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Comment sought on new contributions plan

A new developer Section 94 Contributions Plan for the Peninsula has been put on public display by Gosford Council for the month of March.

Community feedback is encouraged.

Council approved the action at its meeting on Tuesday, February

The new plan is expected to cover the current funding shortfall

for the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre as well as extra funding for other recreational facilities on the Peninsula.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell said that a total of \$41.0 million had been allocated in the draft plan for the development of new parks, open space, development of new playgrounds and recreation facilities.

"The draft plan outlines 33 projects worth \$29 million that will improve bushland, foreshores, parks, leisure facilities and playgrounds and \$12 million for acquiring and developing publicly owned land for new parks," he

"We listened to residents.

"They didn't want us to purchase their properties as put forward in the original plan.

"The new draft plan will utilise publicly-owned land, as a reduced amount of land is available for acquisition for recreation we will be making better use of current parks, foreshores and recreation

"A recent study of publiclyowned land that may be available over the medium term for development of new parks and open space identified four sites.

"These are Council's Woy Woy Depot, the Woy Woy landfill and the two secondary schools.

"The revised plan allocates funds for the potential development of these areas as new parks," Cr Bell said.



Junior Peninsula Swans players train at Rogers Park

The revised plan reflects current trends in building development and population growth that have been evident since 1991 and the gradual accumulation of developer contributions, he said.

The major initiatives outlined in the plan are anticipated to be undertaken over the next 10 to 20

They include: \$12.15 million for the acquisition and improvement of publicly owned land for new

parks and recreation facilities, \$8.2 million for improvements to sportsgrounds and \$2.3 million for new and upgraded recreation facilities including netball courts.

It will also include \$8.5 million for the new Regional Leisure Centre, \$1.8 million for new and upgraded playgrounds and \$5.4 million for improvements to beaches and foreshore areas

Press release, March 1

Peninsula candidates head four groups

The Lemongrove Netball courts and Rogers Park

will benefit from funding under the contributions plan

Four of the 10 groups seeking election to Gosford Council have Peninsula residents as their number one candidate.

Nominations for the Council elections on March 27 officially closed on Wednesday, February 25, with 10 identified groups.

Number one on the ticket for Group A is Jenny Phillips of Booker Bay, an independent.

Terri Latella of Wagstaffe is top of the ticket for the Greens, Group B

Jim McFayden heads the Labor Party's list, Group F. He lives at Pretty Beach.

Save our Suburbs 'number one Woy Woy in Group J.

Other Peninsula candidates include Danny Simmons, an independent at number three behind Jenny Phillips, and Vicki Brooke of Woy Woy, who is number five for the Greens.

In Chris Holstein's Independents, Carmen Daniels-Perrin of Umina is third on the ticket, Karen Smith of Ettalong is fifth and Adan Kassi of Woy Woy

For Central Coast First, Peter Hale of Ettalong Beach Club is second on the ticket, Greg Sandell of Umina is sixth, and local businessmen Nick Kalantzis and Daryl Lynch are ninth and 10th respectively.

In the Labor line up, Mike Hudson of Umina is eighth and Mary Knight is 10th.

Save Our Suburbs has Bryan Ellis of Umina as number two and Mark Ellis (no relation) of Ettalong at fourth.

Press release, March 4

Work proceeds at Ettalong

Construction of the **Ettalong Beach Club resort** is now up to the first level with work expected to be completed by May next year.

The old club is to be demolished late this year once the new facilities are completed.

The Ettalong Beach Club will have a four and half-star serviced apartment hotel.

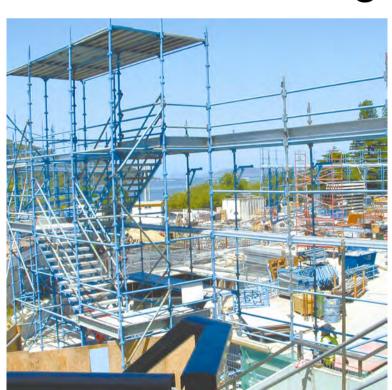
It will have restaurants, bars, gaming and sporting facilities, a health club, entertainment lounge and conference facilities.

There will be 5000 square metres of licensed club space, 370 car spaces and 236 tourist apartments managed by Outrigger Hotel Group.

It will employ over 250 tradesmen and contractors for construction and 230 people in its operation.

Meanwhile, the Ettalong Beach Hotel, just down the road, is due to be completed by June this

When finished it will have



underground parking, a hotel on the ground floor and three storeys with 14 serviced

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Report, March 3

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Spikefest now in UK

Readers of the Peninsula News may be interested to know that the London Borough of Lewisham has re-named its yearly comedy festival Spikefest UK, in of its former honour resident.

This idea came from Woy Woy's very own Spikefest held last year.

The difference is that this will be an annual event and will feature all kinds of comedy as well as Spike's.

Hopefully there will be room for

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lots of Spike inspired lunacy too.

This year will see performances by Dave Gorman (he of the Googlewhack adventures), Rich Hall (AKA Otis Lee Crenshaw), Tim Vine, Felicity Ethnic and many more.

If anyone wishes to go, it is being held in Lewisham, South East London from May 14 to-23.

For more information see http://spikefest.co.uk.

Hope to see you there. James Wild, Brockley, London

Plan will meet pool costs

The Peninsula Contributions Plan was agreed to go on public exhibition tonight.

This will ensure any building cost increases in the Woy Woy Pool tender can be met.

I was astonished that councillors from both Labor and Liberal Parties sought to revisit the issue of purchasing private land after massive public outcry in 2002.

The plan will also see a windfall for beach improvement, sports grounds playgrounds.

The pool tenders are due to go to Council on March 9 and I expect to see work start within weeks

Cr Chris Holstein, February 24

From Wawa to Woy Woy

People living in Woy Woy (Woy Woysters?) may like to know that Canada has a town called Wawa, in Northern Ontario.

I recently received an email from Kaireen Morrison, who lives there.

"Wawa means 'wild goose' in Ojibway Indian language, and we have lots of wild geese," she told me. "There's a huge steel goose at the entrance to the town.

"Population 3800 now that the underground iron mine closed down five years ago after 100 years' existence, used to be 4800.

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"We have a golf course, Wawa Lake, hunting, fishing, Lake Superior a few miles away, beautiful scenery, and lots of fresh air, plus clean water.

"Fresh fish for supper tonight, caught a few miles away, icefishing."

Anyone with internet access can find out more about Wawa by reading a story in "The World's First Multi-National e-Book" at http://www.bdb.co.za/ shackle/articles/north_pole.htm

Eric Shackle, Ettalong

Great Idea

Congratulations on the wildlife seminar to be held at Pretty Beach School.

I have written to the Gould League to encourage the same idea over the whole of Australia.

Many years ago when I was in charge of the Nature Advisory Service in Western Australia I encouraged the development of a "Nature Corner" in every school with some success.

Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

Thankyou

Courtesy costs nothing - I have an electric threewheel gopher chair.

I wish to thank the marvellous members on the Woy Woy Peninsula for their many acts of kindness towards me: - the railway staff, Inn Keeper, Busway drivers, Cash and carry fruit/veg barn, Deepwater Plaza and the general public and the post office staff.

You can only reap what you sow -I too give way when I am able to do so and wave my hand in salute.

Rushden Hartley-Rivers, Woy

Twins were employed

In the last edition of the Peninsula News, it was reported in a story about Bakers Delight's Birthday that the owners had two sets of twins.

This was incorrect, the couple had employed two sets of twins in the past.

One set no longer work there and none of the twins were her children.

There are also apprentice bakers who are brothers but not twins.

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Courthouse officially opened

The NSW Attorney-General Mr Bob Debus officially opened the \$2.7 million dollar extensions to the Woy Woy Courthouse on Wednesday, March 3.

Speaking at the opening, Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews said she heard a lot of grumbles that the Peninsula doesn't get any facilities.

"Now we've got one," she said. She said the decision was made to up grade Woy Woy to a children's court as there were two juvenile justice centres nearby: Baxter at Mt Penang and the Kariong Juvenile Justice centre, a high security facility.

"There was also the land.

