

Native trees vandalised

A number of native trees across the Peninsula have been cut down in recent weeks by vandals.

Vandals attacked six banksias between Ocean Beach and the Esplanade cutting the five metre high trees down between Saturday night and the early hours of Sunday, January 18.

The trees are in a designated dune restoration area.

Council did a letterbox drop looking for information about the incident.

There is a reward of up to \$5000 for information relating to the incident.

Two swamp mahoganies in Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy, have also been chopped down.

Gosford Council tree preservation officer Mr Brian Pike said that the trees were approved to be chopped down by Council for a development application.

One had a bracket fungus, the other one damage.



Stumps from two Swamp Mahoganies chopped down in Woy Woy

Residents in Burge Rd, Woy Woy, have also reported the poisoning of four mature grey mangrove trees on Burge Rd, Woy Woy, in Blackwall Reserve.

There were large drill scars to the lower trunk where poison residue stains were obvious, they

said.

Council was also aware of the poisoning of these trees and said that it was being investigated by the EPA and NSW Fisheries as the trees were on Fisheries land.

Mr Pike said it was definite act of vandalism.



The remainder of banksias vandalised in the dunes at Ocean beach

Ettalong residents have also reported that beachfront bottlebrush trees near the seaward end of Barrenjoey Rd have been cut down.

The trees stabilise sand dune and prevent beach erosion.

According Mr Pike, there have

been similar acts of vandalism in the area in recent months.

He said Council could not do much to prevent the acts.

Anyone with information regarding the trees should contact Gosford Council.

Alison Branley, January 23

Order of Australia for Bruce Bagley

Pearl Beach resident Bruce Bagley has been awarded an OAM as part of the Australia Day honours list.

Mr Bagley was awarded the Order of Australia Medal, in the general division, for service to the pharmacy profession, particularly through the development of education programs for pharmacy students, and to the community.

As an employee of Soul Pattinson Pharmacy, Mr Bagley developed a system of cadetships for pharmacy students attending the University of Sydney.

He initiated a business course for pharmacy students at the University of Sydney, 1978; and conducted lectures in an honorary capacity for several years.

He was an employee at Soul Pattinson from 1960 to 1987.

Mr Bagley was appointed general manager pharmacy and a director for Soul Pattinson in 1979.

He was a member of the Pharmacy Liaison Committee of NSW Department of Health from 1977 through to 1987 and an industry representative to Pharmaceutical Benefits Remuneration Tribunal, from 1980 through to 1987.

Bruce Bagley was appointed by the NSW State Government as a licence regulator to Sydney Water Corporation and to the Hunter Water Corporation and the Sydney Catchment Authority in 1995.

He was also a director of a number of subsidiaries of Soul Pattinson and was a member, of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

He was the resident pharmacist for Soul Pattinson at Umina for 15 years until his retirement in 2000.

Now he works as a locum for local chemists.

Mr Bagley has owned his home at Pearl Beach since 1983.

It was a holiday home at first and he has lived there for the last

seven years.

It was his wife who originally nominated him for the OAM.

After her passing, a close friend kept the nomination going.

"I was surprised to get the award actually," he said.

Mr Bagley was notified three weeks ago that he had won the medal.

It will be presented at a ceremony at Government House in the next few weeks.

Bruce's other community service includes being a member of the Methodist Ladies College (MLC) school council since 1986 and chairman from 1987 to 1994.

He was honorary president of the MLC Parents and Friends Association from 1984 to 1986 and honorary treasurer from 1978 to 1983.

Mr Bagley's four daughters and his wife attended MLC and he attended the corresponding boys college.

He was chairman of the MLC Council Executive Committee, a



Bruce outside Soul Pattinson inn Woy Woy

board member of the MLC School Foundation and a member of schools liaison committee of the Uniting Church.

Mr Bagley was a member of the medical advisory board of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, a foundation member for Thornleigh Lions Club and honorary vice-president of the Crommelin Native Arboretum.

Alison Branley, Honours list, January 20

TV for Patonga

Patonga is to get its own television transmitter, with the announcement of a Federal Government grant of \$125,000.

This grant will assist with the establishment of a new analog retransmission facility for the village, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

"With mobile phone service established and television services set to improve in the next few months, Patonga's communication network will have significantly increased," he said.

"I would like to congratulate the Patonga residents for their continued hard work and lobbying over the past nine years to secure these much needed services," Mr Lloyd said.

The grant for the transmitter comes through the Federal Government's Television Black Spots Program.

Press release, January 21



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The publication date of this edition coincides with the end of the Christmas holidays with everyone back to school and TAFE. Australia Day celebrations will have been completed and the community will be getting into the serious business of another year on the Peninsula. Hopefully, it will be another prosperous one for all.
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Did you spot the error?

The answer to last editions "Spot the error" was, in fact, the street sign. The sign reading "Blackwall road" was recently installed in Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy. Thankyou to a keen eyed resident who pointed this out. The sign is yet to be fixed.

Council given wetlands exhibition

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trusts Wetland Exhibition is to be handed over to Gosford Council. The council will use it throughout the local government area, starting at the new Erina Centre. The exhibition was opened in September, with more than 1000 people coming in the first two weeks. Many hundreds have visited since then.
Newsletter, January 21

Meetings resume

Save the Children, Woy Woy Branch resumes its meetings on Monday, February 2, at 1.30pm. "New members are welcome, come along and enjoy a friendly afternoon with a cuppa and a delicious afternoon tea," said president May Kane. She said that the group was suited to retirees, as full-time workers often did not have the time. "We do have quite a lot of fun." She said that the group currently had 16 members but would like a few more. The meetings are held at 72 Cambridge St Umina. With inquiries, phone 4324 4389.
Letter, January 13

Funds for memorial project

The Empire Bay Progress Association has been given a grant by the Department of Veterans Affairs for its war memorial restoration program. The association has also placed donation tins in Empire Bay bottle shop and the Tavern to collect money for new plaques for the Korean, Malaysian and Vietnam Conflict and for Peacekeepers. Members have chosen two large sandstone blocks for the plaques and having a new plinth

cut for the top of the memorial. The lettering is to be done by James Cook, a stonemason living in the village. The stone will be bought from Gosford Quarries. The progress association will be taking nominations for a new committee from February 17. All positions are open. There are also positions vacant for sub-committees for the hall upgrade, garden fundraising and war memorial upgrade.
Newsletter, January 19

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Children's court opens

Woy Woy Children's Court is now operational, with construction of the new facilities completed in December.

Both children's care and criminal matters will be heard as well as adult matters, according to Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

She said the project accommodated Children's Registrars and fenced external play areas for children.

Construction of the conversion began in January last year.

