty of serious social and environmental damage.

It can best minimise its shame by resolving to stop subsidising the refreshment industry on public land and preserve the war memorial name of the replacement leisure centre.

John Collins, Woy Woy.

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# Wetland to be offered to parks service

**Six Council-owned wetland reserve allotments in Palmers Lane, Empire Bay, are to be offered to the Department of Environment and Conservation for inclusion in the Cockle Bay Nature Reserve.**

Gosford Council adopted the recommendations of its natural resource officer Mr Peter Freewater who tabled a copy of a draft report and map at a meeting of Council on November 4.

It suggested transferring the land to the Department's Park Services Division.

Cockle Bay and its surrounds were the largest example of an estuarine wetland in Brisbane Water, he said.

It was an extremely important area for avian fauna, such as wading birds and cormorants that

utilised the wetland for feeding, breeding and shelter sites, he said.

There were also a number of reptiles and mammals inhabiting the area.

Most of the SEPP 14-wetland area had been transferred to the Department of Environment and Conservation, formerly the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

However, six lots remained under the ownership of Gosford Council:

Lots: 6, 7, 48, 54, 151 and 551 were classified public reserves.

The transfer of the lots to the Department of Environment and Conservation would provide a natural extension to the Cockle Bay Nature Reserve and greater consistency in the land management outcomes.

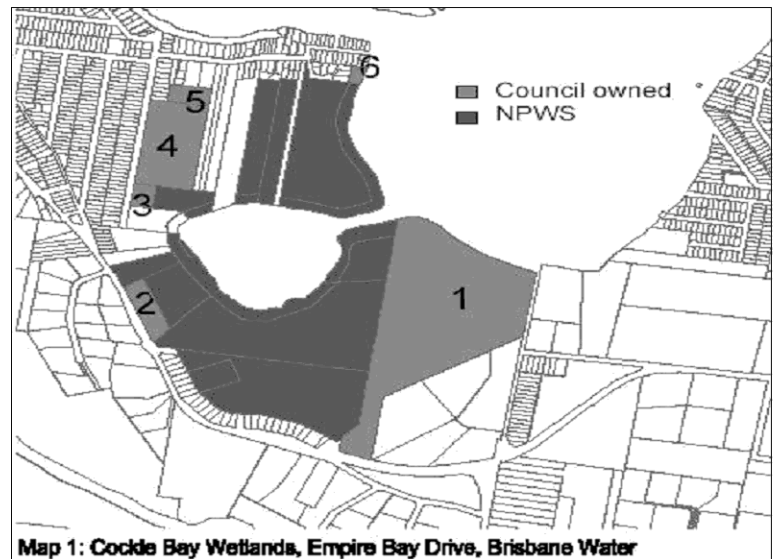
It would also provide an enhancement of the Nature Reserve conservation values, including biodiversity, foreshore protection and linkages with Bouddi National Park; as well as greater protection of the entire Cockle Bay wetland system.

In addition, it would provide savings to Council in the form of resources previously spent on maintenance and management of the lands.

Mr Freewater advised that he had also investigated cattle grazing in the area and found that the grazing was on private land but the zoning of the property did not allow grazing.

The issue of the dumped cars was investigated by Council's rangers and a quote had been provided.

Council Agenda WM 016, EP 039  
November 12



Map 1: Cockle Bay Wetlands, Empire Bay Drive, Brisbane Water

# Dune trees cleared

**More trees have been cleared from dunes in The Esplanade, Ettalong.**

The clearing is opposite the site of a recently-completed dwelling.

The clearing resembles a similar incident just a few hundred metres along the road, almost three years ago.

On that occasion, the site was opposite a recently-completed block of apartments offered for sale by the same real estate agent.

That incident led to debate in Gosford Council about illegal tree clearing to improve water views and to a threat by then mayor Cr Chris Holstein to place a



Destroyed dunes as spotted by the Peninsula News' Cec Bucello

shipping container on the dunes to block the views while trees were regrown.

Cec Bucello, November 13

## Plan for Everglades

The completion of a plan of management for Everglades lagoon system is scheduled for March next year.

Natural resource officer Mr Peter Freewater advised Gosford Council that he had received a revised quote from consultants Kellogg Brown and Root Pty Ltd for the additional work to prepare a plan for the Everglades Lagoon System.

A letter had been sent to the consultant confirming Council's agreement to the revised quote.

Council agenda WM 002,  
November 12

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# Bizsafe discussed

A police crime prevention officer and the Peninsula Project manager Ms Julie Parsons discussed the new Bizsafe program with local businesses as part of Community Safety Week activities recently.

Police and Chamber of Commerce representatives spoke about safety on the Peninsula on November 3 outside Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

Community Safety Week, which ran from November 8 to 16, aimed to broaden public awareness of issues and approaches to community safety at a local level.

The theme was "Safer Communities - make the difference".

Initiatives crossed the areas of crime prevention, injury prevention, emergency services and community development.

Email, November 7



Lyla's Place in Ettalong

# Builders paddle for foundation

Local builders Steven Johnson and Jal Labeno canoed 111km from Windsor to Brooklyn on Sunday, November 9.

Steven and Jal were among 608 boats that took to the Hawkesbury River to raise over \$1.6 million for the Bone Marrow Foundation.

Steven Johnson of Woy Woy said that he and Jal Labeno of St Huberts Island had been training

for four months for the event.

The trek began at 4pm of Saturday, November 8, and continued overnight to Sunday.

Steven's ground crew travelled over 430km following him down the river.

He raised over \$450 from local businesses for his efforts.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can make their cheques payable to the Bone Marrow Foundation.

Allison Branley, November 12

# Selling tickets

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will sell Christmas raffle tickets outside the Woy Woy office of the Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, on Thursday and Friday, November 20 and 21.

The auxiliary will also be sell-

ing tickets outside Beach Books and Instep Footwear at 327 West St, Umina, from Monday to Friday, November 24 to 28.