"We had a vacant flat block of land beside Woy Woy Court, which made it easier to extend the court," she said.

"It's very close to public transport.

"Not everyone has a car.

"A lot of people have to get to court by public transport."

Ms Marie Andrews said that, while the children's court had heard some cases since it opened in late December, it was not quite fully operations.

"From all accounts, it's going quite well," she said.

"It's the most up-to-date court in the State."

Mr Debus said the facility would provide access to a wide range of justice services and form part of a network of courts at Gosford and Wyong servicing the Central Coast

"The Children's Court of NSW will be the primary user of this new facility and as such will deal with juvenile matters in an environment specifically tailored for younger people who, for various reasons, may come into contact with the court.

"These include the difficult abuse and neglect cases as well as catering for juvenile offenders



Director-General Attorney Generals Department, Laurie Glanfield, Attorney General Bob Debus, Member for Peats, Marie Andrews and Chief Magistrate, Judge Price unveil the plaque

on the Central Coast."

Mr Debus said enhancements of the original courthouse built in 1972 included purpose-built facilities for witnesses, families, victims of crime and the legal profession.

"The multi-million dollar extensions include improvements to custodial facilities, with a secure van dock, safe holding rooms and interview rooms for people in custody," he said.

"A remote witness room will also ensure that a vulnerable witness, such as a child victim of sexual assault, will be able to give evidence from a secure location.

"Video link connections to juvenile detention centres and adult prisons will also be available.

"I am told that it is the little touches that matter, particularly when designing a children's

"Sensitively designed and furnished rooms for children and families to attend interviews and conferences, safe and comfortable areas for those who have been exposed to domestic violence, well appointed facilities for mothers and babies, and fenced external play areas have all been incorporated into the finished product.

Press releases, March 4

Moves to defer plan defeated

Moves to defer consideration of the Peninsula's new Section 94 Contributions Plan were defeated at a meeting of Gosford Council on February 24.

Cr Debra Wales moved that the matter be referred to the Council's Environmental Planning section for review and recommendations, that Council seek legal advice on the changes to developer contributions and that the matter be deferred until the Peninsula Integrated Urban Strategy was compelled by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Resources.

Cr Wales said that it was projected in 1991 that an extra 14 000 people would move to the Woy Woy Peninsula area.

"This plan is totally dependent on 14 000 plus people in order to fund the Peninsula Leisure Centre."

"That's 4000 extra in Woy Woy, 3000 at Ettalong and 7000 at Umina.'

"In order for this plan to work, we need every single one of these people to come to the Peninsula and live in medium density housing.'

"Let's not forget that this is money that we don't have yet," she said.

Cr Malcolm Brooks seconded Cr Wales motion for deferment.

"I found population figures in

the report way beyond what Council resolved.

"I'm looking to see what DIPNR will find in their report," he said.

Cr Craig Doyle said that 20 percent of Sydney's population growth would come to the Central Coast.

"At the end of the day, chances are we might get some people up here and they're go-

ing to go where it's zoned (medium density)," he said.

"Cr Bockholt and Cr Penton fought long and hard to get community facilities to the Peninsula, we need a contribution plan in line with this," he said.

"Council's going to have to put some of this forward but so are the developers.

"What we are suggesting here is not a great deal, but it is a plan. The scary part is the community is going to agree

Cr Lynne Bockholt said that the Peninsula Urban Integrated Strategy is not to lessen density on Peninsula.

"If anyone imagines we're getting less population they've got rocks in their head we are going to be taking more not less," she said.

Cr Judith Penton said that the Peninsula "absolutely needed" such a big facility

"I'm sick and tired of going to other council areas, compared to what we have here with the largest budget in NSW but what facilities do we have, not very

"Here it is developers making lots of money out of Gosford.

"It's time they put something

"We, Gosford deserve to have this facility and we need it from now on.

"We should be building things all the time."

Cr Holstein disputed Cr Wales' facts regarding an extra 14 000 population

"That's a 1991 figure. Five thousand are already here," he

Cr Holstein said contribution plans were based on 50 per cent up take

"You can adjust by 80 per cent and it still comes through." He said more money would

on the premises

go towards sporting fields, and the Ettalong Beach plan of

management. "I'm about seeing community facilities built.

"The contribution plan does not dictate growth. We do," he

The plan is on public exhibition and will be available on Council's web page www.gosford.nsw.gov.au and at Woy Woy and Umina Libraries.

Alison Branley, March 3







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New plan will deny us open space

Gosford Council's recent decision to place on exhibit "Amendment No.2 Contributions Plan No 31C Peninsula Open Space and Recreation" contains some detail that has serious consequences residents.

It was resolved at a council meeting on April 1 to engage yet another consultant to "further review opportunities for additional open space on the Woy Woy Peninsula".

Further, the councillors resolved that "this review not include consideration of currently private(sic) owned land".

We do not want another fiasco similar to what developed when council ham-fistedly tried to acquire private land surrounding the netball courts at Ettalong and proposed recreational facility at Wov Wov.

However, this recommendation will deny us the right to purchase environmentally-sensitive land that may come onto the market and the provision and expansion of neighbourhood parks throughout the Peninsula.

Continued overdevelopment on the Peninsula has left us with inadequate passive and active open space for the current population.

Closing the option of buying privately-owned property on the Peninsula as it comes onto the

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market is selling future generations short while relying on future developers to provide their own open space, which none do, and council won't be able to.

This plan to rob future generations of adequate open space will see money collected for open space used to bail out Council's bungled Peninsula recreational facility development.

The land that is currently on the market at the foot of Bull's Hill on Correa Bay and bushland owned by the Catholic church in Hillview St will be bulldozed for more overdevelopment.

Both these environmentally sensitive blocks should be purchased now with money that council has, which was collected for this purpose.

Residents should be aware that three of the councillors that supported this short-sighted theft - Bell, Holstein and Doyle - are seeking re-election and a mandate to force this flawed plan upon the Peninsula.

Save Our Suburbs candidates will oppose this plan when elected and will be available for questioning at our next meeting at South Woy Woy Progress Hall on Saturday the March 13 at

Bryan Ellis, Save Our Suburbs,

Premier's design issues take low priority

This Year of the Built **Environment** seems relevant time to voice dismay at the escalating "rape" occurring in some of the low-rise residential streets on the Peninsula.

It is being carried out under the Council's current policies for subdivision and medium density housing. Such typical (usually two-storey) infill development intrudes on the scale and character of existing streetscapes, impacts on privacy, sunlight and the existing vegetation.

In most instances it is about maximising plot ratios for minimum cost and maximum profit rather than good design, appropriateness for the location or quality of lifestyle.

Issues that need to be

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addressed in our Built Environment have been well publicised by the Premier of NSW and others.

In spite of well-intentioned policy objectives, when other criteria relating to building limits have the potential to take priority in the decision making process, incompatibility and mediocrity will continue to affect the Built Environment.

It is not enough that an application for development is seen to comply with regulatory criteria.

So long as the system allows, these policies will continue to be exploited.

Who then, are the real of our Built custodians **Environment?**

Doreen King, Ettalong Beach

Collecting postcards

I have been collecting printed picture postcards for the past five years particularly those depicting maps, lighthouses, bridges, flags as well as general view cards.

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> **Brian James** P.O.Box 1492 Bournemouth **BH7 6YB** Dorset, England

Buy bush block with open space funds

There has been lots of talk about the need to acquire more Peninsula land for open space.

The treed block on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, would be an excellent acquisition choice.

No houses need to be removed, and fine specimens of xanthorrhoea (grass trees) grow there among the angophora and eucalypt trees.

It is adjacent to two schools,

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and so provides an easy educational and recreational area for students and parents.

Many people already walk there, enjoying the greenery, the birds and other wildlife along the

This land meets the passive recreational needs identified in the Peninsula review, when consultants identified the need

for areas of natural bushland for residents to walk in.

I encourage Peninsula residents to have their say when the Council's Section 94 Contribution Plan goes on public exhibition.

The Plan's amendments need to allow this land to be purchased so that we have this one natural bushland area left on the Peninsula.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Coupling leisure facilities with over-development

Currently the Government has an agenda to increase the population density on the Central Coast focusing mainly on



the Woy Woy Peninsula.

