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Library may be rebuilt

Umina Library may be refurbished or demolished and rebuilt to meet library demand.

Gosford Council will investigate options for revamping the library building as a result of its meeting on June 22.

The library is one of the busiest in Gosford City, providing services for nearly 17,500 residents.

On average 350 people use the library each day and over 14,000 items are loaned each month.

The current building was built 20 years ago and covers 442

square metres.

According to the NSW guide for Public Library buildings, the library should cover nearly 730 square metres.

Council recently stopped leasing the tearooms behind the library, which has provided extra space for storytime, school holiday programs, seminars and other activities.

There is also some office space currently being used by the Peninsula Project Office and public toilets inside and outside.

In March this year, Council held community forums, consultation with the Chamber of Commerce and staff to get

feedback on the future design of the library.

Issues to come out of those meetings included an upgrade of the public toilets, an awning outside the library, lounge space, increased numbers of photocopiers, a development application viewing area as well as a bike rack and seating outside the library.

The council was told that taxi drivers, people waiting for taxis, and people attending the medical centre nearby, often use the public toilets.

While the Chamber of Commerce felt that removing the toilets would be a good thing, council staff have recommended that they be upgraded with improved lighting and security.

The council has allocated \$520,000 to redevelop the library over two years in the capital works program for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

Gosford Council staff will now prepare a report for Council outlining options for rebuilding the library, the availability of funding, opportunities for joint venture with the private sector, and for opportunities for the provision of external public toilets within the new facility.

Council agenda SF 012, June 22



Rebuilding or refurbishing Umina Library is currently being investigated by Council staff



Correa Bay boat ramp

Desalination plant ruled out

Gosford Council has ruled out the possibility of a desalination plant being located in Correa Bay to deal with the current water shortage.

Gosford Council's media liaison officer, Ms Carole David, said that the Gosford-Wyong Water Authority was looking at a range of options for water supply including desalination plants, but Woy Woy was not potential site.

"There is a consultant for the Gosford-Wyong Water Authority currently looking at possible sites based on economic, environmental and social factors and Woy Woy is not on that list.

"Woy Woy is not an appropriate location for a number of environmental reasons."

Ms David said that research

internationally and within Australia indicated that the current dry period was likely continue into the future and council and the water authority were carrying out contingency planning.

She said these plans included desalination plants and the recent purchase of two megalitres of water a day from Hunter Water in the short term as well as long term water planning where there was a variety of options.

The region's annual water supply demand in 2001 was 33,270 megalitres.

Based upon current growth projections, demand will be above 40,000 megalitres a year by 2020.

Alison Branley and water authority website, June 24

Bishop claims priest protests misinformed

Broken Bay Catholic Bishop Rev David Walker has denied his reasons for the removal of Fr Anthony McCarthy from Woy Woy parish included Fr Hill wanting it.

However, he has admitted that extending the appointment was considered and that Fr Hill's comments had been taken into account.

The bishop has written to Woy Woy parishioners about the decision to remove Fr McCarthy after only nine months.

Bishop Walker said he was not at liberty to discuss the outcome of the review, but he was concerned at the level of misinformation present in the

parish.

"The issues raised are of a complex nature and are contrary to the rumoured reasons currently circulating, such as 'Fr Hill wanted Fr McCarthy out' of Woy Woy Parish," Bishop Walker stated in his letter.

However, speculation has increased with Fr Hill appearing to accuse Fr McCarthy of not following accepted practice and to blame him for the "scandal".

Writing in the parish bulletin on June 20, just a week after the removal, Fr Hill stated that "the mystery of the eucharist is too great for anyone to permit himself to treat it according to his own whims".

"Anyone who acts thus, even if he is a priest, injures the

substantial unity of the Roman Rite."

Such actions were not consistent with "the hunger and thirst for the living God".

"Nor do such actions serve authentic pastoral care or proper liturgical renewal.

"The result is uncertainty in matters of doctrine and perplexity and scandal on the part of the people of God."

Bishop Walker wrote: "Fr Anthony was appointed as assistant priest for an initial period of six months, commencing on 1 September 2003.

"His appointment was undertaken with the knowledge that a review of the position would take place at the end of

this period.

"With Fr Anthony's agreement, the review was conducted and recommendations made.

"During my deliberation on the matter, I took these recommendations into account, together with Fr Hill's comments and the pastoral care of the People of God as served by the Vicars General and Deans," he wrote.

Bishop Walker said he was glad Fr Anthony's ministry had comforted parishioners and that he was able to pastorally care for their needs.

"I spent many hours deliberating over whether to extend Fr Anthony's appointment as assistant priest.

"I have again reflected on the

matter in light of your comments," he wrote.

"The decision I arrived at, after much prayer for guidance, was not an easy one, but I feel it was the right decision.

"I understand and accept that my decision has had an emotional impact on many parishioners.

"This has been most evident in the petitions, correspondence and telephone calls I have received.

"I ask that your feelings be directed towards myself and not Fr John Hill, as I am solely responsible for the decision not to renew the position of assistant priest."

Alison Branley, June 23



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Envirofunding

Applications for round two of funding from the Australian Governments Envirofund close on July 9. Community groups can apply for grants from just a few hundred dollars up to \$30,000 for projects aimed at restoring and conserving the local environment and contributing to sustainable natural resource management. More information and application forms are available from 1800 065 823 or www.nht.gov.au

Press release, June 3
Robertson MP, Jim Lloyd

Counselling Service

The Peninsula Community Centre has a counselling service, which is available by appointment. Counselling is provided by a trained professional through Coast Care counselling, a non-profit organisation that has been providing affordable counselling service to the community since 1993. Charge is by donation. Appointments are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays. With enquiries, phone 4341 9333.

Fax, June 18
Peninsula Community Centre

Couple celebrates 50 years

Phegans Bay couple Leona and Keith Grosse celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 26, at Everglades Country Club.

Over 90 guests including family and friends travelled from Brisbane, Mendooran, Gulgong, Mudgee, Griffith, Bathurst and Peak Hill to pay tribute to the couple who were married at St Marys, Mendooran, on June 26, 1954.

The couple marked 50 years of marriage with their six children, 17 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Leona's 88-year-old mother, Mary, travelled down from Griffith to bring together five generations of the one family.

Mr and Mrs Grosse also received letters of congratulations from Australian dignitaries and politicians.

Email, June 19



Leona and Keith Grosse on their wedding day in 1954

Workshops

The Central Coast Fellowship of Australian Writers group will present Write-for-Fun, two free writing workshops for girls and boys with writer Kathryn Anderson, at Woy Woy Library on July 8.

The first workshop will run from 10am to noon for students in Years 3 to 6 and the second from 1pm to 3pm for students in Years 7 to 9.

The two workshops are for young people who enjoy writing stories and poetry and will be held in the Spike Milligan Room of Woy Woy Library.

"The students just have to bring their ideas and be ready to have fun," said Joan-Marion Bean.

She said Kathryn Anderson was an experienced writer, manuscript assessor and educator.

There will only be 30 places in each workshop.

Students should contact Bridget Sharp on 4367 2253 to reserve a place.

Bookings close on July 5.

Press release, June 12
Joan-Marion Bean, Fellowship of Australian Writers - Central

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Family groups

Umina Schools as Community Centre is offering two groups for Term 3. These groups are available for families with children birth to 8 years. "What makes toddlers tick" is a five session course starting Wednesday July 28, from 10am to noon. "Mum's the word" is a support group for women during pregnancy and with children up to 2 years will meet fortnightly starting Tuesday, July 27, from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Both are free, for bookings phone Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Email, June 21
Debbie Notara, Umina SACC

Story Time

Umina Library has storytime for children aged three to five years on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am to 11.30am. Woy Woy Library holds storytime Mondays and Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.30am. Storytime aims to introduce children to the joys of literature and language through story, poetry, puppetry and felt stories, fingerplays and rhymes, songs and craft. Children must be supervised at all times. With enquiries, phone 4348 9906.

Flyer, Gosford City Council, June 23

Street Stall

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a street stall outside Flemings in West St, Umina, on Thursday, July 8, from 9am to 3.30pm.

Letter, June 23
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Discovery walks

Umina Beach Library will hold a talk about Discovery walks, talks and tours by a representative from National Parks and Wildlife Service on Friday, July 2. There will also be a slide presentation and photographs of previous walks. For bookings, phone 4341 9899.

Newsletter, June 23
Gosford City Library

Women's health

Umina Beach Library will hold a talk on women's health by a health education worker from the Peninsula women's health centre on Wednesday, July 14. She will also discuss how the centre was established and what services it provides. For bookings, phone 4341 9899.

Newsletter, June 23
Gosford City Library

Pilates

The Peninsula Community Centre holds Pilates Classes on Fridays from 11am to 12 noon with a fully qualified instructor. With enquiries, phone 4344 7909.

Fax, May 28
Peninsula Community Centre

Literary prize for Peninsula

Peninsula News and the Fellowship of Australian Writers Central Coast Inc are to run a literary competition with a Peninsula theme.

There will be fiction and non-fiction categories in three age groupings: primary being 12 years and under, secondary for

13 to 17 years inclusive and senior for anyone aged 18 and over.

Entries must relate to the Woy Woy Peninsula, be typewritten and double-spaced.

Primary age group entries are to be no longer than 500 words and the other older age groups no longer than 750 words.

Entries close on August 1 and will be judged by the Fellowship of Australian Writers.

All entries need to include the writers' name, category, age group and contact telephone number.

Entries may be posted to The Peninsula News - Fellowship of Australian Writers Literary Competition, 1/309 Avoca Drive, Green Point or they can be dropped off at Beach Books 'n Things, 327 West Street, Umina Beach.

Winners in each category and age group will receive a certificate and will have their entries published in Peninsula News.

They will also receive a gift voucher from Beach Books 'n Things to the value of \$30 for the senior age group and \$20 each for the other age groups.

For further information, phone 4363 2627.