Ms Andrews said the upgrade of Woy Woy Courthouse included specialist services and conferencing and interviewing facilities to enable both care and criminal matters to be heard.

She said it had facilities to accommodate specialist children's magistrates and had disabled access extended to



The children's playground outside the new Woy Woy children's court

include staff and magistrates.

The building had a "domestic violence room" with toilet facilities and facilities for mothers, she said.

Ms Andrews said external areas had been fenced with two

discreet paved play areas for children.

It had a new secure van dock, detainee interview rooms and six holding rooms, she said.

Newsletter, Alison Branley, January 20

Negotiating ferry funding

The fast ferry from Ettalong will not be operational in the near future, according to Fastships, the company organising the vessel's purchase.

Fastships chairman Mr Alf Salter said that the company was still negotiating funding for a vessel.

"Everybody has high expectations," he said.

He said that once the company had the funding it would purchase the vessel and construction of the wharf would begin.

He was not able to give a timeframe.

He said that the building of the wharf would not commence until a vessel has been purchased.

"It hasn't been held up by Gosford Council," he said.

Alison Branley, January 23

Rates may rise marginally

Rates on the Peninsula may only increase marginally following recent revaluations by the Valuer-General, according to Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell.

"The increase in the rates might be 10 to 20 dollars at the most," he said.

"It does depend on what the government sets as the rate in the dollar.

"They set it. We don't," he said.

"Residents don't need to be too concerned as they benefit from the rise in property values, but actual rates will not rise very much."

Alison Branley, January 22

War history recorded

Merv Heath of Ettalong was visited by documentary makers from the Australian War Memorial on Wednesday, January 21.

The documentary makers were making a historical record for the Australian archives.

They spoke to Mr Heath about his involvement in the Korean War and his activities for Ettalong-Hardys Bay RSL Sub-branch.

Mr Heath has been active in the RSL giving talks on Anzac Day and helping war widows and veterans.

Alison Branley, January 21

Private owners donate walking track

Eight owners of private property between the Lobster Beach steps and the southern section of Bouddi National Park have handed over land to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

A hand-over ceremony was due to take place at Wagstaffe on Australia Day, Monday, January 26.

The land will be used as a thoroughfare for walkers to go from the Lobster Beach steps direct to the southern end of Bouddi National Park.

While the path has existed since 1960, the landowners wished to make it official and sold the fire trail for \$50 each to

National Parks, so that the service could maintain the track and be responsible for public liability.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is expected to construct the walking track and there will be signs informing walkers that the track runs through private property asking them to respect the land.

Minister for the Environment Mr Bob Debus approved the hand-over on Friday, January 16, in time for the ceremony on Monday.

The Bouddi Society and local progress associations will be donating funds towards legal costs of the transfer.

Alison Branley, January 22

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Council should employ certifiers

Recent news saying that additional building inspections must be carried out throughout the course of construction still leaves a major weakness in the system.

Private certifiers are still to be employed by the developer.

Where necessary, a contractor is expected to reject the work of his employer.

Such a situation is unacceptable.

All building inspections should be under the control of Council, and the system could operate this way. (1) Developers must lodge a bond with Council upon receiving approval of their DA.

(2) Council will appoint a Certifier to supervise the construction from beginning to the end.

(3) This can be a private Certifier or a Council employee.

(4) The costs incurred shall be paid from the bond lodged, and at the end of the project, a statement supplied to the developer with a refund of any remaining amount.

This way, the certifier is employed by Council and is responsible to them, not the developer.

Unless we have a system like this, we will continue to have "developer driven" standards in building construction.

Robert Lambert, Umina

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Hope of open honest government

Keith Whitfield reminds us that the people are not served when he writes of the valiant knight Bryan Ellis.

I take some notice because his name is on the honour roll of Gosford City Council.

We, the people, are the power-base that our elected representatives refer to when they speak of having a mandate.

But I say none have a mandate

to ignore the law and the rights of the people the way Gosford councillors have done.

When so-called representatives hide behind policy advisers and secretaries even before they're elected in some cases, there is no hope of open honest government.

Edward James, Umina

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Building should be single storey

The two-storey townhouses proposed for Burge Rd, Woy Woy, will block the air, light and breezes coming from the north and east, greatly affecting our main living and recreational areas.

In addition, heat will generate from the high brick buildings and added concrete.

The removal of many huge na-

tive trees, many over 3m and in a remnant rainforest, will really affect our lifestyle.

The habitat of many birds and animals will be destroyed.

I request that buildings be single storey or placed where other people's living conditions will not be affected.

I request that if native trees are removed, that another area be created with native trees to offer coolness, shade and privacy and

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that suitable feed trees be planted to feed the many birds that have made this area their home for countless years.

"Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money" - Cree Indian saying.

Mel Fleming, Woy Woy

Council should educate about dunes

We are a bit shocked to observe that beachfront bottlebrush trees near the seaward end of Barrenjoey Rd have been cut down.

These trees stabilise the sand dunes and apart from environmental issues, they protect Council, and ultimately we the ratepayers, from future claims when the consequential beach erosion threatens houses.

In the unlikely event that this damage was done with Council approval, we would appreciate your advice as I am sure we will

want to lobby actively against councillors who supported such action.

If this damage was done without Council approval then we request that you most actively pursue those responsible.

It is not unknown that short-sighted householders will cut down trees illegally in order to create or preserve "their" views, regardless of the damage they otherwise do.

Unfortunately some of the consequences of that damage may not become apparent for many years.

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Finally can we request that Council promote an education program that explains the cyclical and shifting nature of foreshore sand dunes and the important role played by trees and ground cover generally and mangroves in stabilising these areas please.

There is a need to emphasise the very lengthy, but inevitable, cycle involved in the movement of dunes and the effects of over clearing.

Phillip and Diana Evans, Ettamogah

New roundabout creates vandalism and danger

In your last edition, Alison Branley reported "Roundabout to proceed despite opposition" that the construction was about to proceed despite the opposition of 800 residents.

Well, the work is under way and one of the first pieces of this waste of \$600,000 was the removal of several mature native trees.

Residents are shocked that this environmental vandalism has occurred while several councillors have advised us that they will

"investigate" our concerns.

Council is no better than the vandals of trees at Ocean Beach.

Stage two will likely see more destruction while council installs drainage pipes in this low-lying area. These drains will be under water in any large flood and completely useless.

This project will likely make this a more dangerous place than it is at present as one tree has been removed to provide parking for delivery vehicles on Mt Ettalong Rd.

Delivery vehicles will have to make a dangerous U-turn at

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Edgecliff Rd which is essentially a blind corner to access this delivery area.