To achieve this objective, it is allowing developers a medium density "free for all".

While Council complains about this interference with its zoning powers, it is quite happy to accept money from developers as compensation for replacing backvards with concrete, bricks and mortar. This funding boost, known as the "Developer Section 94 Contribution Scheme", can

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only be collected if the local council and Planning NSW give the "green light" for urban consolidation.

As \$29 million of contributions are anticipated, we must assume they have plans for an unprecedented level of medium density in store for the Peninsula.

It's nice to have money to spend on recreational facilities, but should this come at the expense of the Central Coast lifestyle that its residents currently enjoy?

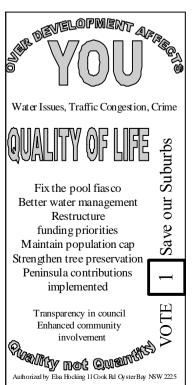
Should we give up our backyards in exchange for increased traffic congestion, pollution and loss of privacy, so that Council can extract money from developers to upgrade existing communal open space?

It's rather convenient that these developer funds can be pulled out of a hat, or "pork barrel", just before an election to rescue the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centres cost blowout.

It would be better to provide facilities that the ratepayers can afford, which are not coupled with the over-development of their neighbourhoods.

Michelle Cairns, Woy Woy





News

Report justifies pool closure, says Holstein

Cr Chris Holstein has released a report prepared in January 2002 by consultant Geoff Ninnes in response to claims that the **Woy Woy Memorial Olympic** pool was closed prematurely.

Gosford Council voted at its meeting in April last year to close the pool because of the occupational health and safety requirements.

The pool had been operating in its current state for many years but, when Council took over management of the pool in 2002, the report found a number of problems with the facility.

Cr Holstein said that in 1994 a report found it was leaking 15 000 litres a week, the 2002 report found this had doubled to 30 000 litres a week.

"All pools leak, but this was a large amount of water leaking.

"One side of the pool had settled," he said.

'The pool's system was failing. "Sand was being fed back into

the pool. "The chemicals were being hand dosed into the pool.

"That is against occupational

health and safety requirements. "It should bе mechanically.

"The concrete had cracks in it. "The filtration system was

seven years past it use by date. "On hot days, the pool couldn't

. "The water literally 'went off'. "It would have cost \$1.1 million Pool plan 'can't be dropped'

Cr Debra Wales and Cr Chris Holstein have both rejected any idea that plans for the Leisure Centre could be scrapped when a new council is elected.

"I don't think it could disappear with a new council.

"Senior staff, the director and general manager would look after it,"

"It's too far down the track for that."

Cr Holstein said there was no way a new council would drop the

Alison Branley, March 3

to rectify these problems and would have extended the pool's life for only a short term," he said.

Cr Holstein said the site was in dilapidated state and he wanted something that would have lasted the community 40 to 50 years.

"Some individuals don't want

change.

"In a community, you have to have the foresight to bring them the future facility that they deserve," he said.

Cr Debra Wales said that the pool should never have been demolished.

It should have been repaired.

Member for Robertson, Jim Lloyd and Cr Chris Holstein look at plans for the proposed Leisure Centre at the old pool site in 2002

"I remember when the pool was opened," she said.

"The pool has leaked from day

"It didn't need to be demolished.

"It's a community facility.

"We could have had that pool all summer," she said.

Cr Wales said that Council had already received a letter of warning from the EPA regarding sound levels at the proposed new pool.

It warned that if complaints were received once the leisure centre was established, council may have to retrofit soundproofing, which would cost more money.

"It's a debacle everywhere they go," she said.

"They've ignored that and put council in an even embarrassing position."

Cr Holstein said that the first acoustic report only assessed the impact based on an empty block of land, and that further reports concluded that the centre would not generate excess amounts of noise.

"We've moved the whole thing inside to ameliorate that.

"The old pool used to be outside," he said.

Cr Holstein said he did not believe the pool would generate noise beyond EPA guidelines and a subsequent retrofit would not be required.

There will always be someone who will have a problem with the development."

Alison Branley, February 19

Lloyd endorsed for fourth term

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has been unanimously endorsed as the Liberal candidate for the seat, which encompasses the Peninsula.

This is the fourth consecutive election that Mr Lloyd has been endorsed unopposed as the Liberal candidate for Robertson.

"It is a great honour to have the continued strong support of the Robertson Federal Electorate Conference of the Liberal Party," Mr Lloyd said.

"Without the support of the Liberal Party, it would simply not be possible for me to be elected to represent the people of Robertson as part of the Howard Federal Government," Mr Lloyd said.

"I will be seeking my fourth term as the Federal Member for Robertson and am keen to continue delivering my vision of increased local jobs, better health services, improved education facilities and upgraded roads and infrastructure.

"I want the Coast to be a place where families can be raised in a happy and secure environment and where older people can retire in comfort and safety

Press release, February 26



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Health centre benefits from legal program

The Peninsula Women's **Health Centre at Woy Woy** is to benefit from a special program to give Central Coast women a better understanding of, and access to, the legal system.

Assistant Planning Minister, Ms Diane Beamer, launched the program on Wednesday, March

"Negotiating the minefields of the legal system can be a daunting process," Ms Beamer

"This program, Central Coast Law for Women, is being coordinated by the Women's Legal Services NSW and will provide community legal education as well as free legal advice for women on the Central Coast."

Included in the program is a series of information workshops covering such topics as Family Law and Children's issues, Domestic Violence, Tenancy, Discrimination and Employment.

Free legal advice will be available under the program for women on specified days from three Centra! Coast locations;

"Volunteers are being trained by a qualified solicitor to recognise legal problems and provide advice to other women or refer them to the appropriate organisations for assistance," Ms Beamer said,

The NSW Government is providing \$58,900 funding over two years through the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources' Area Assistance Scheme.

Welcoming the project, Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca said the Area Assistance Scheme provides vital funding for many communities throughout NSW.

"The NSW Government has provided more than \$79 million for Area Assistance Scheme projects since 1995, including \$5.5 million for programs on the Central Coast," Mr Della Bosca

The funding goes to meeting identified community needs in regions experiencing the impacts of significant population growth or economic change.

"This project enables women to help other women within their community," he said.

"Information sharing and assistance at a grassroots level leads to stronger ties within those communities," Ms Beamer

Press release, March 3

Born in hospital driveway

Blackwall couple Trudy and Bruce Ridge's daughter Pateley Claire was born in the family car right outside the emergency department of Gosford Hospital in the early hours of Monday, February 23.

As they pulled into the entry to the emergency department, Ms Ridges was already in labour.

Five staff from the hospital ran out and Ms Ridges delivered her baby in the car.

"It was an interesting experience," she said.

Trudy Ridges had two false alarms in the week prior to Pateley's birth, going into Gosford hospital on the Wednesday and Friday before her birth.

On the Wednesday, an ultra sound showed the pains Ms Ridges were suffering were very small contractions.

Ms Ridges said she thought she may have had to have the birth induced the following Monday, when at 9.30pm Sunday night, her pains returned. Not wanting another false

alarm, Ms Ridges decided to wait

before going into hospital. At around 1.30am, Trudy and Bruce Ridges decided to call Diane Harper, Trudy's mother, to take care of Wesley, 3, the couples first child.

Trudy Ridges said that on the way to hospital her husband was reasonably calm until her waters

"When I told him my waters had broken, I've never seen him drive so fast," she said.

Pateley Claire weighed eight

pounds 16 ounces. "Fortunately, everything was OK," grandmother Diane Harper

Alison Branley, March 4



Pateley Claire Ridges was born just moments before her mother could make in into the emergency ward

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Two groups get **HACC** funding

The Peninsula Community Centre and Woy Woy District Meals on Wheels are to benefit from grants provided under Home and Community Care funding.

The Peninsula Community Centre will receive \$120 000, of which \$80 000 is recurrent funding and \$40 000 nonrecurrent funding.

The money will be used for additional home maintenance services in the Gosford local

Woy Woy and District Meals

on Wheels has received \$57,500 as a "population group planning model" service provider.