Cec Bucello, June 25

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IN BRIEF

Drainage works

Gosford Council has rejected tenders for drainage works on Rawson Rd and Railway St, Woy Woy.

The works to include extension of the trunk drainage system recently completed under the railway line, which requires two large transition pits to direct flows around the bend and to diverge a single box culvert to four cell pipes.

There were two tenders given but both were deemed too costly.

The pits will be redesigned and put to tender again.

Council Agenda FS.065, June 22

Seven storeys

Public comment on a proposal for a development application submitted for a seven storey residential flat building and commercial premises at 207 Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach closed on June 24.

The application is on the site of the current Quick Serve Fruit and Veg market.

Gosford Council website, June 24

Sewerage systems

Gosford Council has chosen Yokogawa Australia to replace two automatic control systems at Woy Woy and Kincumber sewerage treatment plants.

The systems were designed in the 1980s and have become out of date with spare parts now hard to find.

Council chose to replace the systems while they were both operational so the change over could be done in a planned, methodical manner.

Council Agenda WS 007, June 22

Petition

A petition with 17 signatures has been submitted to Gosford Council for the second time objecting to the unstable condition of the building on the corner of Charlton and Railways St, Woy Woy.

The petitioners object to the large cracks in the side of the building and smashed windows of the building claiming these faults are a danger to pedestrians.

They requested Council inspect the site and determine how the public can be protected from collapsing framework.

Council agenda P.044, June22

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Public housing funds allocated

The State Government will spend \$1.453 million on public housing units at Woy Woy following an allocation in the State Budget.

The Budget allocated a further \$871,000 to the Stage 1 upgrade of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Allocations were also made of \$300,000 for traffic works at the Woy Woy Aquatic Centre and \$340,000 for a cycleway on Brisbane Water Dr, from Brickwharf Rd to Koolewong foreshore reserve.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said expenditure in the Peats electorate this year would see \$10.2 million spent on local transport and \$16.2 million on local roads.

A total of \$6.3 million would be spent on railway track reconstruction and upgrades.

Ms Andrews said the Peats electorate won a healthy share of the record \$7,463 million of funding in the Budget delivered on June 22.

**Press release, June 22
Member for Peats, Marie
Andrews**

Fast ferry update

Planning for the fast ferry at Ettalong continue to progress, with the due diligence period for a potential US investor closing at the end of July.

Fast Ships chairman Mr Alf Salter said that he does not want to get people's hopes up but there would be news at the end of July.

"Due diligence started on May 14 and it lasts 60 to 90 days," he

said.

Due diligence checks involve the investor assessing the viability on the \$50 million project.

"I know this is frustrating for everyone but there should be some news by the end of July."

Mr Salter said if the deal goes ahead people on the Peninsula could expect to see a fast ferry by the middle of next year.

Alison Branley, June 24



An canal at St Hubert's Island

Meeting about island canals

Gosford Council will be holding a public meeting on the reclassification of St Hubert's Island canals.

It will be held at 7.30pm on July 8 in the Peridon Village Community Hall, Daleys Point.

A public hearing is to be held concerning a new LEP to enable the reclassification of the St

Hubert's Island Drainage Reserves (canals) from "community land" to "operational land".

This reclassification will permit Council to consider development applications for certain private boat mooring facilities within the Council-owned canals.

**Public notice, June 23
www.gosford.nsw.gov.au**

Council staff discuss Hillview St options

Gosford Council staff met last week with the owners and potential developers of the land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, to discuss options for the sensitive site.

The council's natural resources manager, Ms Teena Pennington, confirmed that Council staff held the meeting to discuss the site's future.

She said staff were currently preparing a report to be delivered to council in early July.

"There are a range of issues concerned with the site.

"There is a development application currently with Council and that needs to continue, but there is also the separate issue of options the Council has in responding to community concerns," she said.

Ms Pennington confirmed that a part acquisition of the land was a potential option open to Council and that the land could be purchased using Coastal Open Space funds or other using other funding options.

"There are various options relating to the site.

"The State Government has

allocated \$1.5 million for the previous acquisition of sensitive land.

"There are some remaining funds."

The Greens' Cr Terri Latella said that she would like to see the site purchased for open space.

"That particular parcel of land: I'm just so in awe of it.

"It's just so beautiful," she said.

"It really is a beautiful pocket of land.

She said the land would be expensive to purchase but she had asked Council to investigate funding options.

"I have asked for those sorts discussions to take place.

"I would hate to put us in a negative position."

Cr Latella said she did not think only purchasing only part of the land was a viable option.

"There are two end parts of the land that have significant environmental significance, but there is ground cover over the whole of the site which brings birds and wildlife.

"If you develop part of it you decrease ground density.

"There are impacts that would flow on. We don't know the full extent of those sorts of impacts.

"It is actually the whole block that is environmentally sensitive."

She said she believed Council staff were listening to the concerns of Peninsula residents.

"I think they are, but they also have to look at it from a value perspective.

Cr Latella said she had also asked Council officer to investigate any aboriginal connections to the land.

Peninsula News was unable to contact Cr Craig Doyle, who had been reported elsewhere saying that \$5 million to purchase the lot is not an efficient use of funds.

In the meantime, a petition has been started by local residents to save the site.

The petition has been distributed with leaflets asking people to write their opinions for the future of the site.

The petition asks: "Do you wish to see the 2.88 acres of pristine bushland at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd destroyed to make way for the 41 unit

retirement village? Yes/No?"

It asks people to write a reason and leave their name and address and also supplies information regarding the land.

"Low lying coastal plains in the east are the most densely settled areas of Australia," it states.

"With the density of proposed housing on the Woy Woy Peninsula, it is essential that some virgin land is set aside for everyone's recreational enjoyment.

"This large site of natural coastal sand plain should be made available for easy access to students from primary and secondary schools immediately adjacent to this planned development," it states.

Alison Branley, June 25

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Foreshore masterplan is much-needed upgrade

I thought it important to address a number of comments made by Michael Gillian of Ettalong Beach regarding the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Masterplan which he seems to think, mistakenly, is a licence for the wholesale removal of trees from the beach front.

The masterplan, which Mr Gillian claims was funded from monies from "commercial parties", was in fact funded by Gosford Council and underwent a rigorous community consultation process before being adopted by the council last year.

If Mr Gillian cared to read the report carefully, he would have been aware that the masterplan does not involve the removal of

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significant vegetation but rather proposes a much-needed upgrade of the area between Picnic Parade and Beach St including viewing platforms and improved public access.

These improvements have been carefully designed by expert landscape architects under the guidance of council in order to achieve a foreshore precinct that can be enjoyed by the whole public.

In its current state, as Mr Gillian would be aware, the only people enjoying the dune area are drunks and vagrants.

Unfortunately, but it is hardly a conducive environment for families and the public in general.

Mr Gillian also claims that the upgrade works would set a dangerous precedent and lead to

the wholesale cutting down of trees and the removal of dunal vegetation.

Claims such as these demean the hard work that many in the community have put into the masterplan so as to restore the precinct to the safe and accessible beachfront that can be used by everyone.

The works that will be undertaken by Gosford Council will be carried out under strict supervision from expert staff in accordance with the carefully-designed masterplan.

Anyone who has braved the beachfront in recent months will welcome the improvements which will undoubtedly enhance and activate the waterfront once again.

Debra Wales, Umina
Liberal representative for Peats

Bushland is treasured

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From media statements by the deputy mayor, it seems Cr Doyle would have Gosford Council ignore community concern about the block of land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St.

Cr Doyle has missed the point regarding preservation of the whole block of land.

It's not just a sliver of land with a few trees on it that are endangered.

This parcel of land is also home to several endangered species, is a refuge and food resource for many creatures and is used for environmental education.

This land is treasured by many for being just what it is: an intact piece of bushland that is not only pleasing to the eye but environmentally functional.

As for developing part of the

block and not damaging the endangered communities, pigs might fly.

With this land in public ownership, the endangered ecological plant communities within this site could be protected and enhanced.

Cr Doyle seems convinced a \$5 million tag is not justified, and is baulking at the purchase of this land for public use.

On many previous occasions, this council has wasted millions of rate money on pipe dreams, unwanted projects and has given away public land for private use at peppercorn rent.

There is immense support for the protection of this bushland.

Council should resume the entire environmentally-sensitive block.

Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

John Howard's funny side

The press reports that the Coalition Government is making a push for the small business vote.

John Howard has many qualities, but I did not realise stand-up comedy was one of them.

I have run a successful small business for 20 years.

The levels of paperwork and compliance obligations have never been higher than under this Government.

And now their new bankruptcy legislation means that if I go broke, my wife's assets are on the line, as well as my own.

Maybe it's time we all packed it in and worked for the Government.

After all, it's our politicians who generate the wealth which makes Australia what it is, isn't it?

Warren Cross, Wagstaffe

Foreshore erosion started with dredging

I would like to elaborate on the item by Mr Ed James in the Forum section of Peninsula News: "Ettalong sand went with the Rip Bridge".

I would like to submit further evidence of the Ettalong foreshore vandalism that took place in the early 60s, well before the Rip Bridge, when the bay was dredged of sand to create the netball courts with the Lemon Grove swamp.

Twelve months later, mini breakwalls were constructed along the foreshore to try and stop the erosion which is now evident today along the Esplanade.

What we have now is the end result of a poor understanding of nature and irreparable damage to the environment that leave the town of Ettalong scarred for life

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by those who seek to develop Ettalong's beauty as too their own greed.

The new Ettalong Hotel and Outrigger Resort will now allow high scale development to proceed within the Peninsula area.

Colin Creswick and Joe Blareck were the police stationed at Ettalong Police station in the 60s.

Colin Symes, Iluka

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I know that this is the Year of the Built Environment but if we go on at the present rate, our descendants will know no other.

Most of our present flora and fauna will be read about in books in much the same way as we read about dinosaurs.

