

## Peninsula may be unrepresented

**The Peninsula may not have any representatives on Gosford Council after the March election if no new candidates emerge by polling day.**

None of those people who have declared an intention to stand for Council reside on the Peninsula, and the three current councillors who do live here will be stepping down.

Peninsula residents Cr Debra

Wales, Cr Lynne Bockholt and Cr Judith Penton all have indicated they will not be running in the March elections.

While Gosford does not have a ward system and councillors do not officially represent particular areas, councillors from the Peninsula have been more influential in determining Peninsula issues and in ensuring the Peninsula has not been overlooked.

The Peninsula has about one third of the municipality's population.

According the returning officer Mr Kevin Street, there will be an electoral office on the Peninsula.

Nominations will be open until February 16 and a candidate will need four running mates to form a party.

Council elections will be held on Saturday, March 27.

Alison Branley, January 10



Inside the PCYC at Umina

## PCYC curtailed by building design

**Dance parties have not been held at Umina Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) for the last seven months because the building does not comply with requirements for a place of public entertainment.**

Other activities at the PCYC have also been curtailed, leading to staff being stood down.

The Umina PCYC building was refurbished by Gosford Council three years ago at a cost of \$1.2million as an "under-18s entertainment venue".

However, it is understood that basic requirements, such as outward-opening doors, were not provided.

It is now expected to cost another \$40,000 to rectify the problems.

The bulk of this money is expected to come from the State PCYC office, with a small proportion being contributed by Gosford Council.

Cr Lynne Bockholt who was on the steering committee during the PCYC's development said that at the time it was not felt that the building needed to comply with public entertainment requirements.

Council staff did not return our phone calls seeking comment on the issue.

It is unclear how soon it will be before the rectification work will be completed.

However, in the meantime, the PCYC dance parties will resume at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

The first will be held on January 14 from 7pm.

There will be a disc jockey, soft drinks available and PCYC representatives.

The dance area will have its own entrance and exit, to alleviate concerns about personal safety.

It will be isolated from the rest of the club and both police and security will be supervising the night.

Patrons will not even be allowed to chew gum.

The event has been the baby of Senior Constable Paul Hanna who is happy to see the event continue.

"We are very excited," he said.

"We have had great success in the past at our Umina premises and the Leagues Club is offering a larger and more central venue to our youth."

The event is open to 12 to 17 year olds and is expected to finish by 11pm.

Tickets are \$10 and there will be no pass outs.

With inquiries, phone 4344 7851.

Rob Jimenez, January 7

## Threat made to remove weed illegally

**Local environmentalists are threatening to break the law in an attempt to get a noxious weed removed from the Melaleuca Wetlands near Everglades Country Club.**

A spokesman for Peninsula Bush Care groups, Mr Bryan Ellis, said bureaucratic inaction had seen alligator weed spread dangerously in the endangered bushland since it was first reported two years ago.

He said the wetlands bushcare group had been told it would be breaking the law if it removed the weed.

There had been talk but no other action had been taken.

Mr Ellis said he and other local environmentalists were prepared to take the law into their own hands and remove the weed if nobody else would.

Alligator weed was a threat the wetlands because it spread rapidly and choked out native species.

In hot wet conditions, the South American weed grew and spread rapidly from the smallest cutting, ruling out slashing and mowing as control measures and making disposal difficult.

Possible control measures included manual removal, chemical treatment and control with biological agents, such as the flea beetle.

A combined meeting of



Noxious weed officer Ed Lanting addresses the Melaleuca wetland regeneration bushcare group

Peninsula bushcare groups had discussed the issue last month and expressed concern and support for immediate effective action, said Mr Ellis.

Cr Lynne Bockholt asked Gosford Council's environment director at a council meeting last month to take immediate action.

Ms Nora Clark, coordinator of the Melaleuca wetland regeneration group, said that the group was keen to work with Council to fight the weed.

"We want them to deal with the problem."

She said a noxious weed officer from Gosford Council addressed members of the

Melaleuca wetland regeneration group on Thursday, January 8.

He was to meet with representatives from National Park and Wildlife Service today (Tuesday) to discuss how to address the problem.

She said the bushcare group was powerless to do anything, as its members were not allowed to touch the plant because it was a declared noxious weed.

Ms Clark said she was also concerned by reports that Everglades had removed the weed from the golf course.

"They shouldn't be touching it," she said.

Alison Branley, January 9



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Staff have returned fresh from a short break and have hit the ground running with three colour publications needing to be completed in the first week back.

For this edition, we welcome Rachael Downes to the team.

Rachael has completed her TAFE Certificate 111 in Information and Technology and is keen to practise her new found skills.

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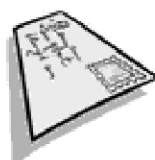
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*Spot the error*

## Not worth the paper



**Bryan Ellis is a valiant knight from Camelot in his fight to preserve what is worthwhile, natural and man-made on the Peninsula.**

But he must be aware that a character statement is not worth the paper it's written on.

It's just to lull you into a false sense of security.

Big government and big business are all powerful, but

occasionally you get an enlightened politician and developer.

Then fashions change, and the court, once environment friendly, is now the opposite.

The stomach churns at Landcom developments and the rest of the other urban ugliness and the bad news is that they want to foist this upon everyone.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance and so is the price of living in a decent lifestyle - eternal vigilance and battle.

**Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy**

## Donations help with transport

**Donations from Everglades Country Club have helped provide a bus to transport the Central Coast Community Environment Network's community support team members.**

A nine-seater van has been purchased to alleviate transport

problems for its many volunteers.

The volunteers travel to various sites over Gosford and Wyong to assist with Landcare projects.

The bus will carry the team as well as equipment required for their projects.

**Newsletter, January 7**

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# Peninsula calendar launched

**The first public project of Peninsula Place Manager Ms Julie Parsons has been launched by Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.**

The project, a calendar promoting life on the Woy Woy Peninsula, was launched on Monday, December 15 at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy.

Ms Andrews said 100 local people were involved in making the calendar.

The calendar celebrated aspects of the Peninsula such as sport, the environment, the arts, Aboriginal culture, local attractions and events, the beaches and good neighbours.

The full colour calendar also provides community safety tips each month.

The money raised through the sale of the calendars will be reinvested in the development of the 2005 Peninsula Celebration calendar and other community

projects for the Peninsula community.

The Umina Neighbourhood Watch group will keep the money in trust.

The project will be run again for 2005 with a number of community organisations and businesses already showing interest.

The calendar was described by its design brief as a "promotional tool that involves a high degree of community involvement".

