

Interest in urban strategy

Expressions of interest have been received for implementation of the Peninsula Integrated Urban Area Strategy.

They are currently under review by council officers and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

Gosford Council last year approved a consultants' brief for the work and sought responses from consultants Connell

Wagner, Newbold-Leyshon-Elton, and Advantage Urban Planning and Architects.

The successful applicant will be required to hold consultation with relevant stakeholders including business, community groups and welfare organisations

Cr Chris Holstein said that a date would be set for the completion of the work once council officers and DIPNR had chosen a successful applicant.

Alison Branley, February 20

SOS calls for zoning change

The Peninsula-based Save Our Suburbs branch has called for a change in the zoning system on the Peninsula

The zonings on the Peninsula "are meaningless and a threat to the lifestyle of all residents in Gosford City", according to branch media liaison officer, Mr Mark Ellis.

"We see commercial zonings being built out with residential and 2b zonings all over the Peninsula being overdeveloped," he said.

"There are reductions in the required open space thus reducing the plantings to replace trees that are removed."

At a recent public meeting to discuss zoning on the Peninsula, Save our Suburbs' council candidates listened to local resident concerns about developments.

"We heard that they are intrusive, destroying their quality of life, with the current zonings being exploited by developers," Mr Ellis said.

"Particularly bad examples are in Park Rd and Station St, Woy Woy, and Nowack Ave and Trafalgar Ave, Umina."

Mr Ellis said his party wanted to see changes but not those planned by the Department of



There is a mixture of low-density and medium density housing on the Peninsula. In this picture, there is a single storey brick house, a weatherboard house and a two storey brick house all along side each other.

Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR).

"The review of local government assessments by DIPNR will create intense community anger with the planned one-size-fits-all approach to Local Environment Plans, and over 70 per cent of residential development applications to be removed from local government assessment."

"This abhorrent process would

remove the small opportunity the community currently has to challenge developments that impact on the amenity of their neighbourhood, ignoring any of the social or environmental impact.

"This would give developers another leg up by providing a seven-day turn around or even quicker with a fist full of dollars," he said, referring to a new "fast-track" fee.

Email, February 18

Hall sale exceeds expectations

The old Catholic Church Hall at Patonga sold for \$680,000 at auction on February 7, exceeding all expectations.

The sale topped the previous highest sale price of a similar property nearby which had sold for \$600,000.

Agent Mr Jim Martin from Wilsons Estate Agency said that they would have been happy for the property to sell in the mid to high \$500,000s.

"We were expecting around \$570,000 based on previous sales," he said.

The site had a lot of media attention in the lead-up to the auction, with people including TV presenters interested in the property.

Several cameras from the television show "Location Location" were on site on the day.

"All of the creates an atmosphere that's pretty electric," Jim Martin said.

Mr Martin and his colleagues had to photocopy 25 contracts for bidders on the day.

They had 18 registered bidders for the property, 12 of whom participated in the auction.

"We got two bidders who pushed the property from \$580,000 to \$680,000," he said.

"They both decided they wanted the property."

In the end, Sydney couple

Anthony and Adrian Ryan won the bidding.

Mr Ryan is an engineer.

He and his wife Adrian noticed a number of coincidences, which they determined, meant that the property was meant for them.

"Mr Ryan's first name is Anthony and the church was St Anthony's. The street number is two, the lot number is two and the couples bidder number was 22," Mr Martin said.

"They are a Catholic family from Sydney, who will move into an old Catholic Church."

The couple plan to renovate the property and turn it into a holiday home.

The history of the Catholic Church site has come under scrutiny recently.

It was originally thought that the building was an old boat shed moved there in the 1950s by Dr Baker, then Parish Priest for Woy Woy.

Patonga resident Joyce Chambers has been visiting the village since the 1930s when her family took her up as a little girl to their weekend.

She said that the boat shed was there back then and it was used as a schoolhouse.

"I'm not of the Catholic faith, but I can tell the names of the boys who used to go to school there," she said.

Alison Branley, February 20

Aboriginal family history

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family History Workshop will be held during March for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent who are interested in researching their family history

The workshop will enable participants to trace their family history by enabling people who

are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent to gain access to resources and information relating to their heritage.

The workshop will be held at Woy Woy South Public School computer room, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, from 6pm to 9pm one day in March.

Those interested should contact Alison Trindall on 4325 5160.

Newsletter, February 10

Barbecue and concert

A seniors' barbecue and concert is to be held at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Monday, March 15.

The Marie Andrews Annual Seniors' Barbecue and Concert is part of Seniors Week, which runs from March 14 to 20.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that Seniors Week celebrations are held at a local level for all our seniors to enjoy," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, February 13

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Information for members and their guests

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Welcome to edition 86 of Peninsula News.

For this edition we welcome yet another volunteer, Owen Lewis.

Owen is a Newcastle University graduate having majored in politics and is looking for first hand knowledge on the media's effect in political and community situations.

The forthcoming council election should be a good experience for him.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Bob Davies receives his award from Marie Andrews

Andrews presents life membership

Mr Bob Davies of Umina was presented with a life membership certificate of the Australian Labor Party by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews at the February Umina-Ettalong branch meeting.

Mr Davies was made a life member of the party at it's annual conference at the Sydney Town Hall in October.

The branch had nominated Mr Davies and the nomination was supported by Ms Andrews.

Mr Davies joined the party on December 21, 1961, and has remained an active member of the party and the trade union movement ever since.

He was a member of the Parramatta branch for five years, then a member of Hills District branch for over 30 years, recently transferring to the Umina-Ettalong branch.

Mr Davies has attended 37 annual conferences, and was a member of the NSW Branch

Administrative Committee for 23 years.

He was also secretary of the sports and regional committee, the employment and industrial relations committee and chaired the credentials and agenda committee for some years.

Mr Davies is currently a NSW Branch Trustee.

Bob has also been an active unionist.

He was a full time official for 35 years from 1963 for the Federated Ironworkers Union, which later amalgamated with the Australian Workers Union (AWU).

In 1999, Mr Davies was awarded life membership of the AWU.

He also received a Scroll of Honour from the NSW Labor Council in recognition of his services to the trade union movement.

Mr Davies was awarded the Order of Australia in 1991 for services to industrial relations.

Press release, February 18

The Peninsula invited to mass

A local Filipino-Australian Catholic group has invited the Peninsula community to help celebrate its sixth anniversary with a eucharistic mass at St. John the Baptist, Woy Woy, on Saturday, March 4.

The El Shaddai Catholic Charismatic Fellowship Group

Dwxi-prayer Partners Foundation will celebrate its sixth anniversary with Fr Anthony McCarthy performing a mass from 1.30 to 2.30pm.

Br Dennis Frias, a preacher from the Philippines, will deliver a healing message during the mass.

Press release, February 16

Free haircuts

The Peninsula News has three prizes on two free haircuts, valued at \$38, to give away.

The haircuts will be given at Just Cuts at Deepwater Plaza.

To enter put your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send it to Just Cuts giveaway, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256.

Entries close Thursday, March 4.

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Correction

In the last edition of the Peninsula News, Mr Don Leggett was incorrectly identified as "the late Don Leggett."

Mr Leggett is still alive.

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Henry Lawson remains relevant

On reading again the poems of Henry Lawson for a reference, I was struck by the relevance today of his poem "Second Class Wait Here".

The Federal Government has reviewed the provisions of Medicare and has rejected the idea of universal applications for health for all Australians and has accepted the proposition of a two-tiered structure, which I see as applying separate conditions for the higher income streams and lower income earners.

