

Planning strategy brief is issued

Work on the long-awaited Peninsula Urban Directions strategy is expected to start early next year and to be completed by July.

The preparation of the strategy will be centred upon a series of community workshops that aim to progressively develop the detail of the strategy, Gosford Council has been told.

The strategy was identified in the Shaping the Central Coast Action Plan and will now be undertaken by consultants to Gosford Council.

Three years ago the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Dr Andrew Refshauge, announced that a State Government planning team would undertake the special planning strategy.

The need for the strategy was identified after the Shaping the Central Coast regional plan earmarked the Peninsula as a "compact city".

The Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Resources has provided Council with funding of \$95,000 to undertake the project.

The strategy is expected to address issues of infrastructure, urban character and building design, environmental sustainability, economic incentive, societal change, affordability and choice in housing, as well as transport and access.

Gosford Council last week approved a consultants' brief for the work and will seek responses from consultants Connell Wagner, Newbold-Leyshon-Elton, and Advantage Urban Planning and Architects.

The brief highlights the "transformation of the Peninsula from a relatively small holiday and retirement destination to an urban locality accommodating over 30,000 people".

"The locality is increasingly

attracting more interest, particularly from the retirement age groups and affluent individuals and couples, due to the perceived lifestyle benefits the area offers," according to the brief.

However it noted that there are "concerns regarding the sustainability of the future of the Peninsula".

These included "high rates of medium density housing, the lack of local employment opportunities, growing crime and safety issues, flooding and drainage and limited recreational facilities".

It also noted "the overall deficiencies in a range of supporting social infrastructure such as community neighbourhood centres, family support and child care facilities and arts and cultural facilities".

The Peninsula Strategic Urban development will include the developed part of the Peninsula,

Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Blackwall and Booker Bay.

"This area is home to one of the largest population concentrations on the Central Coast.

"With a population base of over 30,000 people, the area accommodates over 10 per cent of the region's population base and approximately 27 per cent of Gosford City's population," the brief notes.

"The typical residential dwelling characteristics are predominantly fibro cottages interspersed with more recent brick veneer dwellings and even more recent multi-unit housing in the form of single storey villas.

"The architectural quality of the residential dwellings and associated streetscapes is generally poor with poor definition between private space and the public realm."

The brief aims to address how "the towns generally do not

generate a sense of place that is livable or walkable for residents and visitors".

"However, the natural environment that dominates the Peninsula somewhat overshadows the poor urban environment."

The overall aim of the project is "to prepare an integrated land use planning strategy which provides directions for land use planning actions for the Woy Woy Peninsula".

"The preparation of the strategy will be centred upon a series of community workshops that aim to progressively develop the detail of the strategy.

"Each community workshop corresponds to a stage of the project."

These community workshops are to be held at stages throughout next year.

Council agenda EP.393,
December 12

New ferry trial announced

Palm Beach Ferries has announced the trial of a new ferry service to Woy Woy.

The new service will operate from December 26 from Palm Beach, calling at Wagstaffe, Hardys Bay and on to Woy Woy.

The service will initially operate four trips per day, every two hours beginning at Palm Beach at 10.30am and Woy Woy at 11.30am.

The fare for the journey will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and concessions, each way.

The service will operate for the duration of the summer State school holidays.

However, if as hoped the service proves to be a success, the trial period will be extended, as will the number of services per day.

The main purpose of the trial is to ascertain whether a better integration of public transport modes will alleviate persistent parking problems at both Palm Beach and Ettalong.

Palm Beach Ferries managing director, Mr Peter Verrills said: "The trial of the service is



The Aqua Spirit, built in 2002 will be one of the ferries on the new service

primarily to assess whether patronage between Palm Beach and the Central Coast would increase, given the benefit of having a direct rail-ferry link."

As a side benefit, the service would connect the increasingly popular Killcare and Hardys Bay area with both Palm Beach and

Woy Woy.

The initial timetable is constructed to allow passengers to connect with the Newcastle Flyer and regular CityRail services both northbound and southbound at Woy Woy.

For Palm Beach connections, the timetable is constructed to

coincide with limited stop L90 bus services to and from the City and Central station.

"With the ever increasing patronage of the Ettalong service, and parking at both Ettalong and Palm Beach inadequate, we are hoping that better integration of public transport modes will help alleviate some of this problem."

Mr Verrills said: "We are hoping that the service proves a success, and with our recent \$5 million new vessel acquisition program recently completed, we certainly have the capacity to increase services substantially and quickly should the need arise.

"In the interests of encouraging the service, and further public transport use, the fare increase over the Ettalong service is only 30 per cent for a journey of almost 50 per cent longer duration."

"This service follows the success of the Ettalong - Palm Beach ferry service, which commenced just over four years ago," Mr Verrills said.

Press release, December 10

Killcare pre-school meeting

A meeting of people interested in establishing a permanent home for the Walsingham Community Pre School was held at Killcare Heights recently.

The Walsingham Community Pre-school currently operates from a church in Pretty Beach.

The meeting was told that, for the past three years, Kim Chippendale had been working on securing a block of land to build a child care facility on Maitland Bay Dr, Killcare Heights.

A year ago she was successful in securing State Government funding through the Department of Community Services to build on the site.

She said she was worried that the DOCS funding would not be available indefinitely.

It was hoped that a meeting with Gosford Council officers would determine whether the site could be made suitable for the pre-school.

Rob Jimenez, December 10



NEW YEARS EVE

Wednesday 31st December from 7.30pm

Tickets \$11.00 ea Bookings at Reception
Snacks, Lollies, Hats & Whistles, Balloons,
Live Music. Entertainer Julia Daniels - Vocalist

Everglades Country Club



Information for Members & their guests
DUNBAN RD WOY WOY PH 4341 1866



Pensioners now pay only one flat rate for trains and buses from Woy Woy station.

Flat rate pensioner ticket to address anomalies

A \$2.50 flat rate excursion ticket is to replace anomalous pensioner concession rail fares.

The new fare replaces a three-tier system, under which a ticket from Woy Woy to Gosford costs more than a ticket from Gosford to Newcastle.

However, while the new price is 80 cents cheaper for the rail

trip to Newcastle, it is 30 cents more expensive for trips to Wyong or Sydney.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has welcomed the decision to address the anomalies in CityRail's pricing system for pensioners and Seniors Card holders.

Access to public transport will significantly improve for seniors

and pensioners on the Central Coast with the extension of the excursion ticket to now cover the use of private buses, she said.

"The excursion ticket has previously been restricted to Government bus operators."

"This disadvantaged Central Coast pensioners and Seniors Card holders as there are only private bus companies operating in this area.

"The new arrangement will, for the first time, allow the use of the excursion ticket on all Central Coast private bus lines.

"The new excursion ticket purchased for \$2.50 will be able to be used on buses and trains to travel at any time of the day anywhere in the greater metropolitan area: from Dungog in the north to Bomaderry in the south and to Bathurst and Goulburn."

"That's a big win for the elderly in our community," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, December 11

St Huberts canals to be reclassified

Gosford Council is to prepare a draft Local Environmental Plan for the reclassification of the drainage reserves of St Huberts Island.

The land will be reclassified from "community land" to "operational land" following its meeting on December 2.

The St Huberts Island drainage reserves, or canals, were unzoned and had a development control plan applicable to them which set out the development criteria for the density, location and design of pontoon jetties, the council was told in a staff report.

However, as the land was classified "community land" and

had no plan of management, the construction of such structures was prohibited.

The staff report recommended that the canals be reclassified as "operational land".

The report also identified an anomaly in the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance (GPSO), which allowed development within certain unzoned land with consent, but stated that this did not apply to the St Huberts Island canals.

The ordinance will be amended to fix the anomaly.

The reclassification will allow the erection of boat mooring structures within the reserves

Council agenda EP 044, December 9

Central Coast Ferries


A day trip to remember!

Departs Woy Woy Wharf, Woy Woy • Departs Murra Rd, Davistown NSW

Ph: 02 43631311 • Fax: 02 4363 1211

Email: bookings@centralcoastferries.com.au • Web: www.centralcoastferries.com.au

Daily Services to Davistown, Saratoga and Empire Bay



Ride the ferry to the DAVO
(Davistown RSL)



BRIAN BAYLIS
DESIGNER JEWELLER

▽ Restorations

▽ Manufacturing Jeweller

▽ Designer Jeweller

▽ Repairs and Remodelling

See our exciting:

- new range of stock
- new showcases
- new designs.

These rings & many more were made on the premises



Shop 9, Corner Victoria & George Street, Woy Woy, Phone: 4342 5944

Lay-by now for Xmas.



Peninsula Budget Meats

Now offer a great range of
WOOD SMOKED
Hams, Bacon and Chicken

Smoked on Premises
Using Traditional Wood Chips From Germany

Nothing But The Best!
Call in to
18 Blackwall Road,
Woy Woy
(Next door to the Commonwealth Bank)

Remember The Flavours Of The Old Days

Ph : 4 3 4 1 3 1 7 5

PRESENT THIS ADVERTISEMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND IF YOU BUY A COOKED, SMOKED, CHICKEN AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$7.99 YOU WILL RECEIVE 200G WOOD SMOKED BACON FREE

Community Forum

Use of character statements a sad joke



A new proposal by a State Government taskforce is proposing to deny the

right of residents to have their say about neighbours building proposals.

Not much will change if this happens as at the moment although we are invited to have our say, Gosford Council guidelines are so generous to developers that objections are inevitably ignored because the outrageous developments fit the guidelines.

Take for example the recently approved (Holstein/Sansom)

Residential Flat Building at 18 Nowak Ave, Umina.

"Construction of a two (2) storey Residential Flat Building consisting of three (3) large units" on a block that is 859 square metres.

Council's report states "the main objection of neighbours relates to the proposed two storey height, such being based on the fact that there are presently no existing two storey buildings in the street".

While this is in fact the case, many other streets in the locality contain two storey dwelling houses.

So we might as well screw Nowack as well.

Incredibly the councillors and council officers are content to ignore the Character Statements

for the area which we were told were implemented, at great cost to Council, to protect us from this type of overdevelopment.

DCP 159 says: "These (streets) should remain leafy mixed-density residential areas, retaining a substantial proportion of single dwellings interspersed by new dual occupancies, villa units and townhouses." - Not flats.

"New building works should protect and enhance traditional qualities of the Peninsula's traditional garden suburbs where modestly scaled cottages and bungalows are surrounded by leafy gardens." - Joke.

This is an alarming new precedent for the Peninsula allowing further overdevelopment in our leafy neighbourhoods.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to:

Peninsula News
PO Box 532,
Woy Woy
2256

Contributions in Word format sent via e-mail to mail@pennews.zzn.com or on disk to save us having to retype them are preferred. Forum contributors are reminded that full contact details, including phone number, must accompany submissions. Please include a date with all contributions. Name and suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in an edited form.

The neighbours lodged substantial argument against approval and were completely ignored despite this set of flats being clearly out of character with the area.

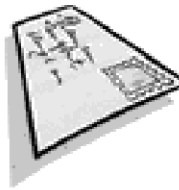
These flats will be left with enough space for a clothes line with no chance of "courtyards that vary in size and shape, and large enough to conserve prominent existing trees and provide space for new shrubs and shady trees."

If one tree is planted on this site it will be a first and yet it is supposedly a requirement for development consent. – Sad joke.

I drove past this block a few days ago and it is totally cleared and tiny.

I suggest you do the same.
Bryan Ellis, Umina

Lest we forget



War hero Sir Roden Cutler, V.C laid the foundation stone for Woy Woy Memorial

Olympic Pool in 1967. Gosford City Council demolished the pool in 2003 will council

please explain:

- Did Council follow due process in the destruction of a War Memorial?
- What happened to the historical foundation stone?
- Has Council taken any action to ensure that the

Leisure Centre that replaces the War Memorial pool will have the words war memorial in its title and prominently displayed on its façade?

Lest we forget.

John Collins, Woy Woy

Christmas '41



Tip Kelaher was born in Sydney in December 1914, educated at Clovelly, Moree and Sydney High.

Tip enlisted in the AIF in 1940 and was sent to the Middle East.

He was killed in action in 1941.

Tip wrote poems in the style of Henry Lawson. This is one is called Christmas '41.

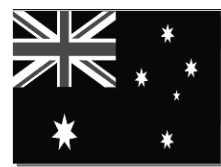
Well, it don't seem much like Christmas
Nations at each other throats,
A-fighting one another
Like a lot of billy goats.
While we polish up the Vickers
Or are doing bayonet drill,
It hardly seems the season
To be talking of goodwill.

But there's one who came from Nazareth
I guess he ought know-
He knocked about and summed things up
Two thousand years ago.
And though new gods have come and gone
And years have passed away,
The things he taught his followers
Are just as clear today.

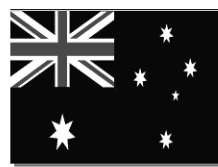
He taught them love and friendship,
To be tolerant and straight,
That each might do the decent thing
And try and help his mate,
Told of the good Samaritan,
Who helped the traveller bloke,
Gave him a swig of Fosters
And offered him a smoke.