We have been led to believe that the economy is the only thing that matters but surely everything that goes to make that economy comes from our planet and surely the signs of strain to that planet are obvious.

We read daily about the lack of water; global warming; pollution; destruction of river systems; rising sea levels; loss of soil; rising salinity; loss of fish stocks; mysterious viruses; extinction of other species and so on.

Covering the land with con-

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crete and people may be good for the economy, today's god, but surely we need to consider the natural environment, which is essential for our very existence.

We should demand a population policy from our Federal Government as a first step and we should ask our Council to show some vision and retain more natural bushland on the Peninsula before it is too late.

For these reasons the people of the Peninsula need the Hillview site kept in its natural state.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Reason for buying house

My wife and I recently moved to the Central Coast and bought a house in Veron Rd, Umina.

One of the main reasons why we bought this particular house was the lovely piece of bushland a few doors away on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St.

Now we discover it is to be destroyed and 41 units built on the site.

This bushland should be preserved as open space, not only because of the great pleasure it brings to the local community, but also because it is an ecologically sensitive area.

I urge the council to purchase this block for posterity.

Barry Riley, Umina

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IN BRIEF

Mosquitoes

Gosford Council has received a petition with 383 signatures from residents and visitors to Killcare asking Council to act on the infestation of mosquitoes in the Killcare area.

The mosquitoes, known as salt marsh mosquitoes, can carry disease such as Ross River and Barman Forest virus, according to the petition. The petitioners wanted Council to help them find a solution that would be environmentally sensitive to protect their health and lifestyle.

Council Agenda, P 044, June 22

Killcare House

Gosford Council has approved a house to be built at 4a Beach Dr, Killcare. Council initially refused the application, and the appeal against refusal defended, but it was approved following design changes.

Initial grounds for refusal included the size of the lot, the height, bulk and scale of the proposed development and loss of privacy.

Council Agenda DH 039, June 22

Study delayed

The Empire Bay floodplain risk management study and plan has been deferred until other studies being preformed by the flooding and drainage planning section of Council have been completed. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$60,000, with \$20,000 to come from Council, and the balance requested from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

Council Agenda, FM 004, June 22

Floodplain study

A consultant has been engaged by the Floodplain management committee of Gosford Council to undertake the floodplain risk management study and plan for Middle Creek, Pearl Beach. The consultant is expected to take 12 months to complete the study.

Council Agenda, FM 003, June 22

Floodplain study

A consultant has been engaged by the Floodplain management committee of Gosford Council to undertake the floodplain risk management study and plan for Turo Creek, Pretty Beach. The consultant is expected to take a year to complete the study.

Council Agenda, FM 002, June 22

Church Extension

The Presbyterian Church at Woy Woy is in the process of extending its facilities to cater for a growing parish. Minister Rev Jamie Newans said there were plans before Gosford Council to extend the facilities in Blackwall Rd to expand the capacity of the church from 80 to 120.

The expandable rooms would cater for weddings and special occasions. They also required approval for additions at the back of the heritage-listed building.

If approved, construction is expected to start early 2005 and take two to three months.

Alison Branley, June 24

Newsletter on leisure centre

Peninsula residents will receive monthly updates on the progress of the Peninsula Leisure Centre via a newsletter from Gosford Council now the construction has started.

The first newsletter will be distributed this month to Peninsula residents via a letterbox drop.

Council's project manager Mr Peter Hickman said the project was on schedule with the expected opening date forecast for August next year.

The builder, Multiplex, had completed the site establishment and all the initial stages such as construction assessments and soil testing, he said.

"Silt erosion has been taken care of and the temporary road finished.

"The excavation has been done and levels set," he said.

"The sewer diversion is done.

"We've been able to save money there by keeping the old pipe in the ground.

"We're expecting that we will open a month before the swimming season next year, giving us time to train staff."



Construction is underway on the Peninsula Leisure Centre site

Gosford mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks said: "It is an exciting time for the project.

"The earth moving equipment is on site and we are right on schedule," he said.

"These big machines will be on site for a couple of months.

"The first foundations will be laid in July.

"It is getting very exciting now that we have completed all the preparatory work.

"Over the next few weeks the site is really going to take shape," Cr Brooks said.

The newsletter will also be used to keep residents up to date with the developments at Umina and Ocean Beach surf clubs.

The surf club renovations, part of upgrades to six surf clubs on the coast, will occur in sequence with Avoca Surf Club set to come before Council in September this year.

With the remaining surf club developments at Copacabana, Killcare, Ocean Beach, Umina and Wamberal, Mr Hickman said Council was planning on putting the tenders out as one tender.

"The developers will likely stagger the building, moving in stages around to each surf club," he said.

"The development application for Killcare surf club is expected to go before Council in August," he said.

He said the preliminary work for the developments would occur this year, with actual construction delayed until after Umina and Ocean Beach host the Surf Life Saving Championships in March next year.

He said it was expected that construction could start as early as the end of March.

Each building is expected to take about six months to complete.

Mr Hickman said early estimates put the opening of the surf clubs as summer 2005-06.

"We'd like them done by November 2005," he said.

Alison Branley, June 24

Outstanding promises

Three State Government election promises out of 15 relating to the Peninsula were still outstanding, according to a review by Gosford Council.

Two of these were listed as "no advice received."

These were the development of a cannabis treatment clinic and new fencing at Umina Public School.

On April 6 this year, Peninsula News reported that cannabis treatment clinic would open in September at the community health centre at Woy Woy Hospital, following a press release sent out by the Premiers Department.

Central Coast Health informed the Peninsula News at the time they were advertising for staff during April.

Umina Public School is yet to erect new security fencing, which was announced by Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews in February last year.

According to Ms Andrews' office, the school plans to erect the fence after July 1 but a date has not been set.

The other issue still not addressed was the expansion of the Woy Woy commuter carpark.

A representative from Ms Andrews' office said that the office had been notified that the

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources were currently reviewing the commuter car park at Woy Woy.

A DIPNR spokesperson said that the project was currently completing a scoping study.

"We are deciding on the best way to do the carpark.

"How the whole station design will best suit the commuter carpark.

"It's not at the development application stage yet, but construction could begin next year," they said.

The remaining promises, that had been acted upon, included: an upgrade of the coastal walk in Bouddi National Park, the Empire Bay roundabout, money for the aquatic centre at Woy Woy and the extension of the toy library at Umina and Woy Woy.

They also included funding for the Pretty Beach boat ramp and building a jetty at Pretty Beach, an upgrade at Brisbane Water Secondary College, an alternative learning centre at Umina, the Schools as Community Centre project at Umina, crime prevention package for Woy Woy, a 320ha addition to Bouddi National Park, the problem gambling service at Peninsula Community Centre and the Web Youth service.

Council Agenda, FS 060 June 22

Three houses to be replaced by 11 flats

Gosford Council has approved the demolition of three existing houses in Woy Woy and construction of 11 residential flats in their place.

The council approved an application for 12 Park Rd and 209-211 Burge Rd, Woy Woy, at its meeting on June 8 despite strong objections from nearby residents.

There were eight public submissions received objecting to the development.

Council staff dismissed objections that the site was being overdeveloped reporting that the building was within the medium density zoning requirements even though units two and five were outside the building envelope.

Removal of vegetation was not found to be a relevant objection as the tree management officer had no objection to some removal of vegetation on the site.

The objection that public services were being overloaded was rejected by the staff report.

The report stated the developer would pay a contribution fee for open space

and other contributions for infrastructure, while other services such as medical and rail were dismissed as not the responsibility of Council.

Council considered other issues such as the building envelope, character, parking, storm water run off and streetscape but found the design to be acceptable.

A facilitation session was held with objectors but was reported as being unsuccessful.

Nearby resident Shirley Drake spoke against the development at the council meeting on June 8.

She said she was angered by Council staff dismissing her objections.

"The entire length of my house will be overshadowed in June for two and a half to three hours everyday by this development," she said.

"Council has not addressed issues of height and light in the agenda.

"The DA does not comply.

"This is everything to do with developer maximising profit."

Alison Branley, Council Agenda DH 053, June 22

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Labor plan follows local success

Brisbane Water Private Hospital has supported the Australian Labor Party's proposal to introduce a Medicare Smart Card following the success of its own smart card project.

"With the ALP having announced its intention to introduce a Medicare Smart Card and the Federal Minister for Health already having been briefed and impressed by Brisbane Waters' successful smart card project, the hospital can rightfully claim to be the leader in this technology" said CEO Mr Graham McGuinness.

"Our project, developed in co-operation with Smart Health Solutions and our clinicians, has been going for over four years and embraces more than 5000 Central Coast card holders as well as a number of participating general practitioners, specialists and pathology and radiology providers," he said.

"It has also been the subject of close evaluation by the Health Insurance Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs



CEO of Brisbane Water Private Hospital, Graham McGuinness is in favour of the Medicare Smart Card following the success of the hospital's own smart card project. Inset: the smart card.

and both are enthusiastically supportive of our project.

"The Brisbane Waters project is now seen as the forerunner for a national electronic medical record system and all associated

with it's development can take great pride in their contribution to this exciting concept," Mr McGuinness said.

Press release, June 23

New drug brochure to help parents

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team (PCDAT) has launched a "Drug Information and Advice for Parents and Carers Brochure".

The brochure was launched on Friday, June 25, at the Umina PCYC to celebrate Drug Action week from June 21 to 25.

The brochure describes why young people take drugs, how parents can influence their children's decisions about drugs, how to deal with the situation should they discover their child using drugs and how they can make a difference.

It also lists support services available for people who need

help dealing with drugs or a family member on drugs.

The booklet will be distributed throughout schools on the Peninsula in early term three.

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team (PCDAT) consists of representatives from community groups, welfare organisations, judiciary and individuals from the Peninsula and Central Coast.

Any other community organisations wanting copies should contact Peninsula Project Manager, Julie Parsons on 4344 2200.

