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Council approves third plan revision

Gosford Council has approved its third recent revision of its Section 94 Contributions Plan for Peninsula Open Space and Recreation at its meeting on June 8.

The plan, which includes \$8.5 million to build the controversial Regional Leisure Centre, is based on funding raised from a 20 per cent population increase over the 10 years to 2011 (to 37,500 people).

The plan also projects an ultimate population increase of 33 per cent to 44,500 people.

Funds for the plan come from fees levied by Council on developers who build on the Peninsula.

The plan came before Council for approval on June 1 when new councillors decided they wanted to review the plan.

Cr Chris Holstein left the meeting when his motion to accept the plan was defeated.

The council then held an extraordinary meeting to review the plans, where it was decided that within six months it will review options to purchase extra open space land.

The plan was adopted at its following meeting on June 8.

A revision of the plan was first



Public parks and playgrounds will benefit from Contributions Plan funding

proposed two years ago.

It came to public attention in December that year when Council notified residents that their properties had been identified for future open space needs.

The second revision came about after residents protested that their properties had been devalued as a result.

The council reacted by removing the identified properties from the plan and adopting a policy of not purchasing private property for open space.

The third revision was proposed to meet a shortfall in funding for the construction of the

Regional Leisure Centre after the State Government rejected Council requests to meet the shortfall.

Prior to the council elections, councillors questioned population projections and the consequent level of funding available, leading to argument over just how much money could be allocated to projects such as the leisure centre and upgrading of sporting fields

Under the plan now approved, Woy Woy is expect to have an ultimate total population of 16,800; Umina 21,200 and Ettalong 6500.

Alison Branley, June 9 Council Agenda, EP 026 June 1

Council moves on Catholic bushland

Gosford Council is to investigate buying land on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, and other ways to make the land public property and save it from development.

Cr Trevor Drake moved an urgency motion for the investigation, seconded by Cr Chris Holstein, at its meeting on June 1.

The council will also ask for a meeting with owners, the Catholic Church, and potential developers Providence Projects to discuss buying the land and any other options there might be to have the land transferred to public ownership.

Council also resolved at its meeting on June 8, with the adoption of the Peninsula Open Space and Recreation Section 94 Contributions Plan, to review the plan to enable purchase of both public and private land for open space.

The motion moved by Cr Peter Hale, and seconded by Cr Holstein, will see Council review the plan within six months to identify opportunities to gain future open space from either public or private sources.

The review will make sure that if private land is purchased it will only involve purchase on the open market.

This will mean that unlike previous plans by Council, homes will not earmarked for purchase, and it will not affect

house values.

Methods of raising funds for contributions will also be reviewed "to best practice".

Council also resolved that any land purchased would have to be consistent with the open space needs for the area as identified by recreation consultants CD Recreation Services.

Cr Drake and Cr Terri Latella dissented from the motion.

Council has also extended the submission period for the development application for further 10 working days to Friday, June 18, "due to increased community interest".

The application is for 41 unit homes for older people and people with disabilities at what is described as Meacham Way, Woy Woy, the entry street for St John the Baptist School.

Mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks said: "The application is for a 41 unit retirement village. There is a lot of interest in this development.

"We have decided to extend the time allowed for submissions following a meeting with community representatives.

"The extension allows the community more time to consider the development proposal and make submissions to Council," Cr Brooks said.

Council Agenda UM.004 June 1, EP.026 June 8 Press release, June 2 Alison Nolan, corporate relations cadet, Gosford City Council

Leisure centre gets bulk of funds

Beaches, foreshore and waterway, bushland, sports grounds, regional parks and local parks are all listed to benefit from the Peninsula Open Space and Recreation Plan adopted by Gosford Council last Tuesday.

However, the leisure centre will receive \$11.5 million from the Section 94 Contributions Plan, or 40 per cent of the expenditure of the \$28.8 million plan.

This comprises \$8.5 million for its development, plus an extra \$2 million for its indoor basketball and netball courts and an extra \$1 million for additions in 2012.

Of the rest of the money, over \$2 million is allocated to beaches at Umina Beach, Ocean Beach and Ettalong to improve beach access, signage, observation

decks, dune stabilisation, park facilities and to implement the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management.

For foreshore and waterways improvements, \$3.2 million has been put towards Woy Woy-Ettalong cycleway, foreshore improvements at Woy Woy, a fishing platform at Woy Woy bridge, Kourung St boatramp and parking at Ettalong, Blackwall boatramp, landscaping on the Woy Woy waterfront and public amenities at Woy Woy and Ettalong.

Local bushland has been allocated funding with \$600, 000 for picnic access and a lookout at Blackwall Mountain and Mt Ettalong.

Additional courts and resurfacing of Lemon Grove netball courts has been allocated \$300,000.

There is over \$8 million dollars allocated to the improvement of Umina oval, McEvoy oval, Rogers Park, Woy Woy oval no.1, Austin Butler oval and James Brown oval with an upgrade of amenities, car parking and lighting planned.

There is \$1 million put towards development and an upgrade for regional parks such as Kitchener Park and Umina recreation reserve.

Lions Park at Woy Woy is earmarked for development, as are playgrounds in Trafalgar Ave and Florida Ave, Woy Woy.

The Council has also earmarked Woy Woy Landfill as a future recreation site, but its recent extension will mean it may not become available for nearly 20 years.

Mark Snell and Alison Branley, June 9



Residents rallied to save the bush block on Sunday, May 30. See story page 3

Everglades Country Club would like to remind all Members that MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE.

Renewals 9am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday 9am - 12.30pm Saturday. New member applications welcome

Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy Phone 4341 1866 Information for members and their guests



Shirley Hargraves plants a tree at Ettymalong Creek as part of the Australian Conservation Foundation's tree planting program for World Environment Day on June 5

One-way traffic request rejected

Gosford Council's traffic committee has rejected a request for a one-way southbound traffic flow in a section of Helmsman Blvd, St Hubert's Island, between Beachfront Pde and Weatherly Pde.

A resident recently reported that a vehicle lost control heading northbound in Helmsman Boulevarde and collided with their house.

The resident recommended

that a one-way restriction in Helmsman Boulevarde would prevent this occurring in the future.

The traffic committee found that a one-way restriction in the street would increase travel time for residents of the southern end of Helmsman Boulevarde, increase traffic speeds southbound in Helmsman Boulevarde and increase traffic in Discovery St and Weatherly Parade.

The committee recommended

that edgelines be provided on both sides of the bend at the junction of Helmsman Boulevarde and Beachfront

It also recommended officers of Council's Road Safety and Traffic Unit arrange for the upgrading of the existing chevron hazard marker at the junction of Helmsman Boulevarde and Beachfront Parade.

Council agenda 04.050, May 11

Brisbane Water Dr to close for fun run

section of Brisbane Water Dr will be closed for a short time and traffic diversions will be put in place for a fun run to be held on Sunday, June 20.

Police have released details of the arrangements in preparation for the Bay to Bay fun run from Woy Woy to Gosford.

The fun run is being organised by the Terrigal Trotters running club and was traditionally started in Gosford and finished at

However, due to roadwork and safety issues, police have worked closely with the club to organise a new route.

The run will begin at 8am on The Boulevarde, Woy Woy

Brisbane Water Dr between Woy Woy and Koolewong will be closed until about 8.10am.

Traffic will then be diverted from Brisbane Water Dr into Glenrock Parade until the bulk of the runners reach Pt Clare.

The runners will then divert onto Kurrawa Ave, Pt Clare, and then follow the off road cycleway

to Masons Pde, Gosford.

The run will finish outside the Gosford Sailing Club in Masons

Traffic delays will be experienced along Brisbane Water Dr from 8am and it is expected that all road diversions will finish by 8.45am.

There will also be limited access to the Koolewong foreshore boat ramp during these times.

Articulated heavy vehicles will be marshalled at Pt Clare and Woy Woy until Brisbane Water Dr is re-opened, as sections of Glenrock Pde are unsuitable for articulated heavy vehicles.

Buses will be diverted along the normal Glenrock Pde bus route.

Residents of Victory Pde, Kurrawa Ave and Couche Cr who wish to gain access to their homes during the road closure are advised to see police or traffic marshals on duty and be guided by their directions.

Press release, June 8 **Police Media Unit**

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Poems wanted

A reminder that the Peninsula News Poetry competition closes on June

The poem can be in any style with a maximum of 40 lines and there are two divisions, open and junior (under-15).