It aimed to assist in gaining community confidence, promote the services and opportunities that are currently being offered on the Peninsula and provide "a platform for the introduction of new concepts to encourage a safer, happier and healthier community".

The brief listed the aims of the project as encouraging a sense of pride in the community, celebrating and acknowledging the history of the Peninsula,

promoting the vision for the future and creation of additional resources for future projects.

It also included encouraging intergenerational understanding, inclusion of local people, businesses and community groups, the promotion of the services that are offered on the Peninsula and encouraging stronger partnerships and networks.

Also included were the promotion of future events and services that will take place in 2004, community safety and raising community awareness about safety issues are also included.

The calendar features photographs of local people in the local area.

The majority of the 2500 calendars printed have already been purchased but a number are still available for \$2 each.

They can be obtained from



*The front cover of the Peninsula Calendar*

Woy Woy tourist information centre, Umina beach library, Ettalong Memorial Club, Elders Real Estate and Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre or by phoning Julie Parsons on 4344 2200.

Ms Parson is now planning a number of workshops and forums concerning issues and services in

the area such as community safety.

It is hoped these will address how to create new services or add value to existing ones.

There also will be a crime prevention-training workshop organised by the police and Attorney-General's office.

Press release, January 7

## Police seek help

**Detectives from Brisbane Water Local Area Command are requesting assistance from members of the public in relation to a stealing at Pearl Beach and a serious assault at Umina on December 31.**

A 46-year-old Umina man was assaulted by three male youths on Umina Beach about 2pm on Wednesday, December 31.

The victim suffered head injuries and was taken to Gosford Hospital.

It is believed the youths had earlier been involved in a stealing offence at the victim's shop at Pearl Beach.

The youths were initially seen acting suspiciously around the store about 1.30pm in the vicinity of the Sit'n'Chat Café.

After the assault, the youths ran north on Umina Beach with their pushbikes.

They were seen riding north through East's Caravan Park about 2.10pm.

Police believe the elder of the youths may have abrasions to

his legs and arms after colliding with a vehicle near Umina Beach.

The elder youth is described as being aged 16-17, white European, about 160cm tall, fair skin, light brown hair, and was wearing a cap, three quarter light brown shorts and an orange coloured shirt.

The second youth was aged 14-15, white European, thin build, about 167cm tall, tanned complexion and medium length brown wavy hair.

The third youth is 14-15 years old and is only described as being of a small build.

Police would like to speak with anybody who has information about either incident.

Anybody with information can contact Gosford Detectives on 4323 5599 or CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, January 2

## Dog kicked to death

**A silver silky terrier owned by a 90-year-old Woy Woy man was brutally kicked to death in the early hours of the morning on Friday, January 9.**

Local residents suspect the act took place between 4am and 5am, when the dog was attacked in its owners front yard.

Police confirmed that the small dog had been kicked a number of times and left to bleed to death.

They are calling for any witnesses to the incident in Brick Wharf Rd to contact police.

The elderly man has been antagonised by local youths having already been victim to several break-ins and thefts.

Alison Branley, January 9

## Network joins parade

**Thirty volunteers from the Central Coast Community Environment Network joined the inaugural Spikefest parade at Woy Woy in October.**

They included people dressed as a giant koala and quoll.

Papier mache fish were held aloft and cyclists wore masks to demonstrate the need for clean air.

Newsletter, January 7

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### Pool closure was premature



**We live on a  
Peninsula  
surrounded  
on three  
sides by  
water.**

The ruin of the Woy Woy pool  
prior to last Anzac Day has had  
an affect on children learning to  
swim on the Peninsula.

While all Michael Dewicks,  
Leisl Jones, and Kevin Vickerys  
are put on hold, those  
responsible are more engaged in  
pointing the finger of blame or  
thumb twiddling on the issue.

Still no timeframe is  
forthcoming.

This hasty demolition has also  
done no favours for the local surf  
clubs (Ocean Beach and Umina),  
especially in the areas of  
recruitment and/or  
requalification.

The bronze medallion is the  
core award for active surf  
lifesavers.

Part of the requirements for

this annual physical fitness test,  
is the completion of a 400 metre  
pool swim in under nine minutes,  
and a 200 metre run, 200 metre  
swim, 200 metre run to be  
completed in under eight minutes  
to retain this award.

It is hoped that, with Council's  
disastrous pool action, this  
lifesaving test does not become  
life threatening.

If a family was to demolish  
their residence and wait nine  
months to a year, to start  
reconstruction, the implication of  
lunacy would not be unfounded.

There has been a 150 per cent  
hike in insurance levies on surf  
clubs.

Your lifesaver now will have to  
pay more and sacrifice more just  
so they can stand on the beach  
for possibly longer watching and  
caring for the Peninsula  
community and its tourists.

Has there been an ulterior  
motive in Council's swift pool  
destruction?

Mike Hudson, Umina

### Sand dunes are important



**I am beginning  
to wonder if  
the people  
living on the  
Peninsula are  
aware of the**

**importance of the sand  
dunes from Ettalong to  
Umina.**

Sand dunes are constantly  
being made and moved; the sea  
has been doing that job forever.

It is therefore of great concern  
to see the attitude of many  
people who seem to want a view  
of the sea at all cost.

Trees and other vegetation are  
removed; rubbish is dumped and  
even the council busily removes  
tonnes of sand from Umina  
Beach every week, believing that  
that is what the people want.

This costs ratepayers a great  
deal of money, particularly since  
it is dumped at the Woy Woy Tip.

We are constantly being told  
that Council is running out of  
room for all our rubbish and yet  
this valuable resource, sand

which should be building up the  
dune defence system, is filling it  
instead.

This dune system is the last  
defence against the rising sea  
levels.

Unbelievable? What about the  
Pacific Islands, think of Venice,  
and of Bangladesh.

Do not think that it will never  
happen here.

The Peninsula is a very flat  
sandplain, much of which used to  
be a wetland.

It has been inundated a  
number of times in the past 30  
years and with global warming it  
will no doubt happen again.

The business fraternity and  
Gosford Council must stop  
playing God and think carefully  
before they destroy any more of  
the system.

They are putting at risk the  
homes and lives of all those  
people living on the Peninsula.

We must all learn to live with  
the planet instead of constantly  
destroying it.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

### Rates and taxes will increase



**All landholders  
on the Central  
Coast have just  
received their  
new land**

**valuations, which appear  
to have increased by about  
55 per cent on the last  
valuation of 2000.**

Our Premier is on holidays in  
New Zealand, but what a bonus  
for the State Government and of  
course Gosford Council, as all  
our rates and taxes will now  
increase.

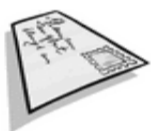
However Mr Carr will claim  
"we have not altered the base  
rate for taxing".