To illustrate my point, here are the first and last verse of the poem.:

At suburban railway stations - you may see them as you pass -
There are sign boards on the platform saying "Wait here second class";
And to me the whirr and thunder and the click of running gear
Seem to be ever saying "Second class wait here"

There's a train with Death for driver, that is ever going past;
There will be no class compartments when it's "all aboard" at last
For the long white jasper platform with an Eden in the rear;
And there won't be any signboards, saying "Second class wait here".

There is also a relevance in his poem "One-Hundred- and-Three" about the treatment of prisoners in the 18th century to how suspected terrorist prisoners are treated at Guantanamo Bay today.
We would wish for another such modern poet.

Enid Harrison, WoyWoy

Stereotypical opinion is an affront

FORUM

In response to John Collins, and as the Aboriginal person who negotiated the strategy, which he decries, I must say that I am so deeply disappointed that attitudes such as those of Mr Collins still exist in our community today.

Mr Collins has affronted the indigenous population in his stereotypical opinion that we must be kept away from alcohol and gambling.

The participants are all trained in the requirements of Responsible Service of Alcohol and Responsible Control of Gambling.

I am sure he would be

surprised to know that the incidence of alcoholism amongst Aboriginal Australians is less than that of the rest of the population.

Further, the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club was selected because it is located in an area that is culturally significant to the Darkinjung people.

When I researched the clubs, I chose Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club because it has such a high standing amongst its community and Peter Hale was more than happy to ensure his club displayed the cultural mix of its community.

The funding is there to pay for the time and effort in ensuring that the positions are not just jobs but careers.

Mr Collins perhaps has never had to face prejudice in his life or been unable to secure a job or been disregarded because of colour or culture.

He doesn't understand what life can be like to be disregarded and have little self worth due to ignorance and xenophobic attitudes.

If Mr Collins is in need of cultural awareness, I invite him to attend the information session I will be running for the club manager and staff.

Perhaps he may learn something.

Steve Cochrane, February 13

Two accidents in 12 years

FORUM

In your last edition (February 10), Cr Holstein makes several errors in responding to criticism of Council's waste of \$600 000 on a roundabout at Mt Ettalong.

Cr Holstein claims that: "This intersection is dangerous and is long overdue for upgrade."

Had Cr Holstein bothered to read a memo sent to all councillors from the acting Director - Engineering Operations, Mr Will Laurence, on January 20, he would have read that there have been two

accidents in the past 12 years.

How much safer could it be?

Holstein also claims that the "revised" plan addresses residents concerns about the isolation of the general store.

This is not so, as the parking spaces in front of the store will be totally eliminated by this revised plan.

The memo to councillors also states that a large banksia in Mt Ettalong Rd was to be retained.

This tree is now in council's tip and we would like to know what

action is to be taken against the person(s) responsible for this vandalism.

Why was this tree removal rushed in January when we were told work would start in February?

It has recently been bought to our attention that the general store probably enjoys "existing use" rights under section 106 - 108 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Why has council ignored this aspect of their proposal?

Bryan Ellis, Umina

Told to get on his bike

Any illusions I held that the residents on the Woy Woy Peninsula were well represented with a concerned and considerate police service were somewhat shattered on Tuesday, February 17, when I rode my bicycle to Woy Woy to relay some information.

Consider my surprise to watch two uninformed police officers stand slack-jawed while a public servant told me to take my complaints to Gosford Police Station.

FORUM

Why I asked couldn't Woy Woy police station deal with a local issue?

It was pointed out to me that, as I was involved in a fight with Gosford Council, the Woy Woy police were not interested.

The photographic evidence I was holding was clear enough in showing registered vehicles of all descriptions breaking the law, as happens every working day year in year out without restraint.

Why is it that Woy Woy Police refused to respond to an

approach with a legitimate complaint?

Am I right in understanding that using the footways in Alma Ave at Woy Woy for parking and anything else is okay with law enforcement officers, rangers and police, till someone is injured.

This is an outrageous affront to ratepayers.

Have I not seen recent election material boasting that Woy Woy has a fully-operational police station serving the community?

Well I have attempted to make formal complaints there on more than one occasion and been told to go elsewhere, and I resent it, Premier Carr.

Edward James, Umina

Looking for an old friend

I am hoping one of your readers may be able to assist me in locating an old friend.

I have just moved to Woy Woy and am desperately seeking the whereabouts of Garry F Pattinson, formerly of Toukley.

I have exhausted all avenues in trying to find him and am hoping that maybe one of your readers might know of his whereabouts.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Judi Seward, Woy Woy

Landscaping

The letter from Monica Bray refers to the new planning rules, as introduced by Council late last year.

It means that the open space and landscaping areas have been increased to a higher ratio and therefore developers have had to compensate for these new regulations by having two-storey developments.

The removal of trees is inevitable in building new houses and we have always been encouraged to replant. Her argument is not new.

If prices are to be kept to a reasonable level, developers will endeavour to maximise the number of units on small sites.

So if Mrs Bray only wants single level villas, then the sale price will undoubtedly rise to compensate for the development restrictions.

David Walker, Killcare

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Liquidators' lease rejected

The owner of The Liquidators at Deepwater Plaza has been told his lease will not be renewed after June, despite a petition with over 1000 signatures from customers objecting to the store's removal.

But Deepwater Plaza management has defended the decision, saying it was acting within its rights and the shopkeeper had been treated fairly and justly.

Owner Mr Graham Williams was informed by Deepwater Plaza in January this year that his lease would not be renewed after 10 years of tenancy of the shop.

"They sent me a letter in January with six months notice.

When he informed customers

that The Liquidators would be closing, one customer bought an exercise book and placed it on the shop counter and started a petition.

Over a month later, over 40 pages had been filled, with more than 1000 signatures from upset customers.

"This is the type of place where people talk to us.

"We've usually got time to talk," Mr Williams said.

"Woy Woy is a reasonably lonely place and we talk to our customers. We take time to help them."

Mr Williams said his staff of eight would be left without jobs when his store closed down.

Many of them had been working there for a number of years.

He said that he did not think the petition would have much

effect.

"But it makes me feel better.

A statement released from Deepwater Plaza said the decision not to renew the Liquidators contract was a "business decision".

"Mr Williams has been treated with the strictest adherence to the Retail Leases Act, and that is, should a landlord have the intention not to renew, he must give the retailer six months notice.

"Retail is a dynamic business which must change according to what shoppers are deemed to want.

"Ten years in a shopping centre is a long time and Mr Williams has been treated justly and fairly within the terms of his lease."

Alison Branley, February 19

Bush-care group hosts clean-up day

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve bush-care group is hosting a clean-up day as part of Clean-Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 7.

The reserve is located on the corner of Hillview and Railway Sts, Woy Woy.

The group's Clean-Up coordinator Mr Jim Morrison said: "Continuing on from last year's effort, the bush-care group has made a significant improvement to the reserve with a continuing weeding program, rubbish removal and bush regeneration.

"The group has received some very pleasing comments from users of the reserve," he said.

"While there has been a significant reduction in illegal dumping in the reserve since vehicular access was restricted, dumping of rubbish is still a problem."

Removal of this rubbish is the aim of the clean-up day.

The bush-care group is

seeking the assistance of residents to support its endeavours on this day.

The clean-up will be for about three hours beginning, with registration at 9am, followed by a pre-clean-up briefing.