Entries will be judged by local award winning poet Mr Vic Jeffries.

The winning entries will be

published in Peninsula News and the writer will be invited to recite their poem at the poets' breakfast at the Umina Beach Folk Festival in October.

Entries are limited to one poem per person and should be sent to Peninsula News Poetry Competition, PO Box 3235, Umina Beach NSW 2257.

Cec Bucello, May 20

Landmark photography

Round one of the Peninsula photography competition closes on June

The subject for round one is a Peninsula landmark.

To enter, attach your name, phone number, round number and category to a print and drop it into Bowens Photographics at Deepwater Plaza.

The competition is open to residents in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas and there will be an adult section and a section for

children under 15

Children's entries must be signed by a teacher or guardian to verify that the photo was taken by a child.

Entries for round one close on Monday, June 21, and the winners will be published on Tuesday, June 29. First prize for each section is a

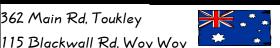
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IN BRIEF

Membership renewals

Everglades Country Club has sent out membership renewal notices for 2004/05.

Sporting members need to renew by June 30 to play in competitions although they still have a month's grace to July 31 to pay their membership fees.

Membership cards this year include a colour photo of the member, taken and processed on renewal.

Newsletter, June 9 Wayne Dean, Everglades Country Club Bulletin

Art Exhibit

Gnostic Mana Café in Woy Woy is currently exhibiting the works of Joan Barth. The café in Railway St, Woy Woy is seeking artists to display on their walls each month. For more information phone the Café on 4324 4466.

Newsletter, June 9
Multi arts confederation
Newsletter

War Widows

Ettalong War Widows Guild Club will hold its annual meeting on June 21 at 1pm at Ettalong Memorial Club.

Email, June 7 Betty Johnston, Publicity

Sing-a-long

Ettalong Baptist Church will sing-a-long to the sounds of John Jolly for their "Hymns that Live" session at Ettalong Baptist Church on Sunday, June 20 from 2.30pm.

Song leader George Tunks will lead the singing with guest artists, John Jolly, Neil Mawhinney and Mal Rowson. Entry is a free will offering, with enquiries phone 4332 8965.

Flyer, June 9
Ettalong Baptist Church

Rally to save bush block

A rally to save bushland on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, attracted about 70 people on Sunday, May 30.

The meeting organised by the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation attracted several community activists, a councillor and a political candidate.

Cr Chris Holstein, Federal Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Trish Moran, community activist Mr Ed James, Citizen of the Year Ms Heather McKenzie and Save Our Suburbs secretary Mr Bryan Ellis were among those who joined Australian Conservation Foundation branch president Mr John Wiggin and secretary Mr Mark Ellis and others at the meeting outside the property.

Mark Ellis said the placement of this parcel of land under public ownership would help protect a green corridor that could remain intact for future generations to view and enjoy.

Public ownership would also provide the opportunity for recreational usage of the land, he said.

Save Our Suburbs representative Bryan Ellis agreed, saying he believed the land should be in public ownership.

Citizen of the year Heather McKenzie has also expressed her concern over the fate of the land. Community activist Ed James wrote to Peninsula News: "The abundant bird life is an integral part of an ecosystem of rare flora and fauna scattered in small enclaves throughout the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"The remnants of the wooded sand plain should be fully protected and be provided for public open space."

Cr Terri Latella enquired at Council as to the fate of the development nearly a month ago and Gosford Council has passed a motion of urgency to enter into discussions with the owner to purchase the land.

Former councillor and Liberal party representative for Peats, Ms Debra Wales, has also called for the land to be bought by Council.

"At a time when the Peninsula is under enormous pressure from over-development, we should be ensuring that highly-sensitive land is brought under public ownership wherever possible," she said.

"This is especially the case when we actually have money available with which to negotiate a purchase.

"Gosford Council should be entering into serious negotiations with the Broken Bay Diocese immediately so as to save the Hillview St site.

"We have the money. Let's put it to the use which it was intended."

Alison Branley, June 9



St. John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy

Petition to keep priest signed by 1000

A petition with more than 1000 signatures has been collected in an attempt to keep popular assistant parish priest Fr Tony McCarthy at Woy Woy.

Fr McCarthy left last week just nine months after he was appointed to the parish.

The Catholic Diocese has confirmed that the bishop, Rev David Walker, has decided "not to renew the position of assistant priest ... at present".

Supporters of the petition said Fr Tony was popular in the local parish, was approachable and was renowned for telling jokes.

They planned to present the petition to Broken Bay Diocese Bishop, Rev David Walker, last Sunday, June 13, at Sacred Heart church in Umina.

A statement released by the Diocese of Broken Bay said that Fr Anthony McCarthy was appointed as assistant priest to the Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist, Woy Woy, for an

initial period of six months, from September 1 last year.

"His appointment was undertaken with the knowledge that a review of the position would take place at the end of this period," the statement read.

"The review has now been undertaken, and a decision made by the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Most Rev David Walker DD, not to renew the position of assistant priest in the Parish of Woy Woy at present."

The Bishop's Office acknowledged the desire of parishioners to keep Fr McCarthy in the parish.

"The Bishop's Office has received several letters and a petition from concerned parishioners regarding information given by Fr McCarthy during Sunday Masses at Woy Woy last weekend.

"All parishioner concerns will be duly acknowledged and taken into account," it stated.

Alison Branley, June 1

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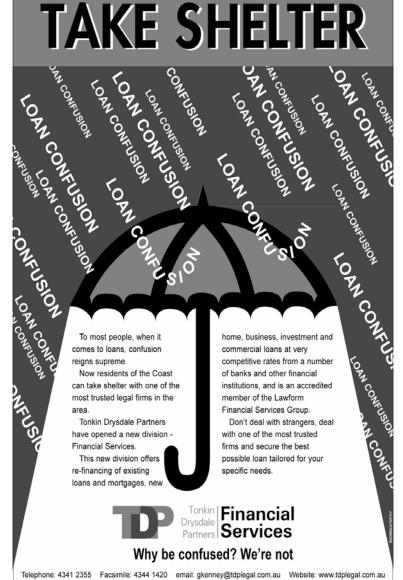
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Coloured sulphur, too

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation held a public meeting on Sunday, May 30, to save the bush at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

Everyone at the meeting was intent on calling for remnants of the wooded sand plain to be fully protected and to be provided for public open space.

They wished to enlist support from members of the community in the hope of ensuring that what remains of a pristine environment stays intact.

The abundant bird life is an integral part of an ecosystem of rare flora and fauna scattered in small enclaves throughout the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Local residents, who realise that this area is an important part of what remains of the pristine



natural habitat fast disappearing from our Woy Woy Peninsula, have no doubt what must be done.

On Sunday morning, I was entertained by the raucous behaviour of a flock of beautiful sulphur-crested cockatoos busy eating their fill of seeds from grass trees that take unbelievably long to grow.

While I watched, I wondered at the scar already visible on a beautiful natural scene - a notice of intent, which if our wildlife only knew amounts to their "eviction notice".

It, too, surprisingly is also coloured sulphur.

Edward James, Umina

Use your vote twice

The Progressive Labour Party (PLP) encourages voters to use both of their two federal votes, one for the House of the Representatives and one for the Senate.

Major party voters should decouple these votes and thereby increase their impact.

Last year the Prime Minister embarked on a campaign to reduce the power of the Senate but voters have little sympathy for such attempts.

At election time, voters have every opportunity to further strengthen the Senate whatever their vote in the lower house.

By decoupling their two votes, they can strengthen democracy and improve legislation.

Given the look-alike nature of the major parties, the Senate often operates as the only real Opposition in our National

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Parliament.

This role should be encouraged.

Mark Latham's ALP Government promises to continue with the "economic rationalist" public policies which we have consistently condemned.

A check on this trend would serve Australia well.

PLP Senators will help to protect public ownership and services, and the public service

Representing a party pletely independent of the ALP they will ensure that election promises are kept, the role of unions promoted and workplace democracy enhanced.

They would also initiate legislation themselves.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Folk club aids festival's **success**

I recently had a very enjoyable week camping at the St Albans folk festival.

I found it was only a two-hour scenic drive down through the beautiful Hawkesbury valleys.

We set our camp on the banks of the McDonald River surrounded by high sandstone

Everyone lit fires at night with timber supplied by organisers.

We played our guitars and

St Albans, a heritage village 20 kilometres past Wiseman's Ferry, has a 170 year old convict hotel and original old wooden

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homesteads.