The funding is part of a total \$250 000 in funding for community care providers on the

"HACC services allow frail aged people and young people with disabilities to remain in their own homes with the support of their family," said Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

"We know the majority of people prefer to continue living in their own homes, and HACC services can provide them with that option as well as a higher level of independence.'

Press release, February 27

Community consultations indicated there was a need for additional services on the Peninsula.

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Chest gives out funds

The Central Coast Community Chest held its annual meeting Wednesday, March 3.

The quarterly distribution of funds was approved with several Peninsula services benefiting.

Over \$20 000 of funds was awarded to beneficiaries in the area of child, family, youth, aged care and disability.

Peninsula groups which benefited from the funds included Aunties and Uncles, Woy Woy Community Aged Care, Woy Woy Public School Early Intervention Program and the Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS).

Other regional support services included Regional Youth Support Service, Surf Lifesaving, Central Coast Autism Association and Central Coast Youth Angle Inc.

The meeting also acknowledged the assistance from businesses throughout last year.

Press release, March 4

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Events planned for Seniors Week

The Peninsula will host a number of events for Seniors Week from March 14 to 19.

Gosford Council's "Hop and Go" Committee organised the events which are designed to encourage the participation of senior citizens in the annual Senior's Week.

The 2004 Seniors Week Program theme is "The Best Time For Ages" and will include a barbecue, concert, sporting events, activities celebrating multicultural diversity, and a special offer for senior citizens at Paradiso Cinema.

The Woy Woy festivities will kick off at noon on Monday, March 15, with the ninth annual Marie Andrews barbecue and concert at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club

The barbeque and concert will be open to all Peninsula senior citizens at the cost of a gold coin donation.

Proceeds will go towards the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary and tickets for the event will be available from March 11 at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

On March 15, senior citizens are invited to a tag-along four-wheel-drive tour and walk in Brisbane Water National Park.

The tour is suitable for all fourwheel-drive high clearance vehicles.

The tour will travel along fire trails to view flora, birds feeding and views of the highest point in Mt Wondabyne.

There will be suitable time for a swim at Rocky Ponds.

The tour will run from 9am to 5am.

It will cost \$5.

Guests are asked to a bring their four-wheel-drive, morning tea, lunch to carry, swimmers, towel, walking shoes, water and sun protection.

Numbers are limited. The group will meet beside Woy Woy tip at the end of Nagari Rd, Woy Woy.

Bookings are essential and can be made on 4320 4205.

On Tuesday, March 16 there will be a free walk for senior citizens through Pearl Beach and Warrah Trig.

The medium level walk will run from 10am to 2pm and take in the expansive coastal views.

Walkers will be able to hear about the history of the area and may possibly spot some koalas.

The walk will finish with a wander through Commelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach.

Bookings are essential and can be made on 4320 4205.

For St. Patrick's Day,

Wednesday, March 17, the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre will stage an Irish International Green Theme Day at noon.

Senior citizens are invited to "come and celebrate the Irish" by wearing "green or other cultural costumes".

Entertainment will be provided by Tempo Terrific.

The cost is \$8 and tickets are available from the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre.

Bookings can be made by calling 4341 3222.

Every Tuesday at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre there will be craft, indoor bowls and cards.

The Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre will also host an indoor bowls session for senior citizens starting from 9am on Thursday, March 18.

The indoor bowls session will offer senior citizens a chance to "try out the friendly game" with "no heat or flies to contend with".

The indoor bowls session is free to non-members and will also include free coffee, tea and biscuits.

Senior citizens can close the week on Friday, March 19, with a Cruise of Cultures on Brisbane Water.

Famous Australian poet Michael Darby will entertain those on board during the scenic cruise and the Organisers of the event are hoping to also use the cruise to celebrate multicultural diversity.

The organisers are looking to have "on board as many nationalities as possible" and participants are invited to "wear your national costumes if you like".

The cruise, on the Lady Kendall II, will depart Gosford Wharf at 10.15am.

Participants can join the cruise at Woy Woy at 10.35am.

Tickets are available at the Gosford, Terrigal or Ettalong Senior Citizens Centres and the cost is \$3.

The maximum number of people allowed on the cruise will be 150 people.

There is no wheelchair access to the facility and participants are requested to bring along suitable footwear.

The same day senior citizens are also invited on to inspect the new indoor hydrotherapy pool at Woy Woy Hospital, located on Ocean Beach Rd

The cost is free and the pool will be open from 10.30am to 11.30am and will include a demonstration by the Woy Woy Arthritis Council.

Paradiso Cinema at Ettalong will offer senior citizens a buy one ticket and receive one free offer for seniors week. Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

There will also be a seniors week radio show on 100.5 FM from Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 21.

Seniors will be able to tune in for all the information on what is happening around the Coast for seniors.

A timetable of events at local senior citizens centres and old-time favourite artists and songs will go to air.

The Office of Fair Trading will promote its advice for seniors during the week.

The latest edition of the Seniors Guide, available from Fair Trading Centres, pinpoint sales techniques older consumers should guard against.

The guide also covers other issues including home security, moving into a retirement village, health care complaints and how to avoid scams.

It is available from local Fair Trading centres or seniors can phone 13 32 20 for a free copy, or g o t o www.faritrading.nsw.gov.au

A detailed brochure listing all the various activities for Seniors Week in the Gosford region is available from the Gosford Council, libraries in the Gosford area or the office of Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews

Brochure, March 3

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Couples celebrate diamond weddings

Three couples on the Peninsula are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary during the months of February and March.

Umina Beach couple, George and Joan Williamson will celebrate their 60th anniversary with a cruise to Tasmania and a family celebration at Umina Beach.

"Being part of the Umina Beach community for over 20 years, they have many friends on the Peninsula who would be delighted to share in their 60th wedding celebration announcements," daughter Michele Streight said.

The couple married on March 18, 1944, in Cronulla, Sydney.

George and Joan moved to Gunnedah in 1946 to manage the Gunnedah newsagency.

After 18 years, they sold the newsagency to the Sutter family and in 1963 they purchased "Greenwood Grange" on the Boggabri Rd where they lived until 1983.

During their 37 years in Gunnedah, they raised their five children and were very involved with the local community.

George being a returned Second World War soldier supported ANZAC day marches and legacy.

Joan and George attended Christ Church of England and were very involved in local community.

Joan continues to enjoy her painting which began with art lessons on the banks of the Namoi River.

In 1983 they sold Greenwood Grange and moved to Umina Beach to enjoy their retirement years, where they are involved with the local community and Anglican Church.

They are parents of five children: Susan Williamson-Fritz, Pam Boyd, Judy Baldwin, Michele Streight and Graham Williamson.

George and Joan are proud grand-parents to 15 grand children and great-grand parents to four great-grand children.



Joan and George Williamson on their wedding day

Ken and Nellie Thexton of Booker Bay celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Monday, February 23.

The couple's daughter, Angela Glover, said that they have escaped death many times.

"It's a miracle that they ever got together in the first place."

"Young Ken could not believe his luck when the beautiful blonde he had his eye on agreed to see him at the next dance.

"But Mr Hitler had other ideas,"

The very next day the Second World War broke out and for the next three weeks all centres of entertainment in the industrial city of Sheffield in Yorkshire were closed so that blackout curtains could be fitted.

"When the dance reopened, Ken was delighted to find that a young Nellie Dodd had waited for him and they spent the next four years courting - often to the accompaniment of bombs.

"On December 13, 1941, they couldn't decide between a Tyrone Power movie or Greta Garbo so they tossed a coin.

Tyrone Power won - which was just as well because the other movie house took a direct hit and hundreds were killed!

On another occasion, they decided on a quiet picnic in the country at a nearby dam.

"Sipping on their Babycham they watched fascinated as RAF bombers dropped strange bouncing balls into the water.

"It wasn't until after the war that they realised they had unwittingly trespassed into the Dam Busters' secret training ground," Ms Glover said.

In 1944, the couple married and settled into their first home which had previously had its front blown in by a bomb.

Later on Mrs Thexton had another close encounter when she had to run for her life with her baby in her arms, chased by a V1 rocket - known to the locals as buzz bombs.