Taught each not to fight his neighbour,
Kill his calves or steal his wheat,
Or broadcast lies about him
On the corner of the street,
Till people learned his creed was right,
And gave the sword a rest,
They sat beside their fires and smoked
And found that peace was best.

Submitted by Keith Whitfield



**COME TO THE
FREE AUSTRALIA**



**DAY CELEBRATIONS AT
WOY WOY**

- **Landing Re-enactment by NSW Corps of Marines And T.S.Hawkesbury**
- **Flag Raising • Birthday cake for 26'ers**
- **Australia day Ambassador**
- **Dance Academies - 3 Bands - Us not Them - Wheeze and Suck - Cranky Franky - Food Stalls - Jumping Castle - Children's Entertainment**

JOIN IN AND CELEBRATE !

**10:00 am 26 January
Anderson Park Waterfront**

PRE PAID INTERNET ACCESS

Cash payments OK

Unlimited Downloads

90 days usage or

80 hours whichever is first

Windows, Mac or Linux

Local 43 access number

Other Plans available including
ADSL & 56K Dialup

\$40.00

Includes GST

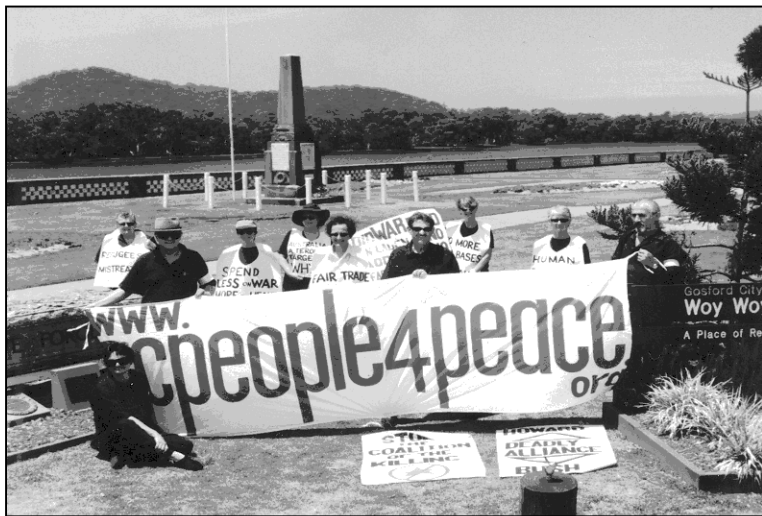
All In One

Business Service

www.allinone.com.au/

Tel 02 4342 3360

Tel 04 1610 7621



Central Coast People for Peace at Woy Woy memorial

People for peace march in Woy Woy

The last silent vigil of the year for the Central Coast People for Peace and Justice was held recently at Memorial Park Woy Woy.

The vigil ended with a march from Memorial Park up Blackwall Rd.

The protesters displayed many of the banners they had made through the year.

"This has been a year filled with issues of war, asylum seekers, detention without trial, and for the first time in our history the Parliamentary gallery being closed to the public," organiser Elaine Norling said.

"There have been truths and lies.

"The 21st century is not off to a flying start when it comes to stability and the nurturing of our planet," she said.

"World leaders seem to lack

vision and the skills required to create and sustain a peaceful and abundant planet.

"The Central Coast is not noted for being politically outspoken but some 2000 people turned out on the Terrigal Skillion to protest against going to an unprovoked war with Iraq.

"From that gathering many people have continued to express their concerns via a monthly silent vigil and letter to our MP, Jim Lloyd.

"Mr Lloyd has replied to some of our concerns and met with us.

"He is, however, committed to his party and its policies, it would seem, no matter how adversely they affect groups or individuals," she said.

More details about the group are available on its website www.ccpeople4peace.org

Email, December 5

Woy Woy targetted in industrial campaign

Woy Woy is one of a number of local centres targetted by the Office of Industrial Relations for an "education and compliance" campaign.

The campaign is being conducted in a range of industries, occupations and regions across NSW with inspectors visiting around 80 medical centres in Gosford and Wyong during December and January.

NSW Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca, said the visits were part of an ongoing campaign aimed at taking advice and assistance out

to workplaces.

"Our intention is to ensure that all employers understand their rights and obligations under more state industrial laws," Mr Della Bosca said.

"We want to help employers and employees work together to identify and head off disputes before they arise, rather than simply respond to complaints.

"The inspectors will deliver information kits on awards and industrial laws as well as provide advice on workplace health and safety.

"In coming months, inspectors will follow up the initial visits with a series of random inspections to assess compliance," he said.

"In our experience, most employers are ready to do the right thing when they know what is required. So our primary aim is to ensure that employers understand their obligations.

"However, employers who continue to ignore minimum standards will be prosecuted. This protects both employees and competitors who comply with the law," Mr Della Bosca said.

For underpaying employees, employers can face up to penalties of \$10,000.

Courts can also order repayment of wages, including interest.

For further information, phone 131 628.

Press release, December 10

Bockholt questions receipt of petition

Gosford Council has received a petition from 106 Umina residents about the development application for townhouses at 18 Nowack Ave.

At the meeting of Council on Tuesday, December 9, Cr Bockholt starred the petition for discussion.

Cr Lynne Bockholt asked the Council officers when the petition had been received, as the development application had been determined by Council three weeks earlier.

She was told that the petition was received after the

development application went before Council.

The petitioners outlined a number of objections to the proposed development including

a lack of privacy, loss of sunlight and an increase in the volume of traffic in the area.

Alison Branley, Council agenda P.093, December 11

Presents delivered

Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Bush Fire Brigade will be delivering presents on the Peninsula on Saturday, December 20.

Delivery times are from 9am to 11am and from 3pm to 5pm.

Santa will arrive on the fire engine, to hand out the gifts to children.

The costs is a \$10 dollar donation.

Anyone interested can drop their wrapped present at Araluen Coastal Properties (Mary McKinney's Real Estate) or at the new rural fire shed on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm.

Newsletter, November 13



Bremen Patisserie Where only the best will do

Home of the AWARD WINNING PIES

Have a break and enjoy a freshly roasted coffee with a difference

Now Available - Our Special Fruitcake, Pudding, Fruit Mince Tarts, Christmas Logs and Ginger Bread Houses and Christ Stolen.

Wishing all of our wonderful customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

OPEN 7 DAYS
302 West St Umina Phone. 4341 4177
www.bestpies.com.au



HOME CAMPBELL

TIMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS

HARDWARE WOY WOY

XMAS SALE DOGALOGUE

OUT NOW!

Lots of Gifts to Choose From






182 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy
Ph: 4344 3473

100% LOCALLY OWNED 100% LOCALLY STAFFED

Health



Keren Thayler with gluten free food from Gnostic organics market

Kathryn is support officer

Kathryn Dani from Umina has been named support officer for people with Coeliacs disease for the Central Coast.

Ms Dani has been suffering from Coeliacs disease for two years, an inflammatory condition caused by gluten which is found in wheat, rye, barley and oats.

People with Coeliacs had damage to the lining of the small intestine, which reduced the ability of the gut to absorb enough nutrients from food.

The disease caused different symptoms.

In adults, they developed gradually and often varied, she said.

These may include tiredness and breathlessness, mouth ulcers, weight loss, diarrhoea, vomiting, anaemia and abdominal pain.

Some people with the disease developed a chronic distinctive

rash. Infant symptoms first appeared soon after cereals were introduced into the diet.

The baby may have diarrhoea and may become miserable, lose weight or fail to gain weight and an itchy rash will often develop on the body of the infant.

Coeliacs disease is very common among Australians and occurs in one in every 250 Australians.

Kathryn said: "It is physically very hard to cope with."

It was quite difficult to diagnose Coeliacs disease and it was often mistaken for something else.

"The doctor first diagnosed me with a stomach ulcer and then chronic fatigue," she said.

Some causes of Coeliacs disease include severe stress, physical injury, infection, childbirth or surgery, but it is often hereditary.

It is also more common for those who have insulin-

dependent diabetes and auto-immune thyroid disease.

The disease can be kept under control and further problems prevented by eliminating gluten and related proteins from the diet.

But for sufferers like Kathryn, the problem is finding adequate foods.

"Finding food is quite hard, but there have been improvements in labelling," she said.

Gluten-free foods are now easily available, but often supermarkets will not have a good variety for those with the disease.

Kathryn said she was surprised to find out that the recently-opened Gnostic Healing Sanctuary and Organics Market in Woy Woy sold gluten-free foods.

Kathryn can be contacted on 4342 3520.

Julie Nicholls, November 27

Breathing equipment appeal success

Umina Beach residents Sophia and Denis Cox have had a good response from the Central Coast in their drive to buy breathing equipment for their son but still need \$2000.

Billy their son, just 13 weeks old, has "severe central and obstructive sleep apnoea" where Billy's breathing can become suspended, which is complicated by bad oesophageal reflux, during sleep.

At just a mere age of nine days, Billy's condition was detected when he began to turn a shade of blue in his mother's arms.

Billy has to be hooked up to a repetitive positive airways pressure machine.

Five weeks ago, Billy was flown to Sydney for the third flight since he was born.

Sophia and Denis must not leave the house, but stay home and care for Billy and their other six children who are all aged under nine.

Mr Cox said: "A lot of people have been offering to help and we have been receiving heaps of cheques in the mail."

"The community has been so good to us."

"This has gone better than we could have ever expected."

"We are now only a little bit short."

"We need around \$2000 to pay for Billy's equipment."

"A very kind gentleman rang me the other day and would like to hold a fundraiser for us in January to raise the rest of the money, as Billy has to go in for an operation in February."

Mr Cox said: "My wife has been amazing. She really deserves a medal."

The Cox's moved to the Peninsula three years ago and said that the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service, where Mr Cox is a member, helped them when he and Sophia were in hospital with baby Billy.

There is a chance that he may grow out of it by school age, but for the time being, he will need at least two operations.

This cannot be done until Billy is strong enough to survive an anaesthetic.

Billy can only survive because of the sleep apnoea monitor the family rents.

The family wishes to purchase the monitor and a generator that is on loan from the PBRFS.

If you would like to help the Cox's by making a donation, phone 4344 2462 or write to 119 Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina Beach 2257.

Lauren Brown, December 10

Church holds Blue Christmas

Umina Uniting Church will hold a "Blue Christmas" service on Monday, December 22, from 5.30pm to 6pm

The service is open to all as a time of quiet and peaceful reflection at the beginning of Christmas week.

"The season of Christmas is an emotionally-charged time," said church representative Helen Edgell.

"There is a great deal of pressure placed on people not only to spend a lot of money, but also to feel a certain way and experience a particularly joyous mood."

"All of this is coupled with an emphasis on remembering, togetherness and family."

"So for those who are hurting in any way, the party atmosphere of this time of year will only amplify feelings of pain, grief, loneliness or despair," she said.

"Blue Christmas" started in Canada about 10 years ago, and has now spread to a number of other countries.

The church is on the corner of Neptune St and Ocean Beach Rd.

With inquiries, phone 4341 1024.

Email, December 10

Blood bank open

Woy Woy Blood Bank in Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, will be open over the Christmas season.

This year the "Blood Brothers" Summer Blood Challenge runs from December 1 to February 28.

Each year, the NSW and ACT police and motorcyclists join forces to generate additional blood donations during the critical summer months.

The public can also get involved by donating blood at any blood donor centre and nominating who they would like to support: the police or motorcyclists.

Woy Woy Blood Bank will be open every Tuesday in December from 2pm to 7.30pm and every Wednesday 9am to 2.30pm.

Email, December 10

MOBILITY SCOOTERS

All Work Guaranteed

SALES & SERVICE

Authorised Agent:
Shoprider ~ Rascal ~ Walking frames
When only the best will do
Call Craig for Prompt & Reliable Service
4396 6388
Toukley World of Bikes Shop 3, Summerside St, Toukley

DENTURE CLINIC
Keith Boyd
Dental Prosthetist
NO REFERRALS REQUIRED

For full and partial dentures, relines and repairs

Phone 4360 2755
OR
Call in at
112 Blackwall Rd
(Woy Woy Osteopath Centre)
WOY WOY

GREG DOUGLAS OPTOMETRIST

B.Sc. FC Optom
 ☞ EYE EXAMINATIONS
 ☞ GLAUCOMA TESTING
 ☞ CONTACT LENSES FITTED
 ☞ BULK BILLING AVAILABLE

4342 3193

SHOP 9A, DEEPWATER PLAZA, WOY WOY (Inside OPSM)

Roads may be funded

Regional and State roads on the Peninsula could receive funding as part of an agreement between Gosford Council and the State government.

Eligible roads include Ocean Beach Rd, West St, Mt Ettalong Rd, Maitland Bay Dr, Empire Bay Dr, Barrenjoey Rd, Patonga Dr and Brisbane Water Dr.

Gosford Council has received additional funding for regional roads following representations to State Government.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell said he

was pleased that the government agreed to review funding for regional roads and, in the interim, has doubled the funding for this financial year and next financial year.

Cr Bell said the government had agreed to bring forward funding for regional roads following a meeting with the Minister for Roads, Mr Carl Scully, and further representations to the State Government in the last two weeks.