"If you can help, please do," Mr Morrison said.

"If you can only spend an hour or two with us, it will be appreciated."

The meeting place will be at the Nambucca Dr playground adjacent to the reserve at 9am on Sunday, March 7.

Suitable clothing is required including sturdy shoes, a hat, and sunscreen.

"A responsible adult must accompany children," said Mr Morrison.

For further information, please call Jim Morrison on 4341 9583.

Other meeting points on the Peninsula for Clean-up Australia Day include the water tower at Mt Ettalong, the park at Patonga, the Pearl Beach Hall, Divers Wharf at Woy Woy, and at Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

Meeting places in surrounding areas include the Empire Bay Progress Hall, Killcare Beach school carpark, the carpark at Pretty Beach and the bridge at St Huberts Island.

To become a site supervisor or to participate, please contact Mr Bob Bowen at Gosford Council on 4325 8233 (business hours) or email robert.bowen@gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Email, February 13

Wales calls for public inquiry

Cr Debra Wales has called for a public inquiry into the development of the Peninsula Leisure Centre, after costs have been estimated to blow out to more than \$20 million.

Cr Wales said she feared that cost overruns and adequate design have not been properly budgeted for.

However, leisure centre committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein has dismissed the claims as "scare-mongering".

He admitted the leisure centre was over budget and said he would ask council at its meeting on February 24 to approve funding from developer "section 94" contributions to the Peninsula Open Space Contributions Plan.

Cr Debra Wales said that the organising committee had received tenders which showed the cost would be at least \$20 million dollars.

She said that the Council had only about \$15 million.

"That's a \$5 million dollar shortfall."

Cr Wales said that current estimates did not include funds for acoustic fencing, landscaping or associated roadworks.

"These elements are conditions of consent on the development, and are required to be met for a construction certificate to be issued."

She said the cost could blow out to be as high as \$23 million dollars.

"They've had to reduce soundproofing to reduce the cost and now they are still short.

"They also tried to sell public land.

"I stood up and said there's no way they are going to sell off

public land," she said.

She said Council should put the plans to tender again so that the non-compliance issues could be addressed, and so that a construction certificate could be issued.

"It's going to cost more not less," she said.

She said the committee had also not considered the issue of overruns, which would further push up the cost.

"The Terrigal stadium had \$2 million in overruns and went \$8 million over budget," she said.

"Where is the money going to come from? I've called for a public inquiry. They need to be fiscally responsible."

"If Cr Holstein continues to push on with this debacle, he will leave the ratepayer of this city with a huge budget deficit which will run into the millions of dollars."

Gosford Council was given approval by the Minister for Local Government for an extraordinary rate rise to raise the initial \$9 million in funding for the centre.

"It is completely irresponsible to push on with this project in the hope that over \$4.5 million will magically appear to bail out this gross over development of the old Woy Woy Pool site," she said.

Cr Holstein admitted that the centre is now expected to cost around \$20 million dollars.

He blamed the rise on the increases in construction costs across the building industry.

"Concreting has gone up 20 per cent, construction costs up 25 per cent, although this is not reflective in the rise in the pools costs."

"In fact, we've managed to keep it down," he said.

Alison Branley, February 19

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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.

Saturday, February 7

A couple of times a year the mystical power of the ocean swells to produce one of the world's best surfing breaks at "The Box" off Umina Beach.

Central Coast Extra

Patonga Beach Seafoods, known for its fish and chips, has extended its menu to include a range of seafood caught nearby.

Central Coast Extra

Tuesday, February 10

Rodney Bryson and Christina Stead won Umina Beach Sand Sculpture competition taking out the \$1000 first prize for their sculpture "Karen, the sand witch".

Express Advocate

Killcare Surf Club stalwart and Hardys Bay RSL Club director Jim McFayden of Pretty Beach has been endorsed as Labour's number one candidate for Gosford Council.

Express Advocate

With political advisor Craig Munnings relegated to last on the ticket, the Labor Party will go to voters for Gosford Council without a recognised candidate from the Peninsula in a winnable spot.

Express Advocate

The rock oyster industry is struggling to survive in Brisbane Water with high levels of E Coli dropping production and leaving

farmers open to competition from introduced species like the Pacific oyster, according to Frank Van Eden of Waterfall Bay Oysters at Woy Woy.

Express Advocate

At Woy Woy, waterfront land sold for \$722 000 at an auction which attracted 24 registered bidders.

Express Advocate

Ocean Beach Thunders won the under-19s section of the Peters Surf Boat Series at Avoca on Sunday.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy looked like causing an upset against Cronulla Sharks in their quarter of play on Saturday night when they scored early, but could not finish it off and lost 14 to 6.

Express Advocate

Umina cemented second position on the first grade cricket competition with an away win against Wyong on Saturday.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Cricket Club turned on its best display of the year to take outright points against Doyalson at Doyalson.

Express Advocate

Wednesday, February 11

A woman who gave birth to premature twin boys on the floor of her Woy Woy home two weeks ago said their survival was a genuine "miracle."

Express Advocate

A Umina Beach man appeared in Gosford Local Court on multiple charges after a pursuit

on Ocean Beach Rd about 3am on Sunday.

Express Advocate

Thursday, February 12

Brian Laing, of Laing and Simons Real Estate, Ettalong, said that many first home buyers had squeezed themselves out of the market by having expectations too high.

Sun Weekly

A Woy Woy Catholic priest Fr John Hill has proposed a ban on modern music and eulogies to try to remove the secular from funeral services at his church.

Sun Weekly

Shane McFarlane (61kg) of Umina will be among three Central Coast amateur boxers to continue their bid for Olympic selection when they throw the leather at Ettalong this Saturday night.

Sun Weekly

Roy and Bev Spence of Woy have suggested naming the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre after Leisel Jones, who they say lived at Umina as a child and learned to swim at the old Woy Woy pool.

Sun Weekly

Thursday, February 12

Thieves stole a new \$4500 25HP outboard motor from Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club on Monday night, which had been presented to the club by Gosford Council, funded under the water-safety levy.

Express Advocate

Deputy director of National Parks and Wildlife Service Mr Tony Fleming visited Bouddi National Park as part of his

recent tour of the Central Coast.

Express Advocate

The first concrete was poured for the foundations of the long-awaited Outrigger Resort on Tuesday, with 100 cement trucks pouring 555 cubic metres of concrete.

Express Advocate

A new era of education kicked off yesterday at Brisbane Water Secondary College with the launch of its Rugby League Sports Academy.

Express Advocate

Former Umina junior Chris Heighington is now a 21-year-old back rower with the West Tigers.

Express Advocate

Friday, February 13

Sydney resident, and frequent visitor to the Central Coast, Fran Mulligan has turned out to be the owner of a film found by Margaret Steenson found outside Woy Woy Post Office.

Express Advocate

Monday, February 16

The POEMS project for literacy and numeracy at Ettalong has helped four local students to enrol at BWSC in year 11.

Central Coast Extra

Gnostic Forest stores in Gosford and Woy Woy are running courses on how to practise magic safely and correctly.

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, February 18

A new writing group at the Peninsula Women's health centre will help women who have been sexually abused in childhood.

Express Advocate

Thursday, February 19

Vika and Linda Bull will perform at Lizotte's at Ettalong Memorial Club on Friday, February 20

Central Coast Extra

A 51-year-old woman from Woy Woy who allegedly sideswiped a vehicle on Ocean Beach Road on Sunday afternoon was charged after returning a blood alcohol reading of 0.225.