Council officers tell us that traffic speed and safety is their prime concern but widening of the corners and the roadway will do nothing to slow traffic.

There have been no accidents at this intersection for the past six years.

Bryan Ellis, Umina

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Bev Thompson with Carmel Tebutt at the opening of the Peninsula Community Centre

Australia Day Community Awards

Continued from front page

Another Peninsula resident, Janice Rose was also recognised for her service to Seniors.

Mr Clarke said that Janice Rose was a valued volunteer at Ettalong Baptist Church Adult Day Care.

"Jan was involved in setting up this service in 1975 and has continued to volunteer since then.

"She is committed to the care of the frail, aged and disabled people on the Peninsula.

"She is now coordinator of Ettalong Baptist Church and organises functions and activities for her clients, making them feel loved, valued and cared for.

"Seniors are provided a hot lunch at the centre and take part in activities such as bingo and singalongs.

"Adult Day Care Centres with the support and care of the Ettalong Baptist Church and other community organisations enable clients to remain in their own home," he said.

Woy Woy resident, Bev Thompson was nominated for service to the disabled for her work with the Fairhaven Footprints project and dedication to disadvantaged children

"Ms Thompson was nominated by a few people for this award including her loving daughter Shelley who Bev first took in as a foster child," Stephen Clarke said.

"Bev has actually been a foster mother for 35 years to many disadvantaged young children.

"Bev has been a volunteer with Fairhaven Services for several years giving countless hours of her time assisting people with intellectual disabilities.

"More recently Bev has undertaken the Footprints Project to trace the 40 year history of Fairhaven on the Central Coast.

"As well as her work with Fairhaven and being a foster mum, Bev has been a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and has worked with the elderly providing friendship, support, meals and gifts," Mr Clarke said.

Press release, January 19

Patonga church hall to be auctioned

The old Catholic Church hall in Patonga, known as "the boat shed", is to go under the hammer on February 7.

The site is located at 2 Bay St and is expected to fetch an attractive sum at auction.

"We believe the high majority of interested buyers will definitely see the site as a re-development proposition for a new home," said agent Mr Jim Martin of Wilsons Estate Agency.

"The proceeds of the property we understand have been dedicated to the proposed construction of a new Catholic Church and parish centre in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy."

The site is located adjacent to the public grassland reserve known as Eve Williams's oval.

"When standing on the rear of the site, it offers an excellent panorama with some beach and water views of Brisk Bay and also surrounding Water National Park," Mr Martin said.

The land is about 890 square



The old Catholic Church Hall at Patonga

metres in area with an 18.2 metre frontage.

The church hall was originally an old style fibro boat shed, relocated onto the site in the early 1950s by Dr Baker, the parish priest for Woy Woy.

At that time, well before sealed roads were available, he made his way to Patonga via a dirt

track to provide mass and religious instruction.

The last time the site was used as a Catholic Church was in 1994 and since that time, the building has become run down and is now unsafe with the floor boards in poor condition and large holes in the iron roof.

Email, January 15

More details of assault wanted

Detectives have renewed their appeal for information over a serious assault at Pearl Beach on New Year's Eve.

Police were called to Umina Beach after a 46-year-old man was assaulted by three youths about 2pm on New Year's Eve.

The Umina man suffered head injuries and was taken to Gosford Hospital where he was admitted and kept for about a week.

The man told police he believed the youths had earlier been involved in an alleged stealing offence in his shop at Pearl Beach.

The youths left the scene of the alleged assault, running north along Umina Beach, and subsequent witnesses have told police the three were seen riding through East's Caravan Park

about 2.10pm.

Witnesses provided the following descriptions of three youths who may be able to assist with inquiries.

The first youth is described as being of Eastern European appearance, 16 to 17 years old, tanned complexion, 160 to 165 tall, slim build, short dark wavy hair, and was last seen wearing a brown shirt and blue pants, and riding a metallic blue/black-coloured BMX bike.

The second youth is described as being of Eastern European appearance, 12 to 14 years old, tanned complexion, 150 to 155cm tall, slim build, blondish shoulder length "messy" hair, and was last seen wearing brown shorts and creamy top and riding a silver BMX bike.

The third youth was described as being of Eastern European

appearance, 14 to 16 years old, tanned complexion, 155 to 160cm tall, thin build and was riding a push bike.

Police would like to speak with anybody who has information about either incident to contact Gosford Detectives on 4323 5599 or CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, January 22

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Hospital to host trainees

Woy Woy Hospital is to host eight "Assistant in Nursing" trainees along with Long Jetty Health Care Centre this year.

The arrangement is part of school-based traineeships for year 11 students from high schools across the Central Coast.

Central Coast Health will offer school-based traineeships in Business Services and Assistant in Nursing to year 11 students as part of an innovative training initiative.

The two year program is endorsed by the Department of Education and Training and provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to gain a nationally-recognised qualification as part of their Higher School Certificate.

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Students must complete more than 1000 hours of on-the-job training over two years and an additional 360 hours of off-the-job training.

Trainees will spend one and a half days each week on site at Central Coast Health facilities.

Central Coast Health's learning and development consultant Ms Helen Gayner said the school-based traineeship program was an ideal opportunity to gain an industry qualification while being at school.

"It is a great starting point for senior students who are considering a career in the health industry," she said.

"This training enables these students to gain valuable industry skills while they are learning."

Ms Gayner said the on-site

training would help ease the transition from secondary school to the workplace.

"We hope the traineeships will pave the way for a career path for these students.

"We would like to see students who complete this pilot program to apply for positions within Central Coast Health.

"We have really keen students who are looking forward to being a part of a work-based learning environment," Ms Gayner said.

Students will also receive a nationally-recognised qualification in addition to their Higher School Certificate on completion of the traineeship.

Assistant in Nursing trainees will receive a Certificate III in Aged Care and consists of clinical-based modules.

Press release, January 20

Infant massage course held

An introductory child massage course will be held at Ettalong Baptist Church on February 5 from 10am to noon

The course will be run by Empire Bay resident Glenda Chapman for the Nursing Mothers Association.

Ms Chapman, a certified infant massage therapist, said she became involved in infant massage after realising the benefits of touch.

"I know the benefits of touch and felt it was a shame that people weren't experiencing it at an earlier age," she said.

"People were coming to me in mid-life with aches and pains, and the attitude was that massage was only needed if you have something wrong with you."

Ms Chapman took up infant massage in 1983.

"It hasn't been a very popular in Australia.

"It's not an area where you make a lot of money," she said.

"But now parents are realising the positive nurturing of touch."

She has three children and four grandchildren.

"They were all well massaged babies and now massage each other," she said.