Cr Bell said he had asked Gosford Council's engineering

director, Mr Stephen Glen, to prepare a report on regional road projects that could commence immediately.

Gosford Council has approximately 174km of regional roads.

Cr Bell said: "The Council will continue to make representations to the Minister to expand the pool of funds for regional roads so that the contribution per kilometre that Gosford receives is raised to the level enjoyed by Wyong."

Press release, December 10



Children enjoy the activities at Club Umina's Christmas party

Letter's owner is sought

Woy Woy police are seeking the owner of a historic letter and other property that has been handed into the police station.

The letter, written in 1945, was sent from a male involved in World War II to his mother.

The envelope is addressed to 'Anthos/Anthis' at a Parramatta address.

Police believe the letter may be of tremendous sentimental value and as such have launched an appeal to locate its owner.

The property was handed into Woy Woy Police Station on December 1.

Anybody with information that may assist police locate the owner is asked to contact Woy Woy Police on 4341 9122.

Press release, December 10

Multi-cultural group forms in Woy Woy

The first meeting of a multi-cultural group was held in Woy Woy last week with a multi-cultural lunch.

The group was formed as part of an outreach program of the Wyoming-based Central Coast Multicultural Project in collaboration with the Peninsula Community Centre.

It is for people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The program will offer support and one-on-one casework covering advice on housing, employment and any problems encountered with a language barrier.

Project officer Ms Edna Wachter, once a new Australian herself, said: "If there are two or three coming at the start, there is enough of your target group in the area".

With up to 10 different nationalities represented at the meeting, she said there was a very positive response which would grow with advertising and by word of mouth.

Nations represented at the meeting included the Philippines, Malaysia, China, France, Spain, Scotland, Colombia, Malta and Mexico.

Yvonne, with her daughter Cindy, found out about the group through her son's school and hoped it would ease her feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Marilyn was a bit shy but Tatou and Bill were quite happy to discuss cultural diversities.

Amperno, Sophia and Ron were also there chatting away.

For further information, call the Wyoming Community Centre on 4323 7483.

Rob Jimenez, December 10

BOOKKEEPING WITH A DIFFERENCE

- ✓ Flexibility & Low Fees!
- ✓ MYOB Support/Training
- OBLIGATION FREE QUOTES
- CALL TODAY 4341 6761
- Girlpower Bookkeeping & Secretarial Agency
- Offers your business the "Complete Office Solution"

Elsie Mills retires

Elsie Mills has sold her Woy Woy business Lady Anne Handcrafts to former employee and local resident of 32 years, Vivienne Tranter.

Elsie has run "Lady Anne Handcrafts" for over 30 years, first starting in at East Gosford Post Office, before coming to the Peninsula 25 years ago.

Elsie had noticed some remarkable changes in her time running the shop.

Where once shops selling wool were common, Elsie claims the

shop is the only one left on the Coast selling wool.

The shop also sells supplies for cross-stitch, embroidery, crochet, tatting and tapestry.

Vivienne has finally taken the plunge to become the new owner, but she is not worried as she knows the trade, the customers and has worked on and off for many years for Elsie.

Vivienne will be moving "Lady Anne Handcrafts" to Shop 10 George St, on the corner of Victoria Rd.

Lauren Brown, December 10

EMPIRE BAY ESTATE AGENCY	BENVILLE REAL ESTATE
<i>Phone: 4369 2275</i>	
GEOFF & JACKIE MELVILLE	MAUREEN HODGE Ah: 4384 1114
Residential Property Management & Sales Specialists	
KENDALL ROAD, EMPIRE BAY	
THE ONLY LOCAL AGENT	

**We need your
commitment
more than ever**



To join call 13 14 95

Autodesk #1 in Class
2003

Party attracts 900 children

Club Umina held its annual party for members and their children on Sunday, December 7.

The event was attended by almost 900 children and half as many adults who were treated to rides on eight horses and ponies, a jumping castle, a giant slide

and face painting, as well as party food including a sausage sizzle, drinks and fairy floss.

The day was held on Umina Oval as a reward for members.

This year an estimated \$12 000 was spent to make the day memorable for all.

Rob Jimenez, December 11

It's Your Money - You Control It!

ONLINE SUPER

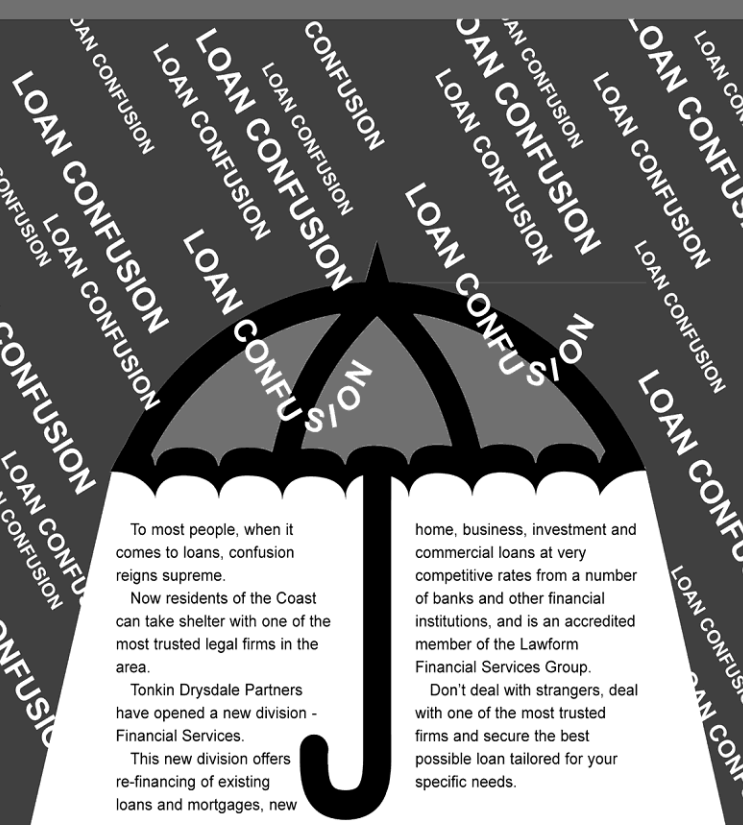
Self managed super fund and self managed allocated pension specialists.

Over 300 people a month are taking control of their funds.

WHY NOT YOU?

For a free consultation kindly call 0421 918246

TAKE SHELTER



To most people, when it comes to loans, confusion reigns supreme.


Now residents of the Coast can take shelter with one of the most trusted legal firms in the area.

Tonkin Drysdale Partners have opened a new division - Financial Services.

This new division offers re-financing of existing loans and mortgages, new

home, business, investment and commercial loans at very competitive rates from a number of banks and other financial institutions, and is an accredited member of the Lawform Financial Services Group.

Don't deal with strangers, deal with one of the most trusted firms and secure the best possible loan tailored for your specific needs.



Financial Services

Why be confused? We're not

Telephone: 4341 2355 Facsimile: 4344 1420 email: gkenney@tdplegal.com.au Website: www.tdplegal.com.au

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws

NOT JUST A MOWER SHOP

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws is a family run business nestled at the base of Blackwall Mountain in Woy Woy.

The business has grown from humble beginnings over 15 years ago to its present status as one of the most comprehensive and professional outdoor power equipment specialists in the state.

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws is owned by David and Lyn Jenkins.

David has had over 20 years in the industry and when Lyn and David moved here from Sydney they were disappointed at the general range of products and service available.

They saw the need to do it better by offering the residents of the Peninsula the very best in garden equipment of all types, comprehensive spare parts backup, professional repair facilities and of course the very best in customer service.

To sum up, the idea that formed the company slogan "Not Just A Mower Shop" was adopted.

David and Lyn are fortunate to have David Meredith as workshop manager.

David has nearly 25 years experience in the industry and is truly at the top of his profession.

Blackwall Mowers customers find it refreshing to be able to ask David just

about anything to do with their machines and get the right answer the first time.

In keeping with a true family business, David and Lyn are fortunate to have their children Krysten and Dave helping out and David's father Robert keeping the books in order.

Blackwall mowers has been sourcing products to make your time spent in the garden a breeze.



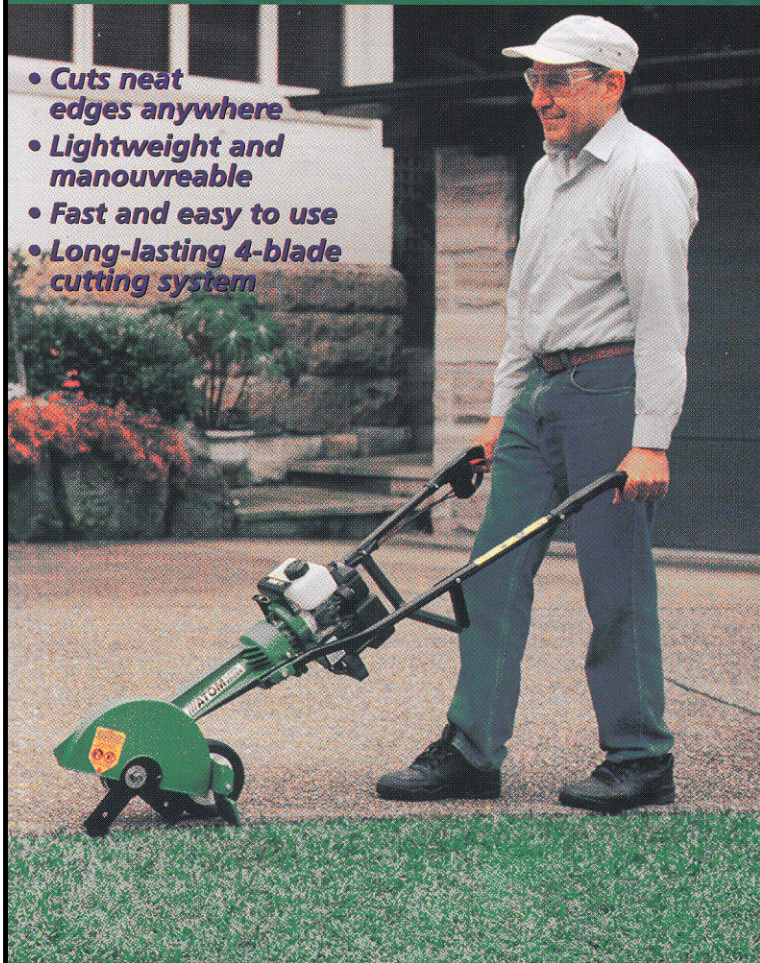
These include such innovations as the new Enviromower, a cordless rechargeable lawn mower that starts by the simple push of a button

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws are repair and service agents for over 30 different brands including Victa, Rover, Masport, Ryobi, Flymo and Husqvarna.



David Jenkins and daughter Krysten in front of their retail outlet

///ATOM®
LAWN EDGERS
 Australia's No. 1
 Lawn Edgers



- Cuts neat edges anywhere
- Lightweight and manoeuvrable
- Fast and easy to use
- Long-lasting 4-blade cutting system

International multi-award winning lawn edger company
 www.atomindustries.com.au

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws
 72 Memorial Avenue, Woy Woy
 Ph: 4343 1624 Visit us at:
 www.BlackwallMowers.com
 & SAVE SAVE SAVE

ECHO®

The one that lasts. Full range of quality Blowers, Brush Cutters, Chainsaws and Hedge trimmers



start optional
PB2155
 21.2cc Power Blower with Adj. throttle lock.
 Can be fitted with Opt. Vacuum Attachment.



instant, intelligent
innovative, easy start

Reduce the starting effort by 66% with the Echo Istart. Available from

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws
 72 Memorial Avenue, Woy Woy Ph: 4343 1624
 Visit us at www.BlackwallMowers.com
 & SAVE SAVE SAVE

Husqvarna

SWEDISH QUALITY FANASTIC VALUE

322L BRUSH CUTTER ONLY \$499*



Husqvarna 136



Husqvarna 322L Easy starting

HUSQVARNA CHAINSAWS FROM \$369*

Available from:

Blackwall Mowers and Chainsaws
 72 Memorial Avenue, Woy Woy Ph: 4343 1624
 Visit us at www.BlackwallMowers.com
 & SAVE SAVE SAVE

*While stocks last



Local butcher installs smokehouse

Ham, bacon and chicken will be smoked on the Peninsula in an initiative taken by a local butcher.

Peninsula Budget Meats, of Woy Woy, recently installed an automatic German-designed smokehouse.

It was lowered by crane through a hole in the roof.

Proprietor Chris Rawson, who has owned Peninsula Budget Meats for over four years, said that he was not really happy with the quality of smoked goods that he had been buying and decided to do it all himself.

He uses traditional beechwood chips imported from Germany to achieve the best flavour.

A smoke box underneath the

smokehouse takes the wood chips, which are touched by an electric prod so as to smoulder but not catch alight.

The smoke is then received by the enclosed smokehouse and kept there in a pre-heated oven for one hour of smoking.

"This is what gives it that authentic wood smoke flavour," Chris said.

Other parts of the process include steam being pumped into the oven, followed by more heat and finally a shower of water.

The whole process takes between nine and 12 hours and can cook 30 hams at a time.

