

Plans to extend Deepwater Plaza

Deepwater Plaza has submitted plans to Gosford Council to redevelop the Woy Woy shopping Centre.

Plans on display in Deepwater Plaza show the size of the shopping centre is to increase by around 25 per cent and the bulk of the redevelopment to occur on the corner of Railway St and Charlton St.

This would mean extending out the Franklins and Lowes end of the Centre, with new loading docks and amenities.

Artist impressions show an outdoor boardwalk and facelift across centre.

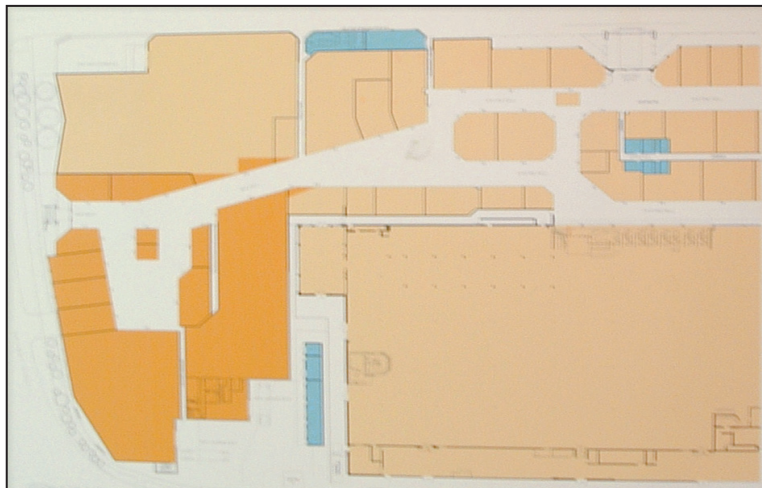
Julie Maher from Centre Management said that plans had been submitted to Council five weeks ago.

She said that the Centre would release full plans once Council has approved them.

Alison Branley, July 22



Clockwise: An artist's impression of the new entrance to Deepwater Plaza; Land on the corner of Railway St and Charlton St, Woy Woy where the proposed development will occur; plans on display for the proposed development, the new sections are in orange; and an artists impression of the outdoor boardwalks.



Tip fees increase

The service charge to use Woy Woy tip has increased by 40 per cent for this financial year.

The charge to dispose the first 100kg of waste has risen from \$6.80 to \$9.50.

It is now \$8.80 for every 100 kilograms after that.

The service charge goes up on July 1 every financial year.

This year Woy Woy landfill's responsibility has increased to include full resource recovery.

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

Domestic recyclables and scrap metal can be dropped off for free.

All other materials such as garden organics and inert waste will still attract a fee of \$7.70 for the first 100kg and \$7.70 for every 100kg after that.

Alison Branley, July 23

Medical centre plans are resurrected

Plans for a medical centre behind the pharmacy between Oscar St and Alfred St, Umina, have been resurrected.

New plans have been submitted to Gosford Council for a three-level two-storey development.

The bottom level of the development would be underground parking; the second level the medical centre and third level space available for lease.

The plans hit the headlines in 2002 when adjoining property owner Mr Ed James tried to prevent the development and formalise plans to have the land behind his property turned into a rear laneway

for public use.

Despite this, Council eventually approved an altered application, but the owner's plans fell through and the development did not go ahead.

Mr James maintains that council officers promised rear lane access for his property over 30 years ago.

The house on the lot was built more than 40 years ago and, without rear access, Mr James said he and his father had been forced to have their back yard at the front between the Charcoal Chicken shop and Radford's Chemist in Umina.

Despite receiving many complaints from retailers and

council officers over the years over this, the James say they have no other choice.

As well as living on the property, they operate an antenna factory and a rental shop.

Mr James said: "When council gives us rear lane access, we will gladly remove our much maligned front fence across our driveway and do what we have wanted to do for many years - build a shop on the site."

"This will solve everyone's problems," he said.

Gosford council received a petition in 2002 signed by well over 850 people supporting Mr James.

Two public submissions and

a petition with 49 signatures were received in relation to the application.

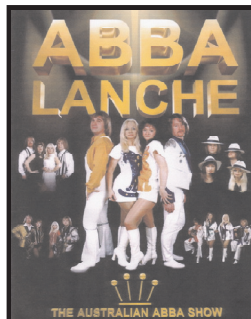
The council decided that the owner of the land through which the laneway ran had a right to build and approved the application to do so.

Under this application, Mr James will again not have rear access to his property.

He said this was not only a problem for his business but others in West St, Umina.

He cited butchers' trucks and beer trucks that pull up in the middle of West St to make deliveries, blocking traffic and buses.

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Hanging swamp tour

The Central Coast Community Environment Network held a walk with local aborigines to find out about hanging swamps on Saturday, July 24.

Mr David Pross gave an one hour introduction on cultural awareness at the Pearl Beach Community Hall and visitors then took a short drive to Brisbane Water National Park, off Patonga Rd, where they walked to Coora swamp.

Newsletter, July 22 CCEN

Youth worker leaves

Umina Uniting Church youth and family worker, Adam Frost, officially resigned on July 18 to continue his studies to become a counsellor.

Over the past two and half years, Adam initiated many programs, became known through other agencies and was involved with teaching scripture at Ettalong School and group meetings with teenagers at Umina Campus.

Ettalong Uniting Church will hold its annual Fete and Flower Show with the theme "All Creatures Great and Small" on Saturday, August 28.

Umina Uniting Church will hold its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, September 18.

Press release, July 22 Umina Uniting Church

Peninsula News is a day earlier

The Peninsula News will now be available a day earlier, with edition 97 of the Peninsula News distributed on Monday, July 26, instead of Tuesday, July 27.

This makes the Peninsula News even earlier and still the first local paper of the week.

"The Peninsula News is proud to be the foremost supplier of information relevant to the Peninsula and its people," said Peninsula News manager Mr Cec Bucello.

"We will now be able to distribute

that information a day earlier, closing the gap between production and distribution and making that information more timely and relevant.

"We are always pleased to hear from community groups and individuals who want to get their message out."

Peninsula News office can be contacted on 4325 7369, or mail@pennews.zzn.com or by dropping into our new premises at 2a Kateena Ave Tascott, or by leaving information at Peninsula Music.

Cec Bucello, June 21

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Seeking carers

Carers NSW is looking for people on the Peninsula who may be relatives and friends looking after a person in palliative care, and who would like to take part in a day offering education, resources and support. The day is free, and the morni

ng will de-mystify palliative care, discuss coping skills and available resources.

The Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre will organise transport, bookings, and respite for the person they are looking after.

The day runs from 9.30am to 3.30pm and will be on Wednesday, September 15, for carers.

For more information and bookings, ring Paul on 1800 059 059 at the Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre.

Press release, July 7 Carers NSW

Competitions close soon

The Peninsula News Photography and Literary Competitions are closing soon.

Round two of the Peninsula News Bowen Photographics Photography Competition closes on Monday, August 2, and the winners will be published on Tuesday, August 10.

The subject for round two is a child or children eating.

Participants do not have to be professional photographers.

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

The competition is open to residents in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas and there will be an adult section and a section for children under 15.

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

a child.

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

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, they must contain a cover sheet with the authors name on it, but not on the actual story.

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.

For further information, phone 4363 2627.

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Video systems

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Press release, July 12 Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Fashion parade

Save the Children, Woy Woy Branch, next fundraiser will be a fashion parade by "Jodie of Umina" at St Andrew's Anglican Hall on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, on Saturday, August 14, at 2pm.

A donation of \$5 includes afternoon tea.

Letter, July 1 May Kane

Legal information

The Peninsular Women's Health Centre will be hosting a free legal information session on domestic violence protection and compensation on Thursday, August 5.

The session will cover domestic violence, restraining orders and protection, compensation for victims of crime.

This session will be followed by free legal advice with a solicitor by appointment only.

To book for the legal information session or a face to face appointment with a solicitor, phone the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 4342 5905.

Fax, July 20 Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Weed Removal

The National Parks and Wildlife service is continuing weed removal with bitou bush eradication. The Tallow Beach area is just about clear of bitou, with a small amount remaining above Little Tallow.

Newsletter, July 22 Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

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Report suggests purchase unlikely

A staff report to be presented to Gosford Council at its meeting August 3 on the purchase of land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, suggests it is unlikely that Council will purchase the land.

The report was prepared following a meeting on June 1 where councillors asked staff to investigate purchasing the environmentally sensitive land.

The report noted that discussions with developer revealed that a search for sites on the Northern Beaches, North Shore and the Central Coast area had found no other alternatives.

"They further advised that they would consider a land swap if Council could identify a suitable site," the report stated.

It found that Council had no other land that could be used for a land exchange as all potential sites were classified as "Community" land which could not be sold unless they were reclassified as "Operational" land.

The report stated that changing the land over was a complicated process taking over two years "with no guarantee as to the final outcome".

Valuation advice to Council also showed that the value of the land would increase if the current development application for 41 retirement homes was approved.

The report noted that funding to purchase the land could come from the Council's COSS program, environmentally-sensitive lands fund or Federal Government's National Reserve System Funding.

The report stated that Council would be unlikely to get funding from the Federal Government - National Reserve System Funding because the Central Coast is a low priority in terms of Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia.

It stated: "In addition to the restriction on Gosford projects, possible funding for the Veron Rd land at Woy Woy would also be highly unlikely for the following reasons:

"The vegetation on the Veron Rd site is represented in a number of Council reserves;

"Although the site might contain foraging habitat for at least two nationally listed species it is not considered to be a key habitat for either; and

"The site is very small and not in close proximity to other significant areas of vegetation.

"Should Council resolve to acquire the site, Council will be required to fund the acquisition of the land, plus any costs incurred for legal fees, survey fees, valuation fees and other service fees."

The report suggests that funding to purchase the land, if Council chooses to do so, would only be like to come from COSS funds or under Environmentally sensitive lands fund.

The Council agenda also noted a petition, with 104 signatures had been received from residents of Woy Woy and Umina requesting that Council refuse the proposed development and purchase the land with money available in the Open Space Acquisition Fund.

Alison Branley, Council Agenda FS 070, P. 053 July 27



Trish Moran and Shadow Minister for Workplace Relations and the Public Service, Craig Emerson spoke to workers at the Outrigger Resort at Ettalong.

Shadow Minister visits resort site

Shadow Minister for Workplace Relations and the Public Service, Mr Craig Emerson, visited the Ettalong Outrigger Resort on Wednesday, July 21.

Mr Emerson was on the Coast on Wednesday to address the luncheon meeting of the Erina Chamber of Commerce.

Following the meeting, Mr Emerson joined Labor Candidate for Robertson, Ms Trish Moran, for an inspection of the building

site of the new Outrigger Resort at Ettalong.

Mr Emerson took the opportunity to speak to executives of Multiplex and building workers on the site, who escorted them through several levels of the building.

While on the site, Mr Emerson met one of the two female site workers, whom workmates described as a highly-skilled plasterer.

Mr Emerson emphasised Labor's desire to create not just more jobs, but highly skilled jobs.

He said the Howard Government

seemed content to allow working Australians to have low skills as well as low wages.

"Training is an essential part of a skilled workforce," he said.

While taking in the stunning view, Mr Emerson reminisced on the many school holidays he had spent in Woy Woy with his aunt, and the fun he had at Ocean Beach with his cousin Mary, still a resident of Umina Beach.

Press release, July 23

Trish Moran, Labor Candidate for Robertson

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"the good soil"

Bloomin' Azaleas - It seems no matter how damaged the foliage is they faithfully give a brilliant display of colour. Silver leaves are caused by Lace bug which is found under the leaves. Pick off spent blooms that hang on the bush, this is Petal Blight. Spraying buds and pruning after flowering will help. Use a good potting mix or soil conditioner and fertilize with specific fertilizer for they are acid loving plants.

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Lone Pine back to Traffic committee

Gosford Council's traffic committee will be asked to reconsider the placement of a stop sign at the bottom of the Lone Pine Ave hill which was opposed in a petition with 214 signatures.

The committee has been asked to investigate and consider relocating the bus stop to Carpenter St, parking restrictions in the vicinity of Carpenter St and Lone Pine Ave intersection and traffic calming Lone Pine Ave.

The committee will also consider signposting on Carpenter St in

isolation or in conjunction with Lone Pine Ave and the assessment will take into consideration the accident history of the Carpenter St-Lone Pine Ave intersection.

The decision to resubmit the matter to the committee was made following an inspection by councillors, politicians, police and the Roads and Traffic Authority during July.

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

However a resident of Lone Pine

Ave, Ms Elizabeth Wright, told a council meeting that she had collected the signatures in under a week from residents of the 190 homes on Lone Pine Hill who were opposed to the stop sign.

Alison Branley TR.04.105 Council Agenda, July 27

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DA process leaves sense of grievance

Is this a common or rare series of events?