They will be outside Flemings in West St, Umina, on Thursday, November 20, from 9am to 3:30pm.

Margaret Whiting, November 11

# Old-fashioned flavour and no tea bags

A new coffee shop has opened in Ettalong offering "old-fashioned flavour, good service, good food and sensible prices".

Jill Harris, proprietor of Lyla's Place in Picnic Parade, moved to Terrigal from Sydney in September and opened for business in October.

This is her first business, but Ms Harris has managed large shopping centres and has a degree in business management.

The shop is named after her mother, Lyla, who always wanted a tea shop.

"We asked the locals what they wanted and this is it," she said.

"An old fashioned coffee shop with table service offering fresh

but plain and simple food, cooked on the premises and tea in a pot, not tea bags.

"No fancy fillings, that's what the retirees want," she said.

The business is open seven days and Jill is proud to say that she has bought everything on the Coast and has created five jobs for locals.

Cec Bucello, November 5

# Fertility advice offered

The Gosford Family Life Centre in Umina is offering advice to couples wanting to achieve or avoid pregnancy using a "drug-free natural method".

Visiting GP Dr Veronica O'Connell is giving regular public lectures in the Billings Ovulation Method, which uses observations in the changes in a woman's mucus to achieve or avoid pregnancy.

Christine French and Marianne

Bowyer from the Family Life Centre can also give their clients education in the Billings method and teach them to understand their own reproductive cycle.

Christine and Marianne are the only accredited Billing teachers on the Central Coast.

Marianne has been teaching for four years, while Christine has been teaching for 12 years.

They said that they see couples seeking a drug free natural method to help them understand their fertility and conception.

"Education is also given to couples wishing to space their children," Marianne said

"It is a not-for-profit service, asking clients a modest fee for ongoing education and support."

"Generally it takes most couples approximately three cycles to be quite clear and confident in applying this method to their needs," she said.

For further information, phone 4342 2121.

Fax, November 12

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# Playgroup vacancies

Ettalong Beach Babes Playgroup is looking for new members.

The playgroup is a chance for carers and children to interact.

It is held in the progress hall on the corner of Memorial Ave and Fassifern St, Ettalong, every Fri-

day from 10:30am to 12:30am.

The cost is \$4 per family visit.

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## Multicultural brunch to have festive theme

A multicultural brunch with a festive theme will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre on Thursday, December 11, between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Peninsula residents from culturally diverse backgrounds are invited to come together and celebrate their uniqueness and differences as part of the lead up to Christmas.

The day is open to all, and is being organised by the Central Coast Multicultural Project.

Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to bring a plate of

festive fare from their country of origin and there will be discussion about the way Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

Project worker Ms Edna Wachter said that Gosford Council's profile on the Woy Woy Peninsula revealed that 3.6 per cent of its population is from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

"Yet it seems that services on the Peninsula are unlikely to have such people accessing their programs," she said.

The multi-cultural project would

establish a regular outreach service on the Peninsula.

The aim was to bring together culturally diverse residents for discussion and support and establish a social-recreational group.

It also aimed to provide a regular opportunity for people to contact a professional case worker to deal with any problems they may be experiencing or direct them to services that can provide assistance.

Inquiries should be directed to Edna on 4323 7483.

Kerrie Friend, November 11



Marie Andrews with Snr Sgt Julie Hill and Sgt Brett Howard from BWLAC

## Holiday bus service starts

A "Night Owl" holiday season bus service will operate on the Peninsula from now until the end of January.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the State Government was contributing \$35,000 towards the service which was designed to offer "local residents and visitors a safe travel alternative to drink driving".

"Night Owl buses will operate on Friday and Saturday nights from November to the end of January, including New Year's Eve and the Australia Day weekend," she said.

The service would pick up from Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, Ocean Beach Hotel, Club Umina and Woy Woy Leagues Club, with a drop off at Woy Woy station.

It would depart half hourly from

the Ettalong Beach Club between 11.30pm and 3.30am.

The fare will be \$2.

Ms Andrews said the Night Owl service is a road safety initiative of Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils supported by the Roads and Traffic Authority, NSW Police, local hotel and club operators, Busways, Red Bus Services, Pound Enterprise Services, Sea FM and Coasters Advertising.

"The late night bus service provides a wise alternative for getting our family, friends and work colleagues home safely at the end of a good night out," Ms Andrews said.

"Late night holiday bus services are one way of reducing the incidence of drink driving and making people aware of the potentially devastating impacts of drink driving.

Press release, November 10

## Community service funds distributed

Peninsula organisations were at Everglades Country Club on Monday, November 3, to receive money from a distribution of the poker machine levy.

Representatives from Club Umina, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club; Ettalong War Memorial Club; Everglades Country Club; Woy Woy and District RLFC were among representatives from the Central Coast clubs invited to the event.

Funds totalling \$131,714 were distributed by the clubs to 26 selected organisations from Alzheimers Australia to Youth Worker Training Network.

Recipients operating on the Peninsula were Centacare Gosford which provides meals at

Mary MacKillop's place in Woy Woy, the Central Coast Problem Gambling Service based at the Peninsula Community Centre, Peninsula Women's Health Centre and the Umina Beach Police and Community Youth Club.

Convenor Mr Geoff Callingham said: "There was a total of 27 recipients this year compared with only 10 last year."

The five Peninsula-based clubs contributed over \$81,500 of the total \$131,700 distributed.

The largest amount of \$45,000 came from Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, next was Everglades Country Club with \$12,218, Woy Woy Leagues Club with \$10,044, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club with \$8500 and

Club Umina with \$6000.

The distribution was made to the local organisations under the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) scheme where clubs with poker machine takings over \$1 million provide 1.5 per cent over that amount in community benefits.

Mr Callingham said that altogether 86 applications were received.