The hams are all cured in a special conveyor-belted pickling machine with several needles piercing each one along its full

length.

They are also placed in specially made cheesecloth bags, with one fitted with a probe to monitor the hams to ensure they are properly cooked.

"The smokehouse is currently used for hams, chickens, turkeys and bacon," Chris said.

"Next year, we'll get into salamis, frankfurts and different chicken parts."

Peninsula Budget Meats, located next door to the Commonwealth Bank, has been a butcher shop since opening in the 1930s.

It is a heritage listed building and the only remaining main street butcher in Woy Woy.

Cec Buccello, December 4

House approved for Araluen Dr

Gosford Council has approved a development application for the demolition of an existing house and the construction of a house at 168 Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay.

Council deferred the matter on December 2 to its meeting on December 9 so that a site inspection could be completed.

At the meeting, Council viewed the plans and objectors to the development were heard.

Objectors said that if the development was allowed to extend further forward that the required 6m setback it would set a precedent for future developments for the street.

Council was told this would mean the applicant would either have to redesign the house or move the whole structure back towards large trees in the backyard.

Council decided that the overall design was sympathetic to the character of the street and approved the development.

Cr Bockholt said that the development would be the first of nine in the street to break the precedent.

She was recorded in dissent.

"What was the point of urban design framework?" she said.

"At the very first test, we fall at the first hurdle."

Cr Wales said that there would be a greater impact with a setback of six metres.

"You are going to see driveways along the water," she said.

Cr Doyle said that if you look down the street you would see a number of precedents.

"The design is sympathetic. It is set back in two stages.

"What we are talking about is a deck.

"If we push the whole thing back, we are going to see a long driveway."

The council agenda noted that Araluen Dr was a "mix of development ranging from old-style cottages to larger modern homes" and that the "street-front building lines vary with many encroaching on the six metre setback."

"Both homes on either side have decks up to 3.5m setback to the street boundary with a setback of 5m to the building proper."

"The setback and facade treatment reduces privacy issues and eliminates any potential view loss problems for both adjacent neighbours."

There were five public submissions.

Answering an objection to overshadowing the property to the south, the staff report to Council noted that all dwellings in that section of Araluen Dr cast a shadow over their neighbour and the design of the house had taken steps to reduce overshadowing.

In relation to height, the report noted that the initial plans did not comply with building height envelope requirements but had been amended to fully comply.

In relation to privacy, the report noted that a full height privacy

screen has been provided to the northern side of the upper floor balcony to maintain privacy.

Adjoining owners also raised the concern that the design would have an impact on existing views from adjoining premises.

The report commented that the proposal had been sited and designed paying regard to existing views.

In relation to stormwater, the report noted that all roof and sealed surface stormwater would be required to be collected and disposed of to Araluen Drive.

Alison Branley, Council agenda DH.122, December 11

Pines miss out in heritage LEP

Norfolk Island Pines at Wagstaffe will not be included in the draft local environment plan as an item of environmental heritage, following a meeting of council on December 2.

Council will instead consider the trees for inclusion in Council's Significant Tree Register.

Council will however include the boatshed on Lot 222

Wagstaffe Ave, Wagstaffe, in the draft Heritage Local Environmental Plan.

The boatshed is proposed to be included as an item of environmental heritage, due to its historical association with the Ferrymaster's site, even though it has been recently renovated.

Council received one letter of objection and four letter of support when the draft LEP went on exhibition.

Council Agenda EP 047, December 12

CHARLIE'S DISCOUNT FURNITURE NO ONE CAN LIKE CHARLIE CAN



**Plenty of parking at the door
Immediate delivery
WORTH A LOOK**

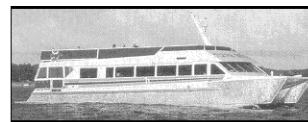
Lounges, rugs, desks, budget bedding

4341 8727 225 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy

Palm Beach Ferry Service

Try Our New Ferry Service Palm Beach - Wagstaffe - Hardys Bay - Woy Woy

Commencing December 26



DEPART

Palm Beach	10:30	12:30	2:30	4:30
Wagstaffe	10:55	12:55	2:55	4:55
Hardys Bay	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:00
Arr. Woy Woy	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15

DEPART

Woy Woy	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30
Hardys Bay	11:45	1:45	3:15	5:15
Wagstaffe	11:50	1:50	3:50	5:50
Arr. Palm Beach	12:15	2:15	4:15	6:15

This Timetable concludes on 31/01/04

www.palmbeachferry.com.au
Phone: 9918 2747 Email: info@palmbeachferry.com.au

WELD "R" USS

GENERAL WELDING
TEL & FAX (02) 43412428 MOBILE 0418143443

Jim & Sharyn Russ
**56 BEACH STREET
ETTALONG 2251**

Convert your LPs and cassettes to CDs.
Only \$10 per LP to CD
Only \$15 per Cassette to CD.
Listen to and enjoy your favourite music again without having to worry about turntables, cassette decks or needles!
CDs are supplied in a slimline case and are fully labelled.
Phone Jethro on 4324 5660 or 0438 145 660

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AT



DR LeWINNS Private Formula 24 Hour Beauty gift pack for normal to dry skin includes day cream moisturiser 113g, advanced night cream 50g, firming eye cream 28g, creamy facial cleanser 178ml, nutrizone skin fresher 178ml **\$139.50** Also available for combination to oily skin **\$124.50**



RED DOOR Christmas gift set includes eau de toilette 50ml, moisturising body lotion 100ml and parfum replica 5ml **\$83.00**



arden beauty Christmas gift set includes eau de parfum 30ml, body lotion 50ml, body wash 50ml **\$83.00**



CORAL COLOURS Sequined Fairy Fun Packs **\$12.95** Available in assorted colours.



\$14.95



\$12.95



\$14.95

Our Friendly Experienced Team



Lance Clarke's Amcal Pharmacy and all our staff are care accredited, ensuring we meet the strict requirements set by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.

Lance Clarke has owned the pharmacy for over twenty years and is a trusted and recognized member of the community who is always available to give help and advice.

The team at Lance Clarke's Amcal Pharmacy is committed to providing friendly and professional advice for all your health needs. The pharmacy offers quick and efficient prescription service and free pick up and delivery of your scripts, also offering qualified first aid officers, diabetes care, a new and increased range of vitamins, Dr LeWinn's Private Formula and Natio consultants an extensive variety of general pharmacy lines



DR LeWINNS Private Formula All About Hands gift set **\$44.50** **NATIO SPA** Earth gift set **\$39.95**

Alphabet Fairies

Airy Fairies From **\$9.95 ea**

\$7.95 ea

PENCIL TOPPERS

Only **\$7.95 ea**

Glittered Christmas Characters

Only **\$11.95 ea**

Ideal for your Christmas Tree or as a Memorable Gift!

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 6:30pm Saturday 8:30am to 4pm

CLARKE'S AMCAL PHARMACY

Our Services

Free Information

Confused about your medication? Come into Clarke's pharmacy for your free information printout. The pharmacy is accredited to perform medication reviews

Unwanted Medicines

We accept unwanted medicines for disposal if required

Webster packs

Medication management system takes the worry out of when to take your medicines

Free Baby Weighing

Registered Nurse available every Friday from 10am to 2pm to discuss your baby needs.

Diabetes Australia Agent

For all your diabetes needs.

Natural Health

Including Amcal's own, Bio Organics, Natures Own, Natural Nutrition and Blackmores.

Kodak Photo Processing

Overnight Service, except weekends.

Free Pick Up & Delivery

of your prescriptions

Free Gift Wrapping



Sunday 9am to 2pm Shop 4, Peninsula Plaza Ph: 43422256

News



Janice and Niel Morris at Courtyard Capers

Nursery will have a facelift

The only nursery on the Peninsula has been sold and will undergo a facelift, including a name change.

Ettalong Beach Gardeners Cottage will become Courtyard Capers.

Janice and Neil Morris, originally from Berkeley Vale, have been travelling around looking for a business to buy for over 12 months.

They have children who attend Ettalong Public School.

Before buying the nursery, Neil used to commute to Sydney

each day for 11 years.

Both Janice and Neil have a background working in nurseries, which was necessary to purchase the cottage.

Changes planned include refitting the shed, upgrading the front and side area, and restocking to improve the range.

The nursery will now also sell cut flowers.

The menu in the coffee shop, which seats 40, will stay the same with a "few new tasty treats" added.

It will be open seven days a week from 8am to 5pm.

Lauren Brown, December 10

BONDIES AT THE BAY

Fish & Chips, Hamburgers, Fresh Sandwiches,
Coffee & Cakes, Sat & Sun Breakfast From 8.30am
Open 7 days for lunch or dinner

Eat in or Takeaway

Phone Orders Welcome
4363 1545
7 Sorrento Road Empire Bay
Functions Catered For

Gourmet Delicatessen

ettalong

FINE FOODS

We would like to wish all our customers a fantastic Xmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Luscious Christmas Hampers and other great ideas to add something special this festival season.
Come in and see us! Open till 7pm Xmas eve!
(Closed Xmas Day & Boxing Day)

Shop 5a The Rocks Arcade
216 Memorial Avenue, Ettalong Beach NSW 2257
Telephone : 4342 8305

Peninsula in the news

Here is a summary of news items about the Peninsula appearing in other news media over the last two weeks.

Wednesday, December 3

Peninsula group Toys from Wood Club is seeking a garage from which to operate.

With inquiries, phone 4344 2863.

Express Advocate

Eleven-year-old Taylor Poole finished fifth at the NSW Junior Speedway titles at Somersby on Sunday, November 30.

The Umina resident placed fifth just 12 hours after his father, Mick Poole, was given a farewell from the sport at Gosford.

Express Advocate

A third innings homer from Matt Mulcahy propelled the Indians to a thumping win over the bears on Saturday, November 28.

After a scoreless first two innings, Mulcahy's big play kick-started an Indians charge at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

Express Advocate

Thursday, December 4

Seven-year-old Jack McQueen was honoured with a certificate of commendation from the NSW branch of Royal life saving society for saving an 11-year-old boy who got stuck in a strong rip Patonga Creek last year.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy's Jan Rose has been nominated for 2003 Central Coast Volunteer of the Year.

"Mrs Rose has volunteered 28 years of her life to Ettalong Beach Baptist Day Care, a service that provides weekly activities for the area's senior citizens."

Express Advocate

Friday, December 5

A police car was damaged in an accident near Woy Woy tip on Wednesday, December 3.

"The patrol car didn't take a corner and slid off the road and into a 2m ditch," the Central Coast Express Advocate reported.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Leagues Club and Club Umina are among clubs on the Central Coast collecting toys for the Smith Family's Giving Tree Appeal.

The clubs would like to collect 25,000 gifts for children aged up to 12.

Express Advocate

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank God for the Salvos
CREDIT CARD

DONATIONS 13 32 30
salvationarmy.org.au

Monday, December 8

A man recorded a blood alcohol reading of more than three times the legal limit after he crashed into the rear of another vehicle at Umina on Saturday, December 6.

The 20-year-old St Hubert's Island man was charged with drink driving, with a reading of 0.175 after police attended the accident at Barrenjoey Rd at 7:45pm.

Central Coast Extra

Ocean Beach Holiday Park is already booked out for the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

"Park manager Julie Hughes said 70 cabins and 100 caravan and camping sites are booked out."

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, December 10

Ron Bruns from Bremen Patisserie Umina won "most successful pastry entrant" in the Sydney Royal Food and Wine show, taking home a medal for each of this 13 entries.

Express Advocate

Deepwater Plaza is collecting tinned and bottled food goods to distribute as hampers to those less fortunate in the community this Christmas.

Goods can be left outside Franklins or in the Centre Management office near Subway.

Express Advocate

Umina Rugby Club's push to be admitted to the first grade competition has been renewed.

A letter to the Central Coast division was lodged on Monday requesting a hearing before the new committee.

Express Advocate

Thursday, December 11

Woy Woy police now know the author of letters sent by an airman to his mother during World War Two was Roy Joseph Langbein, who died in 1992.

However police said it was unclear whether Mrs Anthis was Mr Langbein's mother, or whether Mr Langbein's mother had passed the letters on to Mrs Anthis.

Central Coast Extra

The tragedy of the death of Paul Blake, 47, of Woy Woy, has been compounded by the loss of family photographs he had.

"His sister Anne Jordison has since tried to find a box of sentimentally valuable photos given to Mr Blake by his mother before her death."

Express Advocate

Umina Beach shoppers will be waiting well into next year for new lampposts in West St to be turned on.

Gosford Council's engineering director Mr Stephen Glen said work to put the electricity underground had been in progress for about 18 months.

Express Advocate

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club president Dave Unger urged residents to assist the club in raising funds to help buy vital rescue equipment.

"On Sunday, club members will be knocking on doors to raise money as well as highlight the fantastic work performed by volunteer lifesavers on the coast."

Express Advocate

A broken finger forced Woy Woy cricket club skipper Peter Graham out of Saturday's first grade match against Lisarow.

"Graham damaged his digit on Sunday and dislocated another when attempting a catch in a one-day game."