In 1957 Ken decided to bring his wife and two young children to Australia for a better life and sold the family home - only to find that the ship they were supposed to come on had been



Ken and Nellie Thexton of Booker Bay

stopped by another war - this time the Suez crisis.

When they finally set sail they ran into yet another conflict - a revolt in the port of Columbo with four murdered on the docks that morning!

They arrived just in time for Black Friday, 1957, with the Illawarra where they were to stay ablaze. "Undeterred they found work and bought a house," Ms Glover said.

Mr Thexton worked for the local bus company and Mrs Thexton was forelady at Crystals Clothing factory.

In 1974 they moved to Booker Bay and built their house.

Ken Thexton became the

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transport co-ordinator for the Geriatric Daycare at the Area Health Services and his name appears on the honour board at Gosford Senior Citizens.

Nellie Thexton has recently undergone a knee replacement and cannot wait to get back to New Vogue dancing.

They celebrated 60 years of marriage in a surprise party for family and friends at the weekend.

Woy Woy couple Jean and Ronald Todd were married on March 25, 1944, at Hindmarsh Methodist Church in Adelaide.

They have lived in Woy Woy for nearly 20 years.

Jean was 27 when she married 24-yeare-old Ronald.

Jean was in Adelaide during the War, working at a munitions

She met Ron when he came home on a fortnight's leave from the Middle East

"I think they were going to get married from their first date," said daughter Heather.

Within a fortnight, Ron had asked Jean to marry him.

They have three children, Heather, Malcolm and Graham, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Letters, February 18



Jean and Ronald Todd on their wedding day in 1944

Peninsula in the news

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

Friday, February 20

A Umina man was charged with theft yesterday after an elderly Woy Woy man has his wallet stolen during a home invasion on February 10.

The thief was caught hiding in a Umina house at about 9am on Wednesday.

Express Advocate Wednesday, February 25

Bensville residents are fuming because roadworks on one of Empire Bay Drives busiest corners remains unfinished.

In November, school authorities undertaking the work said the road works would be completed by January.

Express Advocate

Debbie Golding-Tutt of Umina placed second in the sand sculpture competition at Wamberal on Sunday.

Express Advocate Thursday, February 26

Woy Woy little athletics team took part in the regional championships at Blacktown last weekend.

Express Advocate

Friday, February 27 A man was arrested by

Brisbane Water police on Thursday at 9.15am and charged with the supply of heroin on the Peninsula.

He was arrested after a covert operation by police.

Central Coast Extra

Monday, March 1

A 13-year-old Umina boy had a lucky escape when he fell four metres down a waterfall at he Girakool picnic area in Brisbane Water National Park.

The Careflight helicopter winched him to safety through the trees and he was taken by ambulance to Gosford Hospital. **Daily Telegraph**

Wednesday, March 3

Central Coast First Candidate Mr Peter Hale has promised to make fixing the Peninsula's roads one of his top priorities if he is elected to Gosford Council.

Express Advocate

An X-ray of a dead freshwater long-necked tortoise revealed it died from eating fish hooks left lying on Umina Beach.

The tortoise had been found in distress in a creek with a fish hook in its mouth. It was taken to a vet but died soon after.

Express Advocate Continued on page 9





Kip McGrath Feature

Peninsula in the news

Children at Umina Child Care Centre were among a number of kindergartens who donned sunnies for Sunnies for Sight Day, on Friday, which supported programs to prevent blindness in East Timor and the Western Pacific.

Express Advocate

Thursday, March 4

A pipe on the old Woy Woy pool site could have been leaking large amounts of water on to the site for weeks.

Council addressed the problem in January but the pipe leaked again.

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Express Advocate

Friday, March 5

The Central Coast will reap a \$12 to \$15 million windfall if Umina Beach and Ocean Beach are successful in winning hosting rights to next year's state surf lifesaving championships

The two clubs are hot favourites for the event to be held next February or March with over 7000 competitors.

Express Advocate

Umina's Glen Hall finished second in the Quicksilver Pro Trials on Monday.

It is the world's highest level professional surfing event.

Express Advocate

Owners celebrate five years tutoring

Proprietors of a tutoring franchise in Umina are celebrating five years in the business.

Margaret and Stig Ertner, owners of the local Kip McGrath franchise., said they had noticed changes over the five

"Over the past five years, we've noticed a change in the students with more coming from families where both parents work and from families where English is a second language," Margaret said.

The Kip McGrath system is for students from Year 1 to Year 10 with the most popular age groups being Years 3 to 7.

Most students took advantage of the program to help them with basic literacy and numeracy skills, according to Margaret.

"When these have been mastered, the students show a marked change in their attitude to school work," she said.

"They become more confident about their school work and more willing to do their homework."

The program is also designed to help high achievers attain scholarships or entry to selective high schools.

"Our tuition is provided in small groups.

"This helps to keep the costs to parents down," she said.

"It's great to see the change in their self-esteem and the improved attitude to their home-

"Their study habits also im-

back from teachers and parents provides a real impetus for them," Mrs Ertner said.

The Umina franchise was one of the first franchises established when the business started in 1980.

A school principal and his wife from Kurrie Kurrie designed the program.

It is now listed on the Austra-

lian Stock Exchange and has been exported to the United States, Britain and China.

The Umina franchise was opened by Chris Boddie who left the area to set up in Toronto and Morisset.

The current proprietors are the fourth owners of the fran-

Cec Bucello, March 5



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What's on in and around the Peninsula

Following is a comprehensive Handicraft-9am; Cards-12.30pm; 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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach

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

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

<u>TUESDAY</u>

First Tuesday of every month Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, UCH

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

Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, ESCC, eng: 4341 3222. Pearl Beach Craft group, PBPHI,

1.30pm, eng: 4342 1459. Stroke recovery group, MOW, 11.30am.

Killcare SLSC, 7pm, enq: 4360

Third Tuesday of every month Bullalo **Loage** Knights Chp

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, ESCC, 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;

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

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:

Sports bar raffle EBWMBC 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

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, 5-16vrs, PCYC, 4pm, eng: 4344 7851. Last Wednesday of every month Umina progress association, UCH,

Monthly meditation group, PWHC

Every Wednesday

Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs,

Counselling individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC Rock'n'Roll Dance Class EBMC

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30am and 7.30pm, eng: 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 ESCC 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 eng: 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

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

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, eng. 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, ESCC 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, E

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), eng. 4343 1237 Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club, 12.30pm, eng. 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

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

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 Voque,

1pm, ESSC Burrawong Bushland reserve bushcare group, Nambucca Dve playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.

Woy 7pm.

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 Eng: Seniors/Masters training, Umina

Life Saving Club, 8.00am. Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy

MONDAY

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

Save the Children Aust., Woy Woy Branch, 1.30pm 72 Cambridge St. Enq: 4341 1104

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

Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Progress **Assoc** WH 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546 Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am, Eng: 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

Free Bingo WWLC & CU 11am. Dancing-9am; Indoor Bowls-9am Mahjong-1pm; Fitness 1pm Yoga for beginners 2.30pm; ESSC

Circuit Boxing 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, Umina; Enq: 4343 1911

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721 Fairhaven Cash Housie CU 7.30pm

& Bingo 11am Evening Bowls 6pm Enq 4341 9656, Card Club 500 1pm EBWMC

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333 Patchwork & Quilting, 9am,

Pottery 10am & 1pm EBACC Children's Story Time; Woy Woy Library, 10.30 am

Punters choice 12.45pm EBWMC Gentle Exercise, 9.30am PCC

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 11 Volunteers meeting for Grandfriends

program, 11.30am, Umina Public School Eng: 4341 1630 Friday, March 12 Woy Woy Little Theatre production

of Rattle of a Simple Man resumes,

Sunday March 14 Seniors Week commences. See

Peninsula Theatre.

article in this edition for details. **Tuesday March 16** Pearl Beach & Warrah Trig Walk,

NPWS, 10am, Pearl Beach Public Toilets, Enq: 4320 4205 Therapeutic Touch Healing

Workshop, 10am PWHC

Wednesday, March 18 Volunteers meeting for Grandfriends program, 11.30am, Ettalong Public

School Enq: 4341 3655 Aust. Breastfeeding Assoc., Ages & Stages of Breastfeeding, 10am Woy Woy Out of School Hours Care, 93

McMasters Rd

Saturday March 20 Market Day, Umina Uniting Church,

8am to 12.30pm, Ocean Beach Rd Sunset & spotlight walk in Bris Water Nat. Park, 5.15pm, NPWS, Crommelin Native Arboretum, Pearl beach, Eng: 4320 4205

Sunday March 21

NPWS Additions to Bouddi National Park Tour, 10am, Maitland bay carpark, Scenic Rd, Killcare Heights Enq: 4320 4205



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Arts and Entertainment

Voice coach sings at Ettalong

A woman who has worked as a voice coach to Julia Roberts will sing in Ettalong on St Patrick's Day.