This is right, but he does not  
have to, as the land valuation  
has increased his revenue by 55  
per cent on last year's tax rate.

We all need to object, and ask  
for lower tax rates from both the  
Gosford Council and the State  
Government, before we are  
taxed out of our homes.

David Walker, Killcare

### Movement in Umina



**I would expect  
that reports in  
the media about  
important issues  
like the cost of**

**shop rentals in our town  
could be relied on to be  
accurate.**

I don't see a trebling of rent,  
particularly without fundamental  
improvement, being acceptable to  
any tenant.

And if it did occur, wouldn't it be  
an indication that massive  
increases in business expectations  
are on the horizon.

Yes there is movement in the  
Umina CBD but its not all bad  
news.

I hear that Jodies of Umina after  
many years is intending to move  
its activities from Trafalgar Ave  
into those West St premises on  
the corner of Berith St vacated by  
Selvitex, a business renowned for  
the retail and rental of fine

menswear in Umina over many  
years.

Community members will no  
doubt remember that there were  
once more than 10 banks in  
Umina's main street, and close to  
12 service stations on our beautiful  
Peninsula.

History buffs will recall the Mobil  
service station which, now a  
thriving bicycle shop, in the past  
serviced the first amphibian car  
sold in NSW - a red and white  
convertible used for deliveries  
around the waterways a very  
clever business.

Edward James, Umina

### Appreciate redevelopment



**Anyone who  
takes up Mr  
Bryan Ellis's  
suggestion to  
view 18  
Nowack Ave,**

**Umina (Peninsula News,  
December 16) should also  
take the opportunity to go  
around the corner and**

**appreciate the  
redevelopment at 32  
Kallaroo Rd.**

But, before judging this  
development, it should be noted  
that approval was given prior to  
DCP 150 becoming effective and  
there were dual occupancy  
"rights" on this 2(a) lot.

However, one does wonder...

Malcolm Fowler, Woy Woy



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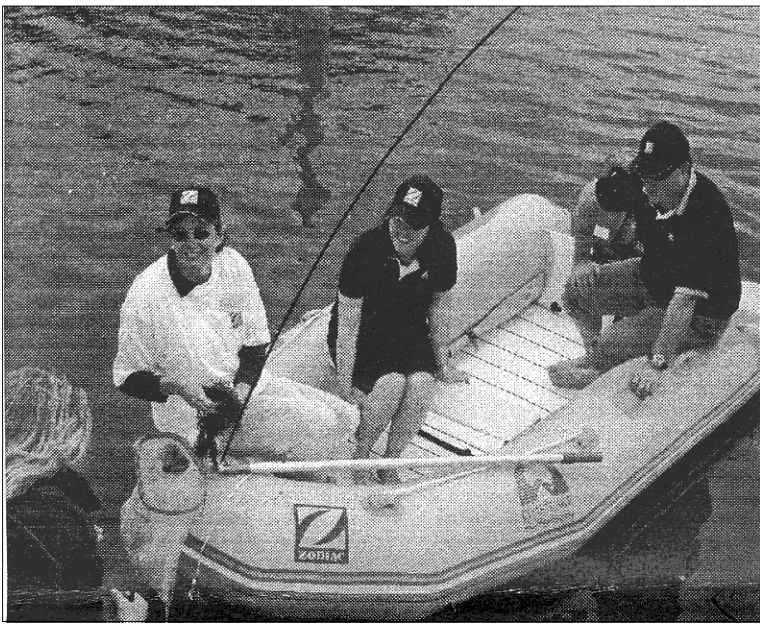



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Representatives from the waterwatch group on Hastings wharf Bensville

## Water Watch group starts

**A Water Watch group has started at Hastings Wharf, Bensville.**

The group will use a donated motorised rubber dinghy to identify potential sources of water pollution and observe geographical features of catchment area, as well as local flora and fauna.

The group was established with assistance from the Central

Coast Community Environment Network.

Group members said they were concerned that a petrol station planned for an unsewered site near the wharf may have a negative impact on water quality of Cockle Bay.

The livelihood of oyster growers who had leases in the immediate area depended on good water quality, they said.

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## Roundabout to proceed despite opposition

**Gosford Council is about to start construction of a \$600,000 roundabout on the corner of Mt Ettalong and Cowper Rds at South Umina, despite a petition with 800 signatures opposing it.**

Residents affected recently received a letter informing that

the project was to begin this week.

Umina resident Mr Bryan Ellis said that the traffic issue at the intersection could be easily solved with stop signs or a speed hump.

"I don't know what prompted the roundabout," he said.

"I think Council are

embarrassed because they don't do very much work down that way in Umina."

He said that a petition was submitted to Council with 800 signatures in October but was ignored and council voted in favour of the traffic committee's recommendation.

Alison Branley, January 9

## Residents turn out for carnival

**An estimated 15000 Peninsula residents turned out for the New Year's Eve carnival at Umina Beach.**

The annual carnival and fireworks staged by The Rotary Club of Umina Beach were attended by a well-behaved crowd, according to club president

Mr Glen Scorer.

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews opened the event at 8pm.

Live music and a carnival atmosphere filled the hours before the 10pm fireworks spectacular.

Rob Jimenez, January 8

## Envirofund applications close

**Environment groups on the Peninsula have been encouraged to apply for money under Round Two of the Australian Government's Envirofund**

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said that applications closed at 5pm on Friday, January 30.

In this round, preference will be given to projects in coastal and marine areas, related to activities that benefit natural wetlands, in the rangelands; and that involve indigenous people, he said.

Guidelines, application forms and helpful hints are available from <http://www.nht.gov.au> or by telephoning 1800 065 823.

The application will need to be filled in and posted.

Press release, January 7

## Mobile phone service launched

**A mobile phone service for Patonga has been officially launched after weeks of trials late last year.**

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd officially turned on the service last month.

"This is the culmination of a campaign, which has gone on for more than nine years," Mr Lloyd said.

"Working with the Patonga community, I have been constantly lobbying Telstra and a number of other mobile phone companies in an effort to secure mobile phone coverage.

"Now, for the first time, Patonga residents can feel there is some tangible security in their community.

"They are no longer completely isolated in an emergency and will be able to access medical care or emergency services from locations in the townships and its surrounds.

"The mobile phone transmitter is a vital lifeline for this community and I am pleased this project has finally come to fruition," he said.

Press release, January 5

## Peninsula allocated new Dole placements

**Umina has been allocated 30 new Work for the Dole placements and Woy Woy two.**

Community Success has secured 30 new places in Umina for the Umina Beach Community Hall refurbishment project, according to Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd.