"Careful selection of the recipients was made by the local committee with assistance of officers from the Department of Community Services (DoCs); National Council of Social Services (NCoSS) and the grants officer of Gosford Council," he said.

Cec Bucello and Alison Branley, November 11

## Bank survey forms wanted

Members of the public who have community bank survey forms in Ettalong Beach are being asked to return their completed forms as soon as possible.

More survey results are required for the study to be representative, according to steering committee chairman Mr David Steele.

He said that, although committee members had not seen individual survey forms, the independent consultant employed to undertake the survey had received a strong response from the community.

"It really is so important that we hear from anyone who has an interest in seeing a community bank in Ettalong Beach and, perhaps just as importantly, anyone who is interested in banking with a locally-owned bank branch," Mr Steele said.

"The survey form doesn't take very long to complete."

The feasibility study will officially end on November 21.

The data collected by the consultant will be collated and overall figures will be presented to the committee and Bendigo Bank.

It is from these figures that the committee will draw up a business

plan and determine the viability of going ahead with their campaign to open a community bank branch.

Mr Steele said a strong pledge campaign indicated that the people of Ettalong Beach had the community spirit to make a community bank branch to work.

"There is little point in forming a

company and raising the share capital if no-one is prepared to bank with that branch once it is opened," Mr Steele said.

Survey forms are available from the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and the Ettalong Beach Post Office.

Press release, November 10




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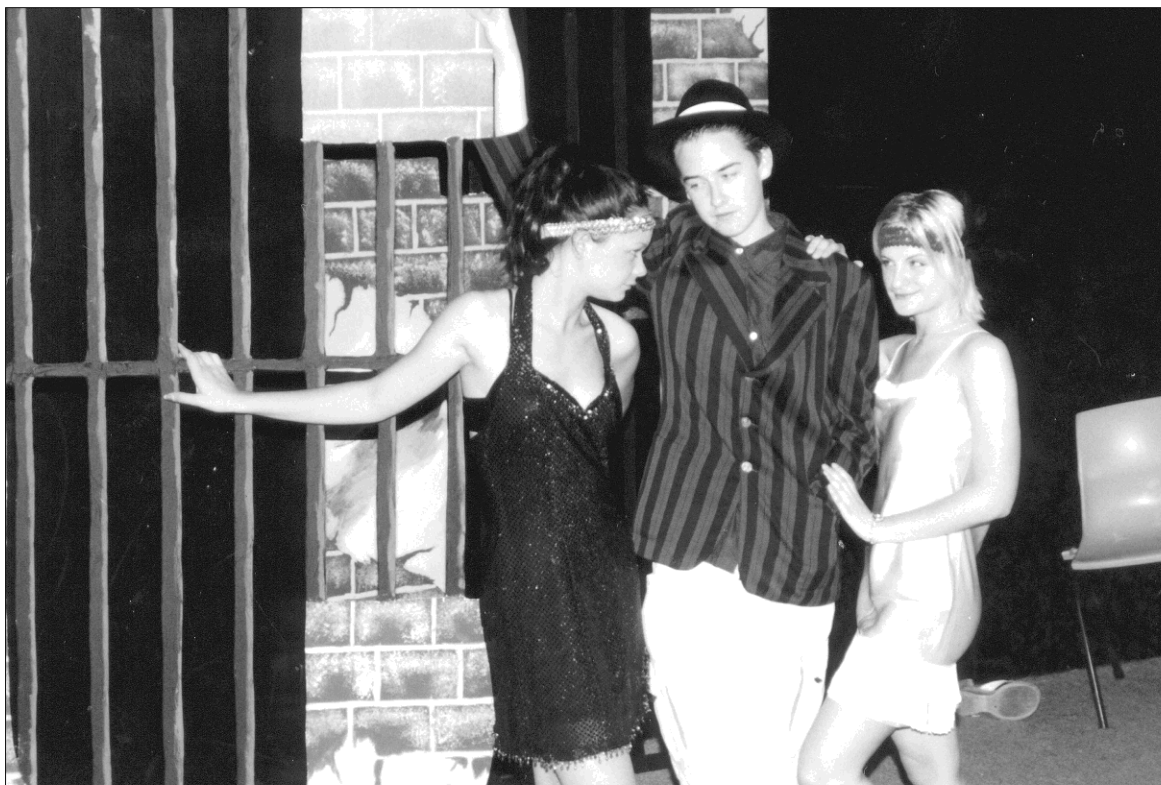
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## Arts and Entertainment



Three of the principal stars of "Chicago", L to R: Tessa Nuku who plays Velma Kelly, Max Harwood who plays Billy Flynn and Laura Baker who plays Roxie Hart

# College performs Chicago

Brisbane Water Secondary College students will be performing the musical Chi-

cago throughout November at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

Students from both Umina and Woy Woy campuses have been busy rehearsing for many months under the guidance of director Roger Macey.

"Tessa Nuku gives a fabulous performance as Velma Kelly, with Laura Baker singing it up as Roxie Hart and Max Harwood looking and sounding great as Billy Flynn," said Liz McMinn from the college.

"These students give a stunning amateur performance."

The performances start with a matinee on Wednesday November 19 at 12pm and are followed with evening performances on Wednesday November 19, Thursday November 20 and Friday November 21 at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available at the door or phone Woy Woy campus on 4341 1600 for more information.

Email, November 13

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## Modern spin on classic tale

The Peninsula Dance and Theatre School will present a modern spin on the classic tale of Alice in Wonderland at Laycock St Theatre on November 28 and 29.

In the new version, Alice is a bratty teenager doing anything to get out of school.

What this teenager doesn't count on is a magic wish that sends her spinning into a wonderland not quite like the one

Alice ends up in.

"If you love fairytales, then you'll love this one, from the crazy antics of the Tweedles to the mad hatter's tea party " said Angela Denman from the Theatre School said.

The shows are at Laycock St Theatre at 7.30pm on Friday, November 28 and at 1.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday, November 29.