Express Advocate

Friday, December 12

Two people have come forward with claims on the World War Two letters that were sold in a Woy Woy pub on Saturday, presumed to be written by Roy Joseph Langbein in Borneo in 1945

Robyn Langbein of Woy Woy believed that the author was her father's cousin, while David Anthis, of Sydney said the author could have been his estranged older brother, or possibly his uncle.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy resident Ms Terry Fitzgerald has had difficulty getting authorities to take action after a truck hit power lines at her Woy Woy Rd home on Tuesday evening.

She said that Council, Energy Australia and the RTA appeared to duck and swerve on the issue.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Leagues Club members were mourning the death of one of its stalwarts, angler Allan Smith.

"Smith was a member for 20 years and was heavily involved in the football and fishing clubs."

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Hotel won the Brisbane Waters Combined Fishing Clubs competition with 19167 points.

Ocean beach came second on 12105, Umina bowling club came third with 2215 and Ettalong sixth with 1127.

Killcare resident Steven Munnery will captain the Central Coast life saving team to the interbranch championship.

Express Advocate

Arts and Entertainment



Pictured are 15 year olds Tegan Parkinson, "Velma" from Cessnock, and Kerstin Kempken, "Roxy" from Woy Woy

Kimberley art on show

Indigenous art from the East Kimberley will be on show at Patonga in January.

Patonga Bake House Gallery will hold an exhibition "Deserts of the Sea" with artwork by artists from the Yarliyil Art Centre in the East Kimberley.

Artists such as Willy Billabong, Lorna Thomas, Tiny McCale, Stan Brumby and Jack Lenergan will be exhibited.

The exhibition open at 2pm on Saturday, January 17 and will be

open from 10am to 4pm each day.

The artwork may be seen by appointment between January 26 and February 4.

Yarliyil is funded by the ATSIC.

The centre is at Halls Creek in Western Australia and is directed by Meg Norling and run by a committee of local artists.

All proceeds of sales will go to Yarliyil.

For more information, phone: 4379 1102.

Flyer, December 8

Gingerbread man staged

Woy Woy Little Theatre will play "The Gingerbread Man" at Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy between January 17 and 24.

In the play, the Gingerbread Man knows that he is the tastiest snack in the world, but how can he convince his animal friends to eat him?

The story follows the Gingerbread Man's journey to fulfil his ultimate aim in life: to be appreciated for the tasty treat he really is.

The production will be directed by Fran Kendall.

Bookings can be made by phoning 4344 1800.

Newsletter, December 10

Theatre claims world premiere

Central Coast's Shakespeare Company will present the world premiere of "I, Andromeda" at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, next year.

The play was written by local playwright and CCSC associate, Alex Gribbs.

Directed by Stephen Hopley,

"I, Andromeda" will be showing from February 13 to 21, at 7:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays; with a 2pm matinee also on Saturdays.

A preview will be held on Wednesday, February 11.

For bookings, phone 4323 3233.

Newsletter, December 10

Play about footy fan

"Rattle of a Simple Man" will be performed by Woy Woy Little Theatre from February 27 to March 14.

This play is about a footy fan in his 20s who is coerced into losing his virginity to a prostitute in a drunken night's revelry.

Newsletter, December 10

Dance schools hold concert

The annual "Stairway to Stardom" concert was held at Ettalong Memorial Club on Sunday, December 7.

Students of Lovett's School of Jazz and Tap and Nicole Classique performed together for the show.

The concert kicked off with a favourite show tune segment which included Roxy, Anything Goes, Mr Bo Jangles and 42nd Street.

This was followed by a view in to the "Enchanted Garden".

There was plenty of jazz and funk items, and the concert closed with the beautiful "White

Swan" Ballet.

This was the last time the two studios will operate as one.

Pam Lovett handed over her academy earlier this year to Miss Kim Bemet and Miss Nicole Wilkinson and Pam is now freelance teaching in Newcastle.

Nicole has already opened her own studio in Woy Woy while Kim will remain based in Umina and Empire Bay under the new name "Dance Rage".

Kim Bemet is a fully qualified LGTDA tap teacher and has experience in Jazz-Funk and Cabaret, and has also engaged a classical teacher.

Letter, December 8

CINEMA PARADISO
 1902 241 058
 SESSION TIMES
 PH: 4342 4666
 FOR ENQUIRIES OR RESERVATIONS
 PH: 4343 1977
 OUR NEW WEBSITE www.cinema-paradiso.com.au

School Holiday Entertainment	
<p>Now Showing Elf, Looney Tunes - Back In action, Master And Commander, Scary Movie 3 From 18th Dec Peter Pan From 26th Dec Brother Bear, Lord Of The Rings - The Return of the</p>	<p>King From 1st Jan Spy Kids - 3D From 8th Jan Cheaper by the Dozen, Something's Gotta Give From 15th Jan The Last Samurai</p>
<p>\$8 Crazy Prices every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (excl. Public Holidays)</p>	<p>Plus movies under the stars - Out door cinema at 8.30pm - nightly</p>

Laycock Street Theatre
WHAT'S ON
LAYCOCK ST THEATRE
 "TURN BACK TIME"
 The ultimate CHER tribute show featuring Michelle Hammond 8th, 9th, 10th January
 "CINDERELLA - A PANTOMIME"
 A fun show for young and old from Gosford Musical Society Juniors 13th - 17th January
 "STRAIGHT UP ROGUE"
 A swellegant elegant party featuring a cast of guys and dolls singing Jazz in a bar 23rd January - 7th February
BOOKINGS 4323 3233
 LA YCOCK ST THEATRE, NTH GOSFORD & PENINSULA THEATRE WOY WOY
 owned & operated by Gosford City Council

PENINSULA MUSIC
 Exclusive Central Coast Dealer for **G&L Guitars**
 "At Fender Leo made the world's most famous guitar, but at G&L he made the best".
Ask about Karaoke Hire for your Xmas Party
 Low deposit—interest free terms and rental plans now available
 Electric guitar packs from \$299
 Acoustic guitar packs from \$179 Includes bag, strap & picks
Lay-by NOW for Christmas
CROWN Keyboards and digital pianos Starting from \$299
December Special hard case with every Cole Clark Guitar
 Student Guitars 1/4 size \$59.95 1/2 size \$69.95 3/4 size \$79.95
38 GEORGE ST (REAR DEEPWATER PLAZA) WOY WOY
PHONE : 4342 9099 peninsulamusic.com.au



What's on in and around the Peninsula

Following is a comprehensive listing of events planned for the Peninsula over the next two weeks.

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Simply send us details of your group's events and activities by fax, email, or post, or drop in to our office.

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

DAILY EVENTS

Visitor Information Centre, Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, Woy Woy. Enq: 4341 2888

Woy Woy Pelican Feeding, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

Playtime PCYC Osborne Ave Umina mon - fri 9am - 10am Enq 4344 7851

Little Gym PCYC Osborne Ave Umina mon - fri 10am - 11am Enq 4344 7851

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY

Drop in 12-18 yrs only The Web Youth, Service 12pm-6pm Enq 4342 3684

Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: Peninsula Community Centre, Ocean Beach Rd., Enq 4342 4121

Trent's Trivia Club Umina, 7.30 pm. \$2 pp. Enq 4341 2618

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm - 5.00pm (Junior), 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5.00pm PCYC, Enq 4344 7851

Free Bingo, Woy Woy Leagues Club 11am.

Ladies Golf, 18 hole stableford, 8am; **Ladies outdoor bowls**, 9.30am; Everglades Country Club, Enq: 4341 1866.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; **Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am**; **Handicraft-9am**; **Cards-12.30pm**; Enq: 4341 3222.

Have-a-chat meeting 10am, **Discussion Group**, 11am, **Rumikin or cards**, 1pm, **School for Seniors**, Peninsula Community Centre. Enq: 4341 9333, **Judo**, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3 Enq: 4342 4121.

Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy Group 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, Enq Julie 4379 1132

Tai-Chi classes Wagstaffe Hall 10.30am except school holidays Enq 4360 2705

Rotary Club of Woy Woy 6pm Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd., Woy Woy, Enq: 4341 1866

Competition Darts, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7pm Enq: 4341 0087

Scrabble, Empire Bay Community Progress Hall 12 - 4pm Enq. Jan 4369 3195.

Folk Art 9.30am - 11.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 12 - 2pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Enq 4360 1673.

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30am - 11.30am

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

Sports bar raffle Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Sahaja yoga meditation CWA Hall Woy Woy, 10.30am Free Entry, Enq: 4328 1409.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs, The Web Youth Service 12pm-6pm Enq 4342 3684

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

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club, 9.30am and 7.30pm Enq 43410721

Peninsula **Choir** rehearse 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina. Men welcome Pearl Beach **Play Group** 10am Pearl Beach Progress Hall Enq: 4342 7182

Brisbane Waters **Scrabble** Club,

6pm - 10pm New players welcome. Enq: 4341 9929

Men's 18 hole golf; **Men's triples bowls**, 1pm. Everglades Country Club, Enq: 4341 1866.

Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm Club Umina. Enq: 43412618.

Seniors fitness Ettalong Progress Hall, 9am, Enq: 4385 2080;

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre; **Indoor Bowls-9am**; **Fitness** 1pm **Leatherwork-9am**; **Table Tennis-9am**; **Bridge-** 12 noon. **Scrabble** 1pm Enq: 4341 3222.

Social Darts, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7pm Enq: 4341 0087

Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333

Ladies BJP School of Physical Culture, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 year olds Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4344 4924.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm - 5.00pm (Junior), 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Senior) PCYC, Osborne Avenue, Enq 4344 7851

St Johns Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care Centre (meals on wheels) from 7-9pm. Enq phone 4341 3341.

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup Wagstaffe Community Hall school terms. 9.30 - 12pm Enq 4360 2065

Club Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm In aid of Fairhaven. Umina Beach Bowling Club Melbourne Ave., Umina Beach Enq 4325 3608

Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade weekly meeting 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare (at the fire station). New members welcome, Enq. Ph 4360 2161

Drawing 9am - 11am, **Pastels** 11.30am - 1.30pm, **Oils and Acrylics** 12 - 2pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Enq: 4360 1673

Children's story time, Woy Woy library, 10.30am - 11.30am

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

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

Basic Meditation Group PWHC, 10am-12pm different theme each session, Enq 4342 5905

Handicraft The Country Women's Hall, 9.00am - 11.30am, 50 cent donation, Enq: 4342 4316.

EVERY THURSDAY

Free entertainment Ettalong Bowling Club 6.30pm - 9.30 pm, Enq 4341 0087

Senior Snooker Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 8.30am Enq 4341 7307

Drumming - Bouddi Women's Drumming 2 - 3pm 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach \$10. Enq 0425 229 651

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

Tai Chi, Pearl Beach Progress hall, 9.30am Enq: 4341 1243

Ladies 18 hole golf event; Everglades Country Club, Enq: 4341 1866

Active over 50s classes, **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am. Ettalong Beach Bowling Club Enq: 4340 1057.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Activities; **Tai Chi-11.35am**; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls-9am**; **Table Tennis-1.45pm**; **Cards** 12 noon. Enq: 4341 3222

Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: Peninsula Community Centre, Ocean Beach Rd., Enq 4342 4121

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

Line Dancing Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 9.30am. Enq 4341 2618

Stitchery Circle 9.30am - 12pm, **Silk Painting** 1.30pm - 3.30pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Enq: 4360 1673.

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30am - 11.30am

Social Tennis 9am - 12pm Pearl Beach Courts Enq Jan 4369 3195

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

Bingo 9.45am Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

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

Karaoke Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Young Men's Groups 12-18 yrs, The Web Youth Service 12pm-6pm Enq 4342 3684.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm - 5.00pm (Junior), 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Senior) PCYC, Osborne Avenue, Enq 4344 7851.

Al-anon/Alateen family support group meets at "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 12:30pm, 7pm.

EVERY FRIDAY

Craft Classes St Lukes Woy Woy, 7.30pm, Enq: 0400 499689.

Old Wags Bridge Club, Wagstaffe Hall each Friday except 4th 130pm Enq: 4360 1820.

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free entertainment, Players Lounge 5.30pm.

Men's 18 hole Golf, Everglades Country Club; Enq: 4341 1866.

Active over 50s classes, **Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 - 2.30pm, 2.30 - 3.30pm. Enq: 4325 1869

Active Over 50's **Exercise Class** Ettalong Progress Hall 9.15am Enq 4342 9252

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre **Line Dancing-** 9am; **Bridge-** 12 noon; **Painting-** 9am Enq: 4341 3222.

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (in school terms), \$2 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4369 5558

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy Group 6pm at John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd., Woy Woy, Enq: 4342 7303.

Kindy Gymnastics Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy. Beginners 9.30 - 10.15am, advanced 10.30 - 11.15am, Enq: 4341 9333

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

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

Doctor & Nurse for 12-18 yrs old, The Web Youth Service 2pm-9:30pm Enq: 4342 3684

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm - 5.00pm (Junior), 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Senior) PCYC, Osborne Avenue, Enq: 4344 7851.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Snooker Ettalong War Memorial Club, 8.30am Enq 43417307

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, **Men's 18 hole golf**; **Men's triples bowls** 1pm; Everglades Country Club, Enq: 4341 1866.