He said the community hall would be upgraded by building a barbecue, a fence, a disability ramp, a garden and water feature.

The two new places in Woy Woy were for the Aged Care Assistant project by Wyong Workwise.

The project provided diversional therapy support to the elderly and frail aged residents of

hostels for the aged.

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

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

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

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

Press release, January 5

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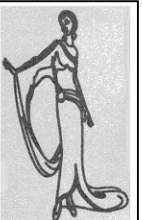
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## Health

# Hospital auxiliary raises \$26,000



Pictured are auxiliary secretary Merle Menz, president Christine Sherbon, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and treasurer Marie Robins, in front of the mural painted at the hospital by the art class at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

**The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has announced that it has raised more than \$26,000 for the hospital last year.**

Some of the money was used to refurbish the patients' lounge and purchase 33 over-bed tables.

The auxiliary donated \$8000 for strong heavy outdoor furniture, ceramic pots and a wheelchair ramp.

It also organised the painting of a Tuscan mural at the rehabilitation unit and having the area covered by a large sail.

Donations were also used to buy stroke recovery books and a wall brochure holder for the welfare office, and a new desk is also expected to be funded.

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary president Mrs Chris Sherbon said that the members would try to top their efforts this year.

Top of the hospital's wishlist for 2004 is a soft outdoor area for dementia patients.

The auxiliary will attempt to raise funds so that rubber matting and artificial grass can be laid down to prevent dementia patients injuring themselves.

Mrs Sherbon said the auxiliary

would keep using its winning formula - holding five stalls a year outside Flemings supermarket at Umina, a golf day at Everglades in March, and raffles on Mothers' Day, Fathers' day and at Easter.

The auxiliary currently has 70 members but only half are active.

When they aren't sitting at stalls, the mostly elderly members are at home making ironing board covers, library bags, knitting babies clothes and coat hangers to sell.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said the auxiliary deserved "special recognition for such a magnificent effort".

"The members of the Auxiliary work extremely hard to raise money for such a good cause."

These facilities make the hospital a more pleasurable environment for staff, patients and visitors," Ms Andrews said.

The auxiliary was always looking for new members.

It meets on the second Monday of each month at the Meals on Wheels auditorium in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

For more information, phone Chris Sherbon on 4341 4323.

**Alison Branley, Press release, January 7**

## Grant for disabled child care

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare Co-operative Society Ltd has received a grant of \$8084 to help with integration of children with disabilities.**

The centre, in John Hoare Close, would use the grant to

help with the implementation of educational programs this year, according to Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

The grant was one of several, totalling \$66,558 in the Peats electorate, made under the Intervention Support Program

(ISP), she said.

The program provided education programs for children and young people with disabilities in early childhood programs, residential care facilities and schools.

Ms Andrews said that the funds would improve educational outcomes for children with disabilities by improving their participation and achievement.

**Press release, January 7**



The bike lockers at Woy Woy station

## Bike locker use is up

**Use of Woy Woy railway station bicycle lockers is 10 per cent higher than it was a year ago, according to**

**Bicycle NSW.**

The figures were released after the publication of separate research in the Health Promotion Journal of Australia showed an 18 per cent rise in bicycle use for journeys to work in the Newcastle-Wollongong basin in the past 12 months.

Two banks of lockers at Woy Woy station are managed by Bicycle NSW on behalf of the Department of Transport and accommodate 50 bicycles.

"Occupancy rates fluctuate slightly through the year (and) the current rate is 87 per cent compared to approximately 77 per cent in November 2002," a Bicycle NSW staff member said.

**Rob Jimenez, January 8**

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# Peninsula in the news

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

## Friday, January 2

Heather McKenzie of Woy Woy is one of the few Central Coast residents who actually has a licence for the spear-point bore she uses to water her garden.

Express Advocate

Hopes of having the silted-up boat ramp at Pretty Beach cleared for the holidays have been dashed.

Red tape is now holding up the dredging and the earliest the ramp can now be cleared so bigger boats can use it on all tides is the end of January.

Express Advocate

## Saturday January 3

Ocean Beach Hotel in Umina has seen some of the largest crowds in history at its popular bistro and beer garden.

Head chef Peter Batley said the bistro served 350 people for dinner in just two hours on new years day.

Central Coast Extra

## Monday January 5

Gosford Council has installed 10m high lifeguard tower at Killcare in time for the busy holiday period.

Central Coast Extra

The family of a Pearl Beach shopkeeper bashed by teenagers after they stole from

his shop has called for a greater police presence in the seaside village.

His mother said her son had been released from Gosford Hospital.

Express Advocate

## Tuesday January 6

A German shepherd-labrador cross has been returned to her Umina Beach owner, 12 days after having run off, scared by fireworks.

She was found on Sunday night paddling across Paddys Channel in Brisbane Water.

Express Advocate

A 16-year-old youth, facing charges of aggravated robbery, stalking and intimidating, breaking and entering, offensive behaviour and stealing from a person teenager, has been warned he will be "locked away for a long time" if he does not change his life immediately.

Magistrate Elizabeth Ellis refused the young defendant's bail application at Woy Woy children's court on Monday.

Express Advocate

## Wednesday January 7

A historic boatshed at Phegans Bay could soon be torn down unless residents win their battle to have it heritage listed.

A campaign has been launched to save the building, with about 30 households adding their names to a petition to protect it.

Express Advocate

Maintenance logs revealed the speed camera at Woy Woy was at one time taking photos of the sky and later had a broken flash that was not replaced for 15 days after it was detected.

Express Advocate

Ettalong Beach Memorial Club will employ five indigenous people the next year as part of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations wage assistance program.

The program grants subsidies to employers who provide eligible unemployed indigenous people with full or part-time work.

Express Advocate

## Friday, January 9

Former Umina Soccer player Jamie McMaster has been lent to English second-division team Chesterfield by his club Leeds United, with the midfielder keen for match practice following injury.

Central Coast Extra

## Saturday January 10

Mulch and logs were reported on fire on Maitland Bay Drive at Killcare.

It took four units to extinguish the fire, according to Gosford Rural Fire Service chief Mr Arthur Owens said.

Central Coast Extra

Umina cricket club posted 250 runs last week thanks to an improved batting effort led by Simon Blake (71) and Bruce Leslie (62).

Central Coast Extra



## Kayak business opens shop

A local kayak business has expanded to open a shop in Ettalong Beach.

The Southern Adventures shop offers a range of kayaks and accessories and is staffed by qualified kayak instructors who are able to offer visitors free expert advice.

Owner Anton Colenbrander said that, being based near the beach in Ettalong, the shop was an ideal location for potential customers to test paddle any of the wide range of kayaks on the water before making a decision to purchase.