Sun Weekly

An Empire Bay man, with a blood alcohol reading of .17, who overtook a vehicle containing Brisbane Water Transit Police shortly after midnight was apprehended after a short pursuit, police said.

Sun Weekly

A drunk Umina man who kicked a woman in the head, knocking her unconscious outside a pub, received a suspended three month sentence after pleading guilty.

Sun weekly

The Child Abuse Prevention Service at Umina will benefit from an open garden weekend being held at Tumby Umbi on March 6-7.

Express Advocate

A skate and bike competition is being planned by the Umina Beach Youth Committee for March 27 to coincide with Youth Week.

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Bill Harris, 97, celebrated his birthday with friends from the Lions Challenge at a party held in Patonga.

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Accidents and illness

Four members of Umina-Ettalong branch of the ALP were unable to attend the February meeting due to accidents and illness.

Citizen of the Year Ms Heather McKenzie, who already had a broken hand, had a fall over a concrete lip at Erina Fair and broke her nose and blackened her eye.

Julia Zwan was bitten by a white-tailed spider.

Hazel Fairweather was rushed to Gosford Hospital for an operation on the previous day.

Secretary Mike Hudson had whiplash from a car accident.

They are all wised a speedy recovery from members of the party.

Letter, February 20

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James Rugless

Fundraiser for James

A fundraiser for gravely-ill Umina toddler James Rugless will be held at Club Umina on Saturday, March 6.

The fundraiser is to help ease the financial burden on baby James' parents, Susan and Troy, who are struggling to meet his medical costs and pay off their mortgage.

The fundraiser will begin with a barbecue from 5.30pm.

The night will progress with raffles, auctions and night time lawn bowls.

James suffers from with Wiscott-Aldrich Syndrome, otherwise known as the "boy in the bubble" syndrome.

James was born by caesarean section on January 24 last year at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle.

His mother Sue was just 30 weeks into the pregnancy but James had stopped growing at 26 weeks.

He weighed in at just 1060gm.

He had a hole in the heart, triple hernias and other complications.

By the time James was five months old, he had been admitted to hospital 29 times for

operations, and with infections and complications.

It was at that stage he was diagnosed with Wiscott-Aldrich Syndrome.

James has never lived a "normal" life and neither have his family since his birth.

He remains in a sterile living environment and can have absolutely no contact with the outside world, as any infections can be serious to his health and could lead to death.

When there were no matches for a bone marrow donor after a worldwide search James received a blood cord transplant (stem cell) donated from a young French girl, in October of last year.

He was also the first person to have a blood cord transfer in Australia and is also only the third person in Australia to be diagnosed alive with Wiscott-Aldrich Syndrome.

There have been 18 other cases but have unfortunately only been diagnosed after death during an autopsy.

"James is on the road to recovery and there is now a light at the end of the tunnel," said friend of the family, Kelly McCormack.

"However, it's a long road and there could be many more obstacles that could get in his way as his treatment has never been done before."

Sydney radio station 2UE has donated \$7000 worth of advertising and one hour is expected to be dedicated to James on Mike Carlton's program.

Email, February 20



Bakers Delight Feature

Bakers celebrate a year at Umina

Bakers Rosemarie and Joseph Mondal moved from Blacktown to Umina a year ago to open a hot bread franchise.

The couple has two sets of identical twins, one set of which work as apprentice bakers.

"The business has been going well. I am very pleased," said Mrs Mondal of Baker's Delight Umina.

The business celebrated its first birthday on January 3 with a mascot, face painting and balloons.

"Despite the usual ups and downs, we have managed to keep four original staff members," said Mrs Mondal.

"I've really enjoyed training sales staff and seeing them develop," she said.

"We have extremely high standards and it's really good to see the staff adopt these standards.

"It's a really full on business as we are open seven days but we really love living here and enjoy the lifestyle when we can."

Mr Mondal said that his background as a chef has been helpful.

"My training in the handling and preparation of food has come in handy and I was already used to the long working hours," he said.

This year the owners plan to increase marketing to develop and hopefully expand the business.

"We like to introduce new products all the time to keep our range interesting," Mrs Mondal said.

"We've recently introduced four value packs where different selections of breads can be purchased at a reduced price, supplied in a calico bag.

"The calico bag helps the environment and when it's brought back for a refill, the savings are even greater," she said.

"Our latest introduction is our new range where we have a variety of breads packed with natural whole grains, seeds, fruits and nuts with no added sugar.

There are plans to hold school tours in the near future to encourage budding bakers.

The store donates 20 cents to the Umina Public School Dough Raiser drive for every block loaf sold.

Any unsold bread is donated to the Salvation Army.

Rob Jimenez, February 18



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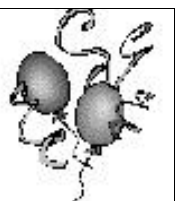
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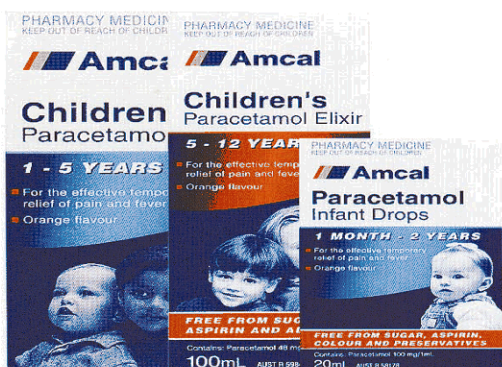
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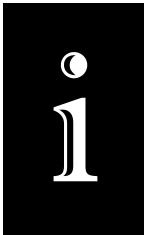
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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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.

Many events take place at the following locations:

CU, Club Umina, Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach 4341 2618

CWAHWW, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

EBACC, Ettalonb Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Maitland Bay Dve & Picnic Pde, Ettalong 4341 6344

EBWMC, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341 1166

ECC, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

EMBC, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

ESCC, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr. Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 1259

MOW, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach

PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

PWHC, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 5905

TWYS, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684

UCH Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664

WH, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe

WWLC, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

Playtime Mon-Fri 9-10am, **Little Gym** PCYC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Primo **Lodge** No 9, UCH 7pm.

Second Tuesday of every month
Toastmasters, EBWMC, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842, Umina **TPI**, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.

Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, ESSC, enq: 4341 3222. Pearl Beach **Craft** group, PBPHI, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.

Stroke recovery group, MOW, 11.30am.

Killcare **SLSC**, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966

Third Tuesday of every month
Buffalo **Lodge** Knights Chp 9, UCH 7pm.

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, MOW 10am, enq: 4342 1790.

Fourth Tuesday of every month
Toastmasters, EBWMC, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, ESSC, enq: 4341 3222.

Every Tuesday
Drop in centre 12-18yrs TWYS
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm PCC enq: 4342 4121.

Trent's Trivia CU 7.30 pm. \$2, enq: 4341 2618.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm PCYC

Free **Bingo**, WWLC 11am.

Ladies **Golf**, 18 hole 8am; Ladies outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; ECC

ESSC, Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am;

Handicraft-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm;

Have-a-chat meeting 10am, **Discussion Group**, 11am, **Rumikin or cards**, 1pm, **School for Seniors**, PCC **Judo**, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3, enq: 4342 4121, PCC.

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

Tai-Chi classes WH 10.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705

Rotary Club of Woy Woy 6pm ECC

Competition Darts, EMBC, 7pm, **Scrabble**, Empire Bay Community Progress Hall 12pm, enq:4369 3195.

