

Council calls for Housing plans

Gosford Council will ask the Department of Housing about the overall plans for its houses in Woy Woy.

This follows applications by the department for dual occupancy houses in Grafton Ave and Nambucca Dve, Woy Woy.

Councillors voted on Tuesday, July 6, to defer the applications fearing the department may be trying to increase the density of the area without necessary social infrastructure.

At the meeting, Cr Chris Holstein said he was concerned by the lack of social infrastructure in the Woy Woy area.

"This is development by stealth," he said.

"Development needs to be backed by infrastructure.

This entire area is Department of Housing.

There are four houses up for redevelopment, three are in Grafton Ave, Woy Woy and one is in Nambucca Dr Woy Woy.

"I support the Department of Housing, but I'm worried we're going to take a bit, a bit and another bit and we're not going to have the social infrastructure," Cr Holstein said.

"The Department of Housing needs to be up front with us.

"The question needs to be answered," he said.

Cr Craig Doyle agreed saying the Council had agreed 850 square metre blocks were needed for dual occupancy and the blocks for the proposed dwellings were only 650 square metres.

"I'm concerned about the amenities for these people."

The Council voted to defer the development application until talks with the Department could be held to get their plans for the area.

An officer of the Department of Housing said the department owned five homes on large blocks of land in Woy Woy, which it intended to re-develop into dual occupancies.

"The Department is not planning any additional dual occupancy re-developments in the Woy Woy peninsula at this stage," they said.

"The Department of Housing is committed to providing housing solutions to those most in need in

Woy Woy.

"The existing single homes on large blocks do not make effective use of the Department's land in an area with high demand for public housing.

"Redevelopment into dual occupancies is a cost-effective way for the Department to make more public housing available in the local area.

"Any development will be in keeping with the character of the area as determined by Council regulations.

"The Department continues to move away from the estate housing model, and integrates public housing into the broader community.

"This avoids many of the damaging social and crime problems experienced in larger housing estates.

"The Department's redevelopment plans will result in a net gain of five new homes in the area.

"Four of the properties planned for re-development are occupied, with the fifth vacant and damaged by fire.

"The Department has consulted with the residents about the plans, and depending on their housing needs, they will have the option to live in one of the new homes or re-locate within the area, with the Department covering all moving costs.

"The other dwellings will be offered to needy families on the Central Coast priority housing or wait-turn list.

"The fire-damaged home will be the first to be re-developed if approved.

"The construction of the other four dwellings will occur in incremental stages, with residents having the option of

moving into the new properties or accommodated elsewhere in the area."

Under the plans before the Council, the current houses would be pulled down and dual occupancy houses built.

Council staff recommended approval of the development, their report finding that the applications were in line with appropriate character statements.

Under the current zoning laws, dual occupancies are allowed in the area.

The only problem with the applications were that there was no on-site visitor parking but the report by Council staff indicated that street parking would be sufficient.

Council received 36 public submissions relating to the development but the report by Council staff found the majority of the submissions were generic and did not relate specifically to the proposed developments.

Submissions to the Council objected to the proposal claiming it was a waste of tax payers money, the only dual occupancies in area, double garage doors were out of character, the effect on the local community, inadequate social infrastructure, and waste generated by pulling down houses.

"Although a large number of submissions were received, many of the comments are either a generic objection to increased densities of housing generally or relate to the methods employed by Department of Housing in demolishing existing dwellings to provide the new structures," the Council report noted.

Alison Branley, Council Agenda, DH 060 July 6



Garbo seeks load exemption

Gosford Council's garbage contractor has sought exemption from the new load limit proposed for Woy Woy Rd.

Waste service contractor SITA Environmental Solutions has applied to Council's traffic committee for the exemption.

It claimed it may not be able to service up to 1500 bins daily if the load limit applied to it.

The contractor claimed that reaching the Earthcare Recycler's Facility at Woy Woy via Brisbane Water Dr would add from 35 minutes to an hour per load.

It asked to be able to use Woy Woy Rd instead, which would breach the eight tonne load limit.

According to a Council staff report, the recycling contractor claimed that going via Brisbane Water Dr could see up to 1500 bins not being serviced on most weekdays in a number of suburbs.

However, Council staff stated that "the increased travel times reported seem excessive".

The traffic committee has commissioned a survey of travel times to the recycling plant via Woy Woy Rd and via Brisbane Water Dr for Council's recycling trucks.

The report also stated that "The Committee also considered that Council granting an exemption to its own contractor might be seen by other transport operators as self-serving."

There are currently 43 truck movements per week to the recycling facility.

Gosford Council advertised the proposal to reduce the load limit on Woy Woy Rd to eight tonnes in November last year.

Public submissions were open on the proposal for 28 days following that announcement.

Under the plan, the limit would apply between Langford Dr, Karingong, and a location north of the abattoir access at Woy Woy.

Chairman of the traffic committee, Cr Chris Holstein, said the load limit was still under consideration as there had been delay caused by objections from businesses who use Woy Woy Rd.

"The load limit was proposed for safety reasons.

"Once we've lost Woy Woy Rd, it's gone," he said.

"It's a Catch-22 situation."

Cr Holstein said Woy Woy Rd was a State road, but Brisbane Water Dr, also a State road, had received more funding.

"At the same time, there are safety concerns about trucks at the West Gosford intersection with some not taking the corner and tipping."

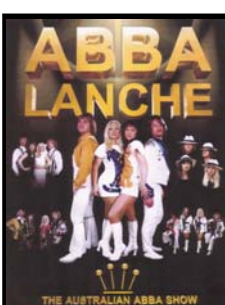
There were a number of businesses with heavy vehicles that use Woy Woy Rd, and an increase was expected with Woy Woy tip introducing full resource recovery.

The load limit would not apply to buses or commercial vehicles gaining access to properties on the road, or vehicles that must use the street to gain access to the area and cannot do so by another street.

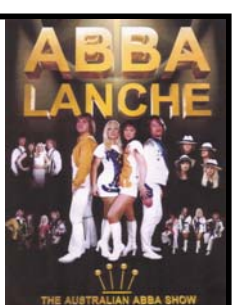
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Winner of the Peninsula News Poetry Competition

The winner of the Peninsula News Poetry Competition was inspired by endangered local bushland. Ms Shirley Hotchkiss of Umina was chosen by award-winning poet Vic Jeffries for her poem A Peninsula Kind of Love:

A Peninsula kind of love

(dedicated to Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, an Endangered Ecological Community)

"What's your passion, what stirs your soul, what gets you up each day?
Is it your child, or your family, or the thought of your weekly pay?"

"It's the bush you know, the birds and the trees, that's what I love the best,
It's the red of the blossoms on the old she-oaks, and the peewits building their nest.
It's the whirring sound of the waterbirds' wings as they head past at dawn
And the haunting call of the barking owl, now faded, now forlorn,
It's the startled cry of the black swamphen that pierces the darkest night."
The old man fixed me with his fiercest glare as he said "It's time to fight."

"What do you do when the people you trust threaten what you hold most dear?
And who will fight for the birds and the trees? I have to, despite my fear."

"I fought for my country in the last world war, my father fought the one before.
Now I'm ready to battle for this country again, but it's a different kind of war.
As soldiers we were trained to give up our lives, to back our mates to the death,
To battle for justice and freedom and peace, til we took our last rasping breath.
So lift up your voices and bring out your pens, write your letters, poems and songs,
Tell your friends, your neighbours, your family and all, together we'll fight these wrongs."

The old man gazed around as he spoke, at this bush that he loved the best
"Come down to that old melaleuca tree, I'll show you the willy wagtail's nest."

by Shirley Hotchkiss

Choir visits

The Shin Koiwa Choir made up of nine children from Edogawa, Japan, and sponsored by the Gosford Sister City Association will visit the Peninsula throughout July.

They will perform at the Aged Care Facility at Woy Woy on July 29 at 10.30am.

They will also perform at Empire Bay Public School on August 3 at 9.30am.

Newsletter, July 9
Multi Arts Confederation

Parents' club open day

The Mother Nature's Parents Club is having an open day at the Umina Beach Community Awareness and Referral Centre on Saturday, July 17.

Mother Nature's Parents Club is a non-profit organisation which runs the Umina Beach Community Awareness and Referral Centre.

This day is fundraising event for the Mother Nature's Parents Club. Activities will include face painting, sausage sizzle, games, arts and crafts stalls, herbs and plant stalls, New Age stalls as well as workshops and demonstrations of yoga, belly dancing and Tai Chi.