Southern Adventures was established in 2001.

Initially the business consisted of a trailer and eight Canadian canoes but over time these have been replaced with a fleet of over 20 kayaks of various shapes and sizes.

Guided tours take place at various locations throughout the

Central Coast and vary in distance but all include basic kayak tuition, a full spread buffet lunch and plenty of fun.

Since its outset Southern Adventures has also offered team-building activities to companies and sporting associations.

These have turned out to be particularly successful and Southern Adventures now boasts a host of corporate clients including Microsoft, Qantas, Sanatarium and Bridgestone.

In 2002 Southern Adventures, recognising their strength in team building, formed a separate business unit called Team Building Australia, which now focuses entirely on the team building activities.

Team Building Australia recently hosted the pre-games team building activities for the 2003 Rugby World Cup referees and management.

Alison Branley, January 7

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## Married at Ettalong



Empire bay couple Kathryn Izzard and Phill Clarke were married on December 6 at Ettalong Baptist Church by Rev Bob Hooper with a reception at Linton Gardens.

Photo by Stephen Hogg from Silver Coast Photographics

## Speechcraft course planned

**Ettalong Beach War Memorial Toastmasters Club will run a seven-week speechcraft course starting next month.**

It will be held at the Ettalong Beach Club from Tuesday, February 3, starting at 7pm.

Speechcraft is a short course

designed for people wishing to improve their speaking skills, according to club member Ms Jan Cummings.

"In today's electronic society, face-to-face communication is becoming less and less," said Jan, who runs the course.

"Some young people find it difficult to handle simple

interviews or daily conversations.

"This course has helped many people, not only into a better position in the workforce but better communication on a daily basis," she said.

Cost of the course is \$90.

For more details, phone Jan Cummings on 4341 6842.

Press release, January 7

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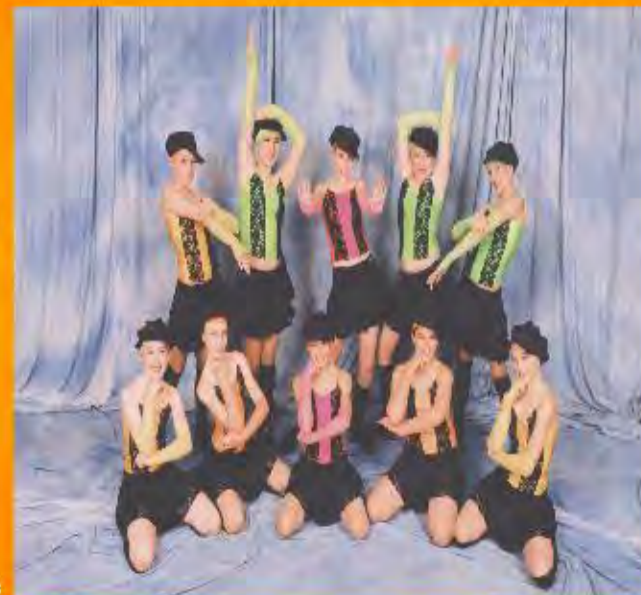
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# What's on in and around the Peninsula

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

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

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

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

## DAILY EVENTS

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

**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, Dunban 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 John 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.

**St John Ambulance**; Brisbane Water Cadets 7-9pm Woy Woy Aged Care Centre (meals on wheels) from 7-9pm. Enq phone 4341 3341.

**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 group at Community Health building 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.

### Social Paddle

End of Ferry Rd Ettalong beach, no charge, all welcome, bring your own kayak, refreshments and equipment, ph:0429856231

**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

#### Tuesday January 13

NPWS bushwalk 'The wonders of Pearl Beach', 9:30am \$7a, \$4ch, finish noon, meet opp shops Pearl Beach, bookings: 43204205

SLSC Surf School Umina beach 9am-1pm, \$20, bookings: 43229800

#### Wednesday January 14

NPWS bushwalk 'Landforms, biodiversity and ecosystems', 9:30am \$7a, \$4ch, finish 12:30pm, meet opp shops Pearl Beach, bookings: 43204205

#### Thursday January 15

Jeff Laing, guitar player, live at Lizotte's Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

Multisports program kids aged 6-12, netball, hockey, soccer etc, \$15

#### Friday January 16

NPWS bushwalk, 'For the kids: who lives here?', 9:30am-11:30am,\$5ch, Bouddi NP, meet Dingeldei Picnic area, Killcare heights, bookings: 43204205

Multisports program kids aged 6-12, netball, hockey, soccer etc, \$15 Lemon Grove Ettalong, ph:43623184

Kim Cheshire's suburban vodoo, country music, live at Lizotte's Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

#### Saturday January 17

NPWS Bushwalk, 'Sunset and spotlight walk', 6:15pm to 9:15pm, \$7a, \$4ch, meet carpark, Crystal Ave Pearl Beach, bookings: 43204205.

'The Gingerbread Man, Peninsula Theatre, Bookings 43441800. Jan 17-24

'The desert to the sea' art exhibition, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery 2pm ph: 43791102 Jan 17-26.

#### Sunday January 18

Social Paddle, end of Ferry Rd Ettalong beach, no charge, all welcome, bring your own kayak, refreshments and equipment, ph:0429856231

#### Monday January 19

NPWS Bushwalk, 'Maitland bay and Marine life', 11am to 3pm, \$7a, \$4ch, bookings: 43204205.

#### Tuesday January 20

SLSC Surf School Umina beach 9am-1pm, \$20, bookings: 43229800

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

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

#### Wednesday January 21

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

#### Thursday January 22

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

#### Friday January 23

Victor Martinez and Martinez brothers, live music at Lizotte's Ettalong beach memorial club.

#### Saturday January 24

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

## Arts and Entertainment

# Exhibition in Woy Woy

Central Coast artist Christine Armstrong is holding an exhibition in Woy Woy of her recent figurative work entitled "Goddess".

This show will be on display for

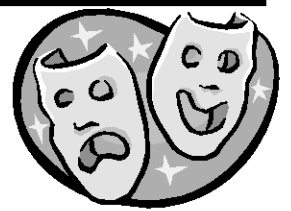
this month at Gnostic Mana Café, Woy Woy.

The Goddess exhibition is a body of work celebrating the beauty of the female form in various mediums.

Alison Branley, January 7



Venus Botticelli's Angel by Christine Armstrong



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## Ettalong on music tours

Ettalong is hosting two performing arts companies on tour under a government program.

Fruit Live played at Lizotte's at Ettalong on Thursday, January 8.

Lucinda Peters will perform at Lizotte's at Ettalong on the April, 21.