Alison Branley, June 25

More child care places

Empire Bay Before and After Hours School Care has been allocated an extra 15 places.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said the extra places would make a significant difference to the families of Empire Bay and its surrounds.

"Outside School Hours Care is a great option for parents of school age children, with many families relying on these services to help them balance the demands of work and family life.

"On the Central Coast, where

we have a large commuter community, the provision of Outside School Hours Care facilities has been and will continue to be one of my main priorities for our region," Mr Lloyd said.

For more information about child care, families can call the Australian Government's national Child Care Access Hotline on 1800 670 305.

Media release, June 21

Rana Gidley King, Media Assistant, Member for Robertson
Jim Lloyd's office

Grants to local services

Woy Woy and District Meals on Wheels will receive a grant for \$6950 to buy office equipment in the latest round of funding from the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program.

The Gosford Home Modification and Maintenance Program based at Peninsula Community Centre will also receive \$1800 for the replacement of a box trailer.

The two community care providers on the Peninsula are among four on the Central Coast to receive a total of \$85,741 in funding.

HACC services allow frail aged people and young people with disabilities to remain in their own homes with the support of their

family, according to Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd.

He said that the majority of people prefer to continue living in their own homes, and HACC services could provide them with that option as well as a higher level of independence.

HACC is a joint Australian, State and Territory Government program.

Press release, June 21

Rana Gidley King, media liaison officer, Member for Robertson

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Raising money for charities

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Woy Woy McDonald's will join a national campaign which starts on Wednesday, July 7.

The two-week fundraising event will involve a range of activities in-store to help raise more than \$1.3 million for seriously ill and special children across Australia.

Woy Woy McDonald's owner Mr John Ursino is urging local residents to help the restaurant raise as much money as possible for the restaurant's nominated charity by purchasing a specially designed Helping Hand for one dollar.

"This year's theme is Put Your Hand Up.

"All proceeds from Helping Hand sales will go to local children's charities selected by more than 740 McDonald's restaurants across Australia."

Central Coast Community Chest will be among those to benefit.

Press release, June 24
McHappy Time project office

Peninsula in the news

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

Tuesday, June 15

Legal graffiti artist Tony Garland has added another piece to his body of works on railway infrastructure, painting a mural of a train with a sunset in the background at Woy Woy station.

Central Coast Extra

Police are investigating a fire that destroyed a house at Woy Woy in Grafton Ave at 10:15am yesterday.

It was an unoccupied single storey fibro house.

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, June 16

Work has started on the Woy Woy Regional Leisure Centre, with Multiplex construction workers converging on the site.

Central Coast Extra

Fire crews were called to a house fire Fleet St, Umina, at 12.20am yesterday.

The fire was blamed on faulty electrical cord.

Central Coast Extra

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Matthew Wales said the Peninsula population cap was not compatible with the newly adopted Peninsula open space contributions plan and actual contributions would be able to fully fund the plan.

Express Advocate

The future of the Ettalong Fast ferry project is expected to be announced by the end of July.

Fast ships chairman Mr Alf Salter said American investors were continuing their due diligence checks on the \$50 million project's viability.

Express Advocate

State Government funding has led to another extension of the Night Owl bus program.

Now the buses which have been operating on two separate routes on the Woy Woy Peninsula and between Gosford and The Entrance are to be replaced by a continuous interlinking service between Woy Woy and The Entrance.

Express Advocate

Thursday, June 17

St Luke's Anglican Church was overflowing with mourners last Tuesday for the funeral of former Anglican Minister, charity and community worker and cricket administrator, Mr Warren Arkell. He died at the age of 73 after along illness.

Express Advocate

The highest breath test reading over the long weekend was from an Erina man of 0.195 who was involved in a crash on the Peninsula in the early hours of Monday morning.

Sun weekly

John Wasson, formerly of Umina passed away on Tuesday.

He was awarded public service medal in the Queens Birthday honours for his contributions to the electoral system.

Sun Weekly

Friday, June 18

Cr Craig Doyle has said that \$5 million to buy land on the Hillview St and Veron Rd corner in Woy Woy cannot be justified "for a few trees in isolation".

Express Advocate

The Rip Bridge turned 30 on Monday.

The bridge, which links the Peninsula to the eastern shore of Brisbane Water, was a modern-

day engineering marvel when constructed.

It had to be constructed in one span because the depth and fast tidal currents made it impossible to secure a pylon in Brisbane water.

Express Advocate

A business forum is to be established in the Wagstaffe-Killcare area to look at raising its tourism profile.

The decision was made to form an informal group after a successful meeting of 25 business owners on Tuesday night.

They want to increase mid-week and winter business.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Rotary Club and the Wheelchair Foundation Australia have joined forces in a bid to give Papua New Guineans the gift of mobility.

They are sending 10 wheelchairs after Rotary president John Greenway was touched by the plight of the country's disabled residents.

Express Advocate

Local band Fyna will play Brisbane Water Secondary College on July 4.

Express Advocate

Wednesday, June 23

A Woy Woy resident won \$100 000 in the \$2 jackpot lottery from a ticket purchased at Deepwater Plaza newsagency.

The registered player will receive official notice of the win in the post.

Express Advocate

The birth of Tahlia Blair-Farrugia has created six generations of one family, with them all meeting at Woy Woy on Monday to celebrate the rare milestone.

Express Advocate

A former cleaner, James Doyle, 16, won his first cooking competition in Port Macquarie last month after learning to cook from local pastry chef Mr Ron Bruns.

Express Advocate

Thursday, June 24

Woy Woy's Jim Beam Cup campaign suffered another blow when the club was forced to terminate coach Shane Wilson's contract.

He suffered a neck injury, which now requires surgery, after returning to the game earlier in the season.

Express Advocate

Friday, June 25

Two nurses and five doctors are available to work in the Web Youth Centre in Woy Woy on Friday nights to treat young people.

Up to 20 teenagers aged 14 to 18 seek treatment at the clinic each week.

Central Coast Extra

A 31-year-old man appeared in Gosford Local Court yesterday on two charges of stealing a motor vehicle from Ettalong Beach.

He was helped by a 38-year-old woman who is due to appear in Woy Woy local court on July 13.

Central Coast Extra

Woy Woy P&C president Marie Pilon said a Federal Government plan to link school funding to flying the flag showed the government was out of touch with the real problems facing public schools.

She said the school needed a new electrical system and air conditioners.

Express Advocate

Funding for the Walking School Bus project, which began in Umina last month, runs out in October with organisers unable to find appropriate sponsorship.

Express Advocate

National award for Umina software

Umina software business ClockOn has won a national software award in Sydney.

The award was presented in front of 200 industry guests by Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Mr Daryl Williams, and managing director of Microsoft Australia, Mr Steve Vamos, at a dinner held at the Sheraton on the Park Hotel.

ClockOn produces workplace information and payroll management software for small businesses.

The judge's award to ClockOn was granted on the basis of outstanding innovation, functionality and its prospects for future growth and development.

Umina radiologist Dr Graham Mylne originally developed Clockon to make running his practice easier.

In January 2000, he launched the Clockon business with the help of a government grant.

General manager, Roger Merchant said Clockon was



Pictured are Minister Daryl Williams with ClockOn IT director Damien Collings, ClockOn managing director Dr Graham Mylne and Microsoft Australia managing director Mr Steve Vamos

unusual because it offered a range of services, not just payroll.

The software has been fully developed on the Central Coast over the last four years and has a list of users in industries as diverse as administration and

dentistry.

For further information contact ClockOn on 4342 5896, admin@clockon.com.au or www.clockon.com.au

Newsletter, June 23
David Abrahams, ConnectTions

Change at Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy recently held its 54th Annual Change Over, installing Lee Spencer as incoming president.

Outgoing president John Greenway said that, over the last year, Rotary had held some very successful projects.

"Besides being involved in Daffodil Day, The Flora Festival, Spikefest and The Oyster Festival, the club held the first Central Coast Medieval Tournament," he said.

"This event, run at the Gosford Racecourse, raised \$4500 for cancer research.

"The return of the golf day at the Everglades Golf Course raised \$6000 for the Child Flight helicopter service," he said.

"Other projects worth

mentioning were providing candles and coffee at the Anzac Dawn Service, sending 30 wheelchairs to Papua New Guinea, supporting the U-Turn the Wheel, a youth driver awareness project.

"We also donated school chairs, desks and books to Chuuk Micronesia for a school where the children had been taught on dirt floors in tin huts."

In his report, Mr Greenway thanked his board and club members for their support during his term as leader of the club and installed Lee Spencer as president for the coming year.

The year 2005 will be the centenary of Rotary and the 54th year for the Woy Woy Rotary Club.

Press release, June 21
John Greenway, Pearl Beach

New management

A Woy Woy motel is under new management.

Original leaseholder of Watersedge Woy Woy Accommodation, Peter Chippindale, decided to pursue another career path earlier this year making way for the new owners.

Anne and Kevin Jenkins have purchased the leasehold for the 17-room motel for a 25-year period.

The family has been involved in the accommodation business for many years but their most recent move was from Carlingford in Sydney.

The couple has two children at Woy Woy Public School and an older daughter in Year 7 at the Hornsby High School.

"We just love this area, the people and the guests are so friendly and it feels so much safer than Sydney," Mrs Jenkins said.

"It's not just being close to the water and fishing, it's the people," she said.

Cec Bucello, June 25

Owners change again

A Umina bookshop is again under new ownership after a short period.

The new proprietors of Beach Books are Richard and Jennifer Bartlett who purchased the business from former local resident, Michael Walls.

Richard and Jennifer moved to the area two years ago from the Northern Beaches of Sydney.

During their first week of trading, they have been pleasantly surprised by the friendliness of the locals and at the high level of interest in books in Umina.

"We have already met lots of lovely people and many people have come in to welcome us and to generally discuss books, ask

about our range, and purchase particularly children's' books," Jennifer said.

"We are in the process of broadening the range, buying lots of new books and reducing the prices of all existing stock," said Richard.