Irish singer Mary Coughlan will perform Lizotte' Wednesday, March 17.

She has worked as a voice coach for Julia Roberts and Tyne Daly and was recently named by the Irish Government "woman of the year" for her outstanding contribution to the arts and humanitarian efforts.

Ms Coughlan will be

preforming some old favourites as well as trying out new material, which will be on her forthcoming studio album.

Coughlan has collaborated with Tom Waits' producer for "After the Fall", co-writing with Ireland's greatest songwriters, Jimmy Mc Carthy, Johnny Mulhern and Elvis Costello.

She recently toured Europe with a production "Lady Sings the Blues", a tribute to Billie Holiday, which won her critical acclaim.

Letter, March 3

Fyna puts down commercial album

Local award-winning rock band Fyna has signed to Empire Records Melbourne and is recording their first album only six weeks after completing the HSC.

Fyna is made up of Dave Jenkins on drums. Tim John on bass and vocals, and Alex Bennison on guitar and vocals.

The boys always planned to finish their HSC at Brisbane Water Secondary College before really concentrating on their music.

They stuck to this and all received excellent marks in their

Fyna was offered a recording contract with Empire Records in Collingwood, Melbourne, just six weeks after completing the HSC.

Empire Records is renowned for developing young Australians with musical talent, including Delta Goodrem and more recently Plunja.

Fyna travelled to Melbourne in early January and have been recording solidly ever since.

The total recording time allocated to produce the album was six weeks and the result is expected be a world class commercial album comprising original Fyna material.

"We are working 10 to 12 hours a day, sometimes more.

"It's a lot of work but it's sounding great and we are learning heaps," said Dave Jenkins during production.

"We have been really inspired and written a lot of new songs for the album," Alex Bennison said.



FYNA in the recording studio

"It's great to get this chance and I can't wait to get back to the Coast and start playing all the new songs at local gigs," Tim John said.

The boys of Fyna started playing music together when they were nine years old.

Over the past 18 months, Fyna has racked up many successes including many awards.

At the 2002 Kool Skool

awards, the group won the Kool Skool's best drummer, best bass player, best vocals and best guitarist awards.

In last year's awards, the group won the "best overall" band award.

They also placed third in the State at the Youth Rock Competition last year, winning \$500 in prizes for their school.

They have also played at various charity events and featured at the "Rock the Mountain" outdoor concert recently.

Email, February 20

Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc. presents Rattle of a Simple Man 2004 Performance Dates Friday 8:00 pm : March 12 Saturday 8.00 pm: March 13

Sunday 2.00 pm: March 14 Ticket Prices for all Performances Adults \$18 Concession \$15 Children 5 - 15 \$5

The Peninsula Theatre. Cnr O cean Beach and McMaster's Roads, Woy Woy Bookings Essential: 4344 4737

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB?



Fresh duo at folk club

Woy Woy Troubadour Folk Club will present Liz Frencham and Fred Smith on Friday, March 12, at 8pm at the CWA Hall.

Frencham Smith is a fresh collaboration between two of the Australian folk world's "rising voices"

It combining the talents of Jigzag's bassist Liz Frencham with the song craft of Fred Smith.

"They offer performances rich in humour, thought and feeling," said folk club publicity officer Frank Russell.

Since combining, Frencham Smith have appeared at major folk festivals and folk venues around Australia.

"With songs as diverse as those based upon Fred's experiences in the South Pacific to the exquisitely smooth delivery of Liz Frencham's jazzinfluenced repertoire, there is something for everyone," Mr Russell said.

Tickets are \$9, \$8 concession and \$6 for members and the price includes supper.

As always floorspots are available.

Guests are invited to bring an instrument, voice, or poem "or simply sit back and enjoy what promises to be a truly great night of wonderful music, song and fun", Mr Russell said.

Email, March 1

Latest book released

Woy Woy resident Mr Roy Spence has released the latest edition of Inquiring Observer".

Volume four covers the athlete's hand, the first Olympic games, smellavision, Barry Potter and the Chocolate Diet.

Mr Spence said each volume was based on observations of the world and included comments and explanations from noted experts in their field.

The satirical book covers the peculiar, unusual, provocative and mundane.

It can be obtained from Mr Spence by phoning 4341 7960 bу email royspence@ozemail.com.au Alison Branley, February 19

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Slovaks return

A capella singers Close Harmony Friends will be performing at The Peninsula Theatre on Sunday, April 4, at 2.30pm.

The group visited Gosford last year from Nitra, Slovakia, and will revisit in early April.

To make a booking, phone Ann Thomson on 4342 3423 or Margaret on 4369 4534.

Newsletter, March 4

MARKET DAY Umina Uniting Church,

Saturday March 20th, 8.00am to 12.30pm Cakes, Jams, Plants, Craft stalls, Doll's Clothing, Second hand Books, Trash & Treasure, Woodwork, Morning Tea,

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Education



(L to R) Occupational Therapist, Jacqui Henry: Program Co –Ordinator, Nic Urie; Mitchell Hamstra, year 10 student from Woy Woy Campus, Brisbane Water Secondary College; and, Jason Scott, year 9 student, Umina Campus, Brisbane Water Secondary College with the boxes they made

Boxes made for therapist

Students form the Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre (PALC) have recently completed their first project for the year, constructing boxes for an occupational therapist.

Mitchell Hamstra, Jason Scott, Jeff O'Connor, Brodie Mortimer and Nathan Wilson built to order the OHS boxes for a private occupational therapist.

The boxes will be used to teach correct lifting technique and for assessment of work-place injuries.

The students, referred from Brisbane Water Secondary College, participated in the project as part of an on-site work experience program run at the PALC.

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Occupational therapist Jacqueline Henry said the boxes were designed to assess the ability of persons to lift and handle loads safely and effectively.

"They are used by occupational therapists, such as myself, and physiotherapists involved in assessing and rehabilitating Individuals.

"This can assist us to make a decision about their safe capability for return to work.

"These boxes are of different weights and heights and can be loaded to increase the load handled.

"By observation of the way in which lifting and carrying takes place, the therapist can identify

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just how much knowledge of correct manual handling techniques the participant has, as well as how an injury prevents them from using safe handling techniques," she said.

Through the project, the students were taught business skills in cabinet making, costing and tendering for projects and generating cutting schedules for timber ordering.

Program coordinator Mr Nic Urie said he found the group enthusiastic.

"The students commented on how participating in the project taught them how to work well as a group and how enjoyable it was to actually finish something.

"They often stayed back after class sanding and varnishing the boxes and were all very proud of the final product," he said.

Proceeds of the sale of the boxes will be used to improve the range of tools for further projects.

Other projects coming up at the centre will include trailer suspension repair and maintenance for students interested in a career in the automotive industry.

Students will be instructed by an adult education teacher in small engines and automotive maintenance.

There will also be a project constructing possum habitat boxes.

This project will not only give experience in cabinet making, but also animal handling and wildlife protection.

The group will receive assistance from local Wildlife ARC volunteers and the boxes will be used to address a possum problem at the local PCYC.

The Learning Centre targets young people, aged 12 to18, living on the Woy Woy Peninsula, identified as at risk of leaving school.

It is also open to young people who are not attending school who will benefit from an alternative to mainstream school.

Letter, March 3

Schools denied road safety project

Peninsula primary schools will be among 75 Central Coast primary schools to be disadvantaged by cuts to a road safety education scheme, according to Cr Chris Holstein.