Fax, July 9
Mother Nature's Parents Club

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Concert for Oxfam

An international music concert will be held as a fundraiser for a local women's walking team, the "National Parks Allsorts", at Wagstaff Hall on Saturday, July 24, from 2pm to 4pm.

The team which is participating in the "Trail Walker" event will have to walk 100km in 48 hours for Oxfam Community Aid Abroad.

The concert of international music, song and dance will feature professional Cuban dancer Nelson Reguera-Perez, as well as Victor Valdez and his

show "The Real Mexico" which includes Mexican harp vocals and dance.

Four Crying Out Loud, a men's a capella group from Nelson's Bay, will also perform, along with local blues group Les Dupont-Louis and Chris Dick, jazz funk band Inspiral and the Dianne Dupont Blue Mountains Belly Dance Troupe.

All donations on the day go to Oxfam Community Aid Abroad.

For all enquiries and bookings, phone Liz Poole on 4360 1392 or Kate Consterdine on 4360 1290.

Newsletter, July 1
Pretty Beach Public School

Literary competition

The Peninsula News and Fellowship of Australian Writer's Central Coast Literary competition closes on August 1.

The theme of the competition is the Woy Woy Peninsula.

There will be fiction and non-fiction categories in three age groupings: primary (12 years and under), secondary (13 to 17 years) and senior (18 and over).

Entries must 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.

They can be in any style, including journal entry, monologue, screenplay, essay and news item.

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 Dr, Green Point, or they can be dropped off at Beach Books 'n Things, 327 West St, Umina.

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.

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Cec Bucello, June 25

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IN BRIEF

Senior of the year

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd is urging residents to nominate a local as 2005 Senior Australian of the Year. Part of the Australian of the Year Awards, Senior Australian of the Year recognises that older Australians are the backbone of many organisations and communities. Nomination forms are available at Commonwealth Bank branches, on-line at www.australianoftheyear.gov.au or by phoning 1300 655 193. Nominations close on Friday, August 20.

Press release, June 30
Member for Robertson, Jim Lloyd

Raised threshold

A proposed raised concrete threshold at the intersection of The Esplanade and Kourung St, Ettalong, has been referred to Council's 2004-2005 minor capital works program by Council's Traffic Committee. The threshold was to be constructed under Council's Traffic Facilities Program but the \$40,000 price tag was deemed too expensive when the whole program has a \$100,000 budget.

Council Agenda, TR.04.101 July

Speed check

Gosford Council's traffic committee is to investigate excessive traffic speed along Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy, following complaints from members of the public. The results will be referred to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

Council Agenda, July 6
TR.04.102

Cash Housie

Woy Woy Bowling Club is holding Cash Housie every Wednesday at 10.30am.

Flyer, July 7

Water sensitive design may be tried

The Woy Woy Peninsula may be used for a pilot project on Water Sensitive Urban Design with Gosford Council to prepare a feasibility study on a new project.

Gosford Council has recently completed the Woy Woy Stormwater Infiltration Project in partnership with the University of Technology, Sydney.

The outcomes show that the area is essentially a blank canvas for a project to effectively manage stormwater, according to a report to Gosford Council.

Associate Professor Geoffrey O'Loughlin of the University of Technology, Sydney, prepared a report in September 1997 to assess alternative stormwater drainage systems for the Peninsula.

The report recommended further investigations into the feasibility of stormwater



Parts of the Woy Woy Peninsula are prone to flooding

infiltration as a stormwater drainage solution.

These trials have shown the work to be successful in managing stormwater ponding and water quality.

There was no evidence of

pollutants migrating into the groundwater

Each year Council reconstructs several roads on the Peninsula as a result of water damage.

Council will now investigate the feasibility of using the professor's

early results to turn the Peninsula into a pilot project to for water sensitive urban design.

A recent report by Council noted that the Peninsula's flat and low terrain required much bigger pipes to convey the stormwater.

"Flat pipes are prone to blockage by silt. The high ongoing maintenance cost associated with clearing blocked pipes has not been estimated," it stated.

"Clearly the present stormwater management strategy is not sustainable.

The high cost and very large pipe sizes associated with traditional stormwater design practice led Council to begin the search for alternative stormwater drainage solutions for the Peninsula.

Council Agenda SF.016 July 6



The stop sign at the intersection of Lone Pine Ave and Carpenter St. Petitioners want Council to put up a stop sign in Carpenter St or to close to Carpenter St at Lone Pine Ave instead.

Stop sign to be inspected

A stop sign at the bottom of the Lone Pine Ave hill will be inspected by councillors, politicians, police and the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Gosford councillors voted on Tuesday, July 6, to inspect the site after receiving a petition with 214 signatures opposing the sign.

A report by the Council's traffic committee found "the stop signs in Lone Pine Ave are operating effectively and should remain".

A resident of Lone Pine Ave, Ms Elizabeth Wright, told Tuesday's council meeting that she had collected the signatures

in under a week from residents of the 190 homes on Lone Pine Hill who opposed to the stop sign.

She said she could have collected more.

"I've heard of no accidents in that intersection in 20 years," she said.

Chair of Council's Traffic Committee, Cr Chris Holstein, urged councillors to visit the intersection to see that the decision was made for safety reasons.

"Review it, go and have a look at it and see it for yourself," he said.

Alison Branley TR.04.105
Council Agenda, July 6

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Stamp on advertising

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Consumers who buy and use these stamps become involuntary distributors to a captive audience of junk mail advertising a foreign shipping company.

Australia Post is a government monopoly providing the essential public service of communication that should not be polluted by commercials.

It should stamp on advertising – not advertise on stamps.

John Collins, Woy Woy

Plant status cannot be ignored

FORUM

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It seems to be a foregone assumption by developers that development is sacrosanct and must inevitably go ahead in some shape or form.

The way I read the law, the proposed 41-unit development at Veron Rd can't go ahead.

Stephen Bell's vegetation mapping has identified endangered plant communities on the site which have been given protected status by the NSW Scientific Committee and

this can neither be ignored, reduced nor made irrelevant.

Unless compensatory vegetation can be provided, the development cannot go ahead.

The developers can neither provide compensatory habitat nor replace an endangered plant community that consists of little more than five hectares on the face of the planet.

Common sense cries out to reign in all those who would develop a site where critically endangered vegetation exists.

Rezoning should be in the offing.

We must be prepared to make the hard decisions.

Paul Burns, Umina

Buying the other half

I was interested to read (Peninsula News, June 29) that Council may negotiate to purchase half the bushland block on the corner of Hilliew St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, because the environmental sensitivity of the land makes it unsuitable for development.

It would seem that the rationale for purchasing half is lack of money.

In case this is correct, I would like to offer two obvious suggestions that would enable the purchase of the whole block.

First, the shortage of funds results from the allocation of Peninsula S94 funds to the construction of a regional facility, the Regional Leisure Centre at Woy Woy.

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Given that Peninsula S94 funds are being used for a facility that will serve the region, it would be fair to allocate some S94 funds from other areas in the LGA instead of only using Peninsula funds.

Second, we live in an age of credit.

Surely Gosford Council has adequate credibility to borrow funds from a state government body or financial institution to purchase this land.

There are many other innovative ideas available from community members to ensure we retain this bushland block for the benefit of existing and future populations of people and wildlife.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Time to revisit and revise plan

FORUM

The Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management, on page 32, states that "the protection of the dunes and vegetation are the foremost concerns of the Department of Land and Water Conservation and Gosford City Council".

Yet it proceeds to recommend the provision of viewing platforms and increased public access in the Picnic Parade-Beach St section.

This section contains the best natural vegetation and mature

trees in the whole of the foreshore area covered by the plan and has six access pathways to the beach.

It is impossible for the Foreshore Plan to provide for viewing platforms and increased public access without the removal of some long-established dune vegetation and mature trees.

Such action cannot be reconciled with the priority noted above and Gosford Council will create a dangerous precedent if

it is seen to support such action.

As the terms of reference given to the consultants who prepared the Foreshore Plan required them to provide for "the arrival of the new Fast Ferry", the withdrawal of the State Government grant for the funding of the terminal-jetty fundamentally impacts their recommendations.

It is now appropriate for the new Gosford Council to revisit and revise the Foreshore Plan to include wider community input.

Michael Gillian, Ettalong Beach

Moved already

The Wondabyne Sculptures have already been moved, contrary to the artists' wishes.

So why the indecision on their re-location?

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They were carved to be enjoyed at the water's edge.

So Caroline Bay would be perfect!

Dorothy Hart, Pearl Beach

Marriage stand is gratuitous homophobia

FORUM

The ALP has chosen populism over principle in supporting John Howard's move to exclude same-sex relationships from the legal definition of marriage.