They both received \$10,000 grants from the Australian Government's Contemporary Music Touring Program.

"By supporting touring opportunities for musicians, the

Australian Government is helping to increase access to live music-particularly outside metropolitan areas," said Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

For Lucinda Peters, it was her first major national tour in support of her album Show Me The Way to be released in January.

Fruit received its grant to assist with a nine-venue tour to reintroduce the band to Australian audiences, following their success in the US.

Press release, January 5

## Term starts in February

The new term for classes at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will begin on Monday, February 2.

The classrooms are located at Kitchener Park, Ettalong, near the corner of Picnic Parade and Maitland Bay Dr.

Adult classes are planned in patchwork, quilting, folk art, drawing, stitchery circle, pastels, oils, acrylics, silk painting and pottery.

For enrolments and further information, phone Penny Riley on 4360 1673.

Fax, January 7

## 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

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## Arts and entertainment

# Dance school holds 10th concert

About 850 people attended the 10th annual concert of a Umina dance school held at the Central Coast Leagues Club's Regency Room last month.

The anniversary performance of Dancin' Mates was a compilation of greatest hits from the school's past nine performances.

The night included 250

dancers who performed 35 different pieces.

There were two guest performers, Greg and Becker, who showed off their hip-hop style fresh from Los Angeles.

Proprietors Robert and Bronwyn Russell performed the finale before the entire entourage entered the stage for the last curtain.

Rob Jimenez, January 8

# Gingerbread Man



The cast of the Gingerbread Man

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present a production of The Gingerbread Man from January 17 to 24 at the Peninsula Theatre.

There will be two performances each day at 9:30am and 11am.

The play, written by Brenda Bryant and directed by Fran

Kendall, is the story of a Gingerbread man who wants to be chased and eaten, but no one's interested.

Tickets for all performances are \$6.

Bookings are taken between 10am and 2pm weekdays by phone on 4344 4737.

Flyer, January 7

# Israeli band performs

Israeli band Sheva performed at Lizottes, Ettalong, on Friday, January 9.

Sheva is a seven-piece world music ensemble that was born on a remote community in the Galilee Mountains of northern Israel in 1997.

Sheva means the number seven.

Their music, which promotes peace, harmony and healing for all cultures, is firmly based on their founding inspiration – the connectivity between the remote biblical landscapes of northern Israel and the ancient Hebrew, Arabic and tribal cultures that survived in the barren environs.

Their songs and chants come from biblical texts, sufi zichers and innovative prayers for peace.

They perform on a variety of instruments derived from Middle Eastern, Asian, African and European cultures, to create an exotic yet universal sound.

Their instruments included



Amir Pass, Gil Ron Shamur, Udi ben-Kanaan, Avishai Bar-Nattan, Mosh Ben Ari, Ahmed Taher, and Lior Tolman make up Sheva

traditional Arabic percussion, African Djembe, Lira, Sitar, Persian Santur, Ney, Zurna, Shanai, Drum set and Sampler.

From late December through

January Sheva have made their first tour of Australia on the east coast at Woodford Folk Festival, Queensland, Byron Bay, Sydney, and Melbourne.

Press release, January 8

# Kimberley art shown at Patonga

Meg Norling will present 37 paintings by indigenous artists of the East Kimberley in an exhibition entitled "Desert to the sea" at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery between January 17 and 26.

Meg is the director of the

Yarilil Arts Centre at Halls Creek, WA.

Each of the colourful works will be accompanied by a story sheet, explaining the painting in the artist's own words.

There are also biographical notes and photographs of the artists, who include Stan Brumby, Tiny McCale, Jack Lennigan,

Bruce Wungunien, Lorna Thomas, Kathy Ryder, Flora Ahchoo and Willy Billabong.

These artists paint their canvasses while squatting in the shade of a gum tree.

Gallery owner Mr Robin Norling said that for many of the artists English was not their first language.

"Three distinct language groups meet in the East Kimberley and they are as different as Spanish is from Russian," he said.

"However in their pictorial language there is a commonality.

"Dot circles and wriggly lines are used in a map like manner to describe the landscape that is their country," Mr Norling said.

This very limited set of symbols can describe waterholes, billabongs, campsites, hills and valleys, journeys and animal tracks.

Mr Norling said: "Many jokes have been made at the expense of modern artists, about early 20th century western abstract art having been accidentally hung upside down.

"However the artists of this exhibition do not adhere to the 'right way up' rule of western art.

"So the works that will be on display may be hung every which way with a clear artistic conscience," he said.

Meg will be available to discuss the paintings and her work at the Yarilil Arts Centre.

For further information, phone Patonga Bakehouse Gallery on 4379 1102.

Letter, January 8



Meg Norling with painting by Stan Brumby



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## Education

### A larger kindergarten

**Pretty Beach Primary School has reported larger than usual kindergarten enrolments for this year.**

Otherwise, school numbers appear to be quite stable, said principal Ms Jill Godwin.

The school will have two composite classes: for Years 4/5 and for Years 5/6.

Students from the school attended a ceremony to receive a participation award in the Gosford Council School Environment

award program.

They were Claire Connolly, Victoria McCall and Kara Duffy.

They won a \$150 for the school's environmental programs and several books for the library.

Year 4 students from Pretty Beach Primary School were filmed for a channel nine Today show segment last year.

The piece was about a walk in Bouddi National Park.

Newsletter, December 11

### Presentation day held

**Umina Public School held its fifth presentation day at Ettalong Memorial Club last month.**

There were over 1000 staff, students, parents, friends and relatives in attendance.

School captains and prefects for the coming year were announced.

Blake Egglestone and Cleo Westermann are Umina's new captains.

Tom Austine, Mitchell Coates, Taylor Poole, Jade Bright, Renee Engulshus and Brodie Dryden were named prefects.

Many students were presented with awards on the day.

Lauren McCracken received the dux award, Amy Engulshus the citizenship award, and Ryan Ilijas the award for behaviour.

Umina Primary sport achievers were Senior Brendan Heal and Kimberley Mosley, 11 years Lachlan Wing, and Junior and Rising Stars Natasha Newham.

Special guests included Mrs Moran, representing the office of Ms Marie Andrews,

principal Mr Blair, P&C president Mrs Cathy Hannan, Mrs Van Beusekom, Mrs Joanne Ely, and home-school liaison officer Mrs Sue Callaway.

Lachlan Carr, January 8



Students from Woy Woy Public School using the Ettalong Memorial Club auditorium

### Performing arts partnership

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus has established a partnership with Ettalong Beach Memorial Club to create a**

**Performing Arts Academy.**

The initiative will start in week two of school term one this year and will focus on dance, drama and music.