Folk Art 9.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 12 noon, **Silk Painting** 1pm EBACC

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

Adult tap dancing EPH 7pm, enq: 4342 3925.

Sports bar raffle EBWMCB

Sahaja yoga meditation CWAHWW,10:30am Free enq: 4328 1409.

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month
Older women's network, WWLC, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079

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

CWA social day, CWAHWW. 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192

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

Second Wednesday of every month

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

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

Endeavour View Club, WWLC 10.30am.

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

Last Wednesday of every month
Umina progress association, UCH, 1.30pm

Monthly meditation group, PWHC

Every Wednesday

Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs, TWYS

Counselling individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC

Rock'n'Roll Dance Class EBMC 7pm

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30am and 7.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.

Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Pearl Beach **Play Group** 10am PBPH, enq: 4342 7182.

Brisbane Waters **Scrabble** Club, MOW 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.

Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls**, 1pm. ECC

Bingo/Cash Housie 7:30pm CU

Seniors fitness EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

Indoor Bowls-9am;**Fitness**-1pm

Leatherwork-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am; **Bridge**- 12 noon. **Scrabble** 1pm ESSC

Social **Darts** EMBC, 7pm

Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, PCC

Girls' **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs PCC enq: 4344 4924.

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

St John's Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care 7pm, enq: 4341 3341.

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup WH (ex sch hols). 9.30 – 12pm, enq: 4360 2065.

Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm CU
Killcare - Wagstaffe **Rural Fire Brigade** 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare enq: 4360 2161.

Drawing 9am, **Pastels** 11.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 2pm EBACC

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

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

Basic Meditation Group PWHC, 10am different theme each session

Handicraft CWAHWW, 9am, 50 cent donation,enq: 4342 4316.

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm,

Second Thursday of every month
Outsiders club, EBWMC, 9am.

Third Thursday of every month
Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061.

Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm

Fourth Thursday of every month
Umina Probus, ECC, 10am.

Every Thursday

Counselling individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC

Free entertainment EMBC 6.30 pm Senior **Snooker** EMBC 8.30am,

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, PBPH 9.30am, enq: 4341 1243.

Ladies 18 hole **golf** ECC

Ballroom Dancing, 10am. EMBC

Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, ESSC

Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: PCC, enq: 4342 4121.

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

Line Dancing CU 9.30am

Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC

St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7-9pm, Woy Woy Aged Care Centre enq:4341 3341.

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

Social Tennis 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

Adult tap dancing, EPH 10am; enq: 4342 3925

Bingo 9.45am, **Karaoke** 6pm EBWMC

Young Men's Groups 12-18 yrs, TWYS

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC

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

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

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month
RSL Sub branch EBWMC, 2.30pm.

Third Friday of every month
Legacy Ladies, EBWMC, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month
South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002. Civilian widows, ESSC, 1pm.

Every Friday

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

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, WH (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

Free entertainment, Players Lounge 5.30pm WWLC.

Men's 18 hole **Golf**, ECC

Aqua-fitness, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

Active Over 50's **Exercise Class** EPH 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

Line Dancing—9am; **Bridge**—12 noon; **Painting**—9am ESSC

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), enq: 4343 1237

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

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

Kindy Gymnastics beginners 9.30am, advanced 10.30am, PCC

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

Doctor & Nurse for 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 2-9:30pm

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC

SATURDAY

Second Saturday of every month
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.

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

Save our Suburbs, Woy Woy South Progress Hall, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251

The Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, WWLC 10am.

Fourth/Last Saturday every month

Saturday Supper Dance, Masonic Hall, Woy Woy 8pm, Enq: 0407 207 918

Wagstaffe Bushcare group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

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

Every Saturday

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626.

Snooker EBWMC 8.30am

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; ECC

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, EBWMC Enq: 4341 2156

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, WWLC 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721

Patonga Bakehouse **Gallery**. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm

Activities 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 4.30-9.30pm;

Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy public Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.

Third Sunday of every month
Vietnam Vets, EBWMC, 11am.

Bootscooters, EBWMC 2.30pm. Ettymalong **Creek Landcare** group, Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.

Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.

Dancing Old time/New Vogue, 1pm, ESSC

Burrawong Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, 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, WWLC.

Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**; men's **bowls** pairs-9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1pm; ECC

Social Paddle, end of Ferry Rd Ettalong beach, free BYO Enq: 0429856231

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

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

MONDAY

First Monday of every month:
Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587

Second Monday of every month:
RSL Women's Auxiliary EBWMC 9am.

Pretty Beach Wagstaffe **Progress Assoc** WH 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546

Killcare Heights **Garden Club**, 10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520

Third Monday of every month
War widows Guild, EBWMC 1pm, Enq: 4342, 5445

NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees 2.30pm EMBC

Fourth Monday of every month
Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, CWAHWW, 1pm.

Carers support group, Group room, health service building, Woy Woy Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.

CWA WH, 1:30pm, enq:4360 2504

Every Monday

Yoga WH 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854.

Bowls EMBC 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.

Free **Bingo** WWLC & CU 11am.

Dancing-9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am **Mahjong**-1pm; **Fitness** 1pm **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm; ESSC

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

Child and Parents **Support Service** (CAPS), coffee and chat, 10am, 50 Neera Rd,

Arts and Entertainment

Theatre group elects committee

Woy Woy Little Theatre's annual meeting was held on February 16, with a new committee appointed.

Office-bearers elected were president Barbara Hickey, vice-president John Hickey, secretary Sharyn Ford and treasurer Linda Williams.

There is a packed 2004 season for the group starting with *Rattle of a Simple Man*, directed by Terry Lay opening at the Peninsula Theatre from February 27 to March 14.

Habeas Corpus auditions will be held over March 23 and 25 at 7.30pm.

Audition information can be obtained from Brenda Logan on 4343 1027.

Due to popular demand, the group will bring back the children's production of *Winnie The Pooh* at the end of the year.

Once again it will star some of the Central Coasts most talented young actors.

Brenda Logan, February 19

New documentary shown in Patonga

A screening is to be held in Patonga of a new documentary to be shown on ABC television in April.

The Bakehouse Gallery at Patonga will host filmmaker Mike Rubbo for a preview to his piece "Much Ado About Something" which will be airing on ABC TV in April.

The film centres around the idea that Christopher Marlowe is thought to be the real hand behind Shakespeare.

Mr Rubbo will be attending and available for discussion.

The film is currently playing across NSW and capital cities,

and has screened in America and Europe.

The documentary has also screened at film festivals in Canada, Finland and New Zealand and there are plans for it to be aired in Britain, Australia, USA and Canada.

The screening will be held at the Patonga Progress Hall on Bay St from 8pm on Saturday, March 13, under the stars weather permitting.

For more information, contact Robin or Jocelyn at the Bakehouse Gallery.

Rob Jimenez, February 18

Rattle of a Simple Man

Woy Woy Little Theatre group will present "Rattle of a Simple Man" at the Peninsula Theatre from February 27 to March 14.

Michelle Walls will play Cyrenne, a sophisticated "woman of the night".

Stephen Pearson will play Percy, a football fan, a shy and somewhat gauche character.

In the play, Percy and his mates travel to Manchester for the Cup Final.

After too many beers, Percy goes home with a lady of the night.

Percy reveals he lives at home and is still a virgin, and does not sleep with the prostitute.

She will not let him leave and the two diametrically-opposed characters bond over a shared

loneliness.

Ms Walls is a former member of Gosford Musical Society.