Email, November 14

## Umina CWA holds art exhibition

The Umina Beach Branch of the Country Women's Association held its fourth art exhibition on Saturday, October 18.

Students of Amber Art Studio exhibited 79 paintings.

Branch publicity officer Ms Clare Wren said many paintings sold.

"Plenty of Red Stickers were to be seen," she said.

The newly-elected president Mrs Lorraine Denning welcomed guests and introduced Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, who officially opened the exhibition.

Ms Andrews praised the students on their excellent work.

She also spoke of the charitable work done by the Country Women's Association, both locally and state-wide.

More than 120 guests attended

the exhibition.

"All visitors really enjoyed the champagne and chicken sandwiches," Ms Wren said.

There were craft, cake, card and book stalls.

Clare Wren, October 29

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## Society visits

The Central Coast Arts Society will visit Patonga Bakehouse Gallery on Wednesday, November 25, at 2pm.

Works by Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling are currently on display at the gallery, which is open Sunday 11am to 3pm or by appointment.

For further information, phone 4379 1102.

Newsletter, November 11

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**Peninsula Theatre Feature**

**Theatre offers intimate setting**

It is almost two years since the Peninsula Theatre on McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, opened. Here Peninsula News reporter Con Orfanos reviews the use that has been made of it since its opening.

Work began on the Peninsula Theatre in 2001 and it was opened by mayor Cr Robert Bell in February last year.

Lisa Kelly from Laycock St Theatre said that the Peninsula Theatre's popularity is increasing rapidly as a venue for performing arts, community meetings and presentations, and as an alternative to the heavily booked Laycock St Theatre at North Gosford.

"The theatre offers an intimate setting," she said.

"While it was originally known as the home of Woy Woy Little Theatre, a group that had been actively involved in the theatre since 1962, the theatre has been used by touring theatre companies, dance companies, the Central Coast Shakespeare Company, and various community groups.

"The first show at the theatre was Neil Simon's 'I Ought to be in

Pictures', directed by Fran Kendall.

"Ms Kendall is still very active in the theatre and will direct a season of Nonsense Jamboree this December at the Peninsula Theatre," Ms Kelly said.

The president of Woy Woy Little Theatre, Barbara Hickey, said that the Peninsula Theatre provided an very intimate atmosphere.

"The theatre seats 124. You feel close to the actors and the action.

"It's more intimate than Sydney's Ensemble Theatre which seats about 190.

"Also acoustically the theatre is very good," she said.

Barbara said that the theatre was comfortable and had good facilities.

"There's sufficient spacing between the four rows. This means that people aren't tripping over feet and don't have to raise their knees to their chins to let people through.

"It has a lovely big foyer where people can mingle on arrival and during the interval.

"The technical equipment more than meets the needs of our sound and lighting technicians."

The theatre has become more

widely used as it has become better known.

Professional Sydney-based performers have performed there, such as Collette Mann.

"Michelle Cuneo (of Cuneo Dance Company) has had a very successful season there," Barbara said.

"Angela Denman's School of Dance has I think done a couple of shows there - definitely one, the children's production, Cinderella," she said.

The Peninsula-based Troubadour Folk Club will hold its fourth event at the theatre on December 12, a traditional English Christmas mummings play.

The Wheeze and Suck Band will be supported by a large number of other bands and performers at the event.

"We're a community based theatre company and try to put something back into the Peninsula Theatre," said Barbara.

"We try to provide something every year that the theatre needs.

"A present concern is that the theatre's air conditioning doesn't extend into the bio-box, the technicians' box looking down onto the stage.

"It's been heaven on a stick for Woy Woy Little Theatre.

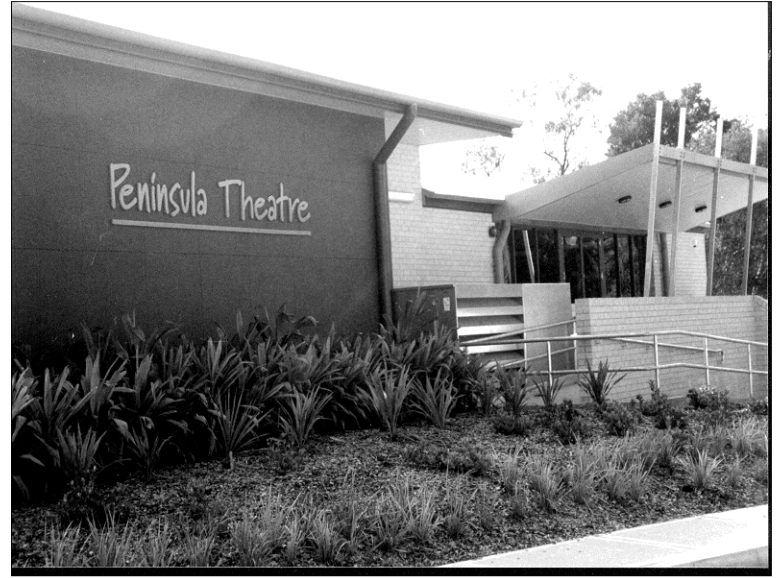
"Prior to having it, we rehearsed and performed in local school halls and progress association halls," she said.

Barbara said that the Peninsula Theatre has given Peninsula residents the opportunity to experience professional artistic companies, as well as community based ones, locally.

"It has been very well supported by people from all over the Central Coast as well as the Peninsula.

"It's very civilised and nice surroundings add to the enjoyment of the evening."

Con Orfanos, information sheet, November 12



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**Celebrating theatre anniversary**

Peninsula News has four sets of double passes to a performance of Nonsense Jamboree to give away.

Each set is worth \$48 each and is for the performance at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, December 5, at 8pm.

The giveaway celebrates two years of performances at the Peninsula Theatre.