This gratuitous homophobia cannot be justified as a stand on principle.

Instead, the ALP clings to the fig leaf that confining marriage to heterosexual couples reflects the common law.

Marriage will now be defined as "a union between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others".

John Howard's white picket fence will surround marriage, "protecting" heterosexual

Australians from the outrageous thought that same-sex partners might want the simple right to have their union recognised by law.

If it's merely a restatement of the common law, why does the Act need to be amended at all?

The reason is to let the Government flag its deep social conservatism to the electorate by engaging in a bit of gay bashing.

It is small surprise that the ALP has decided to follow suit, playing to the same conservative audience: small surprise, but disappointing nevertheless.

The ALP's Nicola Roxon


assures us that same-sex couples can still have de-facto relationships.

Well, gee, thanks Nicola. That's really generous of you.

The fact that same-sex couples married overseas will be, by force of law, now defined as "unmarried" in Australia doesn't seem to bother Roxon and the ALP.

Australia should not be built on the phobias and prejudices of the past, but on a genuinely inclusive and diverse culture moving confidently towards the future.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach



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IN BRIEF

Disabled spaces

Gosford Council is to provide two extra disabled car parking spaces outside Club Umina in Melbourne Ave. The council's traffic committee made the recommendation following a request from the member of the public who found that there were only two spaces which were usually occupied.

TR.04.104 Council Agenda, July

Give way

Gosford Council's traffic committee has approved a Give Way sign for the intersection of Araluen Dr and Pretty Beach Rd, Pretty Beach. The committee found Araluen Dr intersected Pretty Beach Rd at an acute angle and its report stated there may be confusion as to which street has right of way.

TR.04.083 Council Agenda, July

Lane dividers

Lane dividers are to be provided on the bends in The Scenic Rd between Wards Hill Rd and Killcare Rd following Councils traffic committee meeting. The committee made the recommendation after a request from a member of the public who reported that drivers regularly cross to the wrong side of The Scenic Rd while negotiating the bends between Wards Hill Rd and Killcare Rd.

TR.04.084 Council Agenda, July

Pedestrian crossing

Plans for a pedestrian refuge between Deepwater Plaza and McDonalds, Woy Woy, have been handed over the Roads and Traffic Authority following the reclassification of Charlton St, Woy Woy, to a State Road. The RTA has advised that it is currently investigating options for the provision of a pedestrian facility in Charlton St.

TR.98.107 Council Agenda, July

Lane plan rejected

Gosford Council's traffic committee has rejected a plan to make Fyffe Lane between West St and The Esplanade, Umina, a one way street southbound. It was found the plan would pose too many difficulties in accessing The Esplanade and would disturb neighbors. The committee also rejected a plan to make the unnamed laneway between Trafalgar Ave and Norman St, Umina, a one way street southbound. The council received four public submissions, with two opposing the plan and one in support. The traffic committee asked that Council's Project Implementation Unit to seal the lanes and put in speed humps.

TR.04.016, TR.04.017 Council Agenda, July 6

Andrews defends roads funding

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has defended the State Government's funding of road upgrades, following criticism by Cr Craig Doyle.

Ms Andrews said the Minister for Roads announced in February this year that funding would be brought forward for Gosford Council to complete a number of road widening projects in the current financial year.

On the Peninsula, completed works funded by the State Government include the upgrade of Woy Woy Rd, Horsfield Bay, 280 metres south from Horsfield Rd.

Ms Andrews said the State Government provided \$300,000 to Gosford Council, which matched the funds to complete the road upgrades in the Gosford area.

"This is just one example of the State Government taking the Central Coast's issues seriously and working with Local Government to deliver results," Ms Andrews said.

"More than two kilometres of regional road upgrade and widening have been completed at various locations throughout the Central Coast."

According to information supplied by the Roads and Traffic Authority through Ms Andrews' office, current regional roads on the Peninsula include: Woy Woy Rd, Ocean Beach Rd, West St, Mt Ettalong Rd, Maitland Bay Dr, Empire Bay Dr, Sydney Ave, part of Hobart Ave, Barrenjoey Rd, Rawson Road up

to the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd, Patonga Dr and Railway St.

State Roads directly funded by the State Government include: Brisbane Water Dr, Charlton St, Blackwall Rd and Memorial Ave.

Ms Andrews' comments came the day after Gosford Council rejected a motion by Cr Craig Doyle to install signs on State and regional roads informing motorists that funding responsibility for repairs to those roads lay with the State Government, not Council.

The signs would have told motorists they could contact their local State Member to make complaints.

Cr Doyle cited statistics that showed Wyong Council received \$8590 per kilometre of road where Gosford was only getting \$860 per kilometre.

The motion to erect the signs was supported by Cr Doyle, Cr Chris Holstein and Cr Terri Latella.

Cr Robert Bell said he did not want to erect the signs before the Maunsells report was delivered.

The Maunsells report, which will review the funding priorities for Central Coast roads, is due to be presented to councillors on July 22 before it is made public.

Cr Bell said Gosford Council had been trying to get both more funding for maintenance of roads, as well as a change in the formula which decided the way roads were funded by the State government, which currently disadvantages Gosford City.

Alison Branley, July 7

Broken main was isolated

A broken water main on corner of Brickwharf Rd and North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, was isolated within 10 minutes of being reported on Monday morning, June 28, according to Gosford Council.

Council staff claimed they responded within 10 minutes of receiving a call at 11.25am, isolating the break.

"The break caused property damage to a residence and Council officers are working with the owner to establish the extent of the damage.

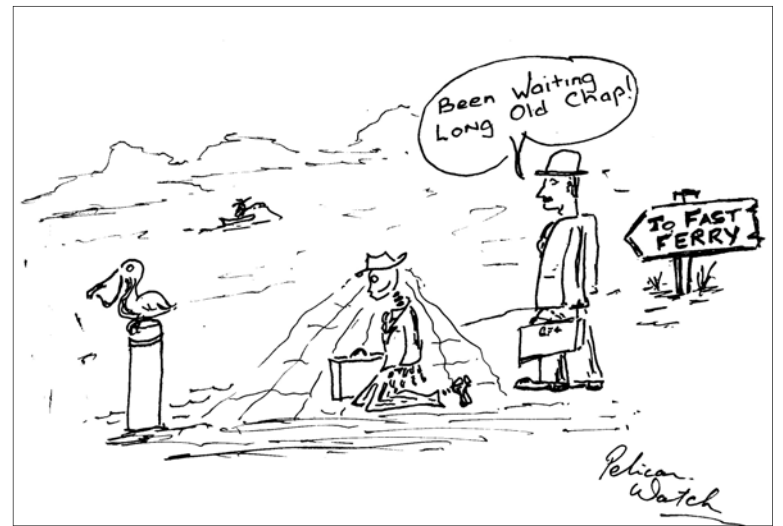
"Several houses in the area and the kitchen at the bowling club were without water.

"During May there were 54 reported interruptions to water supply which involved turning off the water to carry out repairs.

"The main break pattern is not significantly different to previous years even though we are experiencing an unusually dry period.

"Of these breaks, 52 of the 54 were repaired in under five hours with an average of homes being without water for 2.5 hours," they said.

Press release, June 28
Gosford Council



Fast ferry or slow ferry?

Ferry future unclear

The fate of the Ettalong Fast Ferry is unclear with the State Government last week indicating it would not provide the funds to build the terminal for the project.

Transport Minister Mr Michael Costa has written to Fastships chairman Mr Alf Salter indicating that a \$4.3 million grant for the terminal was being withdrawn.

Gosford Council approved plans to build the terminal but chose not to award the building contract in May last year until the ferry had been confirmed.

Fastships chairman Mr Alf Salter has indicated that his company was seeking an extension for the terminal's construction.

He has said he thought that if Fastships secured a US investor, the State Government would come good with the money.

Mr Salter indicated in late June that the project was still on course.

Alison Branley, July 8

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Recovery centre opens at tip

A "full resource recovery centre" opened at Woy Woy tip on July 1.

Residents can take garden organics, building and construction materials, scrap metal and whitegoods, as well as domestic recyclables such as cardboard, glass bottles and aluminium cans to be recycled.

Domestic recyclables and scrap metal can be dropped off free of charge.

However, all other materials such as garden organics and inert waste will still attract a fee.

Resource recovery reduces the amount of landfill as most of these waste materials can be transferred and re-used.

Press release, July 1
Cr Craig Doyle, Gosford Council

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Health

Replacing tiles

Woy Woy Community Child Care has received part of \$3930 in funding to replace tiles in two bathrooms as part of minor capital upgrade funding from the Federal Government.