Teacher Mr Macey and his

team have commenced planning for the academy and are reported to be developing a number of ideas.

Newsletter, December 12

### College students excel in HSC

**Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have excelled in the 2003 HSC.**

Principal Mr David Beattie said that students achieved fantastic results in all subjects.

"Outstanding students included Martin McGrath, Alex Bennison, Dave Jenkins, Amy Birrell, Adam Austin, Belinda Sutton, Laura Baker and Andrea Fauvette who all achieved results in the 90s," he said.

Martin scored 95 in the difficult mathematics course and 45/50 in the extension course.

Alex and Dave, both members of the popular band Fyna, both scored over 90, with Dave being asked to perform in the HSC Encore concert at the Opera House in February next year.

Adam Austin made the distinguished achievers list for extension maths, Alex Bennison for music, Amy Birrell for ancient history, David Jenkins for music,

Martin McGrath for information process and technology as well as extension maths and Belinda Sutton for food technology.

Mr Beattie said: "The Senior Campus has really moved forward this year and has put in place a range of programs designed to improve students' results."

One of these, the popular "Make a Difference" program was designed to increase students' understanding of the HSC and further develop positive study habits.

"Students benefited from the experience of one-on-one tutoring and support for their learning," Mr Beattie said.

"Year 12 students should be proud of their achievements."

"They have all met our expectations and we know that they will enter the workforce or go to University well prepared."

Three students have been accepted into University on early

entry by successfully completing interviews, while a number of other students will be going to Ourimbah Campus to further their studies.

"Another pleasing outcome of the Year 12 class of 2003 is the number of students who have gained apprenticeships or traineeships, ranging from building to retail and hospitality," Mr Beattie said.

The Senior Campus will continue to focus on quality learning and teaching in 2004, along with initiatives like the Sports Academy and Performing Arts Academy.

Subjects in which the school performed particularly well were English, art, music, textiles and design, food technology, PD/H/PE, senior science, general maths, extension maths, hospitality, retail, construction, information technology and dance."

Press release, January 8

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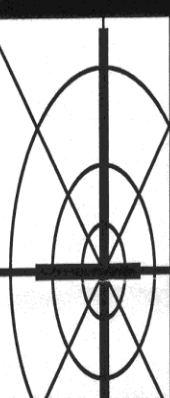


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## Ron keeps on winning

**Peninsula pastry cook Ron Bruns has taken out the Most Successful Exhibitor in pastries at the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show.**

He took out 13 medals for all of his 13 entries.

Ron is proprietor of Bremen Patisserie, Umina.

Bremen is a traditional German city near the Danish border, where Ron and wife were born.

Ron and Helga Bruns have run their shop in Umina for over 12 years and are "really proud to be able to represent the Peninsula at a national level".

In 2002, Mr Bruns received six gold medals for six pies entered in the Queensland Gourmet Pie Competition and two gold, five silver and four bronze at the Great Aussie Meat Pie Competition.

The Melbourne Fine Food Show led to Ron receiving the Precedent Small Business Awards Champion of Champions Trophy in the bakery-cake store category.

He then followed that up in 2003 with two gold, 10 silver and four bronze at the Great Aussie Meat Pie Competition.

Rob Jimenez, December

## Application deferred

**Gosford Council has deferred a development application for a house in Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, in order to negotiate with the owner.**

Council received three public submissions, one petition with six signatures and one letter of support with regard to the application.

Mr Jeffrey Cook addressed Council on behalf of residents affected by the development.

He said that local residents wanted the land created into a park and that it was a wildlife corridor for brush turkeys.

Mr Cook said that the development would create a blind corner along Taylor St.

However, he said, failing that, residents would be satisfied if the development was moved backwards and the garage forwards.

Alison Branley, Council agenda DH.129, December 9

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## Everglades stalwart dies

**Everglades stalwart golfer Maury Stubbs passed away on December 5.**

Maury was a member of Everglades Country Club for 23 years and was a member of the Swampies for most of those.

In his younger years, he helped his mother run a hotel at Baradine.

Later he served an apprenticeship carpenter and joiner, and toward the end of World War Two, he enlisted in the Navy.

He served on corvettes and mine sweepers and was part of the occupation force in Japan at the end of the war.

After the war, he worked with Painter and Dixon constructing buildings.

His association began with Everglades when he supervised the first major redevelopment of the Everglades Clubhouse.

Maury was president of the Swampies for the last seven years and will be remembered for the articles he wrote in the club magazine each month.

Friend Jim Weir said: "He had a quick wit and a good sense of humour but a poor sense of direction."

"He hardly ever missed those trees on the right of the fourth tee and to us those tees will always be Maury's tees."

"Once when the Swampies were going to Kurri Kurri to play, Maury was missing and turned up late having gone via Newcastle."

"On another occasion, Maury and Bob deCarle shared a motorised cart."

"Maury said Bob was driving but Bob said it wasn't his foot that was on the accelerator when the cart careered through the clothes racks and on through the Pro-shop window."

He is survived by his wife, Marea, and two daughters.

Bulletin, January 8

## Five wins for the year

**Everglades Social Golfers "The Pooh-Tangs" finished last season with no less than five wins for the year.**

Bill Capewell was senior champion, John Breakwell C Grade champion, Mark Roberts and Warren Webb C Grade Foursomes champions, Steve Prosser Everglades Cup runner-up and Ross Breakwell was A Grade Net Winner.

Letter, January 8

## Maddison to sing at State titles

**Maddison Roots from Umina Surf Life Saving Club will sing at the opening ceremony of this season's Junior State titles.**

Maddison won the honour when she became the New Zealand and Australia Junior idol.

Chelsea Johnson and Robert Moate, also from the club, have been selected as Junior Club

Captains and will also be the Club's nominations for the Central Coast Branch Junior Surf lifesaver of the year.

The club also recently raised \$3000 in its annual doorknock.

The funds raised will go towards repairing and maintaining or replacing vital life saving equipment.

Newsletter, January 7

## Woy Woy water polo win

**Woy Woy first grade men's water polo team defeated Gosford 11-10 in the last round of water polo before Christmas.**

Woy Woy Juniors lost to Gosford 4-2.

The Men's second grade lost to Gosford 7-4.

The Gosford women's team

also defeated Woy Woy 11-9.

Games resumed last week.

The Wyong Cup tournament will be played at Wyong Pool next weekend.

This competition attracts teams from Sydney, The Blue Mountains, Newcastle and the Central Coast.

Mardi Love, January 5

## Program of children's sports

**A program for six to 12 year old children in hockey, netball, touch football and soccer will be run at Lemon Grove at Ettalong on Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16.**

The introductory program will be run by qualified coaches who hope to improve skills with fun activities.