He said Wyong and Gosford Councils had been advised that the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) would deny the one third funding for a facility under the Community and Road Safety Education Scheme.

The councils claimed Roads Minister Mr Carl Scully indicated support for funding through the Motor Accidents Authority in October.

The facility would have served 75 local primary schools with over 15000 students annually benefiting. Cr Holstein said a campaign for the facility started nine years ago.

"It has been nothing but stalling, sidestepping, buck-passing and avoidance by the relevant government departments.

"Both Councils have commit-

ment to jointly fund a third of the cost," he said.

"The Roads and Traffic Authority had agreed on another third but now the MAA has pulled the pin, stating that the project doesn't fall within the authority's child road safety program guidelines."

Cr Holstein said that since 1995 Gosford Council had answered the conerns of various government departments, identified the land.

It had lobbied for appropriate staffing, committed to upkeep and maintainence and then finally agreed to fund one third of what is normally a fully-funded State project.

"Now there is yet again another excuse because \$267,000 cannot be found by the MAA.

"Over the next 10 years this scheme would educate over 150,000 local school children, at the cost of \$1.78 a child.

"Surely the Motor Accident Authority and the government can afford that," he said.

Press release, March 2

Applying for priority funding

Both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College have made applications to be included in the Priority Schools Funding Program for the four-year cycle from the beginning of 2005.

"If either campus is successful, or hopefully both, this will mean additional staffing and substantial additional funding for the college which will enable more programs to be provided for students," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

The first step in the application process is to participate in a survey of families.

This survey will take place from March 22 to 26 and will involve surveying families of Year 7 and 8 students on the Umina campus and families of Year 11 students on the Woy Woy campus.

"To give the application the maximum chance of success as many of the surveys from families must be returned as possible – ideally 100 per cent," Mr Lewis said.

"Families being presented with the survey are assured that the information they provide is completely anonymous and confidential."

The survey requires no family identification and is returned to school, and then to the Department of Education, in a sealed envelope.

"What is vital for families to remember is that return of the survey should result in substantial additional resources being available for their children," Mr Lewis said.

"Failure to return is really just throwing money away.

"As the college will not be the only local school making application for the program, it is possible that families may receive a survey from a primary school as well as a college campus.

"Should this occur, it is important that both surveys are completed and returned to the school which sent them home.

"In this way, all Peninsular schools who apply have the maximum chance of success," he said.

Email, March 3

Reading challenge

Children in Stages 2 and 3 from Umina Public School have been invited to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

To receive a certificate, students must read 15 books from the Reading Challenge book list and five of a similar quality by August 16.

These books will be available

for loan form the school library.

Students will receive a student reading record card which they will keep until it is completed and signed by a parent or carer.

Details can be found at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index.htm

Newsletter, February 17

Mega fun day planned

Year 5 and 6 students and teachers at Woy Woy Public School are planning to hold a Mega Fun Day on Wednesday, April 7 and are calling for sponsors from local businesses.

They would appreciate any donation of items such as stickers, posters, vouchers, pens, caps, or T-shirts that may be used on the day as prizes for the activities, or for the chocolate wheel and raffle.

All the money raised will be used to help subsidise the two major excursions for Years 5 and 6.

Year 5 will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp and Year 6 will be travelling to Can-

"Both of these excursions are an important part of our learning programs at school," said principal Mr Warwick Hannon.

As well, personal develop-

ment programs are planned through Interrelate to help prepare students for high school and future years.

The excursions cost around \$200 for each student to attend.

"A number of our students come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have difficulty paying the full cost of these expensive excursions," said Mr Han-

In an effort to make the excursions more affordable, the students of Years 5 and 6 are organising the Mega Fun Day.

The students work in groups, organising and managing activities on the day.

Some of the activities are for the students but many parents and members of the local community also attend.

If anyone is able to assist, they should contact the school or ring 4341 3555 by Wednesday, March 31.

Letter, March 3

Opening mass held for school

St John the Baptist School, Woy Woy, began the year with its Opening Mass held at Sacred Heart Umina on February 12.

The captains for the year, Max Kennedy and Natalie Bryant, were inducted during the mass, as well as the vicecaptains Connor Grimmond and Leigh Cousell.

Father John Hill gave a blessing to the leaders, house captains and elected members of the Student Representative Council.

The council is an elected body of students from Kindergarten to Year Six and allows members, on behalf of their peers, to express opinions and take an active interest in matters concerning their day to day school life.



2004 School Captains Natalie Bryant and Max Kennedy.

"It has been an uplifting start to the year for the staff, students and families," said Ms Meredith Sproule, publicity officer for the Parents and Friends Association.

Press release, March 3

Talented students visit college

Talented primary school students from across the Peninsula, Empire Bay and Pretty Beach, had their first taste of high school last week.

Brisbane Water Secondary College's Umina campus staged an enrichment day for students with talent in mathematics, science and technology.

"All indications were that students revelled in the challenging activities presented to them, said college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

In the library, mathematics teachers challenged students with a variety of numerical puzzles and problems.

"The mixed school groups buzzed with excitement as they worked their way to solutions, he said.

At the same time, other students created web pages and participated in programming robotics as part of challenges on offer in the computer room.

"The technology teachers kept another large group of students totally enthralled.

"All of this work builds up

quite a hunger and students and staff joined together for a barbecue lunch on the campus

The lunch was served by Year 9 students who were participating in leadership and mentoring opportunities, which the college has increasingly made available to them.

In the afternoon, more mathematics and technology options were offered but a science option was added where students experienced the wonders of the Bunsen burner, colourful chemistry, and the power of air pressure to crush drink cans.

The day was topped off by an evening for parents where students demonstrated the experiences they had had during the

Again Year 9 leaders were on hand to prepare a barbecue tea and show a multimedia presentation of the day's activities.

"The day was such a success that further activities are planned throughout the year focussing on other curriculum areas," Mr Lewis said.

Email, March 3

Temporary fence erected

Parents and staff at Ettalong Public School have erected a temporary fence in the infant playground designed to upgrade safety standards.

The temporary fence, which

was constructed using fence posts and twine, was erected on Tuesday, February 10, as part of a voluntary effort by parents and staff members.

The fence will provide an area to grow plants and to keep

the students a safe distance from the footpath and road.

It would prevent strangers from leaning over the fence and talking to the children.

Newsletter, February 10

Fete for Ministries

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus will host a garage sale and fete on Saturday, April 3, for the Religious Education Ministries from local churches.

There will be stalls with trash and treasure, Devonshire teas, cake, craft and plants.

A jumping castle and face painting will be provided for entertainment.

The Ministries employ three teachers to teach religion at both college campuses: Jeff Roffey, Nikki Stone and Mat-

This work began at Umina High School in 1989 with one teacher and expanded to Woy Woy High in 1995.

These teachers also take sport, music classes and help out wherever their talents lie.

They also run lunchtime groups and take students on excursions to concerts and camps.

They have been called on to perform pastoral and counselling duties during crises including suicide.

The finances for this work are raised by seven local churches, Rotary, sponsorship by local businesses, and through fundraising.

This year our budget is about \$130 000.

The garage sale and fete are the major fundraiser for the Ministries.

Melanie de Jager, March 4

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Public Notices

The Troubadour Folk and Acoustic **Music Club**

brings musicians, singers, poets and story tellers to the Central Coast to perform with and entertain local residents and visitors.

The club next meets Friday, March 12 at the CWA Hall (opposite Fisherman's Wharf)

Woy Woy All are welcome. Starts

8pm Entry \$9. This month's special guests are Frencham & Smith supported by several local and

visiting musicians. Liz Frencham is a member of the award winning Jigzag.and she has teamed up with the award winning Fred Smith.

ANNOUNCING THE **OPENING OF THE** 2004/2005 COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT AND** CULTURAL GRANTS **PROGRAM**

> **Application period** 09/03/04 - 30/04/04

What are the Community **Development and Cultural Grants Programs?**

The Community

Development and Cultural Grants Programs are annually funded programs provided by Gosford City Council. These grants are provided to community organisations to financially assist projects for community development activities that will enhance the standard of living and

Public Notices

The 2004/2005 **Community & Cultural Grant round consists of** the following categories;

- Community Development Grants
- ♦ Cultural Grants
- **♦** Community Safety Grants

Who Can Apply?