The funding is split with Kariong Child Care Centre who will use their part of the grant to improve drainage at the Centre.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim

Lloyd said the second round of funding brings funding for minor capital upgrades to almost \$8.5 million.

"Community-based child care services are some of Australia's oldest child care providers.

"They provide services on a not-for-profit basis and may not have access to capital in the same way as commercially-based child care services," Mr Lloyd said.

"Minor capital upgrade grants enable eligible services on the Central Coast to carry out urgent work required to meet quality, health and safety standards," he said.

Services can apply for funding for individual projects costing between \$5000 and \$30,000.

Press release, June 28

Jim Lloyd,

Member for Robertson

Meditation is offered

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is offering a weekly evening meditation group and a fortnightly day-time group.

The group will meet every Monday from 7pm to 9pm and on the first and third Monday of the month from 10am to noon.

All sessions will include discussion, providing the opportunity for participants to share their expectations and experiences.

Each session will have a different theme such as relaxation, healing, getting answers to life's questions, chakras, visualisations and building an inner sanctuary.

Participation can be for the whole series or individual sessions.

The cost is a gold coin donation and bookings are essential.

**Fax, July 7
Peninsula Women's Health
Centre**



The Peninsula Women's Health Centre on McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Contact the centre on 4342 5905.

Community safety symposium planned

A Safe Communities Symposium will be held at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, in August.

The symposium will bring together agencies and organisations in the Gosford City area that deal with safety issues and organisers are looking for interested groups to attend.

The symposium aims to provide information and advice about what kinds of safety issues are occurring in the community and what a coordinated effort of agencies can do.

The symposium is being organised by the Gosford Safe Communities Coalition Steering Group and will include presentations from the Fire Brigade, Workcover and NSW Health.

"We would like to see all of the organisations that work in the safety arena at the event," said

steering group chairman Mr Frank Murphy from NSW Fire Brigades.

"This is a great opportunity for safety personnel to come together and have input into future safety strategies and actions for the area.

"We hope that the outcomes of the symposium will lead on to involving and working with interested community groups and individuals to create a safer Gosford for everyone," Mr Murphy said.

Speakers at the symposium will include the NSW Coordinator for Safe Communities, Ms Jennie Pry, as well as representatives from local safety agencies.

The Safe Communities Coalition steering committee is part of an international movement fostered by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

"The Safe Communities Coalition is dedicated to communities in which all sectors of the community work together in a coordinated and collaborative way, forming partnerships to promote safety, manage risk and increase the overall safety of its members," Mr Murphy said.

The steering committee for the Gosford Safe Communities Coalition has been meeting for the past six months to develop a proposed framework for action.

The symposium will be held at Peninsula Theatre on Thursday, August 12, from 9am to 4pm.

Cost is \$20 per person.

Any agencies interested in being involved should email anniewarn@idl.com.au or ring 4349 4800.

**Press release, July 7
Julie Parsons,
Peninsula Project Manager**



Fire control panels were installed last year at Peninsula Village

Nursing homes receive funds

Nursing homes on the Peninsula will receive an extra \$3500 per patient from July 1 to conform to building and fire safety standards.

The funding is a result of Federal Government Funding announced in the May Budget for nursing homes across Australia.

Woy Woy nursing home Boronia Court will receive \$144,000 and Woy Woy Community Aged Care will receive \$324,000.

In Umina, Peninsula Village Retirement Centre will receive \$359,000 and Jack Aldous Memorial Nursing Home will receive \$344,000.

The one-off payment must be used to either install fire sprinklers, update fire safety equipment, engage a professional fire safety consultant or improve fire safety training for staff.

The funding can also be used to upgrade buildings to meet benchmarks in fire safety or privacy and space targets to be met by 2008.

If providers have already met these standards, the funding must be used to improve the quality and range of aged care services or to retire debt.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said that ensuring elderly Central Coast residents received the best quality was always one of his highest priorities.

"As the Coast continues to grow, there will be a need for further nursing home beds and I am pleased that the 84-bed Hammond Care facilities in Woy Woy are nearing completion.

**Alison Branley, Press release,
June 28**

Jim Lloyd,

Member for Robertson

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Peninsula in the news

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

Thursday, July 1

National Parks and Wildlife staff fear some may lose their jobs as part of a statewide cut back.

Express Advocate

The Federal Government has threatened to cut funding to local women's health centres, which could affect the Peninsula Women's Health Centre and see a reduction in services.

Sun Weekly

Friday, July 2

A Umina man, 30, was stopped by police on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, on Tuesday and was found to have a middle range prescribed concentration of alcohol.

Express Advocate

Saturday, July 3

Property prices on Woy Woy Rd have soared to million dollar highs since the closure of the FC Nichols Abattoir and truck load limit imposed on the load.

Central Coast Extra

Tuesday, July 6

Umina Beach Scout Group, one of the longest running Scout Groups on the Central Coast, could be forced to close if it cannot find new leaders.

Central Coast Extra

The Woy Woy Wolves baseball team put themselves four points clear of the top of the table with a win over the Magpies at Rogers Park on Saturday.

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, July 7

Gosford Council considered a plan that could have seen former SAS troops focus on known hotspots including Umina Beach surf club car parks, and Peninsula sporting grounds following the withdrawal of rangers patrolling the Central Coast

at night over summer.

Express Advocate

Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca was expected back at his Woy Woy home on Monday after being taken to a Sydney Hospital last Thursday.

Express Advocate

Thursday, July 8

Ettalong's Shannon Dixon recently won the under-21 billiards title for the fourth consecutive year at the Australian Championships, the first time anyone has won so many consecutive titles.

Sun Weekly

Woy Woy resident and Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca, has denied that a heart problem put him in hospital over the weekend.

Express Advocate

A mystery lottery player who purchased a ticket from Ettalong Beach Newsagency won third prize in the \$2 jackpot lottery picking up \$5000 on Monday.

Express Advocate

Umina was one of the focuses for the Brisbane Water police during their blitz on street crime and anti-social behaviour on the weekend. Cannabis related cautions were also made at Woy Woy and Umina Beach.

Express Advocate

Umina Beach resident, Dylan McDonald has received an award for academic excellence from Warrane College at the University of NSW. He was awarded a Scholars Medal in his first year of studying commerce.

Express Advocate

Friday, July 9

Children from Woy Woy Public School have raised \$10,611 for Camp Quality, the Environmental Education Association and sports equipment from this year's fun run. About 750 students ran 1.5km to raise the funds.

Express Advocate

Call to keep research station

Citizen of the year Ms Heather McKenzie of Woy Woy South has spoken out against the State Government's planned closure of the Horticultural Research Station at Somersby and Narara.

Ms McKenzie said she was disappointed in the State Government closing down what was a vital contributor to the Central Coast economy.

"It's a damned shame if they close it down.

"They do so much work up there."

Ms McKenzie said that, unlike most Central Coast residents, she had known about the station for almost 40 years.

"When I first moved to the Central Coast, someone said to me 'you know where you get your oranges from don't you?'

"I went up there and they said, 'we'll have stonefruits in a few months', so I kept going.

"Then about six years ago, they said to me I couldn't come

anymore as they had to lock the gate.

"They were going to do research now."

Ms McKenzie said she witnessed a presentation given by scientists from the centre to Gosford Council on Tuesday, July 6.

"I couldn't get over how much work they do up there and how much it means to the Central Coast."

"They inject an estimated \$5 million into the Central Coast economy each year.

The research station does research in horticulture and aquaculture, and is a major centre of research in NSW.

They were recently selected by a Japanese company to become the green tea capital of Australia. The NSW government wants to close the centre down and combine it with one currently at Camden.

The station sits on 150 hectares of land at Somersby.

Alison Branley, July 9

Meeting at West St

Gosford Council's traffic committee has resolved to hold a site meeting with Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews over the removal of a raised pedestrian crossing at near Flemings in West St, Umina.

Representatives of Council's road safety and traffic unit and its flooding and drainage section will attend the meeting

In a report to council, the traffic committee reported it considered removing the crossing in February this year to help stop flooding to businesses in West St.

The committee will now review the plan following the letter from Ms Andrews asking that the Traffic Committee re-examine its decision as the crossing was helpful to people who were confined to wheelchairs or motorised scooters.

Community activist Mr Ed James said that his photographs and community studies of rainfall showed flooding was more likely to have been caused by council's own lack of drain cleaning.