She said infant massage was an ancient tradition in many cultures throughout the world, and had been recently recognised for its physical and emotional benefits to families.

"Clinical research has demonstrated that loving, nurturing touch has a lasting positive impact on baby's emotional and physical wellbeing," Ms Chapman said.

"Parents report increased feelings of confidence in caring for their baby as a result of infant massage. "Infant massage is used successfully with premature, developmentally-challenged, pre-natal drug-exposed or HIV positive infants, as well as with foster and adoptive parents, teen parents, homeless families and women in recovery."

Press release, Alison Branley, January 21

Parenting workshops to be held in Umina

Uniting Care Burnside will run parenting workshops throughout March at Umina Uniting Church.

Local demand from parents for support in dealing with teenage children has led to the child and family welfare agency to initiate the workshops.

Burnside's Reconnecting Adolescents and Parents Team (RAPT) will run the workshops.

"Today's parents and adolescents are faced with many difficult challenges, societal expectations, peer pressure and increased use of drugs, alcohol and violence," said RAPT coordinator Ms Vicki Daley.

"These are just some of the issues identified by parents and young people that stretch their resources and ability to cope.

"The feedback we are getting is that there are many parents who want assistance with these issues."

Ms Daley said parenting teenagers could often create unique challenges for parents.

The course at Umina will run on Thursdays from March 4

through to April 1 from 10am to noon.

"The groups provide information, support, an opportunity to discover new tools, and a chance to talk with and share experiences and successful strategies with other parents," Ms Daley said.

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

Anyone interested should contact Adam Frost on 4341 0793.

Press release, January 21

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Landed in the water

A white Ford Falcon careered off Brickwharf Rd in Woy Woy in December, scraping the length of the outdoor picnic sheds and landing in Brisbane Water.

The driver was believed to have suffered an epileptic fit causing him to lose control of the

vehicle and land in shallow water just off the wharf.

Heroic locals rushed into the water quickly to lend assistance to the driver, who suffered minor injuries.

Police and paramedics arrived on the scene quickly and he was taken to hospital.

Alison Branley, January 21

New manager for tavern

The Empire Bay Tavern is under new management.

The new manager, Mr Hugh Mills, has had over 25 years experience running hotels and is part of a group of friends that look after four hotels between them.

They plan to use their combined knowledge to make the tavern a thriving community centre with an emphasis on family involvement.

The group has been in control for two weeks and has already made changes.

It is planned to introduce regular evening events such as

pool competitions.

An Australia Day celebration will include live bands, competitions and displays from the Old Sydney Town acting crew.

The Tavern now trades from 8am when the shop at the back opens until midnight six days a week and until 10pm on Sundays.

The tavern employs nine staff and the manager lives on the premises.

Several local bands have been booked to add ambience to the tavern.

Cec Bucello, January 22

Quest winners meet mayor

Woy Woy resident and national Lions Youth of the Year winner, Laura Mineo, was among young people from around Australia who met with Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell on Monday, January 19.

There was a civic reception at 10am in Gosford Council Chambers for the six young people who were all State winners of the Lions National Australia Bank Youth of the Year Quest.

Local contestant Laura Mineo, a student of Henry Kendall High

School, won the national public speaking section of the quest.

Overall winner of the quest, Tobias Young, was also in attendance.

The six State finalists were chosen from 2500 participating students.

They were assessed on criteria including academic achievement, leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship.

Their visit to Gosford was part of a national tour visiting the home city of each State winner.

Press release, January 19

Award finalists from Killcare

Several members of the Killcare Wagstaffe trust were finalists for Gosford's Australia Day Community awards.

Judy Adderley, David Duffy, Fay Gunther, Gwen Perrie and Jeannette Thiering were all nominated.

George McDonald of Pearl Beach was also nominated.

The winner of the ward for service to the Environment was Barbara Wills, president of MacMasters Beach Progress Association.

The awards were presented at a dinner at Mt Penang Parklands on January 16.

Newsletter, January 21

On-line news

Newsletters from Peninsula community groups can now be accessed on-line.

People can now read on-line current newsletters for Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Progress Association, Bouddi Society and the Association for Environmental Education Newsletter

The address is <http://www.acay.com.au/~adderley/newsletters>.

The second site allows visitors to easily join any one of several email forums.

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Peter Adderley, January 15

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Bouddi National Park—A history

The following is an excerpt from the website of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

It provides a wealth of information about the most significant national park on the Peninsula.

Aboriginal Heritage

The word Bouddi has various meanings in local Aboriginal languages, ranging from 'a heart' to 'water breaking over rocks'.

It is also the local Aboriginal name for the eastern headland of Maitland Bay and has become synonymous with the National Park and the surrounding area.

The Bouddi National Park area lies in the traditional territory of the Guringai (Kuringgai) people, which covers the coastal area bounded by Gosford, Port Jackson and Parramatta.

The Bouddi Peninsula is a special landscape - around 100 Aboriginal sites have been recorded in the park and nearby areas and many more sites are likely to exist.

Sites include middens, rock engravings, axe grinding grooves, and rock shelters with art (drawings and paintings), middens and other archeological deposits.

Aboriginal sites provide a valuable insight into Aboriginal traditions, lifestyles and interaction with the environment and are an important part of today's Aboriginal culture.

Engravings

Flat, exposed areas of Hawkesbury sandstone provided an ideal 'canvas' for Aboriginal artists.

The Sydney Rock Engravings, as they are now known, have a distinctive style which is unique in Australia and the rest of the world.

Figures are often life size or larger with some measuring up to 20 metres long.

Figures most commonly depicted in engravings on the Bouddi Peninsula are fish, whales and shields.

The engravings were probably

made by first drawing the outline of a figure with charcoal or ochre, then using a hard pointed stone to peck a series of holes along the outline.

Some figures can still be found at this stage of preparation, but in most cases the stone between the holes was rubbed away, either when the engraving was first made or during later visits.

Food

The waters of the Hawkesbury River, Broken Bay and the Pacific

Ocean provided an abundance of marine life and a plentiful food source for local Aboriginal people.

Evidence from middens shows that fish (including eels, stingrays and sharks) were the principal item of the Guringai during the Summer months.

Schnapper and black bream were the most common fish, followed by leatherjacket, wrasse, rock cod and groper.

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Bouddi National Park—A history

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Shellfish were also an important part of in the local diet, most commonly oysters, mussels, limpets, turban shells, triton shells and pipis.

Cuttlefish, squid and octopus were also undoubtedly part of the menu.

The park area since colonisation

The first European records of the Bouddi Peninsula were made by Captain James Cook on his journey up the east coast of Australia in 1770.

He noted the three bluff points north of Broken Bay as Cape Three Points.