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## Arts centre holds exhibition

**Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Exhibition Christmas Exhibition and sale will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre, corner Ocean Beach and McMasters Rds, Woy Woy, on November 28, 29 and 30.**

Des Milligan will open the exhibition at 7pm on Friday, November 28.

A noted cartoonist, he has been the director of Pact Theatre in Sydney for many years.

He recently performed at Spikefest in Woy Woy, which was held to celebrate the life of his brother Spike Milligan.

The Artisans Fair and Sale will feature a great range of arts and crafts and will also be open from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, November 29, and from 9am to 3pm on Sunday, November 30.

It will feature works by students and teachers.

Phone 4360 1673 for further information.

**Penny Riley, November 11**

## Happy tappers

**The Happy Tappers and Friends will be holding a "Celebration of dance" at Ettalong Memorial club on Sunday, November 30, at 2pm.**

There will be music and dance including jazz, tap, Celtic, Classic, Clogging and 3D.

Fairhaven employees Kara De Henau, Kylie Epple, Duncan Bond, Therese and Anthony Jackson and Carlie Belgre will be performing.

Cost is \$5 For more information, phone Doone on 4389 3126

Fairhaven also runs cash house sessions Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 at Umina Beach Bowling Club.

The sessions raise funds for Fairhaven's works, which provide services including supported employment programs for over 120 adults who have an intellectual disability on the Central Coast.

**Newsletter, November 12**

## Writers launch fifth book

**The Woy Woy Writers' will launch their latest book at Woy Woy Public School on Sunday, November 30, at 2.30pm.**

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell will launch the work entitled "Around a Square Table".

The Woy Woy Writers are a group of 10 seniors: Jan Cummings, Joyce Craig, Valerie Dodd, Sheila Drakely, Jean Gates, Phyllis Hardman, George Keeling, Phyllis Lindsay, Pat Lindsay and Lyn Skinner. They have been meeting weekly for 12 years and this is their fifth published book of short stories and poems, fact and fiction.

"In this book our 92-year-old wordsmith, Phyllis Lindsay, tells of her childhood growing up in the heart of Sydney, Jan remembers the wonder of holidays spent in the Woy Woy of 50 years ago and George writes of his childhood living on the docks of London," said Joyce Craig.

Their last book, "Life Love and Laughter" won the award for the best self-published book at the 2001 Central Coast Writers' Festival.

"Around a Square Table" can be purchased at the launch for \$10 and authors will be available to sign copies.

**Press release, November 12**

## The Bays holds jazz festival

**The Bays Community Group held the first Bays Jazz Festival outdoors at the newly-refurbished community hall in Woy Woy Bay Rd on Sunday, November 9.**

Group president Bob Puffett welcomed the crowd of over 150 local residents and their children and thanked them for coming to the launch of the first Jazz Festival at the Bays.

"Thanks for all your help in making this event successful, and we hope that next year's Jazz Festival will be an even bigger and better event," he said.

Mr Puffett said that the event was part of the community-building services the group offered to the local area.

Following the successful August Bush Dance, it demonstrated the support the group received from its members and volunteers, and from local residents.

"The day proved sunny and fine, despite weather reports to the contrary," he said.

"Artwork and posters by local artist Jim Doe, together with decorations and staging by volunteers, created a wonderful 'New Orleans Bourbon Street' atmosphere in the grounds."

The festival featured local band Just Jazz, with John Callaghan (bass), Carol, Ralph (vocals), Tony Burkys (guitar) and Mal McGillivray (drums).



*Part of the crowd in a dancing mood at The Bays Jazz Festival*

Just Jazz entertained the crowd throughout the day with a wide repertoire of jazz standards, ballads and dance numbers that had people dancing on the lawns of the community centre until near sunset.

"It could be, that with all the new music and cultural festivals now operating, the Peninsula is set to become an entertainment hot-spot on the Central Coast," Bob Puffett said.

**Email, November 12**



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## Council lowers pool noise standards

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The acoustic report by Renzo Tonin and Associates had four conclusions:

1. The original noise assessment criteria was based on the EPA's industrial noise policy, without sufficient consideration of the existing use and activities on the site and the overall benefits the facility would offer.

2. Acoustic design to the established noise criteria has caused significant increases to the cost of the building, in the order of some \$1.2 to \$1.3 million over budgeted cost.

3. Revised noise criteria have been reviewed for the pool hall

and dry sports hall activities on site, being based on what is considered economically feasible in terms of acoustic design, and what is considered reasonable based on EPA guidelines.

4. Up to 26 residences adjacent to the proposed development may potentially be impacted by noise levels in excess of the established noise levels for the site, although this is dependent on the intensity of use of the site.

However the report recommended a reduction in sound insulation to reduce costs as the facility would "provide a substantial benefit to the local and regional community".

The report concluded that non-compliance with relevant EPA

noise criteria would occur during peak events, such as school swimming carnivals and "Super Saturdays", which were expected to occur 25 to 30 days a year, or during larger events at the dry sports hall.

The council was told that a peer review of Renzo Tonin Report had been conducted by Louis A Challis and Associates.

It also had four conclusions:

1. The acoustical analyses that were prepared were technically flawed.

2. The subsequent reports prepared by Renzo Tonin and Associates perpetuated the errors and omissions of the Atkins Acoustics Report and further compounded them by failing to

assess the noise impact and associated formal noise control measures applicable to the mechanical plant and equipment.

3. Gosford Council should seek an updated report from Renzo Tonin and Associates.

The Challis review recommended that this report should correctly and objectively identify all of the potential sources of noise impact within the development, ensuring that the report includes the items of ventilation equipment, as well as the pool heating and space cooling equipment that the designers intended to install.

"The report should accurately review the efficacy and deficiencies associated with the

current proposals relating to mechanical as well as architectural noise control features.

"The evaluation should then confirm that the project is compliant with the EPA's recommended nocturnal as well as its daytime acoustical goals and guidelines for the control of community noise impact."