Between them, they have had many years' experience in retail both in a major department store and in small business.

"In the near future we plan to change the name to Books 'n Things and will add additional items to our range," Richard said.

The Bartletts have wasted no time in becoming involved with the community.

Not long after their move to the Peninsula they responded to an

article in Peninsula News calling for volunteer mentors and subsequently attended courses to become mentors to help school children who are thinking of leaving school early.

"These are not troubled children" Jennifer said, "but children who want to leave school to commence a career that may not require year 12 or higher education," she said.

"We assist the careers advisor by helping children to see what is involved in career paths that they may choose and where possible, find them a work experience placement to give them some hands on experience.

"It has been most enjoyable and satisfying," Richard said.

Cec Bucello, June 25

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Memories of her grandmother

A combined café and general store has opened in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.

Called Memories of Booker Bay, its proprietors are single mum Sue Jenkins and her long-time friend Kerry Crisafi who have moved to the Peninsula from the far western suburbs of Sydney.

Sue's grandmother lived on Booker Bay Road for 45 years before her death in 2001.

The shop, its décor, name and many of its products are a reflection of Sue's time with her grandmother on the Peninsula.

Sue has been a teacher for most of her life but has wanted to have a shop like this for over 20 years.

As soon as she saw the shop and its heritage appearance, memories of her time with her grandmother came flooding back and she knew that this was to be her destiny.

She mortgaged her house and made the move into her first business with the support of her family.

"We have been working on this since January and my dream came to life when we opened our doors on June 7," Sue said.

"We have been overwhelmed by the people, their response, support, positive comments and generosity," she said.

"They come in and give us things - gifts, decorations.

"One lady when she heard that a mishap at the laundrette resulted in all of our clothes being shrunk came in offering us a whole new wardrobe."

She is open for business from 6.30am every day and has already met her sales goal for the year in her first week of trading.

She puts her early success down to her good value food, old fashioned lollies, friendly atmosphere and perhaps a little supernatural influence as well.

Cec Bucello, June 25

Employee takes over cafe

A Woy Woy cafe has been taken over by a former employee.

After only working at Cjays café restaurant for just six months, new proprietor Debbie Mumford has been able to realise her lifelong dream of becoming a restaurateur.

Debbie is a single mum who has lived in Umina for nine years and has always had a passion for cooking.

"I've been to lots of cooking

courses and now I've finally got a chance to try out all the stuff that I've learned," she said.

"I'm really pleased that there are many people coming to try out our new menu and coming back for more.

"We are now BYO and are more child friendly during the day with a different menu to that used in our evening a-la-carte menu."

The café restaurant seats 45 inside and 16 outside.

Cec Bucello, June 25

Sustenance is a new monthly food and drink guide for Peninsula News readers.

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Active women's bowler dies

Dorothy Burford, who was active in Woy Woy Bowling Club, died on June 9 in her Queensland home.

Ms Burford joined Woy Woy women's bowling club in 1969.

She held the position of patron, vice-president and president from 1988 to 1991 and was a director of the club and club historian from 1980.

She was twice singles champion, pairs champion and a captain in pennants and club events.

Woy Woy Bowling Club women's bowls publicity officer Ilma Manuel said Ms Burford was also welfare officer and visited the hospital and homes of the members who were ill, often taking a small gift or flowers.

"Gosford hospital was another which benefited by her as she was a Pink Lady for many years," she said.

Three years ago Dorothy and husband Perc moved to Queensland to be near their family.

Perc is life member of the Woy Woy men's bowls club and as a carpenter and builder gave much of his spare time with tasks around the clubhouse.

"There are few people who would or could give so much to a bowling club," Ms Manuel said.

"Woy Woy Club members extend to Perc and his family their deepest sympathy and sincere gratitude."

Letter, June 22
Ilma Manuel, Woy Woy



The late Dorothy Burford

Shipwrecks

Umina Beach Library is holding a talk on Shipwrecks in Australian Waters on Wednesday, July 7.

Discussion will cover the history of ships, the circumstances surrounding wrecks and what happened to the survivors.

Bookings may be made by phone on 4341 9899.

Newsletter, June 23

IN BRIEF

Extensions

Gosford Council has approved an alteration and addition to the ET Australia employment-training centre at 111 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Council approved the development despite it being only providing two out of a required six car parking spaces.

It was argued that 70 per cent of its clients arrived by public transport or are pedestrians and Woy Woy Leagues Club and the commuter car parking station are nearby. The existing outbuildings will be demolished and the building extended to facilitate a training and recruitment business.

Council agenda DH 048, June 1

Alterations

An application has been made to Gosford Council alterations and extensions to the existing shopping centre at 60 Charlton St, Woy Woy. Public comment on the application closes on July 8.

Council notices, Express Advocate June 25

Application

An application has been submitted to Gosford Council to expand and refurbish the Crommelin Environmental Study Centre in Cystal Ave, Pearl Beach. The plans are on exhibition until July 24 and can be viewed at the council Chambers.

Council notices, Express Advocate June 25

Widows meet

Ettalong War Widows Guild held their annual general meeting on Monday, June 21. The following committee was elected: president Iris Sommerfield; vice presidents Gloria Parks, Doris Wills and Muriel Draperl; secretary Dorothy Beardman; assistant secretary Dorothy Robertson; treasurer Eileen Redrup; assistant treasurer Lexie Coats; social secretary Beryl South; assistant social secretary Mavis Rasmusson; publicity officer Betty Johnston and patron Ruth Winsor. Past president Mrs Joyce Davis retired after six years in office and was elected as a patron.

June 25

Betty Johnston, Ettalong War Widows Guild

Fred turns 100

Woy Woy local Wilfred Henry Adams, known to everyone as Fred, celebrated his 100th birthday on June 20.

Fred has lived in the area since his retirement 40 years ago, firstly at Bulkara St, Wagstaffe Point, where he and his wife Enid were involved in all community affairs, played bowls as members of Avoca Beach Bowling Club, and attended local dances.

They moved to Peridon Village, Empire Bay, when they reached their 80s.

Enid died 10 years ago.

Now that Fred is on his own, he needs full care and currently lives at Peninsula Village in the hostel apartments where he still enjoys life, joining in all of the games and entertainment that



the village provides.

Fred celebrated his birthday on Sunday, June 20, at Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy with members of his family.

Letter, June 1
GM Ransley

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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

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

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

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

Many events take place at the following locations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Pearl Beach **Craft** group, PBPH, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.

Stroke recovery group, MOW, 11.30am.

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

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

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Ladies **Golf**, 18 hole 8am; Ladies outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; ECC ESSC, Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am;

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

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

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

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

Rotary Club of Woy Woy 6pm ECC

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

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

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

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

Sports bar raffle EBWMC

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

Second Wednesday of every month

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

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

Endeavour View Club, WWLC 10.30am.

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

Umina Beach Probud Club meets Everglades Country Club, 9.30am, visitors welcome.

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

Monthly meditation group, PWHC

Every Wednesday

Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs, TWYS

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

Rock'n'Roll Dance Class EBMC 7pm

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

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

Pearl Beach **Play Group** 10.15am-12.15am PBPH, enq: 4344 7863.

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

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

Bingo/Cash Housie 7:30pm CU **Seniors fitness** EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

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

Social Darts EMBC, 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Basic Meditation Group PWHC, 10am different theme each session

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

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Every Thursday

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

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

Drumming, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2-3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, \$10, enq: 0425 229 651.

Scrabble, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd ,12.30pm.

Tai Chi, PBPH 9.30am, enq: 4341 1243.

Ladies 18 hole **golf** ECC

Ballroom Dancing, 10am. EMBC

Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am;

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

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

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

Line Dancing CU 9.30am

Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC

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

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

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

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

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

Young Men's Groups 12-18 yrs, TWYS

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

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

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

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, enq: 0400 499689.

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

Free entertainment, Players Lounge 5.30pm WWLC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kindy Gymnastics beginners

9.30am, advanced 10.30am, PCC

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

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

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

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

Kids Club (Primary), during school terms, 4.40-6pm, Et Baptist Church.

Anti-Gravity (Yrs 6-8), during school terms, 7.8.30pm, Et Baptist Church

enq: Shane 0412 606 128.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

Fourth/Last Saturday every month

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

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

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

Every Saturday

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

Snooker EBWMC 8.30am

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month Car boot markets, Hardys Bay RSL, noon - 4pm, \$10 site fees, Inq: 4360 1072

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, 1pm, ESSC

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

Every Sunday

Coast Community **Church Services** 9am and 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Free **Jazz or duos** 4pm, Players Lounge, WWLC.

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

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

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

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

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 9am.

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

Arts and Entertainment

What's On

Saturday, July 10

Scott Thomas; Ettalong Beach Club

Monday, July 12

NPWS bushwalk; Little Beach in Winter walk; Meet end of Grahame Dr, MacMasters Beach; 9.30am - 12noon, A/\$7, Ch/\$4, bookings: 4320 4205

Tuesday, July 13

NPWS bushwalk; The wonders of Pearl Beach walk; Meet Pearl Beach shop; 9.30am- 12noon; A/\$7, Ch/\$4; Bookings: 4320 4205.

Thursday, July 15

Bookmobile; Patonga Community Hall 9.30am to 10.15am. Bookmobile; Pearl beach Community hall, 10.30am to 11am. Bookmobile; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave, 11.15am to 12noon.

Saturday, July 17

Bookmobile; Wagstaffe Community Hall, 9.30am to 12noon.

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Umina actor tours regional NSW

A Umina man who started out acting with the Woy Woy Little Theatre Group has landed a main role in a production of a Shakespeare play that is currently touring regional NSW.

Umina local Glen Hamilton has taken on the role of Prospero in Shakespeare's The Tempest, which will visit Laycock Street Theatre on July 1 and 2

Hamilton, who started out with Woy Woy Little Theatre Group, plays the central figure in the production by the Sydney-based Actors College of Theatre and Television (ACTT).