This cape comprises almost half the coastline of the Bouddi Peninsula.

European settlement in the area began in the 1820s with subsistence farming, where the main source of income was timber getting, boat building and gathering shells for lime production.

Settlement and development were slow in the area due to its unsuitability for agriculture and the limited boat access from Sydney.

In 1891 the population in the MacMasters Beach area was only 11 and in the Killcare/Wagstaffe area only 22.

Following the completion of the railway through Gosford in 1889 and the construction of the Scenic Road in the late 1920s, residential subdivisions were carried out in areas adjacent to the present park.

Development was mainly confined to the waterfront until the 1960s, when the Scenic Road from Kincumber to Killcare was sealed.

Construction of the Rip Bridge in 1974 helped make the Bouddi Peninsula a popular residential area for holiday houses, permanent residents and commuters as home builders were attracted by the scenic and recreational values of the area.

As a result, the district has had an extremely high building rate

over the last twenty years or so, rapidly turning the park into a natural island amidst residential development.

History of the park

Bouddi National Park came about through the work of a few individuals over many years.

The first reservation of land for public purposes was made in 1876 when all vacant Crown Land on the seaboard between Port Stephens and Jervis Bay was reserved from sale 'on account of coal'.

Most of the 1876 Coal Reserve in this area is now in Bouddi National Park.

In 1922 a Sydney solicitor, Marie Byles, visited the area with some friends and recognised the natural values of Bouddi Peninsula and its potential for parkland.

She later persuaded the newly formed federation of bushwalking clubs to recommend to the NSW Department of Lands that the narrow reserve for coal along the coast, from Putty Beach to MacMasters Beach, be reserved for public recreation.

Eventually in July 1935, 650 acres (263 hectares) were reserved and six trustees were appointed.

The trustees set about securing additions to the park to make it more viable.

Early additions included vacant Crown Land above Caves Creek and around Mount Bullimah.

A particular effort was made by the Trust to secure the entire catchment of Maitland Bay and most of this land, both Crown and freehold, was ultimately acquired.

In 1959, 44 hectares were added to the park on the northern side of the Scenic Road and all existing reserves comprising Bouddi Natural Park, as it was then known, were revoked and re-reserved for 'public recreation and the promotion of the study and preservation of native flora and fauna'.

A major problem facing the early trustees was the lack of financial assistance.

No staff could be engaged and

all work on tracks, water supply, campsites etc. was done by volunteers until 1960.

The first government grant of any significance was received

that year, enabling the trustees to employ a full time ranger.

In the 1960s heavy mineral sand mining took place on Putty Beach near Killcare and on Tal-

low Beach before it became part of the park.

National Parks and Wildlife Service Website

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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 9-10am, enq: 4344 7851

Little Gym PCYC Osborne Ave Umina Mon-Fri 10-11am, enq: 4344 7851

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, Umina Community Hall, 7pm.

Second Tuesday of every month

Toastmasters, Ettalong Memorial Club, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842.

Umina TPI, Ettalong Memorial Club, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.

Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, every two weeks, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, enq: 4341 3222.

Pearl Beach Craft group, progress hall, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.

Stroke recovery group, meals on wheels auditorium, 11.30am.

Killcare SLSC, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966

Third Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp 9, Umina Community Hall 7pm.

Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch, Meals on wheels hall, 10am, enq: 4342 1790.

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Toastmasters, Ettalong Memorial Club, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, every two weeks, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, enq: 4341 3222.

Every Tuesday

Drop in 12-18yrs only The Web Youth, Service 12-6pm, 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, enq: 4341 2618.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm 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, 10.30 - 11.30am (Except Jan).

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.

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

Older women's network, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079

Seniors Shopping day, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, enq: 43412 4206

CWA Woy Woy branch social day, CWA Hall. 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192

Ettalong Ratepayers and Citizens Progress Association, Progress Hall, Ettalong, 7.30pm.

Second Wednesday of every month

Red Cross, Umina branch monthly meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting, Aged Care Complex, Woy Woy, 10am ph: 4341 1588.

Endeavour View Club, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am.

Kids drama and discovery classes, children 5-16yrs, Umina PCYC, 4pm, ph: 4344 7851.

Last Wednesday of every month

Umina progress association, Umina Community all, 1.30pm

Monthly meditation group, Peninsula women's health centre, ph:4342 5905

Every Wednesday

Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs, The Web Youth Service 12-6pm, 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: 4341 0721.

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, Woy Woy Meals on Wheels Hall, 6-10pm, 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) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), PCYC, Osborne Avenue, enq 4344 7851.

St John Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care Centre (meals on wheels) from 7-9pm, enq: 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: 4360 2161.

Drawing 9-11am, **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 (Except Jan).

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

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

Handicraft The Country Women's Hall, 9am-11.30am, 50 cent donation, enq: 4342 4316.

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month

Outsiders club, Ettalong Memorial Club, 9am.

Third Thursday of every month

Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061

Fourth Thursday of every month

Umina Probus, Everglades Country Club, 10am.

Every Thursday

Free entertainment Ettalong Bowling Club 6.30– 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** 1.30-3.30pm, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, enq: 4360 1673.

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

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan).

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.

Karaoke Ettalong Memorial Club, enq: 4341 1166.

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

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior) PCYC, Osborne Avenue, enq: 4344 7851.

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

Creative writing CWA Hall, Woy Woy, 12noon, runs 8 weeks from 12/2/04, enq: 43697702.

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month

RSL Sub branch Ettalong Memorial Club, 2.30pm.

Third Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, Ettalong Memorial Club, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

South Bouddi Peninsula Community

Association, Wagstaffe Hall, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.

Civilian widows meeting, Ettalong Senior Citizens Center, 1pm.

Every Friday

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

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, Wagstaffe Hall each Friday except 4th 1:30pm, 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, enq: 4343 1237

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy Group. 6pm, 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.

Hardys Bay Community Church, **indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble, and morning tea** 10am-12.30pm, enq 4363 1968.

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

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior) PCYC, Osborne Avenue, enq: 4344 7851.

SATURDAY

Second Saturday of every month

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, end of Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.

Pretty Beach Bushcare group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.

Save our Suburbs, Woy Woy South Progress Hall, 3pm, ph: 4342 2251

The Ex-Navalmen's Association, Central Coast Sub-Section meeting, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10am.

Fourth/Last Saturday every month

Saturday Supper Dance, Woy Woy Masonic Hall, Woy Wot, BYO, 8pm, ph: 0407 207 918

Wagstaffe Bushcare group, half tide rocks sign, 8am.

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, End of Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am

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

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

Al-anon/Alateen family support group at Community Health building

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

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of every month

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy, No 381, Umina Community Hall, 11am.