A highlight of her career has been the supporting role of Agnes Gooch in the Laycock Street Theatre's production of "Mame".

Mr Pearson is a new member of Woy Woy Little Theatre and first appeared in last year's production of "Murdered to Death".

Another cast member, Paul Karton, will play Cyrenne's brother Ricard.

Mr Karton has worked as sound and lighting crew behind the scenes but this is his first appearance on stage for Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Betty Delandro, February 18

Packed hall at folk club

Folk group New York Public Library performed to a packed audience at the Troubadour Folk Club in the CWA Hall at Woy Woy on Friday, February 13.

It was standing room only as the band presented harmony and humour.

Songs about the Windsors and the bare-knuckle bullfighter from Bourke had the audience singing along as much as they could and rolling in the aisles to the funny bits.

There was plenty of other excellent material from this experienced band, and as midnight approached, everyone still wanted more.

Additionally, the audience was entertained by a wide array of floor spots from some well known performers including Chris Fraser, Vic Jeffries, Andrew Brown, Earlwood Greg, Aitch, Billy Ray and The Usual Suspects.

The audience came from Sydney and Newcastle, as well as the Central Coast.

Guest performers on March 12 will be Liz Frencham and Fred Smith and, on April 9, Women in Docs will be on stage.

Cec Bucello, February 16

Washboard music added to library

Recordings of Bev's Washboard Band in B-Sharp, from Woy Woy, are to be added to the National Library of Australia Folklore collections.

As a result, the band's performances will also be featured on "Tales from the track", a series to be aired on ABC radio in April and May.

The band plays various musical arrangements on old-fashioned washboards.

The series will include parts of an interview with the band by the Archives of Social History as well as some of the bands' original compositions.

Plans are under way to studio record these tunes professionally to obtain commercial quality.


The band compositions come from many prominent jazz identities and they hope to add to their original collection and perhaps even produce a recording.

Rob Jimenez, February 18

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For the information of members and their guests

Education



Some of the spectators at the opening of the Memory Way at Ettalong Public School

Grandparents are sought

The Grandfriends project at Umina Public School is seeking volunteer "grandparents".

"If you are an interested senior and you can spare a few hours,

you are most welcome," local representative Dorothea Marler said.

A meeting will be held at the school on Thursday, March 11, from 10am, where those

interested may register.

Inquiries can be made by phoning deputy principal Paul Farrugia on 4341 1630 or local representative Dorothea Marler on 4375 1125.

Fax, February 18

Wildlife seminars at schools

Pretty Beach Public School will host a gathering to celebrate the school's involvement in the "Land for Wildlife" program on Saturday, February 21.

The program will consist of a combination of seminars and forums, meetings with the groups involved and an exploration of how managing vegetation and wildlife areas can be applied to school property.

The day will be divided into separate sessions at the two schools involved in the program, Pretty Beach Public School and Kincumber Public School.

The event will run from 10am to 3pm with the first session at Pretty Beach Public School at 10.30pm.

This will include a seminar covering what is happening with biodiversity in the Central Coast region.

A second seminar will cover managing vegetation and wildlife habitat, and how this can be applied to property. It will also include a tour of the school bush.

Participants involved in the program will then travel to Kincumber Public School and break for lunch to have an opportunity to meet and talk with other landholders and local

experts.

Participants were asked to bring along photos and maps of their property, works they have undertaken and photos and plants for identification.

The day is provided courtesy of the Parks and Wildlife Services of NSW, the Conservation Partners Program and the Central Coast Community Environment Network (CCCEN).

Anyone interested in participating or requiring further information is invited to contact Sally Ash on 9585 6040 or Jeff Drudge at the CCCEN at 4349 4754

Newsletter, February 5

School to issue bike licences

Pretty Beach Public School is issue "bike licences" to emphasize bike safety, asking parents and students to abide by safety laws and regulations.

The licences will be issued to students in Years 3 and 6 to encourage them to obey safety rules when riding their bikes to

school.

Parents and students will sign their licenses which will be copied and filed.

The school already has safety regulations in place for children from Years K to 2 who are not permitted to ride to school unless accompanied by a parent.

Newsletter, February 5

Principals tell of school values

Principals on the Peninsula have reacted strongly to Prime Minister John Howard's comments that public schools lacked values.

Mr Howard had accused public schools of being "value neutral" and "too politically correct."

Two principals wrote of their school's values in their school's newsletter, while others have confirmed the existence of statements of school values.

Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC) Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie said in a recent newsletter that he had used the school's first formal assembly of the year to talk about the school's values.

He said that they were an "integral component of learning at the Senior Campus and indeed at all public schools".

"Our values are an essential part of who we are, what and how we learn and teach, our rules and procedures, how we behave as student and teachers, our many programs, policies and special occasions," he said.

Mr Beattie said that the school's values included "respect for others, high standards - performing one's best, tolerance and understanding, social justice, self-discipline and understanding, care and respect, courtesy and honesty".

Mr Beattie invited Prime Minister Howard to "observe and discuss the values we hold at BWSC" and also issued an invitation to "parents and the community" who "are also welcome to find out more about the values we teach".

Those who were interested in doing so could "visit or call for more information".

Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Jill Godwin also wrote in the school newsletter that school values played an essential role in shaping public school education and committed her school to promoting a charter of values and beliefs that teachers and students had drafted in 1999 and revised in 2002.

"We deliberately teach the values specified in this statement as part of our PD/H/PE program, by focusing one set of values each month," she said.

Ms Godwin said that the school values that were emphasised during the PD/H/PE lessons included quality workmanship, honesty and

truthfulness, generosity, kindness and helpfulness, justice and respect, the right to be an individual, and freedom of speech and citizenship".

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Mick Tattam said that the teaching of values was a fundamental aspect of public school education.

Mr Tattam said that public schools instilled in students "the values of tolerance, honesty, fair play and sportmanship work ethics and courtesy".

"As far as we are concerned, those are values taught in our schools every day."

Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair said that public schools in NSW upheld the values of society and maintained that the Prime Minister had "overlooked the priorities that public schools place on values such as tolerance, inclusion and the interdependence of everyone in society".

Brisbane Water Secondary College principal Mr Pat Lewis said that the Prime Minister had failed to provide an adequate definition of the terms "value-neutral" and "too politically correct".

Mr Lewis said that the school had a firmly-established Charter of Values that was available on the internet and also by contacting the school.

He said it was strongly instilled in BSWC's students.

These values included "tolerance, inclusiveness, equity, a sense of school community and a commitment to public community participation, a strong appreciation of heritage and national identity, a fair go for all and very high expectations of its students".

Owen Lewis, February 18

New classrooms

New modular double classrooms have now officially been brought into service for kindergarten classes at Ettalong Public School.

These extra rooms will mean that one of the existing demountable classrooms will be taken down.

This will provide the school with more playground space in the primary play area.

Newsletter, February 10

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Vaccination clinic set up

A clinic will be set up at Pretty Beach Public School on March 16 for the vaccination of students against the meningococcal C virus.

The clinic is part of the Meningococcal C Vaccination

Program established as part of the Commonwealth Government's national vaccination program.

The clinic will be set up at the resources room at Pretty Beach Public School.

Newsletter, February 5

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Education

Leadership opportunities

Year 6 students from Pretty Beach Public School will have an opportunity to demonstrate and learn more about student leadership skills through special programs scheduled for later this year.

The initiatives to develop student leadership will provide Year 6 students with the opportunity to coach younger students in various subjects throughout the year.