4. The nearest and other neighbours to the site are unlikely to be provided with a level of acoustical amenity that accords to that which they would classify as being acceptable.

Council Agenda DH 115,  
November 13

## Group criticises pool decision

**New Central Coast political group, Central Coast First (CCF), has criticised the decision to demolish the Peninsula's swimming pool without a replacement satisfactorily approved, tendered or budgeted for.**

Central Coast First team leader Mr Laurie Maher said that there was no better example of how poorly Gosford was being governed by the current Council.

"Locals are left with no alternative swimming facility for summer 2003, or the next in 2004."

He said the council was seeking to build unsatisfactory facilities using inadequate noise insulation, as a cheaper solution,

has further delayed the reconstruction.

"A sensible approach prior to demolition would have involved research into recently-constructed aquatic facilities in other regions, thus clarifying essential building compliances.

"Funds estimated at \$1.3 million required to complete the project should not involve selling off Council-owned land that could otherwise be used for park facilities and open space.

"It's a simple case of bad management.

"It's appalling that the same group of people professing to understand and determine private development applications, don't appear to understand or organise

their own.

"Is this same level of disorganisation reflected in other Council decisions?" he asked.

CCF chairman Mr Daryl Lynch suggested other options to raise the funding shortfall should be implemented.

"Reducing wastage on litigation and consultants, currently in the vicinity of \$10 million, would more than cater for the required funds.

"Also the sale of advanced annual ticketing for future users at an attractively discounted rate should assist."

Peninsula resident Ms Michelle Cairns said she was angry about the Council's disregard for normal building requirements for their own development.

"As a regional sports centre, the facility will hold swimming carnivals, basketball, netball and volleyball competitions," she said.

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

"The site is in the middle of a residential region so sound insulation measures need to be addressed seriously.

"Should surrounding 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."

Ms Cairns said that residents of the Woy Woy Peninsula were tired of looking at the dustbowl that used to be their local public swimming pool.

"Gosford Council is incompetently budgeting and managing this very important project.

"An independent assessment of the whole process needs to be undertaken.

"The Peninsula deserves a quality construction that meets the needs of the Peninsula, keeps to the budget and takes into account that the site is in the middle of a residential area."

Press release, November 12



The Remembrance Service at Woy Woy Memorial Park

## Remembrance Day Service

**Woy Woy Ettalong-Hardys Bay RSL Sub-branch held a Remembrance Day service on Tuesday, November 11, at 11am.**

Held at Woy Woy Memorial Park, one minute's silence was observed followed by the Last Post and Ode.

Alison Branley, November 11

## Collecting toys

**A local supermarket is collecting toys for distribution at Christmas to children in need.**

The Franklins store at Woy Woy Deepwater Plaza will be the participating in the Franklins Toy Rally from Monday, November 10.

Woy Woy will be one of three Franklin stores on the Coast that will start the rally off with over \$800 worth of new toys.

"We would encourage all our customers and staff to donate one new toy each and drop it off.

"We will all have toy boxes in



Staff from Franklins Woy Woy with the toy collection box

store ready to fill," said Woy Woy Franklins store manager Paul Beech.

The Wesley Mission Central Coast branch will collect the toys and distribute them throughout

the Central Coast in time for Christmas.

Stores at Erina Fair and Bateau Bay will also have the boxes.

Letter, November 12

## Santa sleigh street visits

**Santa and his sleigh will visit the streets of the Peninsula this December courtesy of the Ettalong-Umina Lions Club.**

Local children will be able to see Santa and buy Lions Christmas cakes from the club during the street visits.

Any donations are welcome

and will go towards the Bays Rural Fire Service.

The sleigh will commence its run on Monday, December 1, at Umina, and continue through until Friday, December 19, from 6pm to 8:30pm each day.

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade volunteers will tow the sleigh.

The club hoped to visit as many streets in the Ettalong-

Umina area as possible, but avoiding main thoroughfares.

The Christmas cakes will sell for \$8.20 small and \$11 large, and Lions Christmas puddings for \$15 each.

To request a Santa visit, contact club secretary Cherie on 4369 0946.

Helen Anderson, November 11

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## First-year subject

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has developed a partnership with Ourimbah Campus of the University of Newcastle, which has resulted in the students being able to complete a first-year university subject as part of their HSC.**

The subject will count towards a degree if students continue on to university, and would count for one out the 24 units that make

up a university degree.

The university is giving scholarships to students accepted into the subject.

"This would look great on a resume," said Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie.

As a student of the university, students are able to access the computer network, do research and borrow books from the library.

Newsletter, November 11

## Principal transferred as numbers decline

**Empire Bay's school principal Mr Gordon Fraser is to be transferred to another school because of declining enrolments.**

Mr Fraser has confirmed that he will be leaving at the end of the year.

"Due to declining enrolments at

this school, I will be transferred to another school in 2004," he said.

Mr Fraser has been appointed principal of Samuel Gilbert Public School in Castle Hill.

At this stage, a new principal has not been appointed to Empire Bay.

Newsletter, November 11

## School to pilot spelling test

**Woy Woy South Public School has volunteered to be a pilot school for the inaugural Australian Schools spelling assessment.**

The assessment is being trialed to become part of the Australian Schools Competitions, which now include maths, English, writing, computer studies and science for students in Year 3 to Year 6.

Over half a million students participate in the competitions that test skills and knowledge in a competitive forum.

This year Woy Woy South has achieved six high distinctions, 20 distinctions, 58 credits and 12 achievements.

Aurora Steel from Year 4 gained the highest score in NSW in the Australian Schools English Competition and was awarded a gold medal.

Newsletter, November 11

## Students make video

**Pretty Beach Primary School principal Ms Jill Godwin has congratulated the students who took part in a performance of "PBTV".**

Pretty Beach Television was a performance by students of the school.

"The children were wonderful in their various roles and exhibited a great range of talent," Ms Godwin said.