Buffalo Lodge, Gosford No 63, Umina Community Hall 1pm.

Third Sunday of every month

Vietnam Vets, Ettalong Memorial Club, 11am.

Bootscooters, Ettalong Beach War Memroail Club, 2.30pm.

Ettymalong Creek Landcare group, Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.

Fourth Sunday of every month

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, Umina Community Hall, 11am.

Buffalo Lodge, Gosford No 63, Umina Community Hall 1pm.

Dancing Old time/New Vogue, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1-4pm, ph: 4341 3222

Burrawong Bushaldn reserve bushcare group, meet Nambucca Dve playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.

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

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

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

MONDAY

First Monday of every month:

The Very First

Paddy O'Rourke, or so goes the talk, was the very first man to be sent a world away to Botany Bay for stealing a shilling to pay his rent.

'Twas Judge McVeigh, or so they say, sent dear Paddy across the sea, and neither old McVeigh nor Paddy had any idea where that might be.

"Twelve years! Twelve years you shall serve and not a single moment less, that I most earnestly hope and pray will curb your wickedness! Now, you shall be the very first whom I send by Royal Decree, to that place which I believe shall be known as...please excuse me." "Clerk! Where is that accursed place? What is that blasted name you say?" "Oh yes - the place I send you now shall be known as Botany Bay."

South by west then south again were the captain's sailing orders, south by west then south again towards the world's farthest borders.

Then south by south and south again through a faintly charted ocean

till there were amongst us those who in panic voiced the notion; our captain was insane or else the sun had touched his mind, for as we sailed on southward, so we left all hope behind.

When at last the anchors dropped and the sails were safely furled they brought us forth from our foetid holds to see our lonely world. Oh the sight that there did greet us, nought but bush and burning sand, beneath a sky stretched forever above an endless land, and as we gazed from those silent decks at our isolation, who amongst us could suspect: we were the lifeblood of a nation.

For every man who stood there and every mother's daughter, saw nothing more than a prison whose walls were made of water. Where we were we did not know nor if we'd live to leave again, we only knew we had survived albeit bound in chain and in every heart there grew - as we stared at that awful scene - a determination we would live to see old England green.

But now from where it is I sleep beneath these vast eternal skies, still I hear my companions weep and I hear their tortured cries. To those of you who would judge us still - we who were less than slaves - we would ask you to remember, Australia is built upon our graves.

Vic Jefferies

Ferry run continues

The Wagstaffe run for the Palm Beach Ferry service has been extended until February 8 following continued support from Penin-

sula residents.

Organisers will re-evaluate the service once school returns on January 7.

Alison Branley, January 22



First term classes begin on February 2nd at

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

*Patchwork *Quilting
* Folk Art *Drawing
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Kimberley art sells quickly

An exhibition of art from the Kimberley was almost sold out by the end of its second day, according to gallery owner Mr Robin Norling.

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery showed works of seven East Kimberley artists in its recent "The Desert to the Sea" exhibition.

Mr Norling said: "The intense connectedness with the land that these paintings demonstrate, and the committedness to creation of art is obvious in this exhibition.

"The paintings are fresh, vigorous and colourful.

"It's no wonder people want to take them home with them.

"Stan Brumby's suite of four paintings that tell of the origin of Wolf Creek Crater (about 100km South of Halls Creek) and raise an interesting question: How do these people know it was caused by a meteor, millennia before even Aborigines roamed its perimeters?

"Another point worth pondering: Many of the landforms de-

picted by Jack Lennigan, Tiny McCale, Lorna Thomas, Willy Billabong and Bruce Wungunien could only be recognised by flying over them, yet these people were creating these images well before outback air services."

The exhibition from Yarliyl artist collective has been hosted free of charge at the gallery.

All proceeds of sales will go to the artists.

Letter, January 20

Writing classes resume

Creative writing classes will resume at the Country Women's Association building opposite Fisherman's Wharf on Thursday, February 12, at noon.

The classes are resuming after a gap of six months.

The group caters for poets,

writers of memoirs and articles but their main drive is towards short stories and novels.

A number of the group's previous students have won literary competitions and others have had their stories printed in magazines for substantial amounts.

"Beginners are especially welcome and you will find us to be

congenial listeners and friendly critics," said group member Hugh Roberts.

The term is for eight weeks at the same time every Thursday.

Numbers are limited but vacancies exist.

For further information, telephone 4369 7702.

Press release, January 20

Events wanted

Peninsula News is inviting local community organisations to register events for listing in the What's On page.

The regular feature is a free service to the local community which lists events in three sec-

tions: daily, weekly and by date.

Bookings for one-off activities can be made as well as for regular events and meetings.

Listings should include the name of the organisation, frequency of the event, location, time, cost and contact phone number.

Those organisations whose events are currently listed are asked to check their listing.

Details may be lodged by phone on 4342 2070, fax on 4342 2071 or by writing to PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256.

January 21

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Arts and entertainment



The film crew on location on Woy Woy Commercial Wharf

Advertisement shot in Woy Woy

Organisers of a national four-wheel-drive exhibition were at Woy Woy Wharf in December filming a television advertisement.

The show will be held at Sydney Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour from March 18 to 21.

The advertisement featured a silver Nissan Patrol, where a father, innocently fishing off Woy Woy wharf lands the biggest fish of all, a new 4WD.

The car will appear to emerge from Brisbane Water and shake water and seaweed off itself.

Event manager Ms Christie Kepars said that Woy Woy was chosen from a number of locations as it encapsulated the images that made up their campaign.

"Where the river meets the ocean, it was a good Australian backdrop," she said.

"It's just such a good location.

"There's all the pelicans and quite a lot of wildlife as well."

Curious locals watched on as



Two members of the film crew, both out of shot, throw fresh water onto the front of the vehicle. Two more crew members, also out of shot, shake the vehicle from behind. The aim was to make it look as if a fisherman has just caught it and pulled it out of the water to represent the combination of fishing and four wheel drive vehicles.

the crew threw buckets of water on the vehicle and the camera as well as the vehicle shook, the end result should resemble a dog shaking water off its back.

The National 4x4 show will run

together with the Fishing and Outdoor Expo, displaying the latest equipment and accessories for outdoor enthusiasts.

The advertisement is expected to air mid-February.

Alison Branley, January 20



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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.

Tuesday January 13

The body of a man aged in his 20s was found in a laneway between Alexandra and Paul Sts, Umina, early on Sunday.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy will be among four sides to step out against the Cronulla Sharks in the trials next month.

Express Advocate

Bruce Leslie and Jamie Doran spearheaded Umina's bowling attack which defeated Mountains on Saturday.