"This is a particularly important amenity to improve the safety of a growing population of frail and infirm, with many visually



The raised crossing in West St Umina

impaired or wheelchair-bound who enjoy the central location near fruit market, post office and banks and well away from the busy roundabout," he said.

"I would expect those concerned residents who approached Ms Andrews would be invited to a site visit prior to any rash actions.

"The crossing is surrounded by five substantial drains serving an area of less than 2000 square meters and the crossing itself

amounts to an island of safety.

"It is poor council maintenance of its lane way that contributes to flooding problems," he said.

He said a Council officer advised him that staff will be recommending the crossing remain raised but with an altered design and in the same location.

A report will be presented to the traffic committee on the outcome of the meeting later in the year.

Alison Branley, July 8

Dog exercise policy to be reviewed

Gosford Council is to review its dog exercise policy just 12 months after adopting it.

Council adopted the plan at its meeting in July last year, deciding to monitor the policy during the first year.

Under the current policy, there are 12 areas on the Peninsula and in surrounding areas established for dog exercising and training

Five of these areas are on the beach at Patonga, Pearl Beach, Putty Beach and Umina Beach and Ocean Beach.

Sections of these beaches are designated "off-leash" exercise areas 24 hours a day.

Ettalong Beach is designated an "on-leash" exercise area only.

Other off-leash areas have also been designated along roads and on reserves.

Roads and reserves available for off-leash dog walking around the Peninsula are located at St Huberts Island, Pretty Beach,

Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy.

A statement from Gosford Council last month stated that "the policy has received a generous amount of community feedback over the past 12 months, including over 500 letters and petitions expressing views on the policy".

"Most of the feedback has been in relation to off-leash areas on beaches."

Council received over 500 submissions regarding the draft dog exercise policy when it was considered for adoption last year.

Almost 90 per cent were concerned with the draft policy with regard to dogs exercising on beaches.

A number of these specifically expressed concerns over areas at Putty Beach and Pretty Beach.

Other submissions were also concerned that the draft policy did not provide enough opportunity for dog exercise on beaches, were located in inappropriate areas, and that there were too many designated

areas on beaches.

The southern end of Umina Beach was identified in submissions as inappropriate for a 24-hour off leash area as it was used by a large number of families with small children.

Under the Council's adopted policy, the area is included for off-leash dog exercise.

In March this year, volunteers for Clean Up Australia Day collected 10kg of dog droppings in 10 minutes at the same location.

**Alison Branley, Press release, June 28
Gosford Council**

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Rotary hears folk club

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach hosted the Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club at their dinner meeting on Wednesday, June 23.

Folk club president Ms Marilyn

Russell spoke to the meeting about the Troubadour Folk Club.

The folk club meets once a month, usually on the second Friday, at the Masonic Hall, where people are entertained by local performers as well as guest artists.

Marilyn Russell, husband Frank and Cec Bucello then performed to the local Rotarians singing several numbers and playing a number of instruments.

Press release, July 7
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina

Estuary study to take three years

Peninsula residents may see a number of boats out in various locations of Brisbane Water at night over the next three years, as scientists take samples for the Brisbane Water Estuary Process Study.

The study commenced in January this year is claimed to be the most comprehensive study of Brisbane Water ever undertaken and will take three years to complete.

The Estuary Process Study will be followed by an Estuary Management Study, an Estuary Management Plan and then implementation of the plan.

All up the whole process is expected to take until 2008.

Gosford Council's natural resources officer Dr Peter Freewater said the estuary process study would take three years to complete, being finalised by the end of 2006.

"After that, it has to be reviewed by various stakeholders, such as NSW Fisheries, National Parks, Waterways, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, and community organisations.

"Everybody will have the opportunity to comment and we'll go back and make changes."

He said he expected the estuary management study and estuary management plan would be prepared together and take the following 12 to 18 months to complete.

Following that, the plan should have both short term and long term plans to be implemented over time.

"At the end of it, there will be guidelines for the sustainable management of Brisbane Water," Dr Freewater said.

He said it would look at the continuing health of Brisbane Water Estuary.

The study will include recreational use by fishermen and

boats, environmental hotspots such as Correa Bay, the canals on St Huberts Island, to the sand movements at Ettalong.

"All of the foreshores of Brisbane Water will be looked at, (including) boatramps, jetties," Dr Freewater said.

"But places like Ettalong also have their own studies done by Council, the Ettalong Foreshore Plan of Management looks at issues like the sand movements and impact of a fast ferry.

"This study takes an holistic approach."

Scientists will be using a number of methods in a variety of locations for different aspects of the study.

These locations will include St Huberts Island, Woy Woy Bay, Box Head, Ettalong Beach.

An information evening was held by scientists working on the project on Thursday, July 1.

Scientists studying aspects of the estuary from the phytoplankton to the saltmarshes gave presentations on how their research will contribute to the study as a whole.

Dr Freewater said the community would have the chance to contribute to the project throughout the whole process.

"The information evening was a night where people could register to receive updates on the progress of the study.

"All comments that are received are logged, so none are disregarded.

"We will also be canvassing the community over the entire process by writing to them and various community organisations will be given opportunity to comment at the end.

Anyone wishing to make a comment for the study or register to receive updates can do so by visiting www.gosford.nsw.gov.au or consultants Lawson and Treloar's website at www.lat.com.au.

Alison Branley, July 9

PCYC to get administrator

Umina PCYC is to have a civilian employed to take over administration of the club, freeing up police at the club for more crime prevention work with local youths.

The appointment is part of \$3.26 million to be spent on PCYCs, announced by Minister for Police Mr John Watkins on June 26.

Mr Watkins said the funding meant civilians would be employed to take over administra-

tion and management of the state's 57 Police and Community Youth Clubs.

"This funding injection will release 100 police officers from time-consuming bookwork and administration duties, so they can invest all their time and effort helping young people," Mr Watkins said.

"They'll deliver more programs tailored to reducing juvenile crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities and identifying youth at risk before it's too

late," he said.

Mr Watkins said a \$1.03 million trial of civilian managers commenced in December 2002, and would now be extended.

The trial found that police at PCYCs with civilian managers: referred 40 per cent more young people to crime prevention programs; achieved a six-fold increase in the time spent delivering education programs; and quadrupled the time they spent at local youth hot spots from one to four hours a week.

"We freed the clubs from costly public liability insurance, reducing their insurance bills and allowing them to pour more money into programs," Mr Watkins said.

"Now, after the successful trial, we're freeing police who work in PCYCs to put more young people at risk of criminal or anti-social influence back on the right path.

"Contact with hard-working, dedicated police really works for these kids. That's why we don't want these officers to spend all their time on bookwork or administration.

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Media release, June 26
John Watkins, Minister for Police

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Seminar to combat shoplifting

A Shoplifting and Stealing Seminar will be held at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on Tuesday, July 20, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

The seminar will focus on strategies to reduce the risk of Peninsula businesses becoming a victim of such criminal offences.

This seminar is free and open to business owners and staff on the Peninsula.

The Safer Business Team that is organising the seminar has been developed as part of the Peninsula Project to target community and business safety on the Peninsula.

The team is made up of local community leaders and business people and is supported by Government safety agencies.

Peninsula Project manager Ms Julie Parsons said the aim of the Safer Business Team was bring to a range of programs, activities and campaigns that would help address local safety issues.

"Shoplifting and stealing are some of the most common crimes affecting small businesses," she said.

"Shoplifting accounts for up to 40 per cent of reported shop losses annually.

"This seminar will focus on strategies to reduce the risk of your business becoming a victim of these criminal offences.

"It will also outline your rights and responsibilities when dealing with shoplifters.

"It will also detail how to report crime and get Police assistance," she said.

For further information and bookings, contact 4344 2200 before July 14.

The seminar will only be offered if minimum numbers of bookings are received.

Julie Parsons, July 6

Field day

The Association for Environmental Education's next field day will be on Sunday, July 18.

The field day will include an inspection bush care work at the Burrawang Reserve in Hillview St, Woy Woy.

This group co-ordinates the manning of the Environment Centre in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Environmental education officer Ms Trish Donnelly of Gosford Council is at the centre on Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm to answer questions on the environment.

**Newsletter, July 7
Multi Arts Confederation**

Woy Woy's second set of traffic lights switched on

The second set of traffic lights for the Peninsula were officially switched on at the Blackwall and Allfield Rd intersection on Friday, July 2.

The changes to the intersection see dedicated lanes for turning right from Blackwall Rd to Allfield Rd, pedestrian signals and a dedicated lane for turning right from Allfield Rd to Blackwall Rd.