"The teachers also put in a huge effort to ensure that everything ran smoothly throughout the performances," she said.

A professional video of PBTV will be available to parents for \$25, as will photographs.

Newsletter, November 11

## Riding program

**Students from Woy Woy Public School travel to Kariong each Thursday to participate in the riding for the disabled program.**

During each session they learn basic riding skills such as how to mount and dismount as well as how to command and steer their horse.

The students learn grooming

techniques and the names of specialised equipment used.

They are given a range of different experiences, from skill activities in the arena to trail rides through parklands.

"The program is a great source of learning and enjoyment for all our students," coordinator Michelle Pathirana said.

Newsletter, November 11



Woy Woy Public School's biennial art show drew large crowds. These boys were particularly keen on the North American Indian tepee dioramas

## Reports of students stalked

**Ettalong public school has advised parents of reports of people stopping to talk to students.**

They have been told of a man with shoulder length greasy hair in a white car, following children near the Ettalong shops and in Barrenjoey and Bourke Roads.

"We ask that you do not allow your children to walk to or from school alone and ensure they are monitored outside of school hours," said principal Mr Bruce Donaldson in the school newsletter.

Events were said to have occurred around the streets of Ettalong and Ettalong Wharf.

Mr Donaldson said that children should be reminded about the "No, Go, Tell" child protection lesson.

"No: say no to strangers.

"Go: go away from strangers and frightening situations.

"Tell: tell parents or a responsible adult and the teacher what has happened," he said.

Newsletter, November 11

## Mini-bus drivers wanted

**Brisbane Water Secondary College is looking for mini-bus drivers to drive agriculture students between the college's two campuses.**

The college is hoping to establish a pool of drivers, so the demands on each driver are not great.

"The college's agriculture program continues to thrive with students studying continuously from Year 7 to Year 12," said principal

Mr Pat Lewis.

Students in Year 7 to 9 are on the Umina campus where the college farm is located, but Year 10 to 12 students need to be transported from the Woy Woy campus to the Umina campus.

Any parent or community member who has a licence to drive a minibus and is interested in helping the college should contact Mr Lewis at the Woy Woy campus on 4341 1600.

Email, November 12

## Anti-bullying program starts

**Pretty Beach Primary School has implemented a new anti-bullying program based on materials using the latest research.**

"Following several incidents of inappropriate student behaviour recently, we have decided to implement an anti-bullying campaign," the school newsletter has reported.

All classes will take part in the scheme.

Students in Year 3 and Year 6 will be grouped into peer support groups to participate in the program before sport every Friday afternoon.

Parents were invited to attend a forum to discuss the issue on Friday, November 7, in the library.

Leader of the Central Coast District Behaviour Team, Kerry Smith, and school counsellor Kay Williams attended.

Newsletter, November 11

## School holds dance-a-thon

**Empire Bay Public School held a dance-a-thon on Wednesday, November 5, in the school hall.**

Students were sponsored to dance for the event with prizes as incentives for amounts raised.

"There seems to be a lot of en-

ergy put into getting sponsors and most students have aimed their fundraising at earning a particular item from the prize list," according to principal Mr Gordon Fraser.

The money raised will go towards purchasing a new reading scheme, Bookweb.

The scheme costs over \$8000 with the school being given \$5000 from the P and C.

"Bookweb is a fantastic reading scheme, which is rich in factual texts, is current and highly relevant to the world of today's students," Mr Fraser said.

Newsletter, November 5

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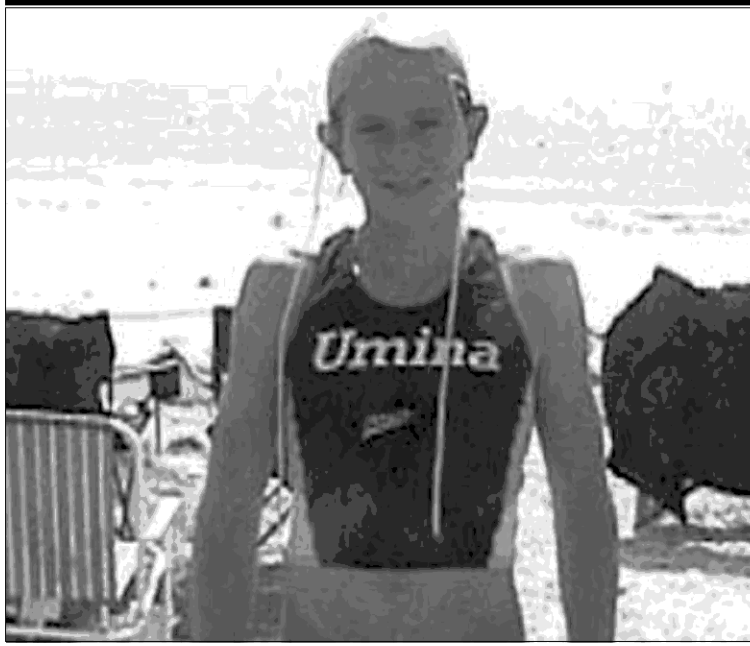
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Liam "Action Jackson" named as the male vice-captain to the Central Coast team

## Liam named vice-captain

**Liam "Action" Jackson from Umina Surf Life Saving Club was named as the male vice-captain to the Central Coast team on Tuesday, November 11, to contest the Interbranch Surf Life Saving Carnival at Forster in December.**

Liam, a member of the club's under-14 team has found some good form leading up to the carnival.

He won individual gold at the end of season NSW state carnival in March this year in the

Ironman event, as well as two team silver medals in the under 13 board relay and board rescue events.

Liam then backed that up with a third place in the new season's opening event, the NSW State Endurance event at Terrigal in October.

Liam has represented the Central Coast for the last four years, and went on to represent NSW in the Interstate carnival in Tasmania at the start of the year.