Express Advocate

Wednesday January 14

Planners must keep the Central Coast's population limited as they map the future, according to pioneering conservationist Vincent Serventy of Pearl Beach.

Express Advocate

Thursday, January 15

Poker machine bandits suspected of having plagued Central Coast Clubs for the last two years are believed to have struck again, this time at Everglades Country Club at Woy Woy.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy resident Pat Gilroy, founder of Woy Woy Little Theatre, has been nominated for the register of significant women of the Central Coast.

Express Advocate

Wake boarders have been caught speeding under bridges at Woy Woy, creating hazards for other boat users and fishermen and sparking a warning from the NSW Waterway about safe practices.

Sun Weekly

Friday January 16

Bensville country singer Justeen Barber will be heading to Tamworth for the Country music festival in the hope of being discovered.

Express Advocate

Killcare's Steve Munnery will lead NSW in the national interstate surf life saving titles.

Express Advocate

Monday January 19

Police charged three juveniles with possession of an offensive implement, aerosol cans in Woy Woy on Saturday night.

Central Coast Extra

CRAFT CLASSES

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Four people were charged with mid-range drink driving during a crackdown on drink driving by Brisbane Water Police on the Gosford, Terrigal and Woy Woy areas.

Central Coast Extra

Police are seeking a 32-year-old man following an incident at a Umina hotel over the weekend.

Central Coast Extra

The Walters Family of Umina are going to the beach early to protect their children, Hannah, 4, and Thomas, 2, from the sun.

Central Coast Extra

Under-13 ironman Tim Schofield outclassed his rivals at the Nipper surf carnival at Umina beach.

Central Coast Extra

Vandals drove over the cricket pitch at Umina oval on the weekend forcing the cancellation of Umina's Cricket teams clash with Lisarow.

Central Coast Extra

Tuesday January 20

Police are seeking information relating to the destruction of banksias between the Esplanade and Ocean beach on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

NBN News

Nearly 900 competitors from Coast surf clubs were thrown around in "washing machine like" conditions at Umina Beach.

Express Advocate

Wednesday, January 21

Woy Woy swimming club will travel Goulbourn this weekend looking for national qualifying times at the NSW regional Country Championships

Central Coast Extra

Vandals have destroyed a group of trees being used for vital sand dune restoration work at Umina beach.

Express Advocate

A man, 20, from Umina Beach has been charged after another man was allegedly punched in the face at Erina early yesterday.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy became the first Central Coast water polo side in 25 years to win the Wyong Cup.

Express Advocate

Thursday, January 22

Umina Beach resident Mihail Mihailidis has donated a fossil he found in a piece of Kincumber quarry sandstone to the Australia museum.

Sun Weekly

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Obesity awareness campaign

Students on the Peninsula are to participate in an obesity awareness campaign run by Central Coast Health.

As part of the campaign, local schools will take part in competitions designed to raise community awareness about obesity in children.

A primary school competition will encourage children to eat healthy foods, take part in physical activity and reduce sedentary activities.

Secondary students will be able to design a concept for a television commercial that presents overweight and obesity as an issue the audience can do something about.

The winning design will be professionally produced and shown on local television.

There will also be a series of questions and answers in local media about childhood and adolescent overweight and obesity, designed to get people talking about the factors contributing to obesity.

"We have already had a response from Woy Woy PS and Pretty Beach PS entering their students in the competition," said

Central Coast Health promotion officer Ms Niki Kajons.

"Combined this is reaching close to 700 public school students in the Peninsula area.

"We have also had a response from Brisbane Water Secondary College, which has organised a contact person to coordinate the students from their school wishing to enter the competition," she said.

She said that an alarming rise in overweight and obesity levels in young people represented a major public health issue.

In 1995, around one in every five children in NSW were overweight or obese, with rates now closer to one in three, she said.

"Obesity is the most common health issue facing our children today and the consequences are serious," Ms Kajons said.

"Overweight and obese children are at risk of developing many health problems including diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and eventually cardiac disease.

"Problems that were traditionally only seen in adults are now being seen in children.

"The prevention and manage-

Q4: Why are we less active?

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Part of the advertising campaign to be used to fight obesity in children

ment of obesity in children is a priority, as there is a high risk of obesity continuing into adulthood.

"Obese adults who were overweight as adolescents have higher levels of weight-related ill health, and a higher risk of early death than those who only be-

come obese in adulthood.

"Community action is crucial for such a complex issue, as there are no single strategies that will impact on obesity levels

"Schools are one environment to make a start in turning the problem around.

"By getting information across to families, as well as influencing the school environment where children spend a large amount of their time, we can start to make a difference."

Press release, January 20



Part of the ongoing refurbishment of the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College at the Green Street end of the college as seen on January 23

Walking school buses to be introduced

Walking school buses are to be introduced to the Peninsula as an alternative to driving students to school.

The Walking School Bus is "driven" by adult volunteers.

The "bus" walks along an agreed route to and from the school.

It stops to pick up or drop off children "passengers".

The program is being organised by the Central Coast Community Environment Network.

"Whether its Woy Woy South, Ettalong or Umina, there will be one on the Peninsula," said Walking School Bus project officer Martha Dotter.

The project has received funding of over \$36,000 provided

through the NSW Government's Central Coast Innovative Transport Solutions Fund.

"This project offers parents the opportunity to get active and healthy while being social and helping the environment.

"We are looking for parents who want to get involved in the community and teachers who are interested in the environment and sustainable transport.

"Walking School Buses are a fantastic success in Victoria and Western Australia and the benefits of a project like this will be welcomed here," said Ms Dotter.

Interested parties should contact Martha Dotter at the Central Coast Community Environment Network on 4349 4491.

Press release, January 22

Story time

Umina and Woy Woy branch of Gosford City Library will have Storytime for three to five year olds starting on February 2.

The sessions will be held from 10.30am to 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Umina beach branch.

They will be held from 10.30am to 11.30am on Mondays and Wednesday at Woy Woy branch.

Storytime aims to introduce children to the joys of literature and language through story, poetry, puppetry and felt stories, fingerplays, rhymes, songs and craft.

For further information, phone 4348 9906.

Leaflet, January 20

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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 Friday, February 13 at the CWA Hall (opposite Fisherman's Wharf)
Woy Woy
All are welcome.Starts 8pm Entry \$9.
This month's special guests are **Lost 'n' Found** supported by several local and visiting musicians.
Lost 'n' Found combine Toni's harmonies, keyboard and percussion with Aitche's vocals and guitar. Their repertoire covers an eclectic mix of original compositions and traditional songs interspersed with humorous anecdotes and poems.