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

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Every Weekend 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

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

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

Activities 12-18 yrs old, The Web Youth, Service 4.30pm-9.30pm; Enq 4342 3684

Al-anon/Alateen family support

Woy Woy public Hospital at 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**; men's **bowls** pairs-9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1pm; Everglades Country Club; Enq: 4341 1866.

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

Seniors/Masters training, Umina Life Saving Club, 8.00am.

Al-anon/Alateen family support group meets at "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.

EVERY MONDAY

Yoga Wagstaffe Hall 9.30 am; Enq: 4360 1854.

Bowls Ettalong Memorial Club at 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.

Free Bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club 11am. Club Umina 11am.

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

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

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm - 5.00pm (Junior), 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Senior) PCYC, Osborne Avenue, Enq 4344 7851.

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

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

Fairhaven Cash Housie Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 7.30pm Enq: 4325 3608

Bingo Umina Beach Bowling Club, Umina 11am Enq 4341 2618

Evening Bowls Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 6pm Enq 4341 9656

Card Club 500 1pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club; Enq 4341 1166.

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am - 2pm, Volunteer helpers welcome. Enq. 4341 9333

Patchwork and Quilting, 9am - 3pm, **Pottery** 10am - 12pm, 1pm - 3pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Enq: 4360 1673

Children's Story Time; Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am - 11.30 am

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

Gentle Exercise, Resumes Monday 13th, 9.30am at the Peninsular Community Centre, Enq: 4343 1888.

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday December 18

Trish Donnelly at Woy Woy Environmental Centre 1-4pm.

Santa Sleigh 6pm to 8:30pm visits streets in Ettalong Umina area Enq: 4369 0946.

Friday December 19

Santa Sleigh 6pm to 8:30pm visits streets in Ettalong Umina area Enq: 4369 0946.

Sunday December 21

Woy Woy Lions boot sale, 8m-1pm, Rogers Park, Woy Woy, ph:43414151
The Peninsula Choir 'Prelude to Christmas', The Uniting Church Umina, 5pm.

Monday December 22

Umina Uniting Church 'Blue Christmas' service, to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, 5:30-6pm, ph 43411024

Wednesday December 24

'Carols by torchlight', Umina Uniting Church 8pm, ph:43418536.

Hardys Bay Community Church Christmas Carols, Hardys Bay waterfront reserve, 8pm.

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day service, Hardys Bay Community Church 8:30am.

Monday December 29

NPWS Bushwalk 'Landforms, Biodiversity and Ecosystems', meet opp. Pearl Beach shops, 9:30am-12:30pm, \$7A, \$4C, ph:43204205.

Sunday January 4

NPWS Bushwalk, 'For the kids: Who lives here?', meet at Dingeldi Picnic area, Mt Bouddi Rd, Killcare heights, 9:30am-11:30am, \$5ch, ages 4-10, ph:43204205

Monday January 5

NPWS Bushwalk, 'Creek critters for kids', 9am-11am, \$5ch, aged 6-10 years, meet opposite shop in Pearl Beach, BWNP, ph: 43204205.

Tuesday January 6

NPWS Bushwalk 'Aquatic Safari at little beach for families', meet in car park end of Grahame Dve MacMasters Beach, 1:30pm-4pm \$7a, \$4ch, ph:43204205.

Wednesday January 7

NPWS 'Kids bush and beach art and craft', 10am-12noon, \$5ch, ages 5-12, meet opp. shops Pearl Beach, ph: 43204205.

Thursday January 8

Trish Donnelly at Woy Woy Environmental Centre 1-4pm.

Friday January 9

Woy Woy Troubadour Folk Club presents Craig Dawson and Simone Olding at Woy Woy CWA hall, 8pm ph:43414060.

Saturday January 10

NPWS Bushwalk 'Morning walk of coastal lookouts', 7am-1pm, \$12a, \$6ch, meet Marie Byles Lookout beside the Scenic Rd, Killcare Hts, ph: 43204205.

Our Mummy and Daddy say
when you

RENT

with

Coastwide RENTALS

you get

★ LOW RATES

★ A RENT/BUY OPTION

★ FREE DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

★ A 30 DAY MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

★ TO RENT SHORT OR LONG TERM

★ GREAT SERVICE FROM A LOCAL COMPANY

So ring them... Shayne and Joe

GOSFORD
4323 4130

UMINA
4344 2711

WYONG
4353 5300


V.C.R.S.


MICROWAVES

Arts and Entertainment



Angela Denman or Miss "A" as she was known to her dance students

Emotional Farewell

It was an emotional Christmas Party that was held for the students, families and teachers of Peninsula Dance and Theatre School recently.

Principal Angela Denman, or Miss "A" as she is known by her students and parents, sold her business located at the Peninsula Community Centre after 18 years.

Students vary from three-year-olds through to adults.

Every year, the school performs pantomimes at Laycock St Theatre, showcasing the school's wide range of dance styles such as rad ballet, jazz and tap, as well as drama, musical theatre and singing.

The musical theatre class toured Queensland at all major theme parks and various venues in Brisbane from the school's production company "Dance City Theatricals".

Also sad to go is drama teacher Margaret Denman.

"What started out as a dream all those years ago became a reality," Ms Denman said.

This year's Christmas Party saw Miss "A" handing out medallions to all the students with the word "Believe" engraved onto it.

This reminded students to believe in themselves, so their dreams could come true.

Angela will continue to produce children's pantomimes during school holidays.

Lauren Brown, December 11

Artisans fair held

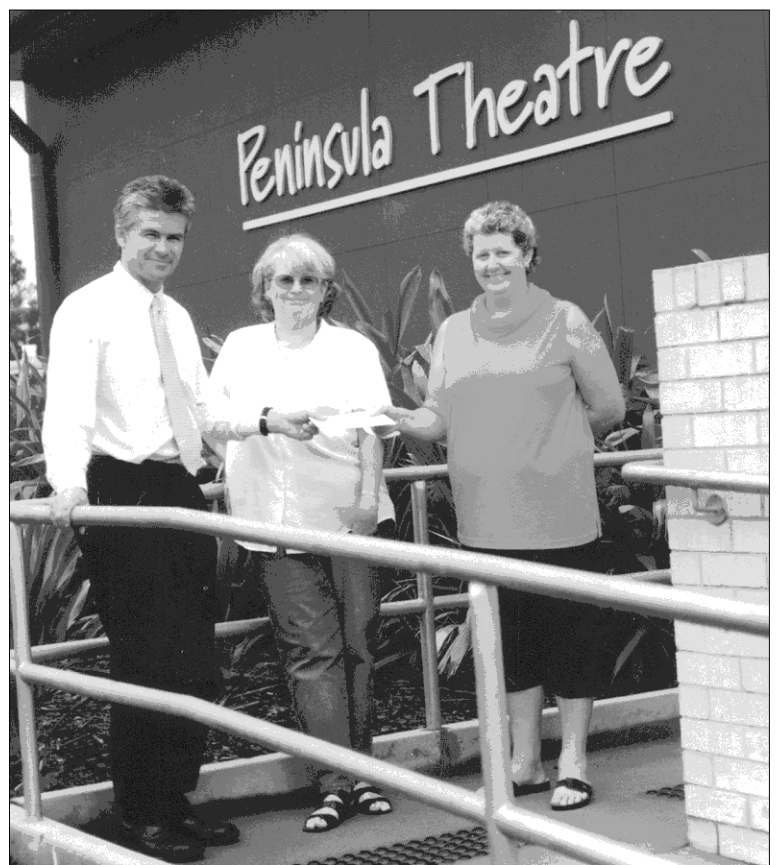
The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre's Christmas exhibition and sale was held on November 28, 29 and 30 at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Mr Des Milligan opened the fair in front of an audience that included Gosford's Cr Chris Holstein and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

The crafts centre president Thelma Browns introduced Des Milligan and presented him with a gift from among the large range of arts and crafts that were on display.

Total sales at the fair exceeded \$6000.

Fax, December 6



Mr Warwick Ryan, secretary Camp Breakaway receives a cheque from Woy Woy Little Theatre treasurer, Linda Williams while Theatre president Barbara Hickey (centre) looks on

Bakehouse visit

The Central Coast Art Society will host a visit the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery for those wanting to learn more about composition from Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling.

The Gallery is situated in Patonga and is open Sundays from 11am to 3pm.

Newsletter, December 10

Theatre trivia night

Woy Woy Little Theatre held its annual Christmas Party and Trivia Night on Saturday, December 6.

Of the 90 people attending, two tables came from Wyong Drama Club, one of which was the eventual winner on the night

A challenge has now been

called for Wyong to return next year to defend their title.

Throughout the night, fundraising auctions were held and 50-50 answers were purchased to raise a total of \$730 for Camp Breakaway at San Remo.

Letter, December 10

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery
 19 BAY ST PATONGA
 ART WORK BY JOCELYN MAUGHAN & ROBIN NORLING
 OPEN SUNDAY 11AM-3PM
 OR BY APPOINTMENT-
 PHONE: 4379 1102

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB?

FREE ENTERTAINMENT
EASY LISTENING
 MUSIC
 Thursday 18th Dec : Natasha Parker
 Sunday 21st Dec : Scott Donaldson
 Sunday 28th Dec : Zanders
 Thursday 1st Jan : TBA
 Sunday 4th Jan : Black Rose
 Thursday 8th Jan : Mark Wells
 Sunday 11th Jan : Zanders

FRIDAY NIGHT
 19th December 9pm
Austin Tayshus
(Course Language may offend)
 Friday 26th : Boxing Day Disco
 Friday 2nd : AM - 2-PM
 Friday 9th : Disco

Giant Bike Raffle
 83 Bikes to be WON Sunday 21st Dec
 Tickets on Sale 9.30am Drawn 12 noon

TRENT'S TRIVIA
 TUESDAYS 7.30 PM

BINGO
 Monday 11 am
 Cash Housie - 7.30pm
BINGO-CASH HOUSE
 Wednesday 7:30 pm

IS GAMBLING A PROBLEM FOR YOU? CALL G-LINE (NSW) AN ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE. FREE CALL 1800 633 635

The Best Club on the Coast

CLUB
UMINA

Winner of the Central Coast Business Award for Outstanding Club

Melbourne Ave. Umina
 Phone: 4341 2618

CLUB
UMINA

Where the locals go !! For the information of members and their guests Where the locals go !!

Kincumber RITZ Cinemas
 Kincumber Shopping Centre - Avoca Drive - Kincumber
 Program Hot Line 4369 8134 Web Site www.KincumberRitz.com.au

December/January ATTRACTIONS-2003/4

GOOP! elf
 Peter Pan PG **BROTHER BEAR** G

THE LORD OF THE RINGS
 RETURN OF THE KING PG **SPY KIDS 3D** PG

LOONEY TUNES BACK IN ACTION **Something's Gotta Give**

LATEST RELEASES FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
 LIVE ORGANIST ON TUE & WED. MORNINGS

QUALITY CINEMA ON THE CENTRAL COAST
 AND STILL THE CHEAPEST LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

Education



Another example of Woy Woy Public School's biennial art show

Exchange students seek families

Not-for-profit student exchange organisation AFS is keen to talk to families in Woy Woy and surrounding areas who are interested in hosting an international exchange student for three weeks to 11 months.

"All you need is a willingness to share and learn, a warm heart and patience," Rebecca Moon from AFS said.

"In return you will be rewarded with life-long international friendships."

AFS is currently preparing to welcome 180 exchange students

from all corners of the globe. Sixteen students are hoping to be hosted around Woy Woy, including Gabriela from Brazil, Thomas from Austria, and Veronica from Paraguay.

They are young people aged between 15 to 18 years who have the courage, spirit and desire to explore the world around them.

Leanne Dowler is a strong believer in hosting exchange students.

Her family has hosted eight times.

She feels the benefits of

hosting an exchange student help to learn a lot about your own family and local area.

"It is a wonderful way to truly learn about another culture first-hand and when host students return home you know that they will take something of you and of Australia with them.

"I believe it increases global understanding and tolerance and it is a lot of fun"

For more information on how to become a host family, call Nanine Artup on 1300 131 736, or visit www.afs.ofg.au.

Press release, November 26

Teachers seek strike exemption

Teachers of Pretty Beach Public School chose not to participate in the NSW Teachers Federation industrial action strike held on Tuesday, December 2.

Instead, they attended their

school's scheduled swimming carnival at Gosford Pool.

The teachers applied for an exemption from strike action, due to the difficulty in obtaining an alternative date at the pool.

Some teachers also stayed on

duty back at school to supervise the kindergarten and Year 1 students who were not involved with the carnival.

Newsletter, November 13

Peninsula News On line



More news

Peninsula News On-line includes the news items that don't fit in the printed edition

Longer items

Peninsula News On-line includes the full item where items have been cut to fit the printed page

More pictures

Peninsula News On-line includes pictures that don't fit in the printed edition

www.peninsulanews.asn.au

Spectacular school

Woy Woy Public School performed at the 20th Schools Spectacular at the Entertainment Centre last weekend.

The Schools Spectacular offered gifted musicians, singers and dancers the opportunity to extend and refine their talents, and to perform in front of a huge audience.