The intersection was upgraded to accommodate increased traffic expected when the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre opens.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews officially switched on the new traffic signals, saying the new signals would improve vehicle access to the main road from side streets.

"The switch on of these new signals means safer roads for local residents who have experienced increased road and pedestrian traffic along Blackwall Rd," Ms Andrews said.

"Cyclists will benefit from the off-road cycleways at the intersection.

"New signalised pedestrian facilities have also been provided.

"Property acquisition and extensive public utility adjustments were required for



Member for Peats, Marie Andrews takes the first crossing at Woy Woy's second set of traffic lights with local residents and council workers

this project which is a good example of how complex it can be to undertake major works such as these in busy urban areas.

"These improvements will bring substantial benefits to all road users in the Woy Woy area and are certain to be welcomed by the residents on the Peninsula,"

she said.

**Press release, July 2
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

World War Two veteran starts social club

World War Two veteran Horrie Young has started a "World War Two Armed Services Social Club" for Peninsula ex-servicemen.

The society is only open to those who served in the armed forces from September 3, 1939, to August 15, 1945.

Mr Young said he got the idea from a similar group that used to operate exclusively for World War One veterans.

"I used to get a great kick out of their stories, and they appreciated the attention.

"And those World War Two vets who were the minders are now starting to reach their 80s and 90s and need a similar service."

Mr Young said it was very hard for him and other World War Two veterans to relate to their fellow servicemen from other wars.

He said the servicemen from wars of the modern era such as Vietnam and the Gulf war have very different experiences to those of World War Two veterans.

"They were different kinds of wars," he said.

"The servicemen don't speak the same language as we do, and I'm sure they're sitting next to us thinking 'what do I talk to this old bloke about?'"

"Naturally it is recognised that there exists a common thread among the veterans of all wars, but it can't be denied that

veterans, generally are more at home when associating with people of their own particular conflict."

Mr Young said he saw many isolated elderly World War Two veterans and wanted to do something for them.

"It's tragic when you see them roaming around Deepwater Plaza.

"Their wives have pre-deceased them and they don't see their kids much any more.

"I just thought we'll try and see if we can do something for these poor old devils.

"The Peninsula has a high concentration of ex-servicemen and organisations for them, but I wasn't happy with the direction a

lot of them take.

"RSL Sub-branches particular roles are primarily pitched to defending veterans rights and pensions."

Mr Young said the proposed society would be a more social one, giving WW2 veterans the opportunity renew old acquaintances and discuss war memories.

The society will hold excursions and a luncheon every two months, using a bus supplied Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

With membership enquiries, phone the secretary of RSL Sub-Branch, Mr Jack Carney, on 4341 2594 or Mr Young on 4322 5645.

Alison Branley, July 8



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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**, 4-5pm (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, Boudi 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.

Troubadour Folk Club, at Masonic Hall opp Woy Woy station, enq: 43414060, 8pm

Third Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, EBWMC, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

South Boudi 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.

Etymalong **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.

CWAH, The Boulevard, Woy Woy, Troubadour Folk Club Blackboard Concert, enq: 02 9639 4911, 1pm-5pm

Every Sunday

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

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

What's On

Wednesday, 21 July

Bookmobile; Peridon Village Shopping Centre, 9.30am to 10am.
Bookmobile; Peridon Retirement village hall, 10am to 10.30am.
Bookmobile; Empire Bay, opposite Post Office, 10.40am to 11.15am

Thursday, 22 July

The Woy Woy Aged Care Auxiliary will be holding a stall from 8 am with Gifts, Cakes, Jams, Pickles and lots more.

Wendy Matthews, Live at Ettalong Beach Club, Dinner and Show \$65-\$70, Dinner Only \$27-\$30

Leah Wheatley at Woy Woy Env Centre for trish

Introducing Solids and avoiding allergies - guest speaker nutritionist, 93 Mcmasters Rd, Woy Woy, 10am

Friday, 23 July

Wendy Matthews, Live at Ettalong Beach Club, Dinner and Show \$65-\$70, Dinner Only \$27-\$30

Sunday, 25 July

National Tree Day,
www.planetark.org.au

"Celebrating Colour & Community with Nina Angelo", Wagstaffe Hall, 4pm

Monday, 27 July

Mum's the World, Support group for women during pregnancy and children up to 2 years will meet fortnightly, 12.30-2.30pm

Hosting a talk

The Bouddi Society is hosting local community artist Nina Angelo, for a talk entitled "Celebrating Colour and Community with Nina".

It will be held on Sunday, July 25, in the Wagstaffe Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

Admission will be \$15 and will include nibbles and drinks.

Bookings are essential.

Phone Jill on 4360 1764, John on 4360 1535 or Phil on 4360 1057 before July 23.

The show will be part of the series of "Sunday Afternoons by the Bay".

Jill Baxter, July 8

Second round is open

The second round of the Peninsula Art Competition is now open with entries closing on August 14 and also a reminder that entries for the first round close on July 17.

Peninsula News in conjunction with Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is running the competition.

Each month, artists will have the opportunity to create or submit a piece based on "activities, people, places or events that typify the Peninsula in 2004".

The winner each month will win a certificate, a voucher for \$50 worth of art and craft supplies from Art and Craft RIOT at Erina Fair, will published in the Peninsula News and will also be showcased by Gosford Council in its Peninsula Libraries during the following month.

The competition aims to "capture memories" of the way the Peninsula is now for future generations.

There are no restrictions on the choice of media other than size, due to storage and display facilities.

Only one entry per person is allowed each month and entry is open to all.

Entries for the July competition should be dropped into the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, in Kitchener Park, corner Picnic Parade and Maitland Bay Dr, between 10am and noon on July 17 and for the August prize on August 14.

For details of conditions and further information, contact the centre on 4363 1327.

July 9

Latest production at Woy Woy

The Peninsula Theatre will host Nuncrackers, the latest production in the Nunsense saga by Dan Goggins, from July 16-31.

The play directed by Andrew Godbold, choreographed by Caroline McNamara, sees Fran Kendall play Mother Superior, Lianne Haddock play Sister Hubert and Viv Thomson play Sister Robert Ann.

Leigh Collins continues his role as Father Virgil Trott and Jane Anne Collins takes up the challenge of playing Sister Amnesia.

In this production, the Little Sisters of Saratoga have set up a TV studio in the basement at Mary McKillop's School.

They are taping their Christmas Show in preparation of a big Christmas Season when Sister Leo, the only ballerina in the group, has an accident.

Lianne Haddock from Laycock St Theatre said the Christmas Ballet is put into jeopardy with no one to play the Sugar Plum Fairy.

"Will Sister Amnesia ever get the words of the Christmas carols



Jane Anne Collins, Fran Kendall and Lianne Haddock

right?" she asked.

"Can Mother Superior keep up in the Village People number?"

"Most of your favourites are back from previous shows," she said.

After the season at Woy Woy, the production will play at Laycock Street Theatre for a

small season from September 23-26

Bookings for both seasons can be made by phoning 4323 3233.

Press release, June 4
Lianne Haddock, Laycock Street Theatre

Students hear Archibald winner

Archibald Prize winning artist, 83-year-old Guy Warren and other artists spoke about their work to 80 year



Guy Warren

12 students from Brisbane Water Secondary School at the Gosford Regional Gallery recently.

The visit was organised by head teacher of creative and performing arts at the college's senior campus, Ms Sueanne Matthews.

Mr Warren currently has a retrospective show at the gallery.

He was awarded Australia's Archibald Prize in 1985 for his portrait Flugelman with Wingman, and was awarded the Order of Australia in 1999.

His work focuses on the interdependent relationship between humans and the environment.

Using bright and bold colours, he works with oils and watercolours.

"The idea was to make the stu-

dents' art theory real, within the gallery context, and with the artist talking about their own work," Ms Matthews said.

"It is connecting the HSC syllabus content to a real event.

"Case studies provide a means of studying particular cases in the visual arts.

"Their function in the classroom is to illustrate a point or something of significance.

"In terms of quality teaching, this is intellectual quality and significance, all rolled into a relevant learning experience for our students," Ms Matthews said.

Also speaking on the day were artists Barbara McKay and Jamie Sargeant and curators Katrina Cashman and Tim Braham.

Press release, May 26
David Beattie, BWSC

First 'Fair Go' concert a success

Almost 50 people turned up to see the inaugural "Fair Go For All Concert" at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, on Sunday, July 4.

"A perfect sunny Sunday afternoon by the sparkling green waters of Woy Woy, coupled with the best fish and chips in Australia and some wonderful performances saw the inaugural concert succeed beyond all expectations," said organiser Vic Jeffries.