In his final year of full-time training at the ACTT, Hamilton said he developed his love of acting through his involvement with the Woy Woy Little Theatre and this led him to pursue full-time training.

"Studying at the college has



been the most challenging and rewarding experience," he said.

"For example, having the opportunity to work with such a knowledgeable and inspiring director as John O'Hare is just fantastic.

"And it's such a great play. I know audiences will love it."

After The Tempest closes, Mr Hamilton said he would be involved in the other projects that form part of the final year training in his course.

He will be in a short film being written for the group by film and stage writer, Stephen Sewell, and his final play, a commissioned piece, under the direction of Kate Gaul, who is currently directing Our Lady of Sligo at the Belvoir Street Theatre.

"After that, who knows?" Mr Hamilton said.

"I'd love to do more Shakespeare but also to have the chance to work in film and TV.

"An actor can't afford to be too specialised and our training has tried to make us as versatile and flexible as possible.

"Working regularly is my aim, so I'll have to be prepared to do a range of things."

The Tempest plays for four performances on July 1 and 2, at 11 am and 7.30 pm on both days.

Press release, June 17
Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre

Art features dogs and beaches

An art show on the theme of dogs and beaches starts in Woy Woy on Sunday, July 4.

Featuring the work of Umina

artist Meredith Gilmore, it will be held at Gnostic Mana café in Woy Woy.

Meredith Gilmore said her love of dogs, together with the beautiful views around Umina, were the motivation behind the exhibition.

"People love their dogs, and I love drawing them for people.

"It's as simple as that.

"I discovered in art class over the past few years that I could capture the character of a dog.

"I started with pictures of my old dogs, then pictures for friends, and going on from there," she said.

After moving to the Central Coast four years ago, Meredith decided to concentrate on her work as an artist.

She has had pictures in several local exhibitions and has done commissions for people both locally and in Sydney.

Mainly they were dog portraits,



but also some cats and horses.

Local seascapes were also a favourite subject, especially views around Umina and Ettalong.

All works are for sale and the exhibition runs from Sunday, July 4 to Friday, July 30.

With enquiries, phone Meredith Gilmore on 4341 6777.

Email, June 22
Meredith Gilmore

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School Holidays ATTRACTIONS

SHREK 2 (PG Mature Themes)
HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (PG Some Fantasy Scenes May Frighten Young Children)
MEANGIRLS (M Mature Themes)
SPIDER-MAN 2 (M Low Level Violence)

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS
MOVIES FOR EVERYONE

IN BRIEF

Auditions

Woy Woy Little Theatre Group are holding auditions for a production of "Absent Friends" by Alan Ackbourn on July 13 and 15 at Woy Woy Public School from 7.30pm.

Three males and three females are required.

The play will be performed at the Peninsula Theatre from October 29 to November 14. For further information, telephone the director, Nigel Stanley, on 4384 7530.

What Magazine, June 23
Rose Cooper, Editor

Holiday Activities

Umina and Woy Woy library will hold school holiday activities.

Umina Library will host a workshop on Ancient Greek Crafts on Monday, July 12 from 10.30am to 12noon.

Woy Woy Library will hold a workshop on mythical creatures on Thursday, July 15 from 10.30am to noon.

There is a maximum of 20 children per workshop.

They are suitable for children for aged 5 to 12 years, children under nine must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

For bookings phone 4348 9915.

Newsletter, June 23
Gosford City Library

Poetry Award

Local bush poet Shirley Drake was a finalist at the Henry Lawson Festival, Gulgong, on Queen's Birthday long weekend.

She received a Highly Commended award for Performance Poetry.

Email, June 24

Silly Billies

The Silly Billies Live will perform at Club Umina on July 12 with a 45-minute show.

The show is for children of all ages with a colouring-in competition with prizes to be won.

For more information, phone 4341 2618.

Newsletter, June 22
Ettalong Public School

Education

Stage two funding granted for college

Stage two of construction at Brisbane Water Secondary College will proceed with funding announced in the recent State budget.

"The new multi-million dollar project will build on work which is already under way at both the Woy Woy and Umina campuses of the school," said Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

"The work is significantly benefiting students and teachers at the school," she said.

The new Stage Two upgrade of the Woy Woy Campus involves conversion of a staff study to a science laboratory, upgrading of classrooms, new staff facilities, upgrading the canteen to a cafeteria, a new movement studio and two basketball courts.

The new work under Stage Two at the Umina Campus involves a special education unit, a performance workshop, a car park, a library upgrade, a hall-gym upgrade, new staff facilities, and a new administration area.

"This work is due to be completed in 2007," Ms Andrews said.

Dollar figures for new capital works projects are not included in this year's budget to ensure a more competitive tendering process.

Project costs will be announced once the tender has been awarded - ensuring better value



Construction currently underway at the Woy Woy Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College

for taxpayers' money.

The ongoing project at the college has had an extra \$871,000 allocated to complete the Stage One \$5.32 million upgrade of the school.

The Stage one work on the Woy Woy Campus includes new administration, car park, and re-

furbishment of special education unit.

The Stage One work on the Umina Campus includes new movement studio and performance workshop, new outdoor learning spaces, a new covered outdoor learning area and game courts.

"This work is due to be completed later this year," Ms Andrews said.

"This funding will help improve education facilities for families in the local area," she said.

Press release, June 22
Member for Peats,
Marie Andrews

IN BRIEF

Dance festival

Woy Woy Public School had three groups performing in the Central Coast Dance Festival at Laycock Street Theatre over the last two weeks. They included What a Feeling, Funk Style Brothers and Homecoming.

Newsletter, June 17
Woy Woy Public School

Debating

Umina Public School debaters won their Round 2 debate against Woy Woy South in the Peninsula Debating Competition. The team travelled to Empire Bay Public school on Wednesday, June 16, to argue the case "That corporal punishment should be reintroduced into our schools".

Newsletter, June 22
Umina Public School

New canteen

Pretty Beach Public School had its new canteen installed on June 16. There was still work to be done with plumbing and electricity but it was well on the way to being operational. (See picture right)

Newsletter, June 17



Pretty Beach Public School received their new school canteen by crane on June 16

Driving workshop

Brisbane Water Secondary College is holding a free workshop for parents of learner drivers in the senior campus library on Tuesday, June 29, from 7pm to 9pm.

The workshop is designed to provide information and guidance to parents of learner drivers on supervising learner drivers, completing the learner driver log book and providing on-road driving practice.

Newsletter, June 21
BWSC senior campus

Mountain climb

Year 3 and Year 6 students from Ettalong Public School climbed Blackwall Mountain on Wednesday, June 9.

The students visited Captain Arthur Phillip Memorial Park, walked out to the middle of the Rip Bridge, and then made the steep climb up to the top of Blackwall Mountain.

They enjoyed the view from the top of the mountain and managed the steep climb back down the mountain. They even had running races at the top of the mountain after the climb up but there were none held on Ettalong Oval on the way home.

Newsletter, June 15
Ettalong Public School

IN BRIEF

Soccer

Brisbane Water Secondary College open girls soccer team recently won the Central Coast final of the Combine High School knockout competition. They will soon play for a top eight position.

Press release, June 20
Matt Marker, Rugby League
Sports Academy Co-Ordinator

Lawn Bowls

Brisbane Water Secondary College's open boys lawn bowls team is currently at the State Championships competing against 15 other schools for the "number one" crown.

Press release, June 20
Matt Marker, Rugby League
Sports Academy Co-Ordinator

Trampolining

Brisbane Water Secondary College had some outstanding performances in the recent Regional Trampolining Championships where they won several gold medals. Vicki Brown, Karmen Jeffery, Chris Palmer, Brad Thorpe and Ken Brown were the representatives and several of them will proceed to the Combined High Schools State Championships.

Newsletter, June 2004
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Debating

Ettalong Public School Years 5 and 6 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition was held on Wednesday, June 2. All the contestants delivered speeches with two selected to compete in the district final at Woy Woy Public School on June 24.

Newsletter, June 8
Ettalong Public School

New classroom

Umina Public School will shortly receive a new classroom to cater for the numbers of students attending the school. This new classroom will be positioned adjacent to the community centre on the primary playground and will be used to reduce class sizes in literacy and numeracy groups.

Newsletter, June 22
Umina Public School

Soccer game

A girls' soccer knockout competition between Ettalong, Umina, Empire Bay, Woy Woy and Woy Woy South public schools was held on Friday, June 18, at James Browne Oval. The Year 5 and 6 students from Ettalong lost the first game 5-0 to Woy Woy and won the second game 3-2 against Empire Bay.

Newsletter, June 22
Ettalong Public School

On TV

Ettalong Public School and Umina Public School and its students were recently featured on NBN News as a result of their nominations for a National Literacy and Numeracy Awards.

Newsletter, June 8

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IN BRIEF

Asthma friendly

Pretty Beach Public School is aiming to become an Asthma Friendly School.

The school will distribute information to parents and teachers and collect records of students with the condition.

Parents will receive an information sheet and a record card to be completed if their child suffers from asthma.

**Newsletter, May 26
Pretty Beach Public School
Newsletter**

Zone Cross Country

The Zone cross-country carnival was held on Friday, June 4, at Umina Oval.

The first six in each division will go on to the regional carnival.

**Ettalong Public School
Newsletter, June 1**

Poetry award

A Year 6 student from Ettalong Public School has been awarded third place in the Write for Fun poetry competition.

The student's poetry was awarded third place out of 12,000 entries from around Australia. The poem will be published in the Poetry Rock publication released in August.

**Ettalong Public School
Newsletter, June 1**

Gastro outbreak

Ettalong Public School has warned parents of a gastroenteritis outbreak affecting Central Coast students.

Common symptoms of this virus may include nausea, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain, headache and muscle aches.

The risk of spreading the virus is reduced by washing hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 15 seconds before handling and eating food and after using the toilet and by those affected staying home from school or work.