I found a sea of laughing and smiling faces and the weather was perfect.

There were workshops, poets, stalls, music groups, children music and singer's.

They were outstanding.

The Woy Woy Folk Club was actively involved in the festival's success.

After visiting this event, I have decided to re-equip my van for further folk festival events.

Billy Rea, Woy Woy

Plea for **Progress or hell?** God's

Re: Remnant bushland, corner Veron Rd and Hillview St, Umina.

creatures

On behalf of all God's creatures that depend on this little piece of bush for their life, I implore the Catholic Church not to sell this land to developers.

K Sheppard, Woy Woy

BIS Shrapnel chief economist Frank Gelber says you can't stand in the way of progress.

Mr Gelber's tautology, I bet, doesn't measure up to my version of progress, which is emancipation of the human spirit and a decent and sustainable lifestyle.

One does not want the horror of Sydney to be repeated on the Central Coast.

The vast concrete canyons

crammed with countless automobiles, you would think, are the work of some disturbed science-fiction writer.

But no, it is a horrible reality.

This hellish world of Sydney is a hell the priests or poets could never imagine.

This is progress? Not in my

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Vandals erode our self-respect

Vandals at it again!

Our community is being hurt by these senseless attacks on our infrastructure.

Saturday night in West St, Umina, leaves us with what some may consider a small, even insignificant, cost to repair a bus

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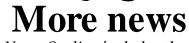
Our police Superintendent Commander DJ.Cushway Brisbane Water Local Area made it quite clear to me in his letter of April 15 when he wrote "the level of harm to individuals in the community" is high in consideration when prioritising

the placement of police.

None of the latest placement of new police recruits were for Woy Woy Police Station even though I and others are tired of hearing our local police apologising for insufficient manpower when they are unable to help constructively.

To use a sincere line from D.J Cushway Brisbane Water Local Area Command: "I regret that I can be of no further assistance on this occasion."

Edward James, Umina



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IN BRIEF

Winter Woolies

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will be selling winter woolies outside Beach Books, 327 West St, Umina Beach, on Thursday, June 17

> Press release, June 9 **Margaret Whiting, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary**

Market Day

Umina Uniting Church, Ocean Beach Rd Umina, will hold a market day on Saturday, June 19 from 8am to 12.30pm.

Cakes, Jams, Plants, craft stalls, dolls clothing, second hand books, trash and treasure, morning tea, barbecue and drinks will be available.

Fax, June 5 Jim Stewart, Umina Uniting Church

Models wanted

The Commonwealth Bank at Woy Woy has entry forms for Model Life 2004 competition.

There are three categories: tiny tots, juniors, teenage and adult. Prizes include \$5000, holidays and photographic shoots. Proceeds from the competition go the Spastic Centre.

Entry form, June 9

Return to work

Outreach-Gosford TAFE is running a "Work opportunities for women" course which helps women re-enter the workforce.

The course will run for 14 weeks two days per week Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm at Woy Woy outreach (opposite RTA).

It starts August 3 and runs until November 23. Contact Roz or Deb on 4348 2225 for more information.

Woy Woy Public Newsletter,

Heritage Village

The "Friends of Patonga" have applied to Gosford Council's Heritage Advisory Committee to have the whole of Patonga Village included as a heritage item.

Council Agenda EH 0.30, June

Heritage shed

The boatshed at Phegans Bay may be included on the heritage list The boatshed has been nominated as a potential heritage item to be assessed at Council's next Heritage Review.

Council agenda EH.010, June 1 Golf finalists

Everglades Country Club's C Grade golf team made the final of the 2004 Pennants but were unable to capture the flag losing to a strong Terrigal line-up at Morisset. The team put in a valiant effort and more than one spectator was heard to gasp at the length some of the Terrigal lads were able to hit the ball.

Newsletter, June 8 **Everglades Country Club**

Pacific Strata Services and Reality

is now open at 73A Blackwall Rd. Woy Woy (Next Door to Westpac) *Strata management *Pre purchase inspection reports

*Personal Service Ph: 4341 1719

*Setup of new plans

Extra year for council footpath leases

Gosford Council has altered its footway-outdoor dining policy to offer an extra year to its licencees.

The licence period has been changed to three years with a two-year option.

The extra year for all existing licences will bring the licence period plus options to a total of five years.

The changes come after a meeting Council had in November 2002 which simplified the procedure to get businesses to formalise their outdoor dining arrangements.

Under the old scheme, the licence agreement applied for two years with a two-year option.

This change will also mean that businesses applying for an outdoor dining footway license won't have to pay to consult a solicitor, which costs more than the licence itself.

Outdoor tables are prominent in West St and Trafalgar Ave, Umina, sections of Woy Woy and Ettalong, Hardys Bay and Pearl Beach.

During debate over the motion at Council, Cr Jim McFadyen asked if Council had the appropriate public liability insurance for businesses that used the footpath for outdoor dining.

Director of corporate development, Mr Terry Thirlwell, said Council was appropriately covered and any claims would be assessed and processed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with Council policy.

However, local activist Mr Ed James has taken on Gosford Council over the issue of use of footpaths by businesses on the Peninsula.

He said Council was not enforcing its policies regarding licensing for outdoor dining and businesses using the footpath and is consequently leaving itself open to public liability claims.

These laws are in place to

members of the

musicians,

Troubadour Folk Club are

dramatists and performers to

their new Sunday afternoon

blackboard concerts on the

last Sunday of every month

The concerts will start Sunday,

une 27, at the CWA Hall, Wov

Organiser Mr Vic Jefferies said

Woy, opposite Fisherman's Wharf.

the afternoons will be conducted

as blackboard concerts and are

intended to provide a relaxed

venue where everyone will have an

inviting

from 1pm to 5pm.

make sure ratepayers have free and easy access when going about their lawful business on public land," Mr James said.

"Visually impaired and disabled people are particularly disadvantaged by Gosford Council's lack of care.'

Mr James had taken photos of a forklift damaging the footpath while delivering pallets to a store in Umina.

He said he has also noted a Woy Woy business blocking the footpath with pallets two deep totally blocking the footway and parking a large front-end loader on the footway.

Mr James has made numerous representations to Council and has started a letter writing campaign, writing to the Minister for Police asking him to enforce the law, local media and members of Gosford Council.

"I understand that other community representatives have complained now they are mentioning their concerns for the safety for children that Council and police aren't thinking of," he

"These important issues which if not addressed will continue to put the ratepayers in jeopardy, are insurance and safetyrelated."

"The business community throughout the Gosford Local Government Area has over time decided it would just simply start using public property for commercial benefit.

"Although most councils have responded by actively enforcing the laws to stop the illegal and non complying use, Gosford Council it seems considered a road less travelled.

"They are considering a licence arrangement with an added insurance requirement to satisfy compliance with Section 382 of the Local Government Act.

Letters, Council Agenda, FS

'This could be to gain

experience; polish skills, introduce

new work; or simply enjoy the

He said poets, story tellers,

singers, musicians, groups, choirs,

drummers, dancers, yarn spinners

and raconteurs would all be

For further information

telephone Vic Jefferies on 9639

Vic Jefferies, Troubadour Folk

Email, June 2

performance of others," he said.

opportunity to perform.

welcome. Entry is \$5

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Heritage listing, as has the village of Patonga

Four units approved for Flounder Rd

Gosford Council has approved the construction of four units at 5 Flounder Rd, Ettalong Beach, at its meeting on May 11.

Council inspected the site on the day after a skeletal framework was erected, showing the height and width of the development.

The proposal includes the construction of a two storey residential flat building with three medium sized and one large unit.

Council received seven public submissions on the

Council staff reported to the council that even though the development was two storey, a substantial part is one storey at the front or street end and there was landscaped open space at either end of the building.

The tree management officer gave no objection to the removal of two white cedars and a pine tree on the property.

The building application was outside the building envelope but a SEPP 1 objection submitted showed that removing the eaves, which are outside the envelope

would be more detrimental.

Public submissions which objected to the development raised issues of character, impairment of outlook, overdevelopment of the site, overshadowing and privacy, the unbroken wall, real estate values, loss of view to Blackwall Mountain and the colour of the roof and walls.

A facilitation meeting was held by Council in September.

Some issues of privacy were resolved at the meeting with two extra conditions of consent on the development being added.

At the meeting, resident Ms Monica Bray spoke against the development.

She cited overdevelopment, the bulk and scale of the development, privacy, the unbroken wall and a similar application at Killcare which was rejected by Council.

Cr Doyle spoke in favour of approving the development.

"We have no grounds refusal on this one.

"It is permissible," he said. Alison Branley, Council Agenda DH.O35, May 11

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New clinic for reflexology available in Woy Woy

Peninsula residents can now receive reflexology treatments in a new clinic that has opened at the **Gnostic Healing Sanctuary.**

The clinic is run by Suzanne Ohrt, a healing practitioner qualified in reflexology.

Ms Ohrt said that reflexology stimulated the body's energy pathways through massage of the feet, hands and ears.

"Reflexology can help improve a wide range of physical, emotional and mental health problems," she said.

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"It can also be beneficial for diabetes sufferers and comforting during pregnancy," she said.

Reflexology treatments last for one hour and commence with a warm footbath enhanced with aromatic oils.

This is followed by lower leg massage to relax and centre the body before focusing on the feet.

Modern Western reflexology has grown from "zone therapy", developed in 1902 by Dr William Fitzgerald.

In the early 1930's, Eunice Ingham developed the foot reflexology theory and created a map of the feet.

Ms Ohrt said she chose Woy Woy because she knew the people at the Gnostic Healing Centre and thought it would be a good place to open a clinic.

Reflexology is available every second Saturday from 9am to 5pm in the Gnostic Healing Sanctuary, in Chambers Place, Woy Woy.

Wayne Anstee, June 8



Ron Clifton dies

Community activist Mr Ron Clifton passed away on Friday, June 4, aged 73.

The man credited with saving the wetlands near Everglades golf course, Woy Woy, died after a heart attack.

At Gosford Council's meeting on June 8, mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks called for one minute of silence as a mark of respect for Mr Clifton who he said had been dedicated to the Central Coast

"Ron Clifton's enduring interests were the quality of life for all people and the character of the built-up natural environment of Gosford City," he

"He sought to advance these purposes by being a long time member and office bearer in the Labor Party, promoting these purposes from these positions."

Another interest was local government.

"He was a long time activist in the Ettalong Ratepayers' Association," he said.

Mr Clifton was an officer and member of the Combined Progress Association of Gosford District, including 22 years as secretary.

He was also a long-time member of a number of Gosford Council's committees including the Catchment Management Sunset Committee, the Brisbane Water Plan of Management Committee, the Brisbane Water Area Wetlands Committee, the Coastal Lagoon Management (CLP) Committee, the Traffic Committee, and the Ettalong CBD committee.

Mr Clifton's funeral was held on Friday, June 11, at Sacred Heart church in Umina.

> Letter, June 8 **Heather McKenzie**

Film of poverty community. He paid tribute to Mr Clifton and his works for the community. show at lunch

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The Woy Woy and District Save the Children Fund branch annual luncheon was held on Monday, May 17, in the Anglican Hall at Umina.

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During the luncheon, Ms Frances Cinelli gave a talk on Cambodia, showing films depicting the poverty of the

Frances Cinelli and Woy Woy branch president, May Kane

She also spoke about the need for an inner city mobile play bus.

Branch president Ms May Kane presented Ms Cinelli with a cheque for \$1000 and a cyclamen plant, thanking her for her visit.

Letter, June 2 May Kane, President Save the Children, Woy Woy

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Peninsula in the news

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

Tuesday, June 1

Surfer, Glen Hall of Umina Beach, won his first Central Coast Open Title at Avoca Beach on Saturday.

Express Advocate

Wednesday, June 2

Residents near Brisbane Water and Broken Bay are being asked to keep an eye out for any sign of an invasive marine weed, caulerpa taxifolia. It is bright green with creeping stems. The call comes after an outbreak on the Hawkesbury River off Station Beach in Pittwater.

Express Advocate

Thursday, June 3

Roy Gifford, the "mollusc man" from Ettalong Beach Shell Museum, will have his extensive knowledge recorded in an Envirofund program by Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives. The group is preparing a documentary which will be distributed on CD through primary schools.

Express Advocate

Umina Beach boxer, Josh Foley, will headline a big night of amateur boxing at Ettalong Beach Club, tomorrow night.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Rooster's future in the Jim Beam Cup is threatened by the pending introduction of the new gaming tax on Clubs. On Tuesday the CEO of Woy Woy Leagues Club said the club's continued presence in the competition was doubtful.

Sun Weekly

An Ettalong woman charged with driving unlicensed in an unregistered, uninsured car was disqualified from driving until 2012. The woman, 28, had already been disqualified from driving until 2010 when she got into her car to pick up her stepson on January 14.

Sun Weekly

Friday, June 4

Thousands of tiny leatherjackets have dotted Sydney beaches with reports of hundreds washing up at Umina in the last week. A NSW Fisheries spokesperson said the fish were the victims of a fishspecific parasite.

Express Advocate

Tessa Nuku, a Brisbane Water Secondary College student from Umina Beach, will audition before the judges of Australian Idol. She has received a lot of local media attention since she received a call back.

Express Advocate

A Umina Beach man, 18, has been charged with a string of offences following an incident at Umina Beach on Wednesday.

He was charged with threatening to destroy and damage property, trespassing, common assault and stalking and intimidation.

Express Advocate

Saturday, June 5

A 74-year-old man died when he crashed into a fence at Uligandi St, Ettalong, yesterday just before 8am after suffering a

suspected heart attack.

Central Coast Extra

Nicholas Sainty from Ocean Beach Surf Club was awarded Junior Lifesaver of the year at the Central Coast lifesaving awards, Killcare Surf Club also won the best team for their open men's beach relay team.

Central Coast Extra

Tuesday, June 8

Matthew Clay, a 20-year-old man with spina bifida, has been unable to find work since he left Woy Woy High School two years ago. He cannot find an office with appropriate disabled facilities.

Central Coast Extra

High numbers of stray dogs from Umina and Ettalong are being turned in to the pound with no name or number, and all are in need of a new home.

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, June 9

A man has been charged after allegedly slashing another man with a Stanley knife in the Umina town centre. Police said the 37year-old man required stitches after he sustained a 5-10cm laceration to his hand during a dispute with a 24-year-old man in Oscar St on Monday at 6pm. Central Coast Extra

A man trashed his own house before leading police on a drunken road pursuit at Empire Bay. The 31-year-old punched a hole in a wall and damaged items inside the house during an argument on Monday at 7pm.

Central Coast Extra Gina Jeffreys, Beccy Cole and Angry Anderson will perform at Live at Ettalong location on June 20 in a fundraiser for Kyrstel Keller, 19, of Woy Woy, who needs to raise money to study music at the Royal National College for the Blind in the England.

Express Advocate

Thursday, June 10

Former councillor Lynne Bockholt has reacted strongly to suggestions that a desalination plant may be located in Correa Bay. "What is Woy Woy the dumping ground for everything that no-one else wants? We've got the tip, we've got the sewage works, and now they want to put a desalination plant down here as well," she said.

Sun Weekly

Woy Woy Medicare office will open each Saturday in June from 9am to 12.30pm to allow families to register for the safety

Sun Weekly

Swarms of mosquitoes are making life miserable for residents of Killcare. A petition has been submitted to Gosford Council, with residents calling on Council to control them with an environmentally safe spray such as Bti which was successful in controlling mosquitoes at Sydney's Olympic Park.

Express Advocate A watercolour painting by late movie star, Katherine Hepburn, featuring Broken Bay will be auctioned in New York. Ms Hepburn painted the artwork during her 1955 tour of Australia with the Old Vic Shakespearian Theatre Company.

Express Advocate

Clubs expect to be hit hard

ClubsNSW has released statistics that show registered clubs across the Peninsula are expecting to be hit hard if a new tax on gaming machines comes into effect.

The new tax, scheduled to come into effect as of September 1 this year, could result in significant job losses and increased fees for club amenities and scaling back community contributions, according to Clubs NSW.

The figures suggested that job losses for up to 219 employees of either clubs or suppliers to clubs in the Peats electorate, which encompasses much of the Peninsula, would occur over the next seven years as a consequence of the gaming tax increase.

Seven clubs in the Peninsula region risk being affected due to the changes.

They are Woy Woy Leagues Club, Woy Woy Bowling Club, Everglades Bowling Club, Club Umina, the Ettalong Memorial



Everglades Country Club

Bowling Club, Ettalong Beach Club and Hardys Bay RSL.

In addition the measures are expected to result in the loss of an estimated total of 1193 full time jobs in the Central Coast region and a total of 24,000 job losses across the state.

The figures and estimates of the job losses and the wider impact of the gaming tax increases were based on a report prepared for ClubsNSW by the Sydney-based Allen Consulting Group.

A recent ClubsNSW media release noted that, as a consequence of the gaming tax, "clubs are already increasing prices for meals, drinks, memberships and other items".

Owen Lewis, May 11

Bought the business where he started

A man who grew up in Woy Woy has bought the business where he first worked after leaving school and where he met his life partner who also worked

David Matthews has bought Woy Woy Civic Video together with his life partner Kim Andrews.

David's first job after school was to assist the original owner commence business in 1995.

He went on to work in larger Civic Video stores in Sydney, then to work with Blockbuster Video and has now returned to where it all began.

David grew up in Woy Woy and, apart from his emotional

connection with the shop, he was attracted to it because of its location, potential and because of his knowledge of the area and its people.

David's experience in the industry means that he is able to introduce the successful promotions from other stores to the Woy Woy outlet.

He has already made several improvements with more to

"We have increased the range, added new value deals, rearranged the store and generally refurbished it, inside and out," David Matthews said.

"We also have a staff member who has been dedicated to help people find movies, explain changes and advise on the best value deals for customers," he said.

"The industry is changing rapidly with the biggest change being the switch from VHS video movie rentals to DVD movie

"One year ago it was 40 per cent DVD, 60 per cent VHS. This has now become 80 per cent DVD and 20 per cent VHS.

"To facilitate this, we are also selling DVD players for \$99 which includes \$20 rental credit."

As part of the changes, there was a large stock sellout with a carnival atmosphere on Saturday, June 5.

Cec Bucello, May 28

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Scouts to go to State rally

The Umina Scout group has progressed to the NSW State Rally following a successful weekend at the Hunter and Coastal Region Scout Rally at Balickera Park just north of Raymond Terrace on May 22 and 23.

There were over 450 Scouts in total at Balickera Park over the weekend, made up of nearly 90 troops.

Scout leader Darren Watson said the Umina Scouts did their best, and as a result came very near to the top winners in the region.

"I am so proud.

"All the training and time the leaders put in is worth everything when you see a result like this.

"The theme this year was 'Back to the Past'.

"All the activities and challenges were based on this theme to give the Scouts the ultimate fun weekend.

"Their outstanding achievement has earnt the troop from Umina the opportunity to attend the State Rally to be held



Scouts from Umina Scout group at the Hunter and Coastal Region Scout Rally at Balickera Park

Scouts seek adult help

Umina Scout group is encouraging adults to get involved with its activities.

The group is inviting interested adults to join them and to assist with Cubs aged 8 to 10.5 years and Scouts aged 10.5 to 14.5 years.

There is also the opportunity to be involved with the overall running of the Group.

All training is provided.

"We are active in the community and are proud of who we are," said Scout leader Darren Watson.

"Scouting is a worldwide organisation and needs your support.

"if you like working with kids and having the best fun, then this is the place for you."

For more details, e-mail uminascoutgroup@yahoo.com. au or contact 4342 9472.

A working with children check will be conducted.

Press release, June 1, Darren Watson, Scout Leader



at Cataract Scout Park in

Press release, June 1

Tanya Watson, Umina Scout

August." he said.



Thrift shop wants donations

The Animal Welfare League Thrift Shop at Woy Woy is calling for donations following its relocation from Chambers PI to The Blvd.

The new premises have created a second-hand district in Woy Woy, with the new retail premises opposite the used furniture shop and adjacent to the RSPCA second hand clothes shop.

Other used clothing shops such as Lifeline and St. Vincent's de Paul are also nearby.

The Thrift Shop closed its old premises following plumbing problems that created concern for staff and customers.

Shop coordinator Chris Caffrey said that the shop had been closed for so long donations

were now required to get the new shop up and running.

She said the new premises, which opened on Monday, June 7, had two and half times the space of the old shop and so more goods were required to fill the space.

"Any donations that people can make would be much appreciated.

"The shop relies on donations and the work of our dedicated volunteers to stay open.

"Our items range from 50c to \$40, but the average price of goods is around \$5," she said.

The Animal Welfare League shop raises money for the work of the Animal Welfare League on the Central Coast.

They help pay for de-sexing

and the emergency vet fees for the animals of people who cannot afford them.

"We use vets on the Peninsula, and all of the money we raise is spent on the Central Coast," Ms Caffrey said.

The Animal Welfare League Thrift Shop is open 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12 noon Saturdays.

The Central Coast Animal Welfare League holds a monthly meeting every second Tuesday of the month at Central Coast Leagues Club at 11am.

It will hold its annual meeting in July.

For more information, phone the shop on 4344 6650

Alison Branley, June 9



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Figure was doubled

The Ettalong Beach Hut Café has raised \$1004 for the Cancer Council as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

"We more than doubled last year's figure making the whole effort a great success," said proprietor Mr Andy Walker.

Donations from local businesses helped to move over 25kg of sausages and 28 loaves of bread for hungry customers. Others donated raffle prizes.

"None of it would have been possible without our three barbecue chefs."

Letter, June 7 Jo Walker, Ettalong Beach Hut Café.

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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. Wov Wov 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

TUESDAY

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: 4341 4644.

Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, ESCC, 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

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

Fourth Tuesday of every month Toastmasters, EBWMC, 7pm eng:

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

Every Tuesday

Drop in centre 12-18vrs TWYS Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm PCC enq:

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, eng: 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 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, -16yrs, PCYC, 4pm, enq: 4344 7851. Umina Beach Probus Club meets Everglades Country Club, 9.30am, visitors welcome.

Last Wednesday of every month Umina progress association, UCH,

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 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, eng: 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, eng:

4385 2080. Indoor Bowls-9am; Fitness-1pm Leatherwork-9am, Table Tennis-9am; Bridge- 12 noon. Scrabble 1pm

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

Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm CU Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural 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, enq: 4341

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, eng: 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; eng: 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.

Social Darts Umina Bowling Club, 7.30pm, \$3, all welcome - courtesy bus available.

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, eng: 0400 499689.

Old Wags Bridge Club, WH (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, eng: 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, eng: 4325

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 Pilates Classes, PCC 11am to 12noon, enq: 4344 7909

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

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 FBWMC 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

First Sunday of every month Car boot markets, Hardys Bay RSL noon - 4pm, \$10 site fees, Inq: 4360

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Road and Memorial

Avenue Enq: 4342 6995 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,

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.

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open 11am-3pm or by appointment 4379 1102

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 **Last Monday of Every Month** WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy Public School,7.30pm, Info ring John Hickey

Every Monday

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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 (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, Umina; Enq: 4343 1911 Brisbane Water Bridge Club

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

Evening Bowls 6pm Enq 4341 9656, Card Club 500 1pm EBWMC Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333

& Bingo 11am

Children's Story Time ; Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am Punters choice 12.45pm EBWMC Gentle Exercise, 9.30am PCC

Patchwork & Quilting, 9am,

EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 16

Pottery 10am & 1pm EBACC

Nathan Kaye, Live @Ettalong Beach Club, \$12 enq:4341 1166. Crime Prevention talk, Umina Beach Library, 10am enq: 4348 9906.

Thursday, June 17 Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will be selling winter woolies outside Beach Books, 327 West St, Umina.

Bookmobile; Peridon Village Shopping Centre, 9.30am to 10am. Bookmobile; Peridon Retirement village hall, 10am to 10.30am.

Bookmobile; Empire Bay, opposite

Post Office, 10.40am to 11.15am.

Saturday, June 19

Friday, June 18 Comedy All stars live@Ettalong Beach Club, \$20-\$55, enq:4341 1166.

Market Day, Umina Uniting Church, Ocean Beach Rd, 8am to 12.30pm. Bookmobile; Wagstaffe Community Hall, 9.30am to 12noon. IOTA perform live@EttalongBeach

Club, \$20-\$55, enq:4341 1166.

Anniversary, Ettalong Hall, enq: 4341 7811.

Sunday, June 20, 'Hymns that live', with John Jolly Ettalong Baptist Church, 2.30pm enq: 4332 8965.

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Monday, June 21

Ettalong War Widows Guild Club, AGM, Ettalong Memorial Club. Brisbane Water Cage Society; "Keeping Birds", 10.30am, Umina Beach Library, enq: 4348 9906.

Tuesday, June 22

Bookmobile; Patonga Community Hall 10.45am to 11.30am. Bookmobile; Pearl beach Community hall, 12 noon to 12.30pm.

Bookmobile; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave, 2pm to 3pm.

Introduction to Belly Dancing, 10am to 12 noon, PWHC, gold coin, enq: 4342

What's On

Thursday June 24

Umina Grp, Australian Breastfeeding Association, Breastfeeding - your questions answered, Woy Woy out of school hours care, McMasters Rd, 10am.

Friday, June 25

Sons of Korah perform, Live@Ettalong Beach Club, \$15, eng:4341 1166.

Monday, June 28

Amateur Beekeepers talk; "Bee keeping and honey", 10.30am Umina Beach Library, enq: 4348

Stars at comedy night

Ettalong Beach Memorial Club is holding a Comedy All Stars Night at the club on Friday, June

The night will feature Greg Fleet who has performed at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and hosted on

Bev Killick, who has appeared in "Kath and Kim" and the "Pizza" television series, will perform as will Meshel Laurie, host of "Stand up" and the Star

Dinner will start at 7.30pm

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Ettalong Beach Club

Janet's cardigan

Janet Smith of Woy Woy had been knitting most of her life, when six years ago she took up the added skill of spinning wool.

Making a garment, from spinning the wool down to sewing on the last button, can be an arduous task, but the fruits of Janet's labour will be on display when she exhibits at Coast Central Handweavers and Spinners Guild "Fibre and Fashion" exhibition

Ms Smith will have a cardigan at the exhibition which runs from Thursday, June 17, to Sunday, June 20.

She will also be using her skills to knit the first prize in the raffle, with the colour, design, pattern and size chosen by the winner.

The exhibition will be at the Cottage, Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford, from 10am to 3.30pm. Entry is free.

Wayne Anstee, June 8



Seniors celebrate 25 years

Ettalong Senior Citizens Club played host to 160 people for its 25th annual Mothers Day Lunch on Sunday, May 16.

Community members involved with the club's 25-year history attended the function to pay tribute to its work for the Ettalong community.

Attending the day was Mr Don Leggett, who was Gosford mayor at the opening of the centre, as was Merle Davies, the first coordinator of the centre.

Several founding members also attended.

Mary Evans, one of the founding members, travelled from Wollongong especially for the luncheon.

Ken Odgers and Elsie Cashman who have both been involved as members and volunteers since the opening of the club in 1979 were also there to help celebrate.

Mary Evans and Ken Odgers cut the 25th Anniversary Mothers Day cake and special tribute was paid to Elsie Cashman.

Now retired from volunteer work, over the years Ms Cashman had worked as a kitchen volunteer, desk helper, night or weekend "security officer", opening and closing the centre as needed.

She has been a keen exhibitor of arts and crafts and cooked hundreds of jars of pickles and relish.

The centre's aide, Ann Blythe, presented Ms Cashman with the plaque from Gosford Council for her dedication to volunteering.

Her name was placed on the honour roll and she was made a life member of the club.

Rose Kinney, who has been involved in organising the luncheon for 23 years, in conjunction with a group of dedicated volunteers, organised this year's lunch.

She served a traditional homestyle meal of soup, roast lamb, and bread and butter pudding and Pavlova for the guests.

She said many volunteers had participated in preparing and providing the lunches over the years.

The 25th anniversary lunch was a special day for them to take pride in their contribution.

"They just enjoy giving something to the community and being involved, and I only have words of praise for the wonderful effort of this energetic group of people who have worked alongside me for many years."



The volunteers who served lunch were (from left) Joan Torning, Nell Langham, Kaye Lewis, Agnes Garbie, Elizabeth Carpenter, Svlvia. Brenda Atkins and Yvonne Warren. Inset: The celebration cake

Gosford Choir entertained the quests after lunch with performances of "Rose of Tralee", "Moon River" and "Eidleweiss":

The luncheon was given to honour mothers who have raised

their children and looked after many grandchildren and great

Press release, May 31 Liz McMinn, Ettalong Seniors

Machine swamped with bookings

Woy Woy Little Theatre Group's answering machine has broken down in a flood of bookings for the group's production of Habeas Corpus.

The play opens on June 25 at the Peninsula Theatre.

"We totally underestimated the number of calls we were likely to receive and the poor machine gave up under the pressure," said director Ms Brenda Logan.

She said the group apologised to patrons who had been ringing the booking office trying to reserve seats.

"We are a community organisation relying totally on volunteers and we man the office

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only two weeks prior to the opening of each show," Ms Logan said.

"Before that, we use the services of an answering machine, but unfortunately the treasurer (who monitors the machine) went away for a few

"If you have been unable to get through, or have not had your call returned, please try again," she said.

The play, written by Alan Bennett and directed by Ms Logan, is a satirical merry-goround which traces the friends and acquaintances of a family who are determined to put sex and satisfactions of the body above everything else in their

In the production, the stage represents the interior and surroundings of the Wicksteeds house in Hove.

"The permissive society is taken to task in a farcical comedy in which the characters move and dance in a maze of mistaken identities and sexual encounters, Ms Logan said.

The play will run for three weeks from June 25, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and a Sunday matinee at 2pm.

The booking office opens June 15 and is available from 10am to 2pm weekdays in the Woy Woy Meals on Wheels building.

Phone 4344 4737 to make a

booking.

Tickets are adults \$18, concession \$15 and children 5 to

> Email. June 3 Brenda Logan, director, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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basbwolves.html

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www.rnswba.org.au/everglades/everglades_home.html

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www.centralcoastsports.com.au/wwbowl.html

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Students and mentors were Alison Smith and Dorothy Thompson, Lauren Muller and Merilyn Goodwin, Jonathon Blake and Eva Samsel, Laurin James and Jennifer Bartlett, Ryan Retton-Howe and Richard Bartlett, and Danielle Ryan and Cheryl Kingdon.

Certificates for youth program

Six Year 10 students and their community mentors have received certificates for their completion of the Plan It Youth program at a graduation ceremony at **Brisbane Water Secondary** College senior campus recently.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said the program paired students with trained adult community volunteers

It was designed to help students focus on their goals and develop the confidence and skill to work towards these goals

"During the program, students and mentors enter into discussions on possible educational and vocational options for the student and visit information centres and work places to gain first hand information."

This year career interests included animal attendant, journalism, beautician and boat building.

The graduation ceremony was conducted by two of the students. Danielle Rvan and Jonathon Blake.

"Students and mentors shared their experiences with the audience, both demonstrating the wonderful relationships which had formed and the confidence they had each developed," Mr Lewis said.

Press release, June 9 Pat Lewis Principal, Brisbane **Water Secondary College**

Dance students visit Opera House

Senior dance students at **Brisbane Water Secondary** College saw the Sydney Dance Company's latest production Shades of Gray at the Opera House recently.

The students saw the Sydney Dance Company in a rehearsal, met the dancers and heard them answer questions from the audience about their lifestyle, qualifications and diet.

Senior campus principal Mr David Beattie met choreographer Graeme Murphy. Later that night, the group went

to see the performance of Shades of Gray. Mr Beattie said "the dancing was spectacular", but the story-

line was "a bit difficult to follow". "One of the lead dancers was on stage for just about all of the performance, demonstrating not only great skill, but also great stamina.

"The Opera House is a great venue and students learnt a lot more about dance, stage productions, costumes and lighting," he

Press release, June 9 Pat Lewis, principal, Brisbane **Water Secondary College**

Second strike by teachers

Teachers on the Peninsula went on strike for the second time on Wednesday, June 2, over their pay dispute with the State govern-

Around 100 teachers including those from primary schools, high schools, TAFE and retired teachers attended a meeting at Woy Woy Leagues Club on the day, to hear the latest information from the Teachers Federations' Executives via SKY channel.

President of the Ettalong, Woy Woy teachers association Mr Rob Landow said that, despite the local association being small, he was overwhelmed by the response from Peninsula teachers.

"I had had phone calls and emails from Woy Woy teachers saying that they will be attending the Central Coast Leagues Club venue; as this was closer to home.

"Teachers heard that the State Government had been down grading their spending on education, schools and children over the years.

"Now, when asked to properly fund education, the Premier, the Treasurer and Minister Della Bosca, have threatened to take even more money out of the education budget.

"Apart from a State mini budget review, where they claim they were in a strong financial position, the State Government is now crying poor.

"Any intelligent person can see through this con," he said.

"Teachers have shown the Industrial Relations Commission that much of their increased workload has resulted from Bob Carr's political grandstanding."

Mr Landow said there was a list of issues Mr Carr was expecting teachers to address. These included:

- Drug problems "It is about educating the kids in schools."
- Technology and computers "This will be taught in schools." Standardised tests and re-
- porting "This will be implemented in schools." Obesity - "Let's look at this
- in the early ages. At schools." Girls have less opportunities
- "Schools can implement programs for this."
- Boys are now not achieving "We will remedy this in schools.'

Press release, June 2 Rob Landow President Ettalong, **Woy Woy Teachers Association**

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IN BRIEF

Surfing

Brisbane Water Secondary College students James Pettit, John Peake, Josh Foley, Carl Bennett and Anthony Whitehall competed in the Surfest Schools contest at Newcastle Beach at the end of last term.

The boys surfed through to round three.

Newsletter, May 10

Rugby skills

Students from some Year 3 and 4 classes at Ettalong Public School will be introduced to rugby skills over the next month.

The lessons are designed to be age-appropriate, with no tackling involved, and are suitable for boys and girls.

From the lessons, 20 students will be chosen to play in a Gala Day of Walla Rugby at Erina Oval on Friday, June 8.

Newsletter, May 25 Ettalong Public School Newsletter

Mitchell wins

Mitchell Manson from St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has won the Central Coast Junior Cricket Under-11A's fielding award.

Mitchell took more catches than any other player on the Central Coast in the 11A's competition last year.

Newsletter, May 19 St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Place in team

Dylan Frazer of Pretty Beach Primary School has gained a place in the regional boys hockey team.

Dylan will play in the threeday State carnival at Newcastle later in the term.

Newsletter, May 13

Waterfront cross

country

Woy Woy Public School had its Cross Country Carnival on Friday, May 21.

The course was changed this year to take advantage of the spectacular Brisbane Water waterfront.

The children ran from the school out to Bowden Rd and down to the waterfront.

From there, they ran towards Lions Park turning around at varying points to run back to school up Park Rd.

Newsletter, May 20 Woy Woy Public School Newsletter

Safari trip

Brisbane Water Secondary College junior campus has organised a camping trip to Central Australia next year for students, their families and friends.

The tour will visit places including Longreach, Mt Isa, Kakadu, Darwin, Katherine Gorge, Alice Springs and Uluru.

Newsletter, May 26 Brisbane Water Secondary College Junior Campus Newsletter

Public speaking

Ettalong Public School's Year 5 and 6 Multicultural Perspective's Public Speaking Competition was held on Wednesday, May 19.

Ettalong Public School will field representatives at the district final to be held at Woy Woy Public School on June 24.

Newsletter, May 25

Open day at High School campuses

Both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College held open afternoons last week to give prospective students a first hand look at what the college had to offer.

On the Umina campus, parents and students heard a brief address from principal Mr Frank Gasper and were taken on a tour of facilities by the Year 9 leaders.

Student work was on display in a number of rooms, while in other rooms students danced and demonstrated the college's successful Rock and Water program.

Food technology students helped cater for the afternoon

On the senior campus, visitors were escorted on a tour of facilities including the library, hall and the Technology Futures IT centre.

"On both campuses, visitors were extremely interested in the building refurbishments currently being constructed throughout the



college," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Press release, June 9 Pat Lewis, principal, Brisbane

Water Secondary College

Schools nominated for numeracy

and literacy

Umina Public School and Ettalong Public School have been nominated in the Hunter Central Coast Region for the State and Federal government 2004 Numeracy and Literacy Week Awards

The schools earned their nominations by raising their results from slightly below State average to above average since 2001.

Umina Public School's principal Mr John Blair said the focus on numeracy started in 2000 when the school decided to improve the School's Basic Skills Test (BST) results in Years 3 and 5

"We wanted to improve both the absolute outcomes and the amount of improvement between Years 3 and 5 that the BST highlights," Mr Blair said.

"School-based initiatives have included getting a grant to better analyse the BST results so we could deliver better individual programs for students, stream them more effectively, and give better support in the early years.

"State-based initiatives have included training our teachers in how to be more consistent in assessing students.

"The community has also been heavily involved in implementing the new numeracy syllabus and in raising money through the P&C to buy a laptop for each teacher, enabling them to take on the changes more easily and work better together."

Ettalong principal Mr Bruce Donaldson said a similar change occurred in BST and other test outcomes in literacy.

"We have shown that a school

with a highly mobile, partly lowsocio economic and partly indigenous school population does not need to perform below the State average," Mr Donaldson said.

"In 2001, the BST results were analysed to identify specific areas of student need, and teachers were trained to make the most of the syllabus, based on the idea that you must always build on what a student already knows, no matter what level they are at.

"We established a number of programs additional to the mandatory syllabus, including standardised reading and spelling testing and in-class grouping of students for reading and homereading.

"We also organised the reading books into levels, with a home-reading program and an in-class trained volunteer tutor program, a peer tutoring program, a Kindergarten parent tutor program, a homework centre and in-class indigenous tutoring.

"As we had hoped, rising literacy standards have come handin-hand with better attendance and better behaviour."

The winning schools will be announced in National Literacy and Numeracy Week, which starts on Monday, August 30.

There are three \$10,000 national literacy awards for each of the government and nongovernment sectors, an additional \$10,000 State award for literacy, and 15 \$2000 awards for NSW schools for literacy or numeracy achievement.

Press release, June 4
Department of Education and
Training

Morning tea served

Woy Woy South Public School P&C made its contribution to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday, May 25, raising \$116 for the Cancer Council.

P&C publicity officer Mr Carl Krucler said that, in keeping with the school's strong tradition of supporting worthy charities, the event was well attended.

"Many members of the P&C

served visitors attired as tea ladies in white uniforms, aprons and head pieces.

"We even had our own version of Mrs Doubtfire," he said.
Guests were served with the

choice of tea or coffee, a range of home-baked slices, cakes and biscuits.

Email, June 7 Carl Krucler, P&C publicity officer, Woy Woy South Public School

Scuba course completed

Year 11 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus recently completed a scuba diving course at Terrigal as part of their studies in marine life.

Class teacher Ms Harvey said that it was "the best thing ever" for the students involved.

"They got to touch giant gropers, swim with Port Jackson sharks and see huge stingrays.

"All the students successfully passed their tests and can now

go scuba diving anywhere in the world," she said.

The college's senior campus has three members of staff who have dive certificates and also do First Aid and surf lifesaving courses with students.

"Students commented that touching the groper was insane and seeing the sharks scared them, but they were glad they passed," he said.

Press release, June 9 Pat Lewis, principal, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Rowers in Japan tour

Three surfboat rowers from Brisbane Water College Secondary have been selected by Surf Lifesaving Australia to travel to Japan in June as part of a development team.

They are James Manning, Dean Simpson and Chris Young.

The team will compete in an exhibition carnival to show their surfboat rowing skills to the Japanese.

Only four teams from both Open and Junior crews from all around Australia were selected.

James' crew was selected after it won the NSWPremiership 2003-2004 series.

Newsletter, May 26 **Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus** Newsletter

Six in judo nationals

Six members of Woy Woy Judo club have qualified for the NSW Judo team to compete at the Australian National Titles in Brisbane

on June 19 and 20. This follows a successful preliminary round at the NSW State Kata Competition on Sunday, June 6.

Sensei Danny Simmons and seniors Drew Evans and Sean Cole entered the State competition held at Homebush Olympic Park.

Sensei Danny beat Sensei Tony Luey from Willoughby Judo Club to take out the Grand Masters Divi-

Drew Evans and Sean Cole competed as pairs in the Kyu Grade Division and won with 228 points.

Unfortunately while competing, Sean Cole suffered ligament damage to his left shoulder and therefore will be unable to compete at the National Titles.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd also visited the local Judo Club on Tuesday, June 8, to present a cheque to the club from the Volunteer Small ment Grants Scheme.

The money will enable the club to purchase a set of electronic scales and a laptop computer.

Email, June 7 Lindy Simmons, secretary, Woy Woy Judo Club

Sport

WEEKEND SPORT

The following fixtures will be played by Peninsula teams in sport over the next two weeks.

Rugby League

Saturday June 19 Jim Beam Cup Rnd 13: Windsor v Woy Woy Woy Woy Oval, 6pm

Central Coast Competition Sunday June 19 Rnd 11: Kincumber v Woy Woy

Under 17s 11pm, Under 19s 12.15pm, 1st division 1.45pm Umina v Terrigal Umina oval

Sunday June 27 Jim Beam Cup Rnd 14: Souths Juniors v Woy Woy

Woy Woy oval 3pm Central Coast competition Rnd 12: Woy Woy v Umina Woy Woy oval Under 17s 10.30am, Under 19s 11.45am, 1st Div 1pm.

Rugby Union

Saturday, June 19 Rnd 10: Woy Woy v Southern Lakes Woy Woy oval 3pm

Saturday, June 26 Rnd 11: Gosford v Woy Woy

AFL - Black Diamond Cup

Saturday June 19 Rnd 12: Woy Woy Peninsula v Wyong Lakes Rogers Park, 11.45am

Saturday June 26 Rnd 13: Lake Macquarie v Woy Woy Peninsula Tulkaba Park, 11.45am

Soccer - Premier League 1

Sunday, June 20 Rnd 10: Killarney v Umina, K/D1 2.45pm

Sunday, June 27 Rnd 11: Umina v The Entrance, Umina Oval 1, 2.45pm

Baseball

Saturday, June 19 Rnd 9: Woy Wolves v Dodgers Rogers Park, 2.15pm

Saturday, June 26 Rnd 10: Lions v Woy Woy Wolves Away

Naggers Cup held

The Roosters Social Golf Club from Everglades Country Club held their annual Naggers Cup golf competition on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 9.

The competition, open only to married couples, was a two-ball Stableford event and was won by Rod and Pat Clarke with a score of 47 points with Jan and John Henry coming second.

Members of the Roosters Social Golf Club will have their annual meeting on July 11.

Newsletter, June 8 Garry Crane, Everglades **Country Club Bulletin**

Ettalong wins Grade 3 Pennant

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club played host to the Central Coast Men's Zone Pennants on Saturday, May

The club drew a large crowd for all the finals from grade 1 through to 7.

There were 10 clubs represented across all seven grades with three teams each from Ettalong and Halekulani.

Ettalong took out the pennant in Grade 3, and were the only male bowls team on the Peninsula to win on the day.

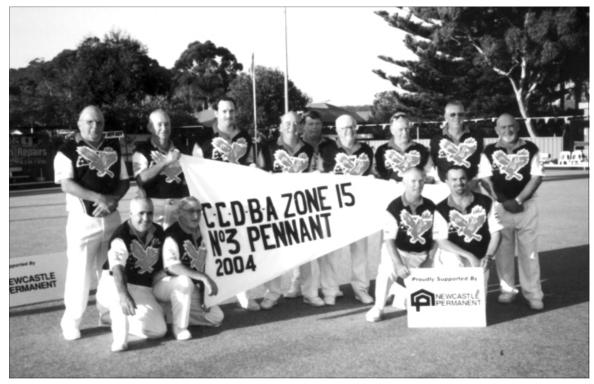
The Grade 3 side will now travel to Parkes for the State Finals over the June long weekend.

In Grade 1, Ettalong went down to Halekulani 65-54.

In Grade 4, Woy Woy went down to Halekulani 61-54 and Ettalong was defeated by Wamberal in Grade 6, 50-49.

The Grade 6 match was a tight one, not decided until the very last bowl.

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club also played host to the Ladies District Pennant Finals and President Gloria's Day during



Ettalong grade 3 with their zone Pennant. Back: T. Robbins, J. Garside, A. Walsh, C. Brooks, J. Brownlie, J. Milne, K. Farlow, A. Johnson, G. Fenton. Front: T. Smith, J. Falconer, D. Holden, M. Johnson

May.

Ettalong were runners up to

Bateau Bay for the Pennant in Grade 2 and made the play off on

Newsletter, June 8 **Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club**

Umina surf awards presented

Umina Surf Club held its awards annual presentation night on Saturday, May 15.

Jan Harding was named Club Person of the Year for her work as a dedicated and long serving

Ashlee Langford was named Under 18 Club Person of the Year and Brad Swan was named Patrol Person of the Year.

Kerry Armstrong was awarded Smith Carnival Competitor of the Year.

She also won the NSW Female Lifesaver of the Year.

Bob Powell was named Volunteer of the Year and Mick Anderson was awarded the Stirrers Paddle.

Umina Surf Club will hold its annual meeting on June 15 at 2pm in the surf club.

Press release, May 27 Christine Lavers, Umina Surf

Students aim for coaching certificates

Students in the Brisbane Water Secondary College sports academy are working towards their Level 1 Rugby League coaching certificates.

Every Monday, Greig Buscombe from the Australian Rugby League Foundation and Graham Boland from Country Rugby League go to the college's senior campus to lecture and demonstrate skills and activities for the students

Most recently the students

were able to put their coaching abilities to the test when two classes from Woy Woy South Primary School were put through their paces.

The Year 6 students were divided into five groups and rotated through a series of running, passing and kicking activities, followed by some mini-games.

Greig Buscombe said that this has brought the boys right out of their shell.

"They were really nervous at the start, but look at them now.

"The boys were great in the way they led the Year 6 students and involved them in the activities," he said.

Class teachers Mr Mark Cribb and Mr Matt Marker said they were also impressed with the

"Next week they will evaluate the activities and, following that, will work with another group of primary school students.

"They also have to do assignment work and a test for the coaching certificates.

"At this stage, it looks like all students will be successful," he

The sports academy has also been good for the college rugby league team, with impressive wins against Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, George's River College and Callahan College from Newcastle.

The team meets Ballina High School in the next round of the play in the finals series.

For further information, contact senior campus principal Mr David Beattie on 4342 8241

Press release, June 9 Pat Lewis, principal, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Students from BWSC put Woy Woy South kids through their paces

Long bowls weekend

Everglades Country Club held its annual bowls carnival for the Queens Birthday weekend.

On Saturday, June 12, there was a men's Turnabout Triples

On Sunday, June 13, and Monday, June 14, there were Mufti Mixed Triples games.

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Council to fund memorial wall

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The wall is being built by the Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub branch

Cr Jim McFadyen proposed the funding at Gosford Council's meeting June 1, which would see Council fund the shortfall of \$5000.

The new wall in the gardens will augment the existing memorial wall, will house an additional 450 plaques when completed and will cost

Sub-branch funds, donations and a Federal Government Grant for the project totalled \$12,000.

Council agenda NM 009, June 1



The existing Memorial Wall at Woy Woy





The carers took the ferry trip to Davistown to celebrate their first year of operation

Carers celebrate their first year

The Woy Woy Community Aged Care Carers Group celebrated its inaugural year of providing services to partners and carers of residents with a ferry trip to Davistown for lunch on Wednesday, May

During the festivities, presentations were made by three people.

They were Jim Connors, the author of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Nursing Home"; Rev Angus Beaton, a retired missionary from Peru: and Citizen of the Year Ms Heather McKenzie.

The Woy Woy Community Aged Care Carers Group was formed 12 months ago to provide support and information to the partners and carers of residents in the nursing home.

Coordinated by carer Kath Buscombe, the relatives and friends of the residents hold monthly meetings at the nursing home where guest speakers are invited to attend.

They have made presentations on topics such as dementia, community safety awareness, the nursing home building upgrade, mobility aids, Webster packed medications, emotional support and healthy eating.

> Email. May 31 Jennifer Eddy, general manager, Woy Woy Aged

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Speech and drama at the Peninsula Theatre

The Central Coast Eisteddfod speech and drama performances were given at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, June 11

Performers from various drama schools gave presentations of nursery rhymes, poetry, Australian poetry, monologues and characterisations as part of the speech and drama section of the Central Coast Eisteddfod.

Peninsula drama teacher Amanda Benson was responsible for 22 children presenting at the Eisteddfod on Friday.

She said the event fared well in the intimate atmosphere of the Peninsula Theatre and is now an annual event on the Peninsula.

"It's a beautiful little theatre to do speech in and it's the second year the theatre has been open," she said.

The performances were open to the public and there were both junior and senior championship categories.

Ms Benson said her students were enthusiastic.

"They're just regular kids who have decided to give drama a go, some because they want to be actors, other to overcome shvness."

Her pupils are aged from 5 to 14

The younger performers presented



Junior performers from various Drama and Dance Schools prepared for their performances

nursery rhymes in costume on Friday morning, and older students prepared monologues and characterisations later in the day.

Ms Benson said her eldest student was 14, and took part in the championship division with a performance of Joan of Arc.

There are also piano and ballet sections of the Eisteddfod held later in the year at Laycock St Theatre.

Alison Branley, June 8



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