The local students joined more than 3000 performers from throughout the state, including an 80-piece symphony orchestra, 1000-voice choir, 200-piece marching band, 20-piece stage band, 1500 dancers and 50 featured artists.

Newsletter, November 26

Teachers vote to strike

Teachers from the Peninsula held a stop work meeting at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Tuesday, December 2.

The teachers voted to stop work for two days on Wednesday and Thursday, February 11 and 12.

They also voted to ban certain activities within their role as part of the industrial action.

These include annual school reports and all associated work, construction of portfolios of student work for reporting purposes, preliminary online HSC and SC entries, the pilot ISP web services project and school-to-work planning.

As well, examinations will be banned, including ELLA, SNAP, Computer Skills Assessments, the Basic Skills Test and the Primary Writing Assessment.

Also banned will be any meeting with school improvement officers to do with school performance data, any before or after school meeting about the items banned and the proposed electronic leave approval scheme (e-LAPs).

Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers' Association (EWWTA) president Mr Rob Landow said the teachers were striking as the Carr Government had gone back on its pre-election promise to promote public education.

"High ranking officers of the Department of Education and Technology (DET) have been making some outlandish claims under oath in the Industrial Commission," he said.

"One such claim is that outcome-based reporting was not a DET initiative rather the teachers and individual schools had done this, and increased their own work load.

"All documents from DET are in Outcome based format," he said.

"Another claim by DET was that excursions, inter-school sports, outside school hours meetings and courses and student-led conferencing were not considered by DET to be part of a teacher's employment condition.

"Dedicated teachers are furious at these comments by our employer," said Mr Landow.

"At the meeting, there was a motion, that was strongly

supported by the members, that if we do not receive a substantial pay rise then we will not continue these excursions and sports competitions."

"In other words, we will work to the DET's regulations stated under oath.

"The meeting also endorsed a petition showing the members' disgust at the way the DET has treated the teachers, parents and community organisations with the denigration of the Central Coast in the DET's restructuring plans.

"Other motions to have an indefinite strike were defeated.

"A motion to walk to Marie Andrew's office was also defeated as the members thought it a waste of time."

He said the Carr Government had repeatedly refused to acknowledge the increasing workload put on teachers and to accept that "we should be paid and valued accordingly".

"The Carr Government has also done nothing to address the concerns of the independent Vinson Inquiry into Education about the impending long-term shortage of qualified teachers.

"They have boasted a surplus of \$619 million, promised not to denigrate the profession and have a new award in place by January 1, 2004.

"Unlike the Catholic System, who did not contest a 25% increase, the Labor Govt savagely attacked teachers in the Industrial Court.

"The Carr Govt has claimed that there are plenty of casual teachers available to fill the vacancies.

"What they don't say is that many are retired and only have their name on the books just in case and I, personally know some fantastic young teachers who will be going overseas – lured by better pay and conditions."

"Cut backs to Public Education and TAFE colleges in the Lifelong Learning and closures to the Central Coast DET Office have been vehemently opposed by parent, teacher and community bodies."

"Where is the purported Champion of the Central Coast, John Della Bosca? Where is Marie Andrews?" asked Mr Landow.

Email, December 5

New classrooms at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School has recently had a number of facilities around the grounds upgraded.

Two new modular air-conditioned classrooms are to be installed for kindergarten next year.

The computer room can now accommodate a whole class for computer education, and can

also be used for parent programs and activities and lessons for students.

Ground improvements from the WorkWise team are also being completed.

They are currently completing work on paving, gardening and constructing a sand pit and frog pond.

Newsletter, November 25

Students receive School Certificates

Year 10 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College received their School Certificate results on Friday, December 12, at their Year 10 Presentation Assembly.

Max Harwood and Lexi Ianson hosted the special assembly while Megan Purcell sang the National Anthem.

Band "For the Moment" presented a musical item.

School principal Mr David Beattie named Alex Beaton the Dux of Year 10 and presented the Year 10 Achievement award to Scott Meulman.

Ms McAlister presented the award for the Performing Arts Academy Scholarship to Tessa Nuku and Max Harwood, while Justin Stewart received the Senior Campus P&C Incentive Award presented by Mrs Donna Bruce.

Cassie Scott and Michael Smith won the Jim Henderson Religion Award, presented by the Rev Bob Hooper.

The presentation of academic awards saw students presented with certificates for the following subjects:

First place in Agriculture was awarded to Ashlee Austin; while Emma Duckworth received the Achievement award. First place in Bush Craft Sophie Hayden; achievement award David Coultas. First place in Commerce Rachel MacKillop; achievement award Therese Slough. First place in Computing Applications Justin Stewart; achievement award Dale Miller. First place in Computing Studies Cameron Veacock; achievement award Andrew Holland. First place in Dance Ashleigh White; achievement award Angela Ainsworth.

First place in Design and Technology Korie Wood; achievement award Daniel Baker



Yr 10 students and parents after their presentation

and Blake Butler. First place in Drama Alex Beaton; achievement award Megan Purcell. First place in English Alex Beaton; achievement award Scott Meulman. First place in Food and Textiles Sophie Hayden; achievement award Leesa Pan.

First place in Food Technology Lauren Brown; achievement award Amanda Shannon. First place in French Alex Beaton; achievement award Scott Meulman. First place in Geography Angela Ainsworth; achievement award Andrew Hurl. First place in Graphic Design Samantha Adlam; achievement award Rachel Penboss. First place in History Scott Meulman; achievement award Katherine McDonald. First place in Life Skills Sara Smith; achievement award Samantha Minter.

First place in Mathematics - Advanced Justin Stewart,

Achievement award Nathan Bruce. First place in Mathematics - Intermediate Rachel MacKillop; achievement award Louise McCormick. First place in Mathematics - Standard Sinead Chelton; achievement award Troy McNeill. First place in Multi-Technics Alex Thorne; achievement award Cameron Veacock. First place in PD/Health/PE Mariel Fietz; achievement award Jessica Wheeler.

First place in Photography Laura Flemming; achievement award Vanessa Gorge. First place in Recreational Studies David Laing; achievement award Lisa Allen. First place in Science Scott Meulman; achievement award Dale Miller. First place in Technical Drawing Korie Wood; achievement award Michael Serra. First place in Visual Arts Angela Ainsworth; achievement

award Sarah Harvey. First place in Wood Technics Mark Bednarczyk; achievement award Chris Powell.

Lauren Brown December 12

Yearbook on CD

Empire Bay Public School is making an electronic yearbook on CD ROM, compiled by parent Mrs Jenny Bourne.

Two versions of the CD will be available.

The first CD will be available before the end of the year, with activities up until the end of November.

The second version will continue to record events up until the end of the year.

Newsletter, December 3

D-day at school

The students of Empire Bay Public School had a D-day, (doughnut and drink day) on November 18, which coincided with the Student Representative Council's Muddy Wormz day.

Principal Mr Gordon Fraser said that the interest generated ensured it would be a great success.

Over \$700 was raised on the day.

Newsletter, November 26

Break and enters reported

Empire Bay Public School has reported a number of break and enters recently.

There was a break-in to a classroom and thieves attempted to steal one of the computers on Sunday, November 23.

A lock-down device stopped the thief.

There was another break-in to one of the rooms on Monday evening and a computer, which was still bolted down to a desk, was stolen.

The following morning, the screen, desk and mouse were retrieved from bushland across the road.

The thieves had managed to detach the hard drive and steal it. Principal Mr Gordon Fraser said that the thieves must have walked out of the school and across the road with the computer still bolted to the desk.

"If anyone saw anything or knows anything about this please contact Woy Woy police on 4341 9122," he said.

"It is requested that the community be very vigilant and if you see any suspicious activity please phone either the Education Department Security

on 1300 880 021 or Woy Woy police."

Mr Fraser has also asked parents to be careful when picking up their children, as many enter driveways and then back out into the flow of traffic.

"Often small children and parents will be walking behind the car and this is becoming quite dangerous - many child deaths are caused this way," he said.

"For the safety of our children please do not continue with this practice."

Flyer, November 26

Pretty Beach wins debating

Pretty Beach Public School won the Peninsula Schools Debating Competition defeating Empire Bay Public School in late November.

Members of the team were Breanne Wolfe, Melissa Ford, Victoria McCall and Kara Duffy.

Pretty Beach has won the competition for six of the nine years that the competition has run.

Newsletter, November 13

Allsports Constructions

ALL SURFACES

- Engineered Designs
- Obligation free Quotes
- Full & Half Size Courts
- 7 Years Warranty
- Lighting



GOSFORD
4324 8611

Why do more Peninsula based businesses advertise in Peninsula News than in all the other mediums combined?

- ✓ Peninsula News only carries articles about the Peninsula, directly targeted at Peninsula residents
- ✓ Peninsula News only has a maximum of 30% advertising making all advertisements more visible
- ✓ Peninsula News has a long shelf life (2 weeks) giving readers time to complete the paper and see all the advertisements, before receiving another one, especially compared with a daily newspaper
- ✓ Peninsula News is seen by the community as their newspaper and advertisers are seen as sponsors
- ✓ Peninsula News reaches all Peninsula families with school children, a very important target market
- ✓ All copies of Peninsula News are picked by interested readers only, eliminating wastage and wet weather problems
- ✓ Newspapers are more effective as an advertising medium than radio, TV or cinema because people do not have to remember information. It is there for them to refer to in detail at their leisure
- ✓ Peninsula News advertising is far less costly than leaflets delivered in letter boxes, is more effective because it does not arrive with a myriad of other catalogues and is not subject to weather conditions

Why not get the most out of your advertising dollar?

Give us a call on 4342 2070

Classifieds

PENINSULA NEWS CLASSIFIEDS

Incorporating a trades directory and public notice advertisements **Peninsula News Classifieds** aims to help local residents and businesses achieve their aims at the lowest possible price.

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS cost only \$23.40 plus GST for 3 cms, and will be working for you in your local community for TWO WEEKS

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS Receive a 50% discount
Phone: 4342 2070
Fax: 4342 2071
 E-mail: mail@pennews.zzn.com

Antenna Services

- Improved Reception
 - Extra TV & Phone Outlets
 - Tuning of TV/VCR
 - Digital Installations
 - Prompt Reliable Service
- Bruce Ridges**
 4342 0110
 Combined Connections

Appliance Repairs

Jayars Appliance Sales & Service
 4344 3384 4342 3538

New & Reconditioned Vacuum cleaners for sale from \$55

Large range of vacuum cleaner bags available
 13-15 Mutu St, Woy Woy

Come In Now!!!
 Absolutely the best New 2 you clothing for all. 10% off with this Add (Excludes Mens Jeans) Cnr Blackwall & Victoria Rds, Woy Woy

Calligraphy

Creative Calligraphy let us write your **Wedding/Christening/21st** or your special occasion cards.
 Reasonable rates
Phone: 4343 1361

Carpenter

Carpenter
 Lic 1355C

Home Maintenance Renovations Repairs
 Deck ~ Pergola ~ Step ~ Carports ~ etc.
 Free Quotes
Max Hull
 Mob: 0413 485 286
 A.H: 4342 5893

Cleaning

Domestic & Commercial Cleaning Service
 Tenants' left in a hurry? No time to clean up someone else's mess? We will do it
Give Ryan a call on 0410 404 664 or 4379 1116

PRESSURE CLEANING

Is your house looking run-down? Suffering from mildew & mould? Competitive Rates
No Labour over \$200.00
Call Justin on 4340 2163 or 0403 911 864

Earthmoving

ALITON P/L
 PH/FAX: 4342 1344
 MOBILE: 0418 435 484
 * Excavation - Demolition *
 * Block Clearing - Fill Supplied
 Bogie Tipplers, Trailers, Dozers Escavators, Trascavators & Rollers
L.No. 57850C CAN 00327679

Fabrics

BARGAIN FABRICS from \$2 per metre
Crazy Prices
 Big discounts off most stock
Lots to choose from!
Fabric Price Cutters Gosford Marketplace
Phone: 4322 9896

Funeral Services

THINK FUNERALS
 Cremations from.. \$2400
 Burials from\$1990
4397 2120 or 4341 5120

Handyman

Honest, reliable 30 years experience. Own tools, odd jobs, can fix, make, maintain anything.
 Painting, Pressure Cleaning, Paving, Fencing, Spray Painting.
 No Job Too Small.
 Pensioner Discount.
Ph: Barry 4340 0546 or Mob 0401 559 414

Lawn Mowing

Lawns Mowed LOCAL.HONEST. RELIABLE
 Pensioner Discount
 Free Quotes
Phone: 4341 8212

Lawn Mowing

Coastal Lawn Mowing LOCAL.HONEST. RELIABLE
 Pensioner Discount
 Free Quotes
Phone: 4342 3002

Alan's Lawn & Garden Service.....
 for all your garden needs.
 * Prompt and reliable.
 * Reasonable rates.
 Ph:4342 1150 or 0409 835879

Motor Mechanic

D.T. Central Coast Mobile Mechanic

- All mechanical repairs & servicing
- Rego inspections
- All makes & models
- Very reasonable rates
- Pensioner discounts