The program was led by Arch Bishop; Bill Bekric, Lost 'n' Found; local band The Usual Suspects; and Margaret Bradford.

"Poets Jane Faulkner; Eddy Sampson and Jill Neville were also present with a host of newcomers: Mike Bogle; That's That, Sean Score, Simon Eagles, and Billy Rae.

The Sunday Afternoon Fair Go Concerts will continue to be staged on the last Sunday of

every month from 1pm to 5pm.

Anyone wishing to appear must contact Vic Jeffries on 9639 4911 or at jeffries@tech2u.com.au prior to the event to secure a spot of up to 20 minutes.

Entry costs \$5 for three and a half hours of entertainment, including afternoon tea.

The next concert will take place on July 25

Email, July 9
Vic Jeffries

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Arts and Entertainment

Writers' life member



The Woy Woy Writers have appointed their first life member. Phyllis Lindsay, 93, has been an active member of the group since its inauguration 13 years ago and was appointed the group's first life member. She was published in the group's fifth book, "Around a square table", where she told of her childhood in the inner city of Sydney. Phyllis Lindsay is pictured (seated) at the launch of the Woy Woy writer's fifth book "Around a square table" in 2003.

Two in Gang Show

Umina residents Jessica and Andrew Mills are involved in this year's Central Coast Gang Show at the Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford, during the July school holidays.

Gang Show is an annual event which brings together Scouts and Guides to participate in a performing arts night.

It is a fast moving mixture of comedy and music, specially

designed sets, stage lighting, sound effects and hundreds of costumes.

Jessica Mills is part of the cast and also helps with the choreography and Andrew Mills helps with the sound and effects.

This year's show will run from Wednesday, July 14, to Saturday, July 17, and will consist of four evening shows and one matinee performance.

Wayne Anstee, June 25

Best restaurant

Lizotte's on the Bay at Hardys Bay has won Best Restaurant in a Pub/Club/Tavern at The Restaurant and Catering NSW Awards of Excellence 2004.

Owner Brian Lizotte has thanked patrons for their support.

Press release, May 25
Brian Lizotte, Lizotte's on the Bay

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IN BRIEF

Art Prize

Pretty Beach Public School has won a prize in the Westfield Shop for Your School Promotion. The school won a Texta pack valued at \$200 containing a wide assortment of specialty pens to be used for art and special occasions.

Newsletter, July 1
Pretty Beach Public School

School Zones

There have been several changes to the Peninsula School zones. Lone Pine Ave, Poziers Ave, Birdwood Ave, Australia Ave, County Cl, Heritage Cl, Arras Ave, Lens Ave, Fleet St, Admiralty Pl, Northumberland Cl, Macquarie Pl, Bapaupe Ave (north of Australia Ave), Rabaul Ave (21 and under), Dardanelles Ave (north of Australia Ave) and Ocean Beach Rd (greater than 397, odd numbers only), which were previously in the Umina Public School zone are now to be within the local area of Woy Woy South Public School.

Newsletter, June 23
Woy Woy Public School

Fire visit

Students at Woy Woy Public School had a visit from local firefighters to teach the children about fire safety recently. The visit is part of a new NSW Fire Brigade initiative, Fire Ed, which aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every kindergarten child in the district each year. The program is part of the NSW Fire Brigade ongoing commitment to educating the public for a fire safe NSW.

Newsletter, June 25
Woy Woy Public School

Award

Pretty Beach Public School has been recognised as an outstanding regional school in the NSW Sustainable Schools Program.

The school one of 40 to be recognised with the award from 198 that applied.

It won \$1000 to implement plans outlined in the school's environmental management plan.

The school's "environmental ministers" from Year 6 are also going to represent their school at a workshop-conference in Sydney on Thursday, July 22.

Newsletter, July 1
Pretty Beach Public School

Tree Day activities at local schools

Three local schools will participate in National Tree Day activities on the Peninsula on Friday, July 23, and Sunday, July 25.

National Tree Day activities include planting trees and shrubs that are native to the local area.

The planting is designed to help soil, wildlife, creeks and rivers and also to help to combat global warming.

Umina Beach Public School will be planting trees on their school grounds on Schools Tree Day, Friday, July 23.

Empire Bay Public School will be planting trees in the wetland area across from their school on Monday, July 26.

Both schools are hoping to rehabilitate their area, improve wildlife habitats and change biodiversity values.

Woy Woy Public School has also registered a site for National Tree Day activities.

Anyone wanting to organise a site for National Tree Day can phone Planet Ark on 1300 885 000 or go to the website www.planetark.com/treeday.

Media release, June 23
Planet Ark



Umina Public School students participating in previous National Tree Day activities

Ettalong in rock eisteddfod

Ettalong Public School will be one of more than 40 NSW schools to participate in the inaugural Junior Rock Eisteddfod at the Hill-song Convention Centre, Baulkham Hills, from July 20 to July 23.

The Junior Rock Eisteddfod's launch coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge in Australia.

While the high school Rock Eisteddfod promotes being drug-free, the Junior Rock Eisteddfod Challenge is designed to help combat the growing increase in childhood obesity.

Students are taught that being active and eating healthy food is fun.

"For months students have been hammering sets, sewing costumes, counting 5-6-7-8 in preparation for the performance

of a lifetime," according to public relations manager Ms Renee Ferenc.

"The response to the new event is tremendous which means that many students will be exposed to our health messages about living a healthy lifestyle."

The event has attracted more than 120 primary schools around Australia.

Tickets for the Sydney Junior Rock Eisteddfod Challenge went on sale on Tuesday, July 6, and are \$18.70 plus booking fee.

They can purchased from the Rock Eisteddfod Box Office on (02) 9899 3433 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12.30pm on Saturdays.

Press release, June 29
Renee Ferenc, Rock Eisteddfod Challenge

Drama against drugs

Year 11 students from Brisbane Water Secondary School have presented a drama piece to launch a new anti-drugs brochure.

The students wrote and performed the piece which was based on a current affair style report on victims of drug abuse.

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team's drug information and advice for parents and carers brochure was launched on Friday, June 25, at Umina PCYC.

The students Max Harwood, Will Henderson, Daniel Stone, Alex Beaton, Sarah Harpey and Amanda Lilleyman were also part of the community barbecue held at the PCYC for the launch.

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team developed the brochure to assist parents and carers in discussing drug and alcohol issues with their children as part of Drug Action Week.

The brochure will support the other initiatives developed by the PCDAT including the Whys to Wise Peer Mentor-Leadership program for schools and a variety of community projects.

The brochures will be distributed to all schools on the Peninsula.

For further information or to order brochures, contact 4344 2200.

Press Release, July 2
Julie Parsons, Peninsula Project Manager

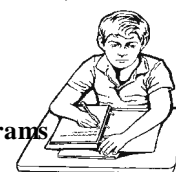
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Annual
meeting

The Woy Woy Bowling
Club annual meeting
was held on Sunday,
July 4, and was well at-
tended.

Results of the various
ballots saw Jim Cassidy
elected president with the
post of bowls secretary
going to Paul Silcock.

The outgoing committee
was given a rousing ovation
for their efforts during a
difficult time for the club
over the past 12 months.

The new office-bearers for
the club are: president Jim
Cassidy, senior vice-
president Ken Young, vice-
president Laurie McAnally,
secretary-treasurer Barry
Holmes, bowls secretary
Paul Silcock, assistant
bowls secretary Sel Manuel,
pennant selectors Gilbert
McIntyre (chairman), Sel
Manuel and John Walters,
social selectors Ray Wise,
Ron Smith, Harold Rimme
and Stan Moran, publicity
officer Ken Poole and
welfare officer Kevin
Rogers.

Press release, July 5
Ken Poole, publicity officer

Pennant
luncheon

Everglades Country
Club Ladies Golfers
held their annual
Pennant Luncheon
after 18 holes of golf on
Tuesday, June 15.

All those who participated
in pennant were invited to
lunch in recognition of their
contribution.

The pennant players of
the year awards were made
during the luncheon to Pat
Clarke who took out A
Grade, Helen Ferguson B
Grade and Jan Montgomery
C Grade.

Newsletter, July 7
Everglades Bulletin, July
2004

Singles
winner

Tod Langby from Woy
Woy Bowling Club has
taken out the club's
major singles final over
Lionel Ackling 32-30.

"Lionel took up the
running early and hung on
throughout the match only
to be denied on the final end
which commenced with the
score 30-all," according to
Woy Woy Bowling Club
Publicity officer, Mr Ken
Poole.