"Liam is proud to wear the Umina club colours, and he puts his successes down to hard work

and lots of training in the pool with Kincumber Pacific Dolphins and at the beach with the regular surf club training sessions," said club spokesman Brian Jackson.

"The club instigated a strong junior development program several years ago and the results are now there for everyone to see with a number of champions at all ages."

Umina finished fourth at last season's Central Coast branch carnival, and a first place on handicap.

Press release, November 12

## Busy month in junior golf

**Everglades Juniors Golfers have had a busy month competing in many events.**

Simon Hoyland and Corrina Starkey played in the NSW Junior Mixed Foursomes Championships at the Oaks and won the 36 handicap event with 136 nett on 11.5 handicap.

Corrina Starkey played in the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation International at the Oaks from October 7 to 10, on 18 handicap, won the 18-hole handicap event on the seventh

with nett 68 and the four round handicap event with 304 nett in the 17 years girls division.

Everglades Juniors played in the Terrigal Classic.

Timothy Shelton, handicap, 18, won the boys 14 years handicap with nett 64.

Troy McGarrity, handicap 24, was runner-up in the boys 15 years division with nett 63.

In the Toukley Junior Classic, Luke Johnson was defeated by one stroke in the overall event but won the boys 16-17 years

scratch trophy with 78.

Daniel Uptin in boys 14-15 years won the scratch runner-up trophy with 83 in the same event.

Luke Johnson playing in his last event as a junior won the club junior championship with a score of 289 and Simon Hoyland was runner-up with 305.

Luke was also runner up in the 'A' Grade Championship to Brian Carmichael who had 286 to be the Everglades 2003 Golf Champion.

Fred Quintrell, November 12

## Golf committee is elected

**Everglades Men's Golf annual meeting was held on Monday, October 20.**

The meeting attracted 96 members, representing less than 10 per cent of the male golf membership.

The following members were elected to the committee: president Ian Elliott, vice-

president Paul Goodwin, captain Garry Crane, vice-captain Robert Kelly, secretary Mick Gage and general committee members Bill Balneaves, John Halcrow, Max Horner, Tony Lamaro, Kevin Miles, John Shirley, Ron Sleigh, Keith Walker and Neil Watts.

John Henry, November 12

## Brian is club champion

**Brian Carmichael from Everglades Country Club has won the club championship with a four-round total of 286, highlighted by a two-under-par 66 in round three.**

His lead of six shots going into the final round was sufficient to

hold off a last-round challenge by runner-up Luke Johnson who finished three shots behind Brian on 289.

Luke also capped off his last year as a junior with a 54-hole total of 218 to win his third consecutive junior championship.

However, in the senior division, Bill Capewell won the 54-hole

senior championship with a score of 233.

Steven Emms won the inaugural Ray Mason Trophy, which was incorporated in the first round of the club championships.

He had the best net score over the field of 65.

John Henry, November 12

## Three are new to committee

**Everglades Women's Bowls Club held its annual meeting on Thursday, October 23, with 103 members attending.**

Three new committee members were elected: Jan Henry, Jan Montgomery and Josie Cadden.

Officers for the club will be: president J Andrews, senior vice-president B Crowther, vice-

president J Henry, captain C Shannon, vice-captain D. Mitchell, treasurer J Jacobson, secretary P Elliott, assistant secretary J Montgomery, handicap manager F Stratton, assistant handicap manager V Weatherstone.

Other committee members will be C Wailes, P Clarke and B Cadwallader.

Bulletin, November 12

## Kayak tour

**Southern Adventures and the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation will be running a scenic kayak tour from Ettalong to Hardys Bay on Saturday, November 29.**

The tour will leave from Ettalong Beach at 3pm and finish at Hardys Bay at 6pm. The cost is \$55.

With inquiries, phone 4362 3184.

Alison Branley,  
November 10

## Sub-junior golf

**The Everglades Country Club will play its annual sub-junior championships "for all ages" on Tuesdays, November 18 and 25.**

Five of the leading 12-year-olds, Hayden Woodbridge, Brenton Mills, Daniel Friend, Lachlan O'Donnell and Jake Foster, played in the Cadets nine-hole event at Terrigal during the school holidays in September.

Brenton Mills had 45 to win the runner-up trophy in the Scratch

Score.

Daniel Friend, with a handicap of 14, won the nett trophy with 31 and also the nearest-the-pin prize.

The same boys competed in the Toukley Classic Cadet Section on Friday, October 3.

Brenton Mills with 47 points won the Scratch Trophy on a count back from Hayden Woodbridge who won the runner-up trophy.

Fred Quintrell, November 12

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## Mural features dolphin seascape

A mural featuring a seascape with dolphins appeared on two Cityrail structures near the Rawson Rd crossing, just south of Woy Woy station, over the weekend of November 8 and 9.

While Cityrail passengers were being bussed between stations due to track work, Etalung artist and rail worker Tony Garland was beautifying the rail facilities with a maritime theme.

Tony was commissioned by the Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) to paint murals on graffiti-prone structures in the network.

He said his mural was part of a trial by RIC and Gosford Council to deter graffiti and that so far it had worked.

"I've painted murals at Woy Woy high school and Woy Woy Primary School and they've pretty much been left untouched."

Vandals had tagged the structures where Tony painted his dolphins in the past.

"People appreciate good artwork and don't tag it," Tony said.

If Tony's work proves successful there are plans to put murals both near Koolwong station and south of Woy Woy station.

"They're my next targets," Tony said.



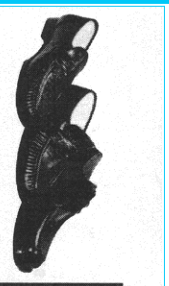
A mural featuring dolphins appeared on two Cityrail structures.

Tony also has plans to promote aerosol art in the local area, with competitions and teaching young people about respect for property and developing their artistic skills.

"I want to engender the thought that there is a right way and a wrong way."  
Allison Branley, November 14

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