Tim Howell Lic.No 44 033038
4341 2897 or 0418 603 667

Music Tuition

GUITAR LESSONS
 Beginner to intermediate
 Acoustic and electric
 Most styles, all ages
 Call Justin on 4340 2163 or 0403 911 864

Guitar & Mandolin

All ages welcome.
 Gain confidence and achieve results.
Frank Russell
 4342 9099 or 0417 456 929

Painters

A1 PENINSULA PAINTERS
 Improve your home by thousands \$\$\$
 No job too BIG or too small

Free quotes
 Pensioner Discounts
No Labor Over \$200

Phone Ryan 0410 404664

Plumbers

B & L IVANOFF L/N L2439
 Licensed Plumber & Drainer
All general plumbing and repair work
 No job too small.
 Free quotes.
4341 5975

P R PLUMBING & SONS

LICNO - 140122c
 LIC. DRAINERS,
 GASFITTERS, L.P
 GASFITTERS, BACKFLOW PREVENTION, T.M.V & PLUMBERS
 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
 NO JOB TOO SMALL
 PENSIONER RATES
 Peter 0410 443 174
 Rodney 0410 443 194

Property Maintenance

Decking repairs, painting, tiling, gyprocking, waterproofing and lots more
 All enquiries welcome
No Labour over \$200
 Free quotes on the Coast
 Ph: **0403 911 864** or **4340 2163**

Public Notices

ATTENTION COMMUNITY GROUPS!
 If you would like a free stall on **Australia Day** to promote your group's activities and gain new Members, please Phone **4342 2070** for an **Application Form**

CCBDMA next Bush Dance
January 24
 With **Galimore**
 East Gosford
 Progress Hall 8pm
 Celebrate Australia Day in true colonial Australian style.
 Entry \$15 includes supper.
 No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun. All ages catered for.
 Experience dancing to live music as it was over 100 years ago.
Phone: 4344 6484

Buskers Wanted

If you would like to perform as a busker and earn money from appreciative passers by in a friendly, supported environment, call **Peninsula Music 4342 9099**

If your birthday is on Australia Day or you know someone who's birthday is on Australia Day, please call 4342 2070 to be part of the 26ers Special Birthday Celebrations.

Public Notices

The Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club
brings musicians, singers, poets and story tellers to the Central Coast to perform with and entertain local residents and visitors.

The club next meets on Friday, January 9 at the CWA Hall (opposite Fisherman's Wharf) Woy Woy

All are welcome. Starts 8pm Entry \$15; Members \$10, Pensioners, Concessions, Affiliates. \$12.50.
 This month's special guests are **Craig Dawson and Simone Olding** supported by several local and visiting musicians. Craig and Simone combine their musical backgrounds to create a blend of original songs and instrumentals. Simone is an experienced vocalist and plays a variety of instruments and Craig is a multi-award winning song writer and acoustic musician

ATTENTION STALL HOLDERS!
 If you would like to have a stall at the 2004 Australia Day Celebrations, please Phone **4342 2070** for an **Application Form**

CLEANFILL ACCEPTED
 LARGE QUANTITIES OF CLEAN, VALIDATED FILL ACCEPTED FOR DEVELOPMENT SITE AT **WYONG**
 CALL MELISSA 4735 5998 OR FAX 4735 4049

Uniting Church Umina - Cnr Neptune St. & Ocean Beach Rd.
Ettalong - 55 Picnic Pde Rev. Bruce Edgell 4341 1024
Sunday 21st December 5pm - Umina - Peninsula Choir presents "Prelude to Christmas"
Monday 22nd December 5pm - Umina - "Blue Christmas" (or "Hard To Be Merry" Christmas)
Christmas Eve 8pm - Umina - Family Carlos in Neptune St.
Christmas Day 8am - Umina 8am - Ettalong

Ettalong Baptist Church

Regular Sunday Services
 9 am, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.
Special Christmas Activities.
 Carols By Candlelight 21st December 7:30 pm.
 Christmas Day Service 9 am.
All welcome
 Cnr Barrenjoey Rd & Maitland Bay Drive Ettalong
4343 1237

Pumps & Bores

Bore water pump & spear point installation, maintenance, repairs & modifications.
 PVC pipe & spear points installed that never need cleaning.
 Ph John Woolley Lic. No. DL1664
 Phone: 4342 2024

Removals

A BEAUT MOVE! CHEAPA FURNITURE REMOVALS
 LOCAL - COUNTRY SYDNEY - NEWCASTLE
0403 474288
0410 691 005

Re-upholstery

Strata Lounges
 169 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy
 Phone: 4342 8188
 Fax: 4342 8181
Lounges and dining suites re-upholstered, large sample range
FREE QUOTES

Security

Alarm Systems
 For a full range of security services, try the locals
ALARMS PATROLS - GUARDS ALLPOINT SECURITY
4362 2598
0412 609 904

Tiling

Wall and Floor TILER
Residential and Commercial
 Kitchens, Living Areas, Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Laundries, Patios, Steps, Verandahs
Give Justin a call on 4340 2163 or 0403 911 864

Wanted

Photo & Darkroom
 equipment, new and used
 Ph Col 4976 1889

Work Wanted

Tel:0400246049 **H-GRAPHICS**

 86433687835
Screen Print Tradesperson Seeking Work
 Computer art and design
Screen printing, artwork Vinyl cut lettering
 Peter Hillman

Golf championship is completed

The Taxi Golf Club championships at Everglades Country Club have been completed for 2003.

With more players being out than in, no champion from 2002 got to re-contest their title.

Tim O'Regan is this year's A Grade champion, playing off four more strokes than the handicap which won him the Toukley

championship.

The nett winner in the top grade was Gary O'Shaunessey.

B Grade champion was John Vigar.

Bob Thompson won the nett score after a 12 on the second last hole.

C Grade saw Charlie Webb win the championship, while Barry Fogg stormed home to claim the C Grade nett.

Newsletter, December 11



Apostles win challenge

The inaugural bowls challenge match was held at Everglades Country Club between the Everglades Apostles and the Dirty Dozen Sunday, November

16.

The teams played for a trophy donated by Gordon Becket.

The Apostles won the encounter.

Newsletter, December 10

Tracey selected

Tracey Elliot, 15 of Bensville is one of two exciting young players from the Central Coast to be selected for the Hunter Institute of Sport's water polo squad for 2004.

Tracey Elliot from Woy Woy water polo team and Nicole Donohue from the Wyong team have both grown up on the Central Coast and have worked their way up through the junior ranks.

They are both in their fifth season of water polo.

Both Nicole and Tracey have played in the Central Coast junior women's representative teams for the last three seasons and are currently training and expanding their playing careers to gain more experience.

Both girls played in a Central Coast team in the Sydney Metropolitan competition last winter.

Tracey plays for Central Newcastle as well as playing in the local competition this summer season.

Tracy is still at school and is in the Catholic Schools Open NSWCCC side.

The girls start the Hunter Institute program next Saturday.

The girls played against each other on Wednesday, December 3, at Wyong Pool in the Woy Woy versus Wyong match.

One boys team and one women's team was selected from those that tried out.

It is the first time water polo has been included in the Institute's program

Mardi Love, December 5

TAB scratchies no threat



Woy Woy newsagent Wayne Hutchinson said that he does not think his business will be adversely affected by plans to sell scratchies through the TAB.

His newsagency is just a few shops down from Woy Woy TAB. He was responding to comments of NSW Deputy Liberal Leader Mr Barry O'Farrell who said recently that the sale of lottery tickets at TAB outlets is of serious concern to NSW newsagents

"The sale of lottery tickets brings customers through the door for newsagents, which can lead to additional newspaper, magazine and stationary sales," he said.

"If these tickets suddenly become available at TAB agencies, it will hit country and small suburban newsagents particularly hard as they could lose hundreds of customers per day."

However, Mr Hutchinson said that the plans were just a trial,

and that's where he thought it would stop.

"This is only a trial program that they are running," he said.

"It has been tried at service stations as well as the TABs.

"It is common knowledge that newsagencies are the most preferred to sell lottery products.

"I don't believe the trial will go any further than just a trial.

"It will not affect business as newsagencies are recognised by the community as being a focal point for selling these items.

"It seems that these days, everyone is selling everyone else's business.

"We can't stop it.

"However, we can provide the best service that we can, by doing it and doing it well.

"Lotteries will always be known to come from the newsagencies," said Mr Hutchinson.

Lauren Brown, December 10

Annual doorknock

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will hold its annual doorknock on Sunday, December 7.

All money raised will go towards repairing and maintaining or replacing vital life saving equipment.

Mr Brian Jackson from the club said that people should be wary of bogus collectors.

"All Umina Surf Club doorknock collectors will have identification on hand, and will issue a receipt if requested," he said.

Email, November 26

Sponsors needed

Woy Woy Rugby Club is seeking sponsorship for the 2004 season.

The club is offering local businesses the chance to buy sleeve sponsorship on one first grade jersey for next year.

The cost is \$500 (GST inclusive).

The club is hoping to receive cash payment but there is an opportunity to give goods or vouchers to the value of the sponsorship.

The items would then be raffled off throughout the season

On each sleeve, the name of the business would be printed on a 80x80mm patch.

The businesses would be listed on signage displayed at home games, and the businesses would be advertised in the fortnightly newsletter.

At home games at Woy Woy oval, the names of businesses would be mentioned over the public address system throughout the game.

Sponsors would also be invited to a Sponsors Dinner before the

start of the season, to be held at Woy Woy.

They would receive two tickets to each of the club's major functions: the sportsmen's dinner held mid-season and the presentation night.

The value of these tickets is normally \$180.

"I hope people look at this proposal positively and get behind the Lions," first grade coach Ross Hopkins said.

"The Peninsula needs a strong Rugby Union Club and with support that dream will come alive.

"We have started training and look like we have recruited well, which all points towards one of our most successful seasons in years."

Letter, December 10

WANTED

Reward paid for your pre-loved treasures.

Buying Now:

Any Legal Weapons (no guns)

Any Masks, Primitive Carvings.

Wooden Carvings, Island Carvings.

Anything African or from PNG or from NZ.

Original Paintings.

Jazz & Blues LPs and CDs.

Anything weird and wonderful will be considered.



TRIBAL GALLERY

GOSFORD MARKETPLACE
SHOPPING CENTRE, Level 2,
Henry Parry Drive (Cnr William St)
Gosford. Ph: 4322 9896

Fabric Price Cutters

Super Special on All Curtain Fabric Fully Backed Top Brands

1mt - 20mt only \$7.25mt

21mt - 50mt only \$6.80mt

51mt - 80mt only \$6.30mt

81mt or more only \$6.00mt

Add Real Value to your Home for only a few Hundred Dollars

Gosford Marketplace – Level Two, Cnr. Henry Parry Drive & William St, Gosford

Phone: 4322 9896

Sport

Karate medal

Umina Public School student Rhiannan Hulls has won a medal in karate.

She won a silver medal in the 11-12 yrs division at the GKR Australian Karate Championships held at Homebush State Sport Centre last weekend.
Newsletter, December 10



Free quotes
Pensioner
Discounts
No Labor Over \$200

Phone Ryan 0410 404664

Peninsula COMMUNITY ACCESS News

Postage Paid Australia

No 82 The newspaper that cares about the Peninsula community 16 December 2003

CAPS celebrates Christmas

The Umina Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS) held its annual Christmas Party recently at Umina recreation area.

Santa arrived on an old fire engine and children enjoyed played on the jumping castle.

Former CAPS coordinator Ms Winsome Smith said the job of running CAPS was "either feast or famine" and tended to be stressful.

CAPS has helped a number of mothers and children throughout the year, the main aim of the centre.

Ms Smith said that at CAPS they are always on the lookout for more volunteers and supporters and they hope to run a training course at the beginning of next year for volunteers.

Umina CAPS opened its doors exactly 13 years ago and helps more than 200 families each year and with children aged from newborn babies to 18 years old.

"A lot of parents are having trouble with teenagers - especially teenage boys", Ms Smith said.

"We need to let people know that we are here, as a lot of people haven't heard of CAPS.

"There are families going through crises that need us and they don't know we are here.

"We need lots of publicity." Central Coast Community Chest donated the presents given to children at the CAPS Christmas party.

Hilda Gibbs, Lauren Brown, December 8



Santa delighted children when he arrived at the CAPS Christmas party.

Carols by Waterfront torchlight carols

Umina Uniting Church is holding Family Carols by Torchlight on Wednesday, December 24, at 8pm.

They will be sung in front of Umina Uniting Church in Neptune St. They will include performances from children and the youth group members.

There is no charge, but a donation for the Christmas Bowl Appeal will be gratefully accepted.

For more details, call the office on 4341 8536 or on 4341 0793.
Press release, December 10

Hardys Bay Community Church is holding its annual Christmas carols service on Christmas Eve. The carols service will be in the Hardys Bay waterfront reserve and will start at 8pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. No cost is involved. A Christmas Day service will also be held at Hardys Bay Community Church starting at 8:30am.
Press release, December 10

FACTORY DIRECT TO THE PUBLIC

G53 joggers, 6 colours to choose from...



1st pair

\$39.95

2nd pair

FREE

GENESIS53

Gosford

Marketplace

(on same level as Coles)
Cnr Henry Parry Dr & William St
4324 0914