Non - Profit community Organizations

Gosford City Council including Section 355 committees

Opening of Grant Period

The 2004/2005 Community & Cultural grant round will open on the 9th March, 2004.

Gosford City Council will be holding a launch on this date at 10.30am at the Peninsula Theatre. Information packs will be available for interested community organizations

Information Sessions

Two information evenings will be held during the grants application period in order to assist people and organisations that are interested in accessing the grant funding.

Along with the application/ submission process, the evening will also cover the relevant grants policies and what this means for applicants. Full details may be obtained by phoning Council's Community Development section on 4325 8351.

How Do Organizations Apply?

By requesting an information pack or logging on to www.gosford.nsw.gov.au and downloading the information and forms and then lodging an application.

To Request an information pack or to obtain further information, please contact Sharon Moore in the Community Development Section of Council or any member of the team on 4325 8351 or call into the Community Development Section of Gosford Council at 53 Mann Street, Gosford.

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Sport

Mixed Water Polo results

Woy Woy had mixed results in the semi-finals of Central Coast waterpolo for the round ending on Wednesday, March 3.

In the juniors, Woy Woy played Wyong.

Woy Woy won the high standard game, with both sides showing excellent form.

For Woy Woy, Tracey Elliot was the outstanding player, especially in defence.

In the women's competition, Woy Woy played Wyong, with National League player Libby Magann back in the Wyong

Wyong proved to be too good

for Woy Woy, winning 8-5. In the Men's First Grade, Woy Woy played Wyong.

Woy Woy dominated this semi-final, playing hard and fast water polo which denied Wyong an opportunity to set up their plays and get into the match.

The final score was Woy Woy 12 to Wyong 5.

Wednesday, March 10, is finals night, when the Men's second grade Woy Woy team plays The Entrance and the women's team plays Gosford

Grand Final Day is March 13 at Wyong Pool.

Mardi Love, March 4



Students from Master Moore's Taekwon-Do school

Taekwon-Do seminars Umina and Woy Woy Authentic Taekwon-Do clubs

were the host of two major seminars on the Peninsula during February. One seminar hosted potential competitors for the World

Championships. World champion power breaker Mr Scott Bower travelled from Canberra to conduct a seminar on February 21 and

Mr. Bower held classes for eight hours over two days where students covered patterns, sparring drills and power breaking techniques.

Master instructor Jamie Moore conducted another seminar on February 14 and 15, with over 40 members in attendance.

The seminar was open to all students from white belt to third degree black belt and aged 7 to over 50.

At the end of the two days some of the students participated in a grading, and members from Authentic Clubs in Woy Woy and Umina successfully tested for their next belt.

Letter, March 4



Proud winner of the Summer Cup, Margaret Quinlivan (centre), with President Judy (LHS) and Captain Cathy (RHS)

Margaret takes cup

Margaret Quinlivan from **Everglades Country Club** took out the Summer Cup for golf, a competition completed over the summer months for female golfers at the club.

Ms Quinlivan scored +13.

"It was a just reward for a long period of consistent golf," publicity officer Jan Henry said.

"Steady golf was also played runner up Beryl Callingham, third place getter Linda Birrell and fourth placed Trish Melnik.

Bulletin, March 4

League students

Brisbane Water Secondary College inducted its students into the 2004 Rugby League Sports Academy at its school assembly on Wednesday, February 11.

The students will be studying subjects in the areas of coaching, fitness and training as well as first aid, injury management and administration.

Woy Woy Leagues Club and Country Rugby League representatives were there to help with presenting sports kits and clothing.

The team's first fixture will be the Central Coast Arrive Alive Tournament and the boys hope to improve on last year's second place.

Press release, **Newsletter, February 13**

Free Yoga

A free Sahaja yoga class will be offered at the CWA Hall and Woy Woy every Tuesday at 10.30am.

The form of yoga is said to be true meditation to help selfrealisation and to enjoy the peace within.

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Flyer, March 4

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All enquiries are strictly confidential

Players visit schools

Experienced players from / Woy Rugby League **Club have visited Woy Woy** and Umina Public Schools for coaching clinics.

They visited Woy Woy Public School on Friday, February 27.

Karen Smith

"Will D eliver for

this community"

They worked with the students to develop their fundamental movement skills. The children participated in a

variety of non-contact activities

for kindergarten to year 6. The players visited Umina Public School on Friday, March 5 and will visit again on Monday, April 5.

The clinics involved ball skills and not any physical contact or tackling.

Each grade participated for 30 minutes as part of the school's physical education program.

Woy Woy Leagues Club is sponsoring the skill development program through Mr John Jewiss, coaching development manager.

Newsletters, March 5

Education

Years 3 and 5 combine

restructure its classes by moving selected Year 3 students into the Year 5 class of Mr Woy Woy Public School has been forced to Julian Mostert.

students in 5M. from the class of 5M came about because overcrowding in Year 3 and a low number Ilian Mostert.

The incorporation of Year 3 students and students om the class of 5M came about because of 5M came about

Hannon said he did not expect the combination of Woy Woy Public School principal Mr Warwick

the two years to be a problem for Year 5.
"And the inclusion of the Year 3 students will be advantageous to them and will have little effect on the operation of the current class management," he

"Mr Mostert is looking forward to teaching his new

Newsletter, March 3

Vaccinations held soon

Local schools will soon all receive Meningococcal C vaccinations.

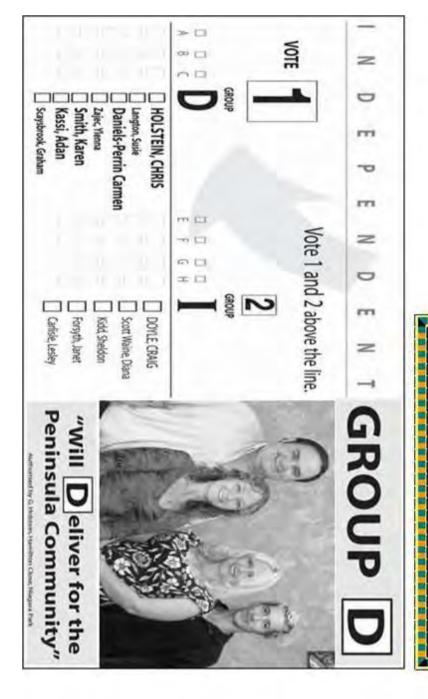
Pretty Beach will have optional vaccinations on Tuesday, March 16. Ettalong Public School will hold theirs on March

Jmina Public School will be on April 5.

school to administer the vaccine. Following vaccination a A team of specially-trained nurses will visit each certificate/record of

immunisation will be given to each child. Newsletters, March 4

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College cat wins sh SWO ile teai

livestock winning a number of categories at the Maitland and Brisbane continued success College's Canberra Shows in February. cattle Water team has with their Secondary

the outstanding reputation they have established over previous years," said college principal Mr Pat Lewis They have begun 2004 living up to

"Late last month, they took four of their limousin steers to the Maitland Show and came away with maximum

place in each, with one being named animals took out first and second Entered into two classes,

champion steer of the show. professional breeders as well as other prestigious as the win was against "This result was particularly

school groups," Mr Lewis said. The students also excelled in

parading their cattle.
Three students, Ashlee Austin,
Kristy Warren, and Emma Duckworth, were selected to parade at

upcoming Royal Easter Show.

In late February, the

took five steers to the Canberra Show.

Every animal was placed first in its again on the show scene when they

Among the 18 ribbons won, major



Kristy Warren with Reserve Champion Junior Limosin female and ribbons from Canberra

ards were Show Champion and Reserve Carcass Champion, and Reserve Junior Limosin female.

winning her class. for parading, Students also won a host with Ashlee Austin of awards

"These are outstanding results for an area of the state not renowned for r results for

aising beef cattle and indicate the outstanding level of expertise which the students have gained through their teachers, Geoff Spence and Mark Fisher, and farm assistant, Ron Unsworth," Mr Lewis said.

Email, March 3