"The match was a classic
watched by a good crowd."
Ken Poole, July 5

MID-SEASON LADDERS

Jim Beam Cup		
The Entrance Tigers		27
Sydney Bulls		24
Windsor Wolves		21
Cabramatta		17
Sth Sydney Juniors		17
Wentworthville		16
Ourimbah Magpies		14
Eina		12
Ryde-Eastwood		12
Newtown Jets		8
Woy Woy		4
Rugby Union		
Ourimbah		42
Avoca Beach		41
Woy Woy		33
Northlakes		32
Terrigal		31
Kariong		19
The Entrance		15
Soccer		
Toukley		30
Kincumber		29
Sth Ettalong United		25
Wyong		23
Woy Woy		21
Gosford City		13
Avoca		8
Doyalson		1
Soccer		
East Gosford		28
Wyoming		26
The Entrance		23
Budgewoi		21
Berkeley Vale		19
Kanwal		18
Umina		16
Killarney District		16
Ourimbah		9
Terrigal		0
Baseball		
Wolves		15
Magpies		11
Dodgers		10
Lions		8

WEEKEND SPORT

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

Rugby League Sunday, July 18

Jim Beam Cup
Rnd 16: Woy Woy v Ryde-Eastwood
Woy Woy Oval, 3pm

Central Coast Competition
Rnd 14: Woy Woy v N/Lakes
Under 17s 11pm, Under 19s 12.15pm, 1st division 1.45pm
Wyong v Umina
Away

Saturday July 24 Jim Beam Cup

Rnd 17: Woy Woy v Wentworthville
Away

Sunday, July 25

Central Coast Competition
Rnd 15: Terrigal v Woy Woy - away
Under 17s 11pm, Under 19s 12.15pm, 1st division 1.45pm

Umina v The Entrance
Umina oval

Rugby Union

Saturday, July 17
Rnd 14: Woy Woy v Northlakes
Woy Woy oval 3pm

Saturday, July 24
Rnd 15: Ourimbah v Woy Woy
Away

AFL - Black Diamond Cup Saturday July 17

Rnd 16: Wyong Lakes v Woy Woy
Tacoma Ova, 11.45am

Saturday July 24
Rnd 17: Woy Woy Peninsula v Lake Macquarie
Rogers Park, 11.45am

Soccer - Premier League 1 Sunday, July 18

Rnd 14: East Gosford v Umina, East Gosford, 2.45pm
Rnd 14: Wyong v Woy Woy
Wyong, 2.45pm

Sunday, July 25
Rnd 15: Umina v Berkeley, Umina Oval 1, 2.45pm
Rnd 15: Woy Woy v Gosford
Woy Woy

Baseball

Saturday, July 17
Rnd 12: Dodgers v Woy Woy
Wolves
Adcock Park, 2.15pm

Saturday, July 24
Rnd 13: Woy Woy Wolves v Lions
Rogers Park, 2.15pm

Zac wins

Junior golfer Zac Wilkins from Everglades Country Club continued his recent good form to capture his age division in the Morisset Junior Golf Classic on May 23.

Adam Grice and Ben Mills also contested the event.

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Everglades Bulletin, July 2004

Benefit for cancer care

Women golfers from Everglades Country Club have raised \$2000 for the cancer care unit at Gosford Hospital in a charity golf day.

The golf day was the culmination of months of fundraising.

The golf day is part of an annual fundraising effort which raises money for a different charity each year.

The sponsored event saw over 100 women turn out for a friendly competition with skincare prize packs donated by the day's sponsor.

Phyl Oman took out the major prize with a score of 41 points and Jan Montgomery came a close second on 39.

Other winners of the L'Oreal Paris Skincare prize packs were Donna Mitchell, Julie Elliott, Jackie Yorke and Veronica Jordan.



Everglades women's golf trophy winners in the L'Oreal Cup. Front: Julie Elliott, Donne Mitchell, Veronica Jordan. Back: Phyl Oman, Jeanette, Jan Montgomery, Jackie Yorke

Gosford Hospital's publicity officer Terry Hayes was presented with the \$2000 cheque at the presentations on Thursday, May 1.

The money will be used to help

set up the new cancer care unit in the new building currently under construction at Gosford Hospital.

Press release, June 9

Club champ for 15th time



C, B and A grade Club Championship winners: Barbara Horner, Hien McManus and Denise Dickson

Hien McManus from Everglades Country Club took out the A Grade Club Championship for the 15th time during the club's women's golf club championships in May.

She equalled the record previously held by Rosalie Needham.

The B Grade champion was once again won by Denise Dickson who was last year's winner, as was C Grade winner Barbara Horner.

The nett winners were Anne Kane in A Grade, Jan Montgomery in B Grade and Raelene Biddolph in C Grade.

Newsletter, July 7
Everglades Country Club

Woy Woy Wolves take lead

The Woy Woy Wolves baseball team took a clear lead in the points table after a 12-7 win against Magpies at Rogers Park on Saturday, July 3.

The Wolves squad used Jason Smith as lead off pitcher followed by Luke Stevenson for the remaining four innings.

Wolves' best on the day was short stop Adam Blight who came up with five hits.

Wolves had a good day defeating Magpies 21-2 in second grade and 9-3 in third grade.

Fourth grade saw Magpies Black defeat Wolves 15-4.

Points table is Wolves 15, Magpies 11, Dodgers 10, Lions 8.

Website, July 8
Central Coast Winter Baseball

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Night bus service is extended

Night-owl buses will now service the Peninsula and Central Coast year round following a number of Central Coast licensed premises deciding to help sponsor the service.

The service, which previously only ran in the summer months, will operate between Gosford, Terrigal, The Entrance and around the Peninsula late each Friday and Saturday night.

About 14,000 people have used the Central Coast service since last November, according to Wyong Council figures.

"In the same period, police have also recorded a decline in both drink-driving charges and general street crime near late night venues," Peninsula News was told.

"Due to feedback from the community and for a more efficient bus route, further improvements to the timetable, effective July 2, means there will now be a continuous service between Woy Woy and The Entrance, via Gosford and Terrigal.

"The new route will be supplemented by a slight increase in fares, now costing \$3 standard and \$5 for an extended journey."

More sponsoring clubs came forward after requests from local councils, the police and the community, according to the Wyong Council statement.

Participating Peninsula late night venues now include Ettalong Memorial Club, Woy Woy Leagues Club, Ettalong Hotel, Everglades Country Club, Ocean Beach Hotel and Woy Woy Old Pub.

Around the Central Coast venues include Central Coast Leagues Club; Crowne Plaza Terrigal, Iguana Joe's, Mingara Recreation Club, The Entrance Leagues Club, Mojo Lounge, Woodport Inn, Union Hotel, Break Bar, Brothers Nightclub, Sirens Nightclub, Terrigal Pub and The Dekk.

Anyone interested in a timetable can see staff at participating venues or contact the road safety officers at either Wyong or Gosford councils.

Detailed timetables will also be placed on websites at www.wyong.nsw.gov.au and www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Press release, July 5
 Wyong Council

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Two travel on turtle tour

The endangered Hawksbill Turtle will get a helping hand from two Peninsula residents later this year when they travel to Vanuatu to sponsor and release baby turtles from a hatchery on Moso Island.

Umina Beach marine conservationists Jeannie Lawson and David Fitzgerald will spend 10 days on Moso Island releasing mature Hawksbill Turtles back into the wild.

Villagers from Moso Island captured a number turtles 12 months ago, when they were only the size of a thumbnail.

One year on, the baby turtles will be released at 30cm in diameter, a size where they are less vulnerable to predators in the wild.

The numbers released will depend on how many Jeannie and David can get sponsored.

They currently have 10 sponsored and hope to raise this number to 20.

The program is designed to help both the endangered Hawksbill Turtle and the Ni Vanuatu people.

"Villagers are taught about their environment and to value the turtles as an economic benefit to their country through eco-tourism rather than as a food source," Ms Lawson said.

"They are also paid a 'finder's fee' for bringing baby turtles to the hatchery, and wages as they help care for the babies for 12 months."



Conservationist Jeannie Lawson has devoted her life to helping marine life such as turtles

Ms Lawson said that Peninsula residents could sponsor a turtle for release during their tour in October.

"We did this for the first time last year and this year we aim to double that if the community will get behind the idea.

"I also want people to know that their contribution can make a big difference to people's lives, as well as saving the

turtles and assisting the environment," she said.

It costs \$75 to sponsor a turtle from nest to release a year later.

There also is still one space remaining to join the group on their trip to release the turtles.

To sponsor a turtle, or to find out more, contact Jeannie or David on 4341 4291.

Email, July 7

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