Year 6 students will participate

in a leadership day scheduled to be held early in the term, after which they will have the opportunity to practise these skills by leading their teams of students in Year 3 to 5 at a group activity day in Camp Toukley.

These teams will remain in tact for the year for daily fitness, sporting and art and craft activities.

Dates have yet to be set for the leadership day and the commencement of the subsequent activities.

Newsletter, February 5

Juggling skills taught

Students at the Woy Woy Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College will be able to develop their juggling skills through a series of sessions conducted by the Performing Arts Academy.

The program, allowing students to master the difficult art of juggling, commenced with a workshop on Wednesday, February 11.

Juggling expert Nathan Dale taught the students to make three juggling balls using balloons and rice and then how to juggle them.

The students' goal was to juggle five balls at once.

Newsletter, February 13

Library expands at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School Library has started the New Year by significantly expanding the resources and technology available to school students.

The school has purchased seven new computers with internet access, making 27 computers in total with the internet.

"Students will now have access to a range of information and knowledge far beyond the realms of even the encyclopaedia," according to school principal Mr Bruce Donaldson.

Seven inquiry terminals were also installed, "designed to help in the fast and efficient location of resources".

"We look forward to a year where every student in the school brings in a library bag and takes advantage of the vast amount of knowledge and resources based within the walls of our school library," Mr Donaldson said.

Students at the school had one library lesson per week in class time and could visit the library every lunchtime, he said.

Newsletter, February 3

Bullying to be the focus

The topic of school bullying will be the focus of a series of campaigns at Pretty Beach Public School this year.

The school intends to dedicate two "focus weeks" to the topic of school bullying in June and November.

It will include initiatives such as stage performances and counselling for parents on how to help children develop strategies against bullying.

The June focus week on school bullying will include a dramatic performance of "Bully No More" which is expected to "help students better understand the role of the bully and the victim".

The June session will also include a meeting for parents to help build resilience in their children.

The school counsellor, Ms Kay Williams, will lead the session for parents.

The June and November focus weeks come in the aftermath of an intensive anti-bullying campaign that included rewriting the school's policy, a parent meeting, and workshops for students that occurred toward the end of last year.

In the meantime, the school plans to "build skills and strategies that lead toward developing positive relationships" between students.

School Newsletter, February 5

Review talks of new buildings

Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair has received a draft copy of the review of Umina Public School's facilities conducted last year.

The draft copy is to be used for consultation with the community.

The issues it addresses concern mainly the size of the school population and the need to replace old and portable rooms with new buildings.

Mr Blair has requested time to raise the issue with P&C at its annual meeting in March.

Newsletter, February 10



Part of the memory way showing the carved paving stones

Memory Way is opened

Memory Way was officially opened at Ettalong Public School on Friday, February 20

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews conducted the ceremony in the presence of 350 past and present students, teachers and school community members.

Memory Way is a path made up of pavers printed with messages from past and present school community members.

At the front of the path, an

engraved bell on a bell stand has been erected.

The bell is a replica of the original school bell.

Memory Way will continue to grow as more personalised memory pavers are added to it.

The pavers were purchased to make a lasting reminder of the school's 75th anniversary celebrations in June last year.

More than 1000 past and present students, teachers and community members participated in the celebrations.

Press release, February 20

Lifesaving awards made

Royal Life Saving Awards have been presented to 12 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus as part of their PD/H/PE study.

Jess Edwards and Corey Massey have both successfully achieved Bronze Star Royal Life Saving Awards.

Michael Thorpe, Daniel Marsh, Shane Smith, Steven Halliday

and Lauren Samsely were awarded Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Awards.

Corey Massey, Daniel Marsh, Shane Smith, Steven Halliday and Lauren Samsely all successfully gained Resuscitation Royal Life Saving Awards.

Campus principal Mr David Beattie congratulated all those who received awards and urged them to "keep up the good work".

Newsletter, February 13

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Brisbane Water plan discussions

Koolewong residents have met with Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd to discuss an impending review of the now eight-year-old Brisbane Water Plan of Management.

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell urged a previous residents' meeting to include a 20-year horizon and warned that this would be an important task for them in the coming year.

He also noted that the existing plan had not foreseen some of the changes in utilisation that had eventuated.

For example, in the past four years, the amount of boating on Brisbane Water had increased three-fold.

Newsletter, February

Ferry trial finishes

The trial of a ferry service from Palm Beach to Woy Woy via Wagstaff and Hardys Bay finished at the end of January.

Staff at the Palm Beach Ferry Service said that assessments were currently being carried out.

A decision would be made soon on the future of the service.

Rob Jimenez, February 18

Winning at all levels

Woy Woy has had another successful round of waterpolo, winning at all levels on February 11.

Woy Woy played Gosford at Gosford Pool and the Juniors won 7-2.

The best players were Tracey Elliot and Wade Eames from Woy Woy.

In second grade, the men's team won 7-5

The women's team won 6-5 in a close game.

In first grade, the men won 15-4 and Chad Rapsy was the outstanding player for Woy Woy.

Woy Woy Women's team won

the Port Stephen's Cup tournament played at Raymond Terrace on the weekend of February 14 and 15..

Woy Woy defeated Central Newcastle in the final 11-3.

Next Wednesday, February 25, is the last round game of the year, with Woy Woy against Wyong at Gosford and Gosford playing The Entrance at Wyong.

Next Thursday evening from 6pm at Wyong Pool, the Central Coast representative teams for the NSW Country Titles will be named and presented with their uniforms.

Mardi Love, February 13



Woy Woy's three under 12s regional representatives, Dominic Tonkin, Tristen McDonald and Jason Hayward

Contributed to cricket win

Woy Woy's three representatives in the Central Coast under-12s Cawsey Shield team contributed to a win in the final against South Eastern Sydney on Sunday, February 8.

Captain Tristen McDonald led the team for the second year in the NSW District Cricket Association Competition.

This is the first Central Coast team to win the representative competition in successive years.

During the season Tristen McDonald continued to enhance his captaincy skills, while being a part of many strong partnerships.

Jason Hayward contributed

runs throughout the year including a top score of 85 not out and 24 not out in the final.

Opening bowler Dominic Tonkin was amongst the leading wicket takers for the season and finished with figures of 2/14 in the final.

"All three contributed throughout the season with both bat and ball," said Central Coast Cricket coach Keith Pitty.

"It was a season which not only included the win in the Cawsey Shield final but also success in the final of the Inter District Tournament held at Lismore during January against district teams from NSW and south east Queensland."

Letter, February 13

Second in sevens

Woy Woy Rugby Union team placed second in a recent rugby sevens tournament in the Northern Territory.

As a result, tournament organisers have invited them back next year.

Playing against sides from around Australia including past and future Australian sevens representatives, the Woy Woy Rugby team played beyond expectations in the tournament to reach the quarter finals.

Throughout the tournament, Woy Woy raised eyebrows with its impressive play against teams much more used to the Darwin conditions.

Woy Woy provided a

formidable challenge to the eventual winners, the Darwin Dingoes, being the only team to score against them up to the finals.

Woy Woy defeated Casuarina, South Darwin and Tindale, the air force team.

Woy Woy was defeated by Darwin Dingoes and the Katherine Dingoes.

Woy Woy has now placed this tournament on its calendar as an annual pre-season event for their lead-up to the Central Coast rugby season.

Previous winners and participants in the tournament included Sydney University and Randwick, as well as Singapore and Hong Kong national squads.