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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.

E V E N T CALENDAR

Sunday February 1
Art in the Park, NPWS, \$7a, \$4ch, enq: 4320 4205

Monday February 2
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Classes, new term starts, Craft Centre Kitchener Park, enq: 43601673

Monday Meanderers, NPWS, meet beachfront Pearl Beach, \$7a, 10:30am, enq: 43220 4205

Tuesday February 3
Ettalong toastmasters, Ettalong Memorial Club, 7pm, \$90, enq: 43416842.

Wednesday February 4
Meningococcal awareness, PWHC, 10am-12noon, gold coin, enq: 43425905.

Thursday February 5
Iridology, PWHC, 10am-12noon, gold coin, enq: 43425905.

Legal advice, PWHC, by appt, ph: 4342 5905

Monday February 9
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Umina plays first senior match

The Umina Rugby League Football Club will play its inaugural senior match on February 21 at Kariong against West Newcastle.

Media officer Mr Kevin Hulls said that it would be the launch of a big season for Umina which had just finished reinventing itself over the summer break.

"We have been overwhelmed with the support from the players and community alike," he said.

"All of our grades have had a strong showing at our Tuesday and Thursday training sessions with some 22 first graders attending both days.

"Premiership-winning coach Gordon Mason is delighted with the commitment of the senior boys at training.

"The weather has not been kind for these young blokes but they turn up every Tuesday and Thursday, on time and ready to train.

"The calibre of players is as good as I have seen at Umina in many years," he said.

"Ako will be there all year to rub the players before the games and lend a hand as he has done for as long as anyone can remember," Kevin said.

Assistant coach Nathan Johnson said the mix of experienced and young training staff will ensure a balanced approach to coaching.

"Even our physiotherapist has

been to every training run to make sure everything is 100 per cent with the boys," he said.

Senior committee secretary and junior coach Rob Ryan said that he was delighted with the new strip that the boys will wear this year.

For the first time, the under-6s will wear the same jumpers as the "A" graders.

"The new strip marks a new era for the whole football club."

He said the jumpers were not the traditional jumpers and it was decided that a new and modern look would be appropriate for the inaugural year of a combined Umina Football Club.

President Terry O'Sullivan said: "We certainly have put the ground work in to ensure that our juniors have a pathway to senior football for Umina for a long time to come.

"Our philosophy is simple every thing is done for the long term benefit of our local football community.

"A fresh and professional approach to all aspects of the football side is the key and a balance of youth and experience on the committee and coaching staff will ensure this will continue."

Umina trains from 6.30 to 8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays at Umina Oval, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach for Under 16s, 17s, 19s and "A" grade.

Email, January 21



Alex Arbelo (foreground) and Anthony Pace during a soccer skills training session

Soccer star at eight

Eight year-old Alex Arbelo of Bensville has been selected in the top 16 soccer players of the country in his age group.

Of 10,000 players, 600 were chosen throughout in elite squads.

Alex made it into the Sydney

Elite squad run out of NSW Soccer Head Quarters at Valentine Park.

From these squads around Australia, 130 players were asked to trial for Oceania Selection earlier this month.

The 16 top players were chosen and Alex Arbelo who plays

for Terrigal was selected.

In April, he will tour with a super squad to Europe including Liverpool and Manchester United academies.

On his return, he will tour Australia, playing games against clubs such as Oceania Elite.

Email, January 19

Funding sought for surf schools

A visit to a summer surf school at Ocean Beach has prompted Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd to approach the Prime Minister for extra funding.

Mr Lloyd said he was shocked to learn that many beach programs and school educational programs provided by Surf Life Saving Central Coast may not continue if additional funding is not received.

"I will be speaking directly with Prime Minister John Howard to seek Federal Government support for Surf Life Saving Central Coast," Mr Lloyd said.

"The Central Coast has some of the finest beaches in the world, and they are such an important part of our lifestyle.

"All levels of Government must support this magnificent volunteer organisation and I have

been working with Surf Life Saving Central Coast to put forward a comprehensive funding proposal to the Federal Government.

"If successful, they would enable Surf Life Saving Central Coast to plan these important training programs with the certainty of continued funding for years to come," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd said that he was impressed at the professionalism of the program

"Each class is split into three groups with one group concentrating on water sports whilst the second group learn about rescue techniques, the third group enjoy beach activities."

"The whole emphasis of the classes is on safety and the instructors are of the highest calibre."

Press release, January 20

Clean sweep for Woy Woy

It was a clean sweep for Woy Woy on Wednesday, January 14, with convincing wins in all grades.

Woy Woy and Wyong clubs look favourites to fight out the club champion's trophy for the end of the season.

Woy Woy Juniors defeated Entrance 5-1, while Woy Woy second grade men's team defeated The Entrance 6-3.

Woy Woy Womens defeated The Entrance 7-2 and Woy Woy first grade men's team defeated The Entrance 5-0.

On January 21, Woy Woy juni-

ors defeated Gosford 9-2 at Gosford Pool.

The second grade men won 8-7, the women's team won 5-4 and the first grade men won 15-7.

Mardi Love, January 19

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Branch falls on car

The owner of a new Ford Falcon utility returned to his vehicle to find that a large branch from a tree being used for shade had fallen onto his vehicle.

The vehicle was parked behind the Westpac bank on Blackwall Rd on January 16 adjacent to the walkway from Blackwall Rd to Deepwater Plaza. A local tree lopper removed the branch. Cec Buccello, January 23

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Heather is Citizen of the Year

Woy Woy community identity Heather McKenzie has been presented with the 2004 Citizen of the Year Award for her ongoing work over the years for the Woy Woy Peninsula community.

Gosford Council's Australia Day Community Awards were presented at a special ceremony at Mt Penang Parklands on Friday, January 16.

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell said that Ms McKenzie had been, and continued to be, a strong campaigner for issues such as the environment, public transport, medical services, nursing home accommodation and youth issues.

She had also been a dedicated volunteer for St Vincent de Paul, South Woy Woy Progress Association, Royal Blind Society, PCYC and a tireless worker for Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy, he said.

Announcing the award, town crier Mr Stephen Clarke said that the Woy Woy Peninsula community recognised Heather's contributions to the area over many years.

"She's a passionate campaigner for issues such as the environment, public transport, medical services, nursing



Town Crier, Stephen Crier, Heather McKenzie and Mayor Robert Bell

home accommodation and youth issues," he said.

"Heather is also involved with the Older Women's Network, Woy Woy Environment Centre, Gosford Sister City Committee and Coastlink Respite

Care.

"Never one to slow down, her community involvement is outstanding," he said.

For detail on other winners on the Peninsula turn to page five

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