The program costs \$15 and is run by NSW Tourism Sport and Recreation.

Email, January 7



(l to r) Bill Hawthorn, Keith Lego, Ruth Ridges and Brian Worrall with the naming plaque for the Pearl Beach Tennis Club Pavillion

## Tennis shed named

**A new tennis shed at the Pearl Beach Tennis Club has been named "Keith Lego Pavilion" in honour of a member's long service to the club.**

President Brian Worrall, secre-

tary Ruth Ridges and member Bill Hawthorne unveiled a plaque to name the shed at the club's Christmas Lunch.

"The event was well received by over 30 members on the day," Mr Worrall said.

Press release, January 7

## Security increase

**Ettalong Public School has begun a campaign to increase security around the school.**

The school has published security telephone numbers to report intruders, and to help pre-

vent vandalism and theft.

Parents have been asked to call 1300 880 021 during the holidays if they see anything suspicious.

Newsletter, December 16



Bob Hook being congratulated by his team mates

## From hospital to cricket record

**Woy Woy cricket identity Bob Hook has had a mixed week.**

Hook who will celebrate his 68th birthday in two weeks started his celebrations early.

After having spent the first half of the week in Gosford Hospital with undiagnosed chest pains, Hook rallied to play in the Woy Woy sixth grade match at Ettalong Oval against Wyong, scoring a massive 155.

Arguably in the twilight of his career, this innings was most

certainly a milestone.

While no stranger to scoring a century, this score is his highest, eclipsing the 140 that he scored while playing for Crows Nest in the Sydney A Grade competition almost 50 years ago.

Last year Bob suffered a heart attack while batting, only to return to the crease to finish his innings after a short rest in the stands.

On that occasion he scored 46 not out.

Fax, January 7

## Woy Woy starts soccer training

**Woy Woy Soccer Club plans to field an Under-18 and a seniors team in the coming season.**

The coaching staff led by Nick Hagestephanous and George Savidis have already started preparing the senior squads for the season.

They said they were excited about working with a talented mixture of experience and youth.

They said that last year there were over 320 players registered, an increase of over 25 per cent on 2002, and the prospects for this year are even better.

Under President Leigh Martin the club returned to a position of

financial strength, they said.

On-field results were highlighted by the U14B Women and All Age 3 Women winning their divisions.

Both the senior and junior presentation ceremonies were well-attended.

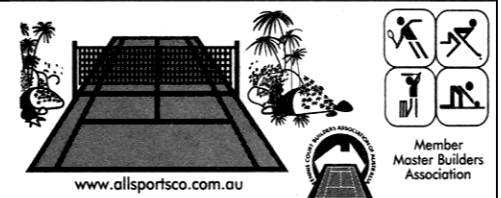
The latest inductee into the "20-Year Player" club was Nigel Daniel who joins his older brothers Jason and Matthew in this achievement.

This year the club will offer "Family discounts" to make playing the game more affordable and to encourage families to show loyalty.

Aidan Cuddington, January 5

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# New director for school

**It was an emotional farewell to Angela Denman after 18 years as the director of Peninsula Dance & Theatre School.**

This year sees a new director, Wendy Ellis, picking up where Angela left off. The school offers classes in **Jazz (all styles), Tap (including Street 'lap), RAD Ballet, Modern, Drama, Musical Theatre & Singing. Classes are for students from 3 years to Adults.**

Peninsula Dance & Theatre School specialises in performance work. Many of the school's students have already appeared on shows such as Home & Away, A13 Saints, various TV Commercials & extras in movies. The school's philosophy is to give students as much performance work as possible to keep their skills fine tuned & to generate as many opportunities for learning new skills as it possibly can, including workshops in both Dance & Drama with guest teachers from around Australia. In October the performance students will be touring Queensland performing at all the major theme parks & various venues throughout Brisbane. The studio holds an annual pantomime at the Laycock Street Theatre, where all the students of the school, including those that attend only once a week for fun, take to the stage. The new Director, Wendy Ellis, will be introducing an exciting new



project into the school. "We will be shooting a children's feature film", she says. "The studio has a group of very strong actors who I know will embrace such an opportunity. "I have already been involved in doing this with students of Jump Street in 2003 & it was a huge success.

"The highlight for the students after 12 months of hard work was the Premiere of the movie held at Avoca Theatre. "The thrill of seeing themselves on the big screen was something those students will remember for a long time to come".

Wendy has also played an important role in opening up new opportunities to Dance students through overseas projects. "In my capacity as co-director of the International Dance Teachers

Academy (IDTA), I have co-ordinated & co-choreographed dance students to compete in the Prague Dance Festival & The Italy Dance Grand Prix." Over 7 awards have been received



at these Festivals for both the IDTA & individual students. "I love finding new opportunities for students & being part of their excitement.

"The thrill of seeing these young performers competing against other countries in historical theatres is amazing, & so is watching them tackle the different languages & cultures."

Peninsula Dance & Theatre School will also be adding state of the art technical equipment to help teachers & students view their progression. This will be a first on the Coast & will prove to be an invaluable teaching tool.

**The School is now taking enrolments for 2004 for classes held at the Peninsula Community Centre.**  
**To enroll call 4368 3554 or 0414 682 507.**  
**Vacancies are limited.**

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# Music and dance for Australia Day

**Music and dance performances will feature at Australia Day activities planned for Anderson Park, Woy Woy, this year.**

Stalls will be held by local environmental groups, arts and crafts people, the Gosford Rural Fire Service and St Johns Ambulance, with the Salvation Army offering tea, coffee and cold drinks. Family activities will run all day and include a tug-of-war demonstration, with a competition between emergency services.

The day will include a Taekwan-Do demonstration. Novelty rides will be available, as will a range of food from local seafood to international cuisine.

The Troubadour Folk Club will also be hosting bands at the CWA hall.

The day begins at 10am with a welcome by aboriginal elder Ray McMilln, followed by a landing re-enactment by the NSW Corps of Marines.

There will be a flag raising ceremony with the singing of the National Anthem, "I am Australian" and "Waltzing Matilda".

Then the dancing and music will begin with Dance Rage Dance Academy and "Us Not Them", a duo playing acoustic guitar and mandolin.

All those who celebrate their birthday on the day will get a special birthday cake at lunchtime.

Music by "Mudcats" and a presentation from Jump Street will entertain until the F18 fly over occurs.

The Wheeze and Suck Band will then play their blend of English folk songs through the afternoon. Pelican feeding will take place at Fishermans Wharf until close at 4pm.



*Landing party studies the natives at last year's Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy*

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