Fax, February 18

Bridge player to represent State

Woy Woy resident Lorraine Harkness is to represent NSW in the Australian National Congress (ANC) of Bridge Players in Melbourne in July this year.

Ms Harkness was recently a finalist in the national women's team in Canberra, for the second time, and gained selection for the team.

An expert bridge player, Ms Harkness is a teacher on the Peninsula and has been president of the Australian Bridge Teachers Association for three years.

Ms Harkness said that she is in demand to teach at bridge clubs, and she has travelled to Tenterfield, Armidale, Nelsons Bay and Sydney to share her skills.

"Although it takes anywhere between six to 12 months fully grasp the game, it takes longer to raise the level of play and bidding.

"This is it's challenge," she said.

"Our club on the Peninsula is a



NSW Bridge Association womens pairs winners Lorraine Harkness and Janette Bates at the State championships

happy and friendly club which runs six sessions a week.

"Lots of enduring friendships are made as bridge is social game as well as competitive."

Ms Harkness will be running beginners lessons at Ocean Beach Surf Club from March 1 to 5.

Classes will run each morning

and will be followed with further lessons and supervision for some months until players are ready to join Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

Further details can be found at www.nswba.com.au/tourn/2004/anc or from Lorraine Harkness on 4342 3638 or 0409 220 761.

Rob Jimenez, February 18

Auxiliary dissolves after 46 years

The Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club Ladies Auxiliary has dissolved after 46 years.

Most of the auxiliary's members no longer have relatives playing with the football club and few members remain keen to help organise social club outings.

"It is with many regrets that we make this announcement," said secretary Wilma Shepherd.

The auxiliary was started in 1958 by Mrs Gladys Slade of Umina, who had to obtain a licence for Sunday trading to have a canteen at Woy Woy oval.

Fundraising for the auxiliary began with a chicken wheel at the Old Woy Woy Hotel.

It progressed to raffles at the

Bayview Hotel, giant Christmas raffles at Deepwater Plaza and bus trips once a month.

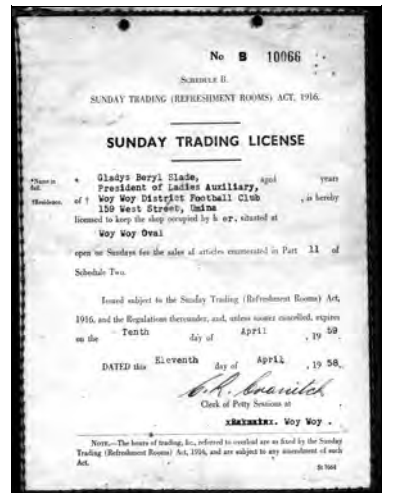
"These funds contributed greatly to the building of Woy Woy Leagues Club," Ms Shepherd said.

"We have had many great trips over the years and met a lot of wonderful people who we sincerely thank for their loyal support.

"Coach companies and local businesses have shown wonderful support."

Wendie Sharman is the current president, Mary Smithers is vice-president, Barbara Done is treasurer and Wilma Shepherd secretary.

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Sunday trading license issued in 1958 to run a canteen at Woy Woy oval

On the road to recovery

Woy Woy Bowling Club is on the road to recovery from a troubled refurbishment which left the 72 year old club with large debts and low patronage.

Woy Woy Holdings has come to the party with a rescue plan and long-term agreement with Woy Woy Bowling Club.

The agreement includes safeguards which ensure any future development of the site includes a club facility and bowling greens.

For the near future, fresh management has adopted local club and business experience for day-to-day operations.

"There will be regular entertainment as well as the regular bowling activities," said new general manager Mr Paul Gooley.

"We spent a lot of time with key people to recover the club. We are now on the front foot," said president Mr Ken Dixon said.

"I hope locals, bowlers and visitors will support the historic club in its new era."

Rob Jimenez, February 5

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Bob organises seniors match

Unina resident Bob Rook is the match organiser for an annual seniors cricket match to celebrate NSW Seniors Week, to be held at Adcock Park, West Gosford on Wednesday, March 17.

Possibly the Coast's best-known senior cricketer, Bob still participates in competition cricket each weekend at the age of 68.

Match organisers are inviting all seniors, 50 years and over, who wish to play to come along and enjoy a fun day of sport.

This game has become a regular part of the Central Coast Seniors Week program over the past five years.

This match, which includes lunch, is sponsored by NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

All inquiries should be directed to Bob Hook on 4341 4515.

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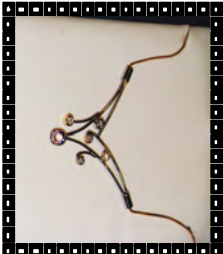
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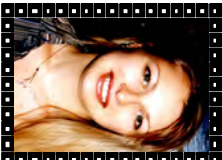
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Report of the supernatural

A number of witnesses have reported experiencing a supernatural phenomenon at Empire Bay Tavern of Saturday, February 7.

One side of a heavy table and chair set was reported to have lifted off the ground, despite a combined weight of over 100 stone holding it down.

Brett Bird, a former policeman of Empire Bay, who weighs 17 stone alone, was sitting at the table late Saturday afternoon, with six friends when the table unexpectedly lifted up on one side, spilling a beer on the table.

The table stayed lifted on one side for a short time before returning to the ground making a loud noise when it hit.

"One end of the table rose up into the air," he said.

"There were four of us sitting and about five standing. Glasses of beer were spilt. We all saw it."

Once the table had dropped to the ground, no one could lift the table.

"You can't lift these tables. They are heavy. We couldn't lift it," he said.

"We all got off but we couldn't make it budge at all unless we lifted it as a group."

The group of friends, which included ex-policemen, even tried tipping up the table to no avail.

"It did not want to move," Mr Bird said.

They have only one explanation for how the table could have moved when they could not move it together.

Mr Bird said that at the time the table lifted he was with old friends who he had not seen in a period of time.

They were talking about his deceased father, Max, and how he used to build similar tables for the Gwabegar Hotel in the Pilliga scrub near Lightning Ridge.

"We reckon it was old Max," he said.

Max Bird was a regular at the Empire Bay Tavern prior to his death two years ago.

He was born in 1939, and his



Empire Bay Taver Publican, Hugh Mills and Brett Bird sitting at the end of the table that lifted.

birthday on February 11 this year, just five days after the incident, would have been his 65th birthday.

Originally from Nyngan, Mr Bird senior's great great grandmother was a member of the Darkinjung people, the Aboriginal tribe of the Central Coast.

Mr Brett Bird, who is not actively religious, said that he still has not been able to contemplate the meaning of the event.

"There's no physical explanation for it," he said.

"It's really unusual. I keep thinking it must be Max. I can't think of another reason for it."

Sitting around the table were Brett and his partner, Tracey, and John McKinnon, also a former policeman and Wally and Beverley Quirke who combined weigh 400 to 500kg.

Wally Quirke said that to him the table seemed to jump.

"It was weird. It just jumped up and down."

Mr Quirke said the table rose about two centimetres off the ground and went back down again.

"We were just sitting there talking about how Max used to make those tables for another hotel and the table just jumped.

"Everyone went quiet for a second, I couldn't believe it.

"Those tables are really heavy. They are made out of half logs. You can't move them."

Mr Quirke said that he also did not know whether he believed it really was Max.

"My wife thinks it was him," he said.

"My wife and daughter both believe in the after-life."

"It was just one of those things I suppose," he said.

Cec Buccello and Alison Branley, February 20