**Ettalong Public School
Newsletter, June 3**

Big Fundraiser

The Mega Fun Day organised by Year 5 and 6 students from Woy Woy Public School raised over \$3600 for the school.

The money will be used to subsidise the Year 6 excursion to Canberra and the Year 5 excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

The school will also now be able to run some personal development programs for the students as they prepare for high school.

**Letter, June 8
Woy Woy Public School**

Class project

Students from Pretty Beach Public School have participated in a competition to commemorate World Environment Day.

As a class project, every child had the opportunity to enter.

Kindergarten students painting an environmentally friendly scene.

Stage 1 students coloured and labelled the Water Cycle, stage 2 students wrote and illustrated postcards from a place of environmental importance to them and Stage 3 students wrote poems about whales.

Newsletter, June 3

Scarlet fever detected

Woy Woy Public School has reported a case of scarlet fever, detected in one of their younger students.

This disease is common in children and varies greatly in its severity.

It is a communicable disease and can be transmitted by kissing, drinking from the same cup or sharing food.

Symptoms include chills, headache, fever, vomiting, sore throat followed by a red rash over the body.

Medical attention should be sought if symptoms appear.

**Newsletter, June 17
Woy Woy Public School**

New community centre based at Umina school

A new community centre for all families with children up to 8 years will open in Umina on Monday, July 19.

The Umina Schools as Community Centre (SaCC) will offer a range of activities and group programs "to promote healthy, happy families and to give children a positive start to school".

Umina SaCC facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said the centre would involve community members in the planning and provision of activities.

"We work in partnership with other services and the community to support families with activities and information."

"There are 36 SaCCs in NSW, five of which are on the Central

Coast."

Umina SaCC is only one on the Peninsula.

"Given the huge numbers of children under 8 years on the Peninsula, Umina SaCC will provide an ideal resource and meeting point for parents, grandparents and carers," she said.

The Umina SaCC is a Families First project supported by the NSW Departments of Education, Health, Community Services and Housing.

"We have a fantastic large demountable building in the grounds of Umina Public School where different community, health and education services will run parenting programs, supported playgroups, fathering

workshops, TAFE outreach courses, support groups for mums who are pregnant or who have toddlers and Koori immunisation clinics," Ms Notara said.

There will also be some one-off special events such as Grandfriends' Day where seniors will be encouraged to become more involved in schools.

There will be childcare provided at the centre for many of the groups with parents asked to make a gold coin donation.

Umina SaCC's pamphlet and program for Term 3 is now available.

With enquiries, telephone Debbie Notara on 4343 1929 or 0439 003 074.

**Email, June 21
Debbie Notara, Umina SaCC**

Puppets tell of cancer

A troupe of almost life-sized puppets visited St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Woy Woy on Monday, June 7, to help students gain a greater understanding of childhood cancer.

The puppets often visit schools where a child has recently undergone cancer treatment.

They gave two performances to educate the children about cancer and leukaemia.

Camp Quality Puppets national director Ms Paulene Smith said the show aimed to reduce the risk of possible peer teasing, fear and ostracism when the child returned to school by creating empathy among their class-

mates.

She said the show's scripts were based on the problems experienced by Camp Quality children returning to school after cancer treatment.

"The show is based on two puppet children, Kylie and Matthew," Ms Smith said.

"Kylie is bald as a result of chemotherapy treatment and Matthew has had his leg amputated because of a bone tumour."

"Through the performances, school children of all ages learn that cancer is not contagious and that friends can still play with children recovering from leukaemia."

"Under the spell of puppetry, the children can learn and ask

questions about cancer without making anyone uncomfortable.

"It is important to dispel fear and myths so they can be understanding and considerate towards those affected."

The Camp Quality Puppet Show is conducted by volunteers and performs at schools on request, free of charge.

The Camp Quality Puppets have performed for more than two million school children since the inception of the program more than 14 years ago.

Since it started in Sydney in 1988, the program has spread to other states and to Canada.

**Press release, June 3
Professional Public Relations**

Combined farewell

Ettalong and Empire Bay Public Schools had a combined farewell for Mr Warwick Teasdale and Mrs Liz Ross on Friday, June 18 from 2pm-4pm.

After 30 years of teaching on the Peninsula, Mr Teasdale is retiring.

After 22 years at Empire Bay Public School, Mrs Ross has accepted the assistant principal position at Valley View Public School.

**Newsletter, June 25
Ettalong Public School**

Pedagogy project

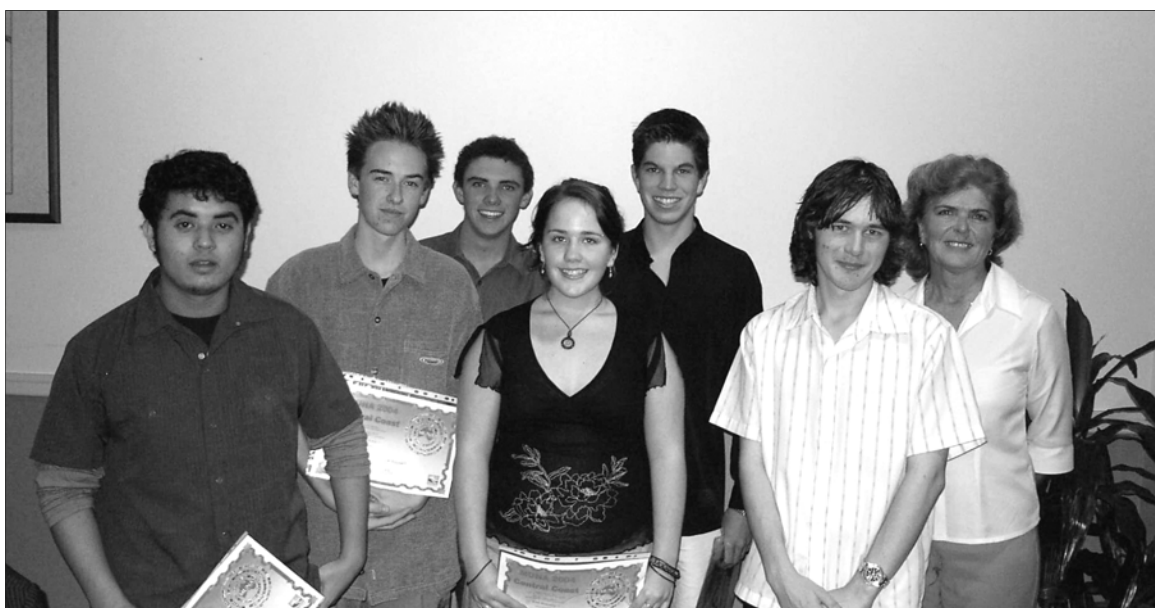
Brisbane Water Secondary College has been invited to participate in a research project that will study the relationships between teacher professional learning, pedagogy and student achievement over the next four years.

The study will involve tracking every student in a designated year in two subject areas.

Umina campus will focus on English and HSIE subjects and will start with Year 7 this year.

Umina Campus will be organising a conference titled "Working Together - Quality Teaching" on June 22 to begin the preparation for the research project and to develop a clear focus on the use of Quality Teaching dimensions in the teaching and learning of the campus.

**Newsletter, June 2004
Brisbane Water Secondary College**



Brisbane Water Secondary College, Senior Campus students who participated in the Model United Nations Assembly 2004: Max Harwood, Kate Kennedy and Will Henderson (who represented Syria); and Alex Beaton, Daniel Stone and Eric Thorsby (who represented North Korea); with teacher Barb Morris.

The group was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach and are pictured after a special presentation to that club.

Trees planted for Environment Day

Students at Pretty Beach Public School used World Environment Day to take part in a tree planting exercise.

The trees were planted to regenerate the creek area behind the school buildings and help

increase its biodiversity.

The planting was funded by a Schools Ecogrant, which saw the creek weeded using a safe and innovative steam process.

Seeds were collected and propagated by Gosford City Council.

It will now be the students' responsibility to water, weed and maintain the area.

The Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach Progress Association, donated the plants, and volunteers helped with the planting.

**Newsletter, June 3
Pretty Beach Public School**

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No active recreation for Killcare

Gosford Council's
manager of recreation
services, Mr Peter
Hickman, has
recommended that the
council not develop an
active recreation area
in Killcare Heights.

He made the
recommendation in a report
presented to the council's
Coastal Open Space
System Management
Committee.

Results of a survey
carried out in the area
found that, for over 90 per
cent of people surveyed,
walking was the most
popular activity in the area,
meaning that an active
recreation area was not
needed.

The COSS management
committee decided to
investigate the possibility of
transferring lot 415 to be
part of Bouddi National
Park, and to have further
investigation into the two
adjoining areas being
incorporated in to the
COSS system or retained
as natural areas.

Council agenda OS 11,
June 1

New amenities needed

Residents of Ettalong
Beach have submitted
a petition to Gosford
Council with 72
signatures objecting to
Gosford Council's
proposal put a new
amenities building near
the playground area of
Ettalong oval.

The amenities building
redevelopment is a part of
the Ettalong oval plan of
management review.

The petitioners requested
Council move the proposed
new facility to the site of the
existing grandstand and
amenities buildings.

The petition has been
referred to the council's
recreation services section.