A Development Application for 11 units omitted my adjacent house.

When included, the DA did not comply with Gosford Council's Development Control Plan, because the entire length of my house was to be overshadowed by townhouses in June at 9am.

The house would be overshadowed from 7.45am to about 10.15am or later - a significant two and a half to three hours overshadowing on winter mornings.

Trivialisation such as "it's not much" and "the shadow will fall off the house after 9am" was the response from Council staff and councillors.

There was confusion about all overshadowing issues being covered by DCP section "Private

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Open Space", rather than the obviously applicable section covering excessive overshadowing of adjacent windows and substantial reduction of daylight and sunlight to adjacent dwellings.

I addressed Council asking they negotiate for one less townhouse to stop the overshadowing and so that the DA complied, but the decision to accept this DA was made prior to the open Council meeting.

I have an acute sense of grievance that I have been cheated.

For a reason unknown to me, a fair hearing for ratepayers has flown out the window.

Has anyone else had such an experience?

Shirley Drake, Woy Woy

Do they care?

Jeffrey Cook (Forum, June 1) urges people to attend Council meetings to see the efforts of the new "fast tracking" council.

If some people do, I bet they will be shocked, amused or bored to tears.

In my day, they would have been entertained, as many councillors used to play to the gallery.

Unfortunately, the council's decisions can affect you in the worst possible light.

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So I would suggest that if you disagree that resident's objections, environmental issues and due processes of council are a waste of time, write to Member for Peats Marie Andrews, and Member for Gosford Chris Hartcher, stating your concerns. Particularly Marie Andrews, after all the Labor Party is in power.

See if they care.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Equal footpath treatment

I don't want people believing that I have not taken all reasonable steps to ensure that everybody is treated equally with respect of our footpaths.

The fact is that only "restaurants, as defined in Definitions part 4 of the Roads Act 1993" have entitlement to encroach onto our public property.

This was re-enforced by a Supreme Court decision on the February 6, Malouf v Manly Council.

That encroachment is to be licenced with a minimum of \$10 million insurance in place.

Five years of putting up with friends of Gosford Council enjoying the free and easy use of our public property without insurance is enough.

Rangers are advising me that Council management don't support

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them in proper law enforcement.

I don't need to be told that.

I'm not stupid, and neither are the general voting public.

Having select high profile businesses enjoying the benefits of special treatment in the same street as others complying with the law is offensive.

If the answer is not Gosford Council's continued accommodation of corrupt practice, then what is it? Years of paying rates toward indemnity insurance that Statewide brokers tell me won't cover a catastrophic claim arising out of illegal activity is not good government.

Get rid of the businesses operating illegally on our footpaths.

Edward James, Umina

Ban from the beach

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litter.

If you add tampons, sanitary towels, condoms, syringes and broken glass, fires and fireworks, who would you ban from the beach?

Kiddies' corner! What a joke! Mount Ettymalong creek has been shown to be polluted for more than a decade.

There are signs to this effect.

Anybody who takes their children to play there has scant regard for their children's health.

Banning dogs will achieve nothing.

More dogs with owners, who don't pick up their droppings, walking on the streets, will merely add to the storm water pollutants

which foul the beach.

What we need are not more laws banning anything, but implementation of the current rules.

How many people have you questioned, reported or given evidence about with regard to any anti-social activity?

If none, then you shouldn't comment.

As for the Council officers, their deliberations are about some beach in Pateman St, Erina.

They know everything, but actually know nothing.

They make mistakes but are unaccountable, when the shit hits the fan, the rate payer pays.

Do you remember paying for the demolition of the Skillion?

John Harrison, Ettalong

Editor's note: We got the dog poo

Bus trip to Woy Woy

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Do we really know enough about where we live?

I travel by bus from West Gosford to Woy Woy every Thursday morning to a writing class.

Having stayed and visited many countries in the world I still marvel at the view unfolded from the bus window.

Even on a misty day the Brisbane Waters, mirror reflections of delight.

Gosford was chosen as a strategic site because of its deep anchorage; so guess the depth of water may have something to do with this.

As the bus weaves its way through West Gosford I see the sign pointing the way to Henry Kendall Cottage, an interesting place to visit and see for yourself the life and times of our great poet.

The village of Point Clare (original name) comes into view.

Set against a high backdrop, with the water and railway to the left it is a tribute to Peter Fagen who helped to found it.

Fagen came from County Clare, Ireland, so it is surmised this may

account for the name.

Oyster beds come into sight, reminding us of the times when the shells were gathered for lime.

All of this can be read in the History of Gosford.

Each stop never fails to interest me.

Koolewong, how I love to repeat this name it has a musical sound and means "Koala's There."

Sir Thomas Mitchell, the surveyor general at that time directed that when possible, the use of Aboriginal names would be desirable.

My thanks must go to this man.

Each turn the bus makes opens up new vistas.

The Lady Kendall usually sails along with us as we draw closer to Woy Woy.

Passengers wave enthusiastically; as they enjoy their morning cruise.

How I love Woy Woy, the name is a corruption of an Aboriginal name, "Wy Wy", meaning "much water" or "big lagoon."

The council has done much to preserve the character of this place.

I love to walk along the streets and waited excitedly for the new library to open.

Covered up by hoarding it was a moment of triumph when the building was revealed.

I gasped. It was perfect. Just what I wanted.

The facilities are second to none and as a budding writer, a dream come true.

Congratulations to the person who thought up the mosaics on the pavement on either side of the library.

I stood in wonder looking at this work of art. The colours are superb, the pelican and Woy Woy harbour are depicted true to life.

Each week I anxiously scan the pavement just to make sure my symbols are still there.

I enter the quaint CWA Hall built opposite the waterfront for my class at 11am full of enthusiasm ready to start my creative writing class.

Helen Ross, Kariong

Site needs preservation

I would like to ensure Peninsula residents are aware that on Tuesday, July 27, Council will discuss one aspect of the land on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd in Woy Woy.

The agenda item is the "Acquisition of privately owned land for environmental purposes".

Recently I and other local residents collected over 100 signatures and statements opposing the development of this bushland block, and supporting its retention as native bushland.

Other residents wrote in separately to Council objecting to the proposed development.

This site, in the middle of suburbia, with its diversity of growth, needs preservation so that adults and children in future may

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enjoy it, as well as we who are living now.

Where else can we go to see such cycads from the time of the dinosaurs, and such clusters of grass trees? These are now in our midst, and can not be brought back once they are destroyed.

I urge all interested people to attend on Tuesday evening so Councillors can see the community support for council to buy this environmentally sensitive land.

Norah Clarke, Woy Woy

Not in Australia's interest

Will the ALP have the guts and maturity to put Australia's interests first?

Or will it go the same way as during the 2001 when Mr. Beazley claimed the ALP had to support Border Protection and the Pacific "Solution" on account of perceived public sentiment and the election?

We opposed the Pacific Solution publicly then and we now oppose the US Free Trade Agreement.

The agreement is not in Australia's interest.

The ALP knows that.

It should stick to its guns this time and wear the flack of small self-interested groups.

That is what will help them win the election.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach



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Greens candidate

The Central Coast Greens have announced Terry Jones as the candidate for the seat of Robertson at the upcoming Federal Election.

Mr Jones is a retired schoolteacher, has lived on the Central Coast for over 30 years with his wife, Caroline, and has three children.

He is the president of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, is an active member of his community and has been a member of the Greens since before the last Federal election.

**Press release, July 20
Central Coast Greens**

Grandma moses

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre has entry forms for the annual Grandma Moses Art Competition.

Entry forms will be available from July 19, for the competition which is open to all seniors over 50 years of age.

The competition has five categories and entries close Wednesday, August 25.

Entries must be delivered by Monday, September 20 from 9am to 11am.

The paintings will be on display at Gosford Senior Citizens Centre from Tuesday September 21, to Thursday, September 23.

**Press release, July 19
Gosford Senior Citizens Centre**

Trivia night

The Loins Club of Woy Woy will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, September 4, at Woy Woy Bowling Club.

Guests are asked to arrive at 7pm for 7.30 start and the cost is \$10 per head. There will be tables of six and it is BYO nibbles.

A table theme is optional, but there will be a prize for the best table.

Proceeds go to Woy Woy Hospital and the Women's Refuge.

For ticket sales, contact: Ian Taylor on 4324 5174, Bob Willis on 4341 8535 or Barry Hicks on 4341 1345.

**Flyer, July 21
Woy Woy Lions Club**

One act play night

Woy Woy Little Theatre Group will be holding a Social and One Act Play Night on July 31 at Woy Woy Public School from 7.30pm for an 8pm performance start.

To book a table ring Brenda on 4343 1027 and it is BYO everything. The selection of plays Woy Woy Little Theatre's 2005 season will also take place on August 16, 7.30pm at Woy Woy Public School.

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Workplace scheme launched at PCYC

A new program at Umina PCYC to help young people gain local employment and training has been launched with the help of a \$15,000 cheque from the State Government.

Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca handed over a cheque from the Premier's Department on Thursday, July 22, for the Peninsula Workplace Monitoring Scheme.

The scheme will allow young people to train in a variety of local businesses prior to gaining employment.

"It emerged that many young people weren't suited to their initial job choice and that first time failure could lead to a pattern of disjointed employment and dissatisfaction with work," Mr Della Bosca said.

"For employers, that poor experience can discourage them from hiring young people at all.

"The Peninsula Workplace Mentoring scheme will provide support and confidence for young people, linking them with local companies that can provide training and a positive environment."

The scheme involved business operators being trained to become mentors to young people who were on the verge of entering the



Minister for the Central Coast, John Della Bosca presents Jason Scott with a cheque for \$15,000

workforce.

Young people and the businesses would be able to match their skills and experiences to develop working relationships.

"It's hoped the scheme would

expand the number of jobs for young people and reduce the number who lose their first job due to a lack of skills, understanding and support," Mr Della Bosca said.

The funds would be managed

by the Peninsula Employment Opportunities Working Party, made up of local businesses, government and non-government agencies.

**Press release, July 22
John Della Bosca, Minister for the
Central Coast**

Groups are funded

Six Peninsula volunteer organisations will receive funds from the second round of 2004 Volunteer Small Equipment Grants.

Organisations to receive funding include Patonga Beach Volunteer Rural fire Service, Mary Macs Place, Mingaletta Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Corporation, The Peninsula Lioness Club of Woy Woy, the Australian Breastfeeding Association Umina Group and the Hospital Art Australia Inc in St Hubert's Island.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said that 33 organisations received funding in Robertson and its surrounds.

"This funding will help make the valuable work done by dedicated volunteers easier, safer and more enjoyable," Mr Lloyd said.

"There was tremendous interest in this second round and it follows on from the 2082 community organisations that received funding from the \$4 million first round of Volunteer Small Equipment Grants this year.

"These volunteers are ordinary people who give up their valuable time to help their own communities in all sorts of fields like family and community support, emergency services, the environment, sport and tourism," he said.

**Press release, July 8
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

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Health

Call for more nursing homes

Labor Candidate for Robertson Ms Trish Moran has said the Peninsula is in need of more nursing homes, criticising the Federal Government for its track record on aged care. Ms Moran said the Howard Government has had eight years to do something about aged care.

"They might be doing some things for fire safety but in real terms we still haven't got the beds we need," she said.

Ms Moran said there were a lot of retirement villages with low level care, but not enough high dependency beds

"We could do with more nursing homes but we mostly need high dependency beds."

Ms Moran said aged care is an issue likely to affect many of the Peninsula residents and their families in the years to come.

"There are lots of aged people who live on the Peninsula.

"They like living there because its level.

"There's lots of nice communities and shopping centres but in real terms there aren't many nursing homes.

"The beds aren't where we need them and they aren't the kind of

beds we need," she said.

"We might have a facility at Killarney vale but what good is it if a patients husband lives at Woy Woy? How is he meant to get there?"

Ms Moran said there was a need for aged care to be shared out across the board.

She said the Howard Government has turned a surplus of 800 aged care beds in 1996 into a 10,000 bed shortage this time last year.

"As well in June 2003, there were over 18,000 phantom beds, beds promised by the Howard Government but which did not actually exist."

Ms Moran said phantom beds were when the Federal Government granted licenses for beds for nursing homes that are still being built, or applied for but not facilitated.

"These licenses apply before the facility is built, the Federal Government make an announcement but it's two years before we see any real facility.

"They have had those beds for two years but haven't had to pay for them.

"They're not actually servicing the population.

"As a result of the shortages, thousands of frail and elderly Australians in need of a nursing

home bed continue to wait.

Ms Moran also criticised Member for Robertson Jim Lloyd's recent support for a Howard government decision not to rule out extending accommodation bonds.

"Accommodation bonds are a fee paid by self-funded retirees before they enter a nursing home," she said.

"They are assessed by Centrelink on how much people can afford to pay.

"They do not apply to pensioners.

"These bonds are currently only levied on retirees entering low level care, but the Howard government voted down a recent amendment by the Labor party that would have ruled out levying the bonds on people in medium and high level care.

While there is no fixed amount for the bonds, Ms Moran said the average in Robertson for 2002/3 was \$98,000.

"If you have a spouse still at home for example, this is not included.

"This could really affect people thinking about going into a nursing home in the next few years and their families," she said.

**Press release, July 18
Labor Candidate for Robertson,
Trish Moran**

New aged care places

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced 180 new aged care places have been announced for the Central Coast.

"The new Australian Government-funded places will help ensure that

older Australians living in these regions will have access to the care they need and deserve, both in aged care homes and in their own homes," Mr Lloyd said.

The new places are part of the estimated 27,900 aged care

places to be made available by the Australian Government over the next three years.

Organisations will be invited to apply for the new places and up to \$40 million in capital grants in late August.

**Press release, July 23
Member for Roberston, Jim Lloyd**

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Thursday, Pearse's Chemmart
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Friday, Chem-World Umina
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The screenshot shows the Judd's Pharmacy website interface. At the top, it says "Judd's Pharmacy Woy Woy - Microsoft Internet Explorer". Below the browser window, there's a navigation bar with "OPEN 7 DAYS" and "Order On-line or phone 4342 0420". The main content area is divided into sections: "Shopping Cart" (0 items), "Departments" (listing various products like Bath & Shower, Blackmores Vitamins, etc.), "Broadest product range of any Peninsula pharmacy!" (highlighting the pharmacy's long history and product variety), and "Featured Products" (showing items like Cm Chemadol Cf Susp 1-5 200m00 and Cm Cold/flu D/n Tab 24). There's also a "PRESCRIPTIONS" section with a photo of staff. The bottom of the page has a footer with the website URL.

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Medicare office at Deepwater Plaza

Local Medicare office misses out

Woy Woy Medicare offices will not open on Saturday mornings, despite moves to open Gosford and Erina offices on Saturdays from August 7.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd announced on July 8 the Saturday opening of Gosford and Erina offices.

"This will make it more convenient for local residents to claim Medicare rebates.

"Many working families spend Saturday mornings in town and it will be easier for them to claim Medicare rebates," Mr Lloyd said.

A staff member from Mr Lloyd's office said the decision to open only the busiest offices was made by the Health Insurances Commission, not the Government, based on statistical data and the demand for the Saturday services.

"This is not a closed book.

"The HIC will continue to monitor Medicare offices and, if there is a sudden increase in services,

the HIC will look at whether that particular office should be open on Saturdays."

However, the Woy Woy Medicare office did open on Saturdays in June to allow people to register for the Medicare safety net.

"Woy Woy is close to Gosford geographically and is on main train and bus routes.

"People can also claim their Medicare rebates via mail and through selected pharmacies," the staff member said.

Alison Branley, July 21

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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.

Tuesday, July 13

A 34 year old man from Ettalong was charged with high range drink driving after recording a blood alcohol reading five times the legal limit following a minor collision in the car park of Ocean Beach Bottleshop on Sunday at 5.30pm.

Central Coast Extra

Thursday, July 15

Steps are being taken to lift a 30-year ban on boat moorings on St Hubert's Island famous canals. Council wants to reclassify the canals from "community" to "operational".

Central Coast Extra

Friday, July 16

The gastric bug known as Norovirus has already been responsible for the closure of some wards at Woy Woy hospital in the last month.

Express Advocate

Police officers will be cooking a series of monthly barbecues at Umina Beach funded by the Peninsula Community Drug Action Team.

Express Advocate

An engineer has been appointed to design specifications for a new boat ramp and pontoon at Pretty Beach. Diversion of stormwater will be included in the design and foreshore reclamation plans will also be submitted.

Express Advocate

Saturday, July 17

Pearl Beach residents are objecting to a plan put forward by the Hawkesbury Management Advisory Committee to extend the area available for commercial trawling to operate closer to Pearl Beach.

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, July 21

Police confiscated a motorcycle for three months at 6.40pm on Thursday at Umina Beach after the rider, 17 from Umina Beach was caught doing a burnout in Trafalgar Ave.

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The Royal Coast Volunteer Patrol rescued four vessels that had broken from their moorings on Brisbane Water on Monday. They included a 9m cruiser than ran aground near the Rip Bridge, a 7m cruiser that ran aground near Lions Park, Woy Woy and two yachts that were stranded on a sandbank near Anderson's marina, Booker Bay. The big swell also washed away the starboard marker at Box Head.

Express Advocate

Ocean Beach patroller Laura Daniel and Toni Gassman have been added to the Westfield Rookie Wall of fame after they rescued a young autistic boy in Wamberal Lagoon.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy Rugby Union team took a step closer to a semi-final appearance after a 25-11 win against Northlakes on Saturday.

Express Advocate

Umina Beach resident Dave Thompson has been appointed as National surf sports director for Surf Life Saving Australia. He is a life member Ocean Beach Surf Club and has been in surf lifesaving since age 13.

Express Advocate

Umina Surfer Dave Neilson yesterday scored a perfect barrel in the Quicksilver airshow series at Scarborough Beach, Perth, but it was enough to win the championship.

Central Coast Extra

Thursday, July 22

Woy Woy girl, Cassandra Kell will get to see the might of the US women's soccer team first hand today when the Matildas tackle the twice FIFA Women's World Cup Champions in Blaine, Minnesota.

Central Coast Extra

The Peninsula Highland Dancing Association has its 26th annual competition and championships on Saturday and Sunday from 9am each day at Henry Kendall High School. Dancers from all over Australia will compete in both traditional and modern dancers.

Express Advocate

Umina Beach sharpshooter and partner Shannon Dixon of Ettalong are hoping to make the quarterfinals at the world under-21 billiards championships in Ireland next week.

Express Advocate

Seven people were caught by a rising tide at Patonga last Thursday. A man, 45, and five children aged 6 to 11 had to be plucked from the rocks by water police and the seventh a child, 10, was rescued nearby after trying to find help.

Sun Weekly

Strong winds caused havoc at Woy Woy station when a sheet of roofing blew off and damaged the stations power supply last Saturday.

Sun Weekly

A team of volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia and Empire Bay bushcare group are working this week to restore the Cockle Bay Wetlands. The volunteers will remove the weeds to encourage natural regeneration.

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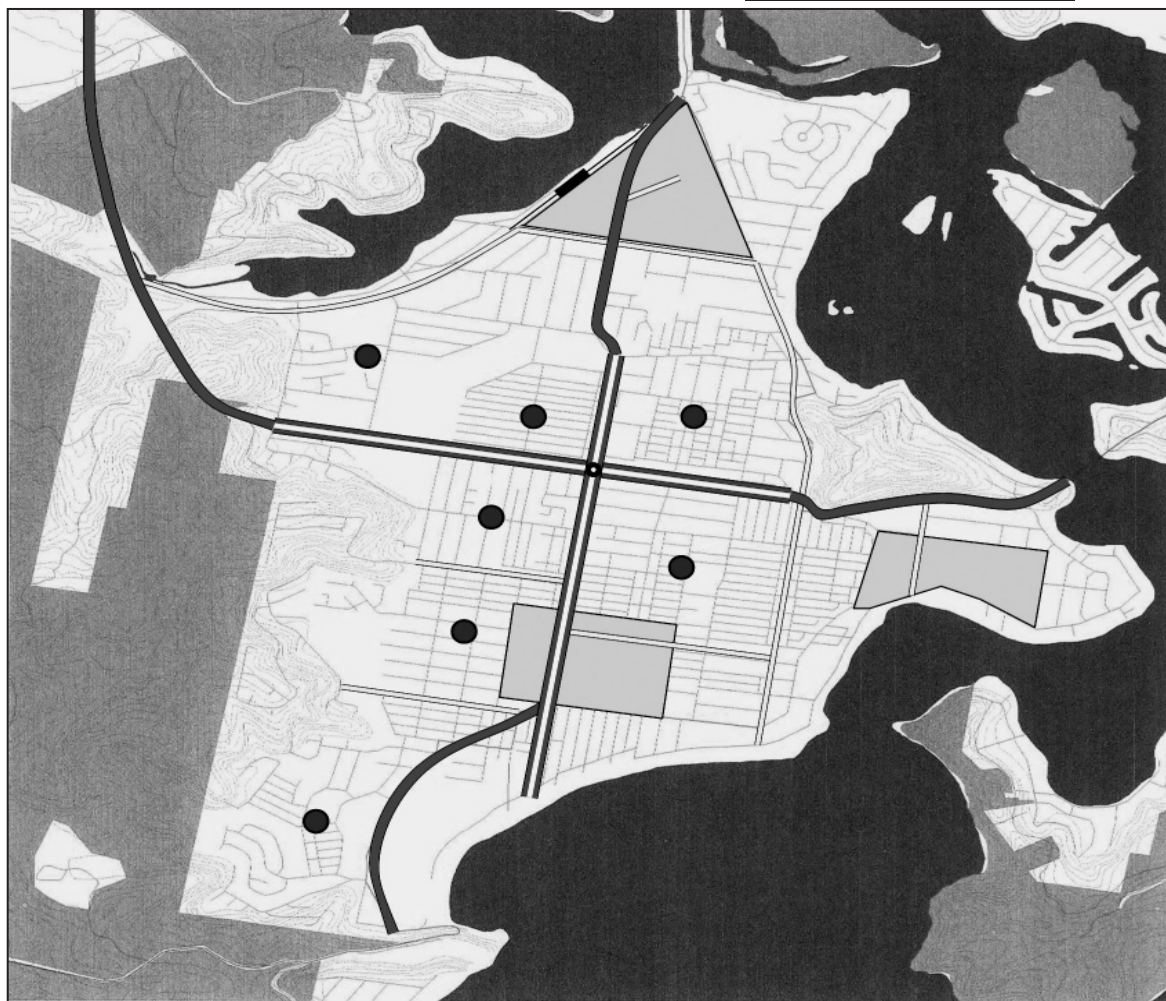
Friday, July 23

Illegal bore drillers are targeting Peninsula residents due to water restrictions and leaving them with faulty spearpoints and pumps.

Central Coast Extra

Brisbane Water's Oyster Industry is thriving despite the drought conditions. Lack of rain has reduced silt and pollutants being washed into Brisbane Water and consequently stopped oyster crops from spawning and losing weight.

Central Coast Extra



Map of proposed plan for the Peninsula. Dots indicate new suburb centres, lines indicate major roads and shaded areas indicate medium density zoning around existing CBDs.

Plan splits Peninsula into 10 new suburbs

A local environment group has released a plan for the future layout of the Peninsula, which splits the area into 10 suburbs.

The plan, which is described as ecologically-sustainable, has been prepared by community group Equilibrium Community Ecology Inc as a submission to Gosford Council's Study for the Peninsula Integrated Urban Design Strategy.

Equilibrium chairman Mr Mark Snell said the group formulated the plan following statements by Gosford Council's integrated planning manager, Mr Michael Leavey, that the public would not have input into the plan being prepared by Council consultants until after the plan is developed on goes on public display.

"We believe it is important that the Peninsula community is involved in discussion about the shape of its own future before any decisions are made," Mr Snell said.

"Hopefully, this plan will encourage others to contribute their ideas."

Mr Snell said that the Equilibrium plan was the first published plan for the Peninsula based on State Government's planning policy "Shaping the Central Coast".

The group's plan has a 50-year outlook and addresses economic, social and environmental considerations as well as regular building and zoning regulations.

The plan includes the creation of new suburbs on the Peninsula each with their own local shops, offices and neighbourhood centre, all within 500 metres walking distance of residents.

"We want to reduce car travel and commuting generally, so people are basing their lives around an energy-efficient home and are spending more time with their families and in their local community."

The plan covers neighbourhood

design and home orientation for environmental and social purposes as well as suggesting ways affordable housing could be provided.

"It creates a local economy where we provide as much of our own employment as possible, and we supply for our own needs and buy locally wherever possible."

"For the Peninsula, this includes an emphasis on home-based small business and tele-commuting, ecological and arts-cultural tourism, local retail, personal services, small business services and, at least in the short term, the aged care industry."

The plan also includes a road system designed to improve traffic flow, create quieter residential areas and support a sense of community.

This includes two six-lane "grand avenues" with wide median strips, which cross the Peninsula.

"These are designed to improve the area's appearance as well as improving travel times," Mr Snell said.

The plan moves two schools so that each "quadrant" formed by the intersecting avenues has its own primary school, positioned away from busy streets.

Under the plan, residential densities are higher closer to the town centres of Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy and lower density further away.

"Town centres of Umina and Woy Woy are redesigned to give them more cohesion."

"The railway station is moved away from the town centre to help decongest Woy Woy."

Mr Snell rejected the suggestion that the plan was too big and too outrageous.

"If we are not prepared to imagine what we really want and plan for it, we will never get it."

"If we consistently make decisions that support the plan, we will eventually get there," he said.

"I don't think it is at all outrageous to expect that we should have an implementation plan for the regional planning strategy, Shaping the Central Coast."

"We believe this plan is both desirable and achievable, but accept that it is not without its costs and challenges."

"What is most important is that all members of the community are encouraged to put their ideas forward and that public discussion occurs before any strategy is adopted: that we have a chance to decide what we want and how we are going to achieve it."

"The longest journey starts with the first step. This is a start," he said.

Electronic copies of the plan summary are available free by email from Mark Snell at mark.snell@equilibrium.org.au or telephone 4342 5333.

Alison Branley, Press release,

July 23

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Baking for the night owls

A new bakery at Ettalong is proving popular with night owls, supplying taxi drivers and late night revellers with something to warm them up in the early hours of the morning.

The bakery, open 7 days a week from 2am, makes speciality cakes to order and speciality breads on weekends.

It also sells products wholesale to schools and Gosford Hospital with unsold produce going for free to Mary Macs Place, Salvation Army and Outreach Gosford.

Owner of Beachside Bakehouse, Heidi Smythe, who now lives at Booker Bay, said she looked all over the Central Coast for a new location for her bakery.

She said she chose Ettalong because it was an up and coming area with only one other bakery and it was an area she knew as her brother lived there.

"We purchase top quality ingredients locally and everything is baked on premises."

She previously owned the Erina Mall Bakery, which was established for 20 years but moved due to the expansion of Erina Fair.

"The landlord decided to open another bakery virtually right next door which was to me rather unethical and immoral," Ms Smythe said.

"But we are powering ahead and providing our local customers the best quality pies, and bread that has no preservatives, and traditional cakes that are so tempting and delicious.

"We are renowned for our gluten free bread which is purchased by customers as far up as Port Macquarie and all over the Central Coast District, including Gosford Hospital, so it must be good.

"This new venture has provided the opportunity for seven new employees to the Peninsula and we are proud of the quality that we provide all our customers."

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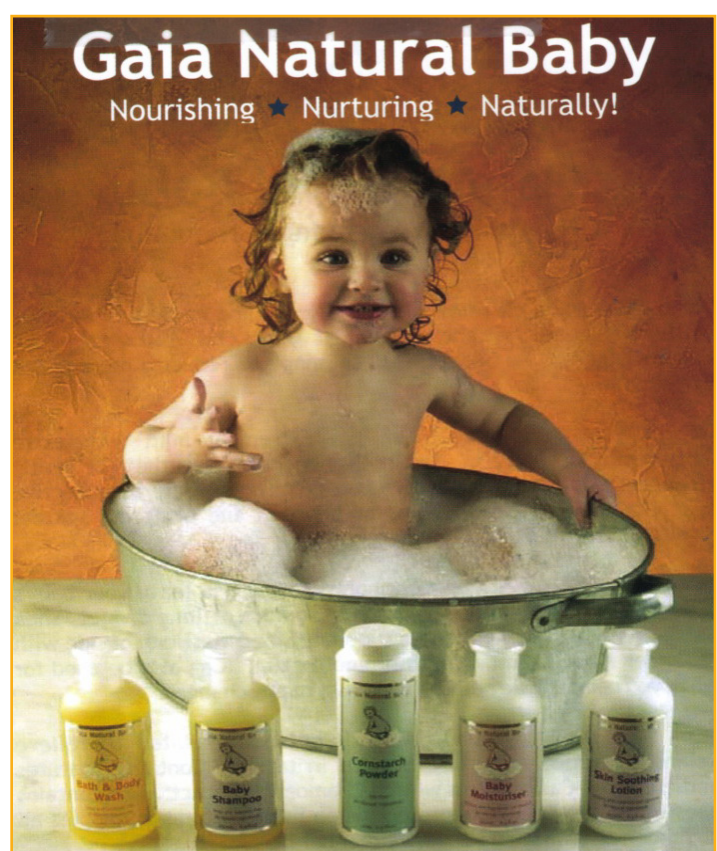
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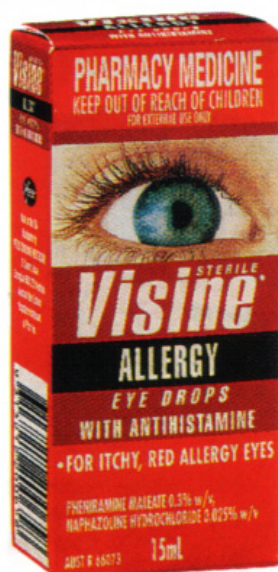
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Thursday, 5 August

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Friday, 6 August

Free Stress Management Seminar - Common sense approach to everyday stress; Woy Woy Library, 10-12pm, Breastfest - Record attempt for simultaneous breastfeeding, For Details call 4329 1484.

Troubadour Folk Club - Acoustic Blues, Peninsula Theatre Woy Woy.

Tuesday, 10 August

Body Language; Peninsula Women's Heath Centre, 10am to 12noon.

Wednesday, 11 August

Personal Power & How to do it - A six week course in Self Discovery, Peninsula Women's Heath Centre, 10am to 12noon.

Thursday, 12 August

Safer Community Symposium, Peninsula Theatre Woy Woy. Trish Donnelly at the Woy Woy Environmental Centre.

AAE meeting at WWEC; 4pm.

Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, Nuncrackers July 16-31, Tickets \$24 Adults, \$20 Conc \$18 Children.

Winner of the junior section of the Peninsula News Poetry Competition is Matthew Hallows of Empire Bay with *Ballad of Empire Bay*

Oh listen
Oh listen
For I have a story to tell
About the mountains that meet the water
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Our cenotaph remembers
The many people that went
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Of Empire Bay

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What a nice little town, this Empire Bay.

Matthew Hallows, Empire Bay

Comedy returns

Another Comedy All Stars night will be held at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Friday, August 6.

Charlie Pickering, Subby Valentine, Anthony Mir and Meshel Laurie will be performing.

Charlie Pickering is star of ABC TV's Stand Up.

He has performed at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, Raw Comedy Awards, Green Faces and won the Comedy of the Year Maurie Award.

Subby Valentine is known for his Tom and Subby segments on radio Triple J and solo spots on Triple M, he has had guest spots on 2BL's Thank God It's Friday, James O'Loughlin on Saturday Night and The Fat.

Meshel Laurie has headlined across Australia, including a stint hosting ABC TV's Stand Up.

She is the host of Breakfast on Star 104.5fm.

She has worked with Rove McManus, Judith Lucy and Wil Anderson

Anthony Mir's TV credits include The Fifty Foot Show, Headliners, Hotline, Tutti, The Footy Show, Mouthing Off and You Can't Stop the Murders.

He was most recently seen at the Opera House and Gosford's Laycock Street Theatre as part of the Show Us Your Roots.

For further information, phone 4342 0355.

**Press release, July 15
Kath Elliott, Back Stage**

Who would have thought?

Robin Norling form Patonga Bakehouse Gallery said he has been delighted by the public's response to their current exhibition "There's still life in Still Life".

"The phrase 'who'd have thought' echoes about the exhibition," he said.

"Who'd have thought a bunch of rope could make such an interesting shape."

"Who'd have thought a line of egg shells could be so beautiful."

"Who'd have thought you could make a picture just out of chokos."

"There have been marvellous responses," Mr Norling said.

"To the artists, this reaction is most heartening, because it is but a minimal shift from this response, to the realisation that there can always be wonder in the ordinary things that surround us."

**Press release, July 23
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery**

Spikefest verse competition opens

Entries have opened for the Comic and Crazy verse competition being run through Gosford City Libraries for Spikefest 2004.

The competition celebrating the

life and work of writer and comedian Spike Milligan is open to Central Coast residents and students.

Entrants can submit pieces of comic or crazy verse, a short comic or crazy verse plus an original illustration, or a performance verse or comic song.

Entrants in the competition are encouraged to look to the works of Spike Milligan for inspiration, but all works submitted must be original.

Entrants can access the Spike Milligan Collection at Woy Woy Library.

The four age categories are children 8-11 years, children and young adults 12-15 years, young adults 16-18 years of age and adults 19+.

Judging will be undertaken by a panel of professionals, yet to be announced, with presentation of books, prizes, awards and performance of selected pieces to on October 29.

Entries close Sunday, September 26.

Entry forms can be collected from any of Gosford City libraries.

Flyer, July 22

Blues vocalist

Last year's Australian Blues Vocalist of the Year, Ash Grunwald, will perform at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Friday, August 20.

The singer was most recently a finalist in at the International Blues Performer of the Year awards in Memphis, Tennessee.

His latest album, "I Don't Believe", features percussion, which Ash creates on the spot using his foot controlled sampler and pots, pans, hammers, spanners, guitars, beat boxing and claps.

Once Ash has built a percussion loop, he brings in his foot percussion, which consists of stomp box and foot tambourine.

Over this Ash layers his trademark guitar grooves, vocals and lyrics.

"I like try and take what's good about the early delta blues, which to me is the soulfulness of the singing and guitar playing and combine it with what's cool about modern music like some of the grooves found in a lot of rap and roots stuff," he said.

"I'm trying to use these elements to make new music that's fresh



Ash Grunwald performs

and relevant."

Ash reached the finals in the International Blues Challenge, and played live to millions of viewers on "Good Morning Memphis".

A camera crew followed Ash from Melbourne to Memphis for a feature length documentary, which will be shown on the ABC.

**Press release, July 12
Annie Johnsson Publicity**

Fiery fretwork on show

Guitarist Bruce Mathiske will show "the fiery fretwork of guitargenius" at the Peninsula Theatre on Thursday, August 5, from 8pm to 10pm

Lisa Kelly from Laycock St Theatre said Mr Mathiske has been described as a "master guitarist" and an "absolute virtuoso".

"His playing has taken him all over the world, playing his unique style of bass, rhythm and melody simultaneously to packed houses and standing ovations," she said.

His new CD "Guitar Genius" is a compilation of the best of his 10 albums and all the tunes have been recorded using Australian-built Jim Williams guitars and all the transcripts can be downloaded free in note by note form from the internet.

"This is a lifetime compilation where his many styles and influences from his world travels

come together.

"The music is best described as Jungle using rhythms from Latin America, Africa and The Mediterranean as well as flavours of Gypsy and flamenco," she said.

Tickets are \$25 for adult and \$20 concession.

For bookings or information, phone 1800 043 249.

**Press release, July 21
Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre**

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News



Umina Uniting Church

Umina Church celebrates birthday

The Uniting Church celebrated its 27th Birthday over the weekend June 26-27 with the Broken Bay Parish holding two activities on the Peninsula.

The Uniting Church is celebrating 27 years in Australia, since the amalgamation of some of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregation churches.

To mark the occasion a progressive lunch was held with 90 people on the Saturday.

Soup was served in the Ettalong Church Hall.

Participants were then divided up to share a main meal in

seven host homes before coming together again for sweets, tea and coffee served in the Umina Church Community Hall.

A Parish Service was held with 140 people on the Sunday, followed by morning tea and a farewell presentation to the Youth and Family Worker, Adam Frost.

This was followed by a sausage sandwich and pancakes lunch.

"Many folk enjoyed this activity as it was a lovely fine and sunny day," said Church secretary Annette Strong said.

"It was a great weekend of fellowship and celebration."

**Press release, July 22
Umina Uniting Church**

Scout group seeks leaders

The future of Umina Scout group hangs in the balance, as their search for adult volunteers continues.

The group, which is over 40 years old, needs volunteers to help run meetings during the week and help with weekends away.

Group leader Tanya Watson said it did not matter if people did not have children in the group.

"They might be elderly and have had previous experience with Scouts."

"They may be single and just want to contribute to the community," she said.

"It is really satisfying seeing the achievements of the kids.

"You do put in time and effort but it is worth it.

"There are a lot of kids out there who don't get to go camping anymore.

"We're just trying to teach them the things they wouldn't learn otherwise," Ms Watson said.

The Scout group is open to both boys and girls so leaders can be men or women.

Leaders are needed to help during the weekly meetings where Scouts and Cubs do confidence-building exercises and earn their badges, such as knots, cooking, maps and orienteering.

Leaders do not need knowledge in those areas as the Hunter Coastal Region Scout Association provides training.

They would also get to accompany Scouts on their weekends away where they participate in a range of activities including camping, canoeing and sailing and help with their community activities such as the Red Cross door knock appeal.

Ms Watson said the group

only needed two or three extra volunteers to help, mostly with Cubs.

"It's a great opportunity to get some new skills and help kids and have fun at the same time," she said.

"There are also places on the committee."

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

"Our group may be forced to close if we cannot find new leaders.