P.036, Council Agenda,
P.036, May 25

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WEEKEND SPORT

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

Rugby League Spare weekend July 3-4

Saturday July 10

Jim Beam Cup

Rnd 15: Sydney Bulls v Woy Woy
Potts park, TBC

Central Coast Competition

Sunday July 11

Rnd 13: Berkley Vale v Woy Woy - away
Under 17s 11pm, Under 19s 12.15pm, 1st division 1.45pm

Umina v Ourimbah
Umina oval

Rugby Union

Saturday, July 3

Rnd 12: Woy Woy v The Entrance
Woy Woy oval 3pm

Saturday, July 10

Rnd 13: Terrigal v Woy Woy
Away

AFL - Black Diamond Cup

Saturday July 3

Rnd 14: Woy Woy Peninsula v Warners Bay
Rogers Park, 11.45am

Saturday July 10

Rnd 15: Nelson Bay v Woy Woy Peninsula
Burwell Oval, 11.45am

Soccer - Premier League 1

Sunday, July 4

Rnd 12: Terrigal v Umina,
Terrigal 2.45pm

Sunday, July 11

Rnd 13: Umina v Wyoming,
Umina Oval 1, 2.45pm

Baseball

Saturday, July 3

Rnd 11 Woy Woy Wolves v Magpies
Rogers Park, 2.15pm

League stalwart dies

The long weekend saw the passing of long time Central Coast Divisional Rugby League stalwart Mr Henry Holstein.

As a life member Mr Holstein's involvement in Central Coast league went back 35 years.

Mr Holstein held positions of president, treasurer and selector sharing both judiciary and referee appointments on boards.

He was also instrumental in the inaugural year of city-country, with the inclusion of city players in the country side.

Mr Holstein's funeral is planned for later this week.

Press release, June 15
Cr Chris Holstein

Ettalong plays in knock out

The Ettalong Public School under-10s rugby league team participated in the Central Coast knock out at Bateau Bay on Thursday, June 10.

In the first game against Terrigal, they lost 13-0.

They started the game a little rusty but towards the end of the game they settled down began to play some good football.

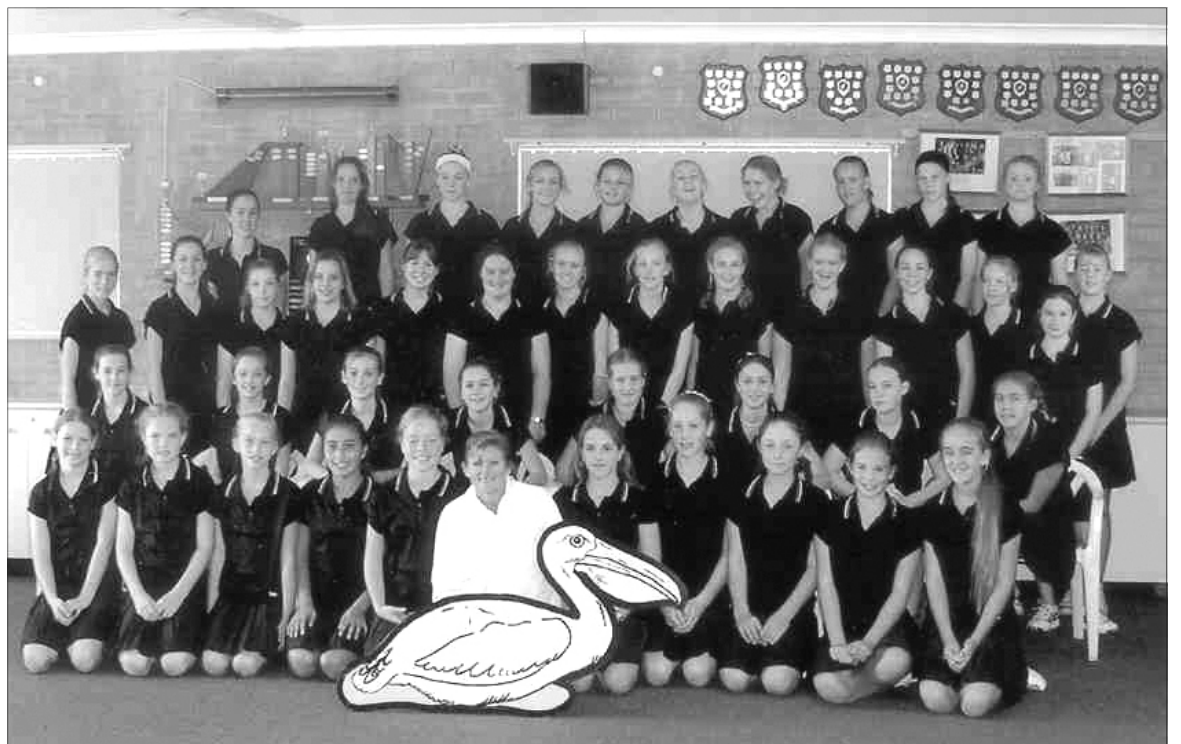
This improved form carried into the second game against Brooke Ave Public School where two tries from one student enabled Ettalong to win 11-0.

The Westmont Shield team from Ettalong played in the fourth round against Wideview Public School, Hornsby, on Friday, June 11.

This was the final of all the teams from the Harbour Bridge to the Rip Bridge.

In what was almost a mistake-free game, Ettalong ran out convincing winners against a strong outfit that contained four Metropolitan North representative players 34-0.

Newsletter, June 15
Ettalong Public School Newsletter



Netballers to compete at State level

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association's will travel to Berkeley Illawarra on July 2 to compete over three days in the NSW State Age Championships.

Representative teams will be fielded in 15 years, 14 years, 13 years and 12 year age groups.

Teams will play an average of 25 games over the three days

with over 5000 other netballers from around the State.

Margaret Thomas from Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association said that the girls were selected from the five netball clubs on the Peninsula and 10 girls from each age group.

"Since being selected seven months ago the girls have

trained hard and are looking to a great championship in their respective divisions," Ms Thomas said.

"They have been grateful for the support from their respective coaches, parents, supports and the Association," she said.

Email, June 23
Margaret Thomas, Woy Woy

Taekwon-Do medal wins

A Peninsula Taekwon-Do school has brought home five silver medals and one gold medal from the recent autumn championships held in Sydney.

Six representatives from the Authentic Taekwon-Do school including Amanda Morrison, Gary King, Penny Moore, James Luke, James Stratton and Paul Mason competed in the championships against competitors from all over Australia and some from New Zealand.

Amanda Morrison came away with two silver medals for sparring and patterns.

In the final of her sparring event (52-58kg), Amanda and her opponent drew after two rounds and went into over time, with Amanda only just beaten after a tough round.

Gary King took out silver in the Men's Third Dan Black Belt Patterns division, beaten in the final by last year's world champion.

King did not gain a place in the sparring, but was consoled by the fact the eventual winner of the division beat him.

In her first ITF tournament, Penny Moore came home with silver in the under-52kg sparring division after meeting fellow Authentic member Dana Bower from Canberra in the final.

After an awesome fight of skill and showmanship, Moore was just beaten by Bower.

James Luke fought in the final against a much bigger opponent



but showed the heart of a warrior by holding his own to tie after two rounds.

In a hard-hitting third round, Luke lost on points but earned a silver medal for his efforts.

James Stratton fought well during his preliminary rounds showing the beauty, accuracy and power of Taekwon-Do's spectacular jumping kicks.

In the final after a third round Stratton's speed proved too much for his opponent and he came out the victor after almost 10 minutes on the mat.

Paul Mason fought well in one of the day's biggest events.

After winning the first two

preliminary rounds, Mason was beaten by a fellow Authentic member from Townsville in the semi-finals

Letter, June 23
Authentic Taekwon-Do

Skills session

Brisbane Water Secondary College has held a rugby league skills development session with 60 Year 6 students from Woy Woy South Public School.

The session was conducted by the college's sports academy at Woy Woy Campus on Monday, June 21.

The skills development session with the primary school students is part of the rugby league academy students' assessment for the coaching certificate.

Some of these students are also in the academy's open rugby league team which recently won the final of the Central Coast Division Arrive Alive Tournament.

Press release, June 20
Matt Marker, Rugby League Sports Academy co-ordinator

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Pelican picture poaches Peninsula print prize

Ms Norah Clark of Woy Woy has won round one of the Peninsula News photography competition.

Ms Clark's photo of a flock of pelicans on Woy Woy waterfront was judged the winner out of entries based on Peninsula landmarks.

Ms Clark won a trophy and \$30 worth of enlargements from Bowens Photographics.

Round two of the competition is now

open and the subject for round two is a child or children eating.

Participants do not have to be professional photographers.

Entries for round two close on Monday, August 2, and the winners will be published on Tuesday, August 10.

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.

First prize for each section is a trophy and \$30 worth of enlargements from Bowens Photographics

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Woy Woy girl in Athens Olympics

Cassandra Kell of Woy Woy has been named as a member of the Australian Women's soccer squad going to the Athens Olympics.

Ms Kell, who plays the position of goalkeeper, was named in the Matildas squad which qualified for the Athens games unbeaten at the Oceania qualifying tournament in Fiji in March this year.

The 23-year-old first played soccer at age seven, starting out in a Budgewoi boys team.

Ate age 10 the then St John the Baptist, Woy Woy student played for Ocean Beach under 16s side and continued to play with the now disbanded team until she was 15.

Cassandra's parents Don and Di Kell who still live at Umina said they were very proud of Cassandra who is currently playing soccer in China.

"She has worked hard to earn her place," Mrs Kell said.

Cassandra Kell now works as a development officer for Soccer NSW, plus as a remedial massage therapist, but will have to put this on the backburner now she is in the Olympic squad.

Ms Kell has played for the NSW Sapphires in the Women's National Soccer league since 1996 and also plays for NorthWest Sydney team the Koalas in the NSW women's premier League competition.

She was first selected into the Australian team for the January 2002 Australia Cup against South Korea at age 21 and from there she gained a scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport in August 2002.

She has competed in the Oceania World Cup Qualifiers in Canberra in April last year, and was a member of the Australian team for the FIFA Women's World Cup held last year in the US where Australia finished in 13th place.



Cassandra Kell playing for the Matildas at the 2003 Women's World Cup. Inset: Cassandra Kell

Ms Kell was in the NSW Sapphires, which won the WNSL championship for the third time this season, when it defeated favourites Queensland Sting 3-1 in Brisbane.

In an interview in March this year from the Oceania Olympic Qualifiers in Fiji, she said that three or four years ago her main goal was to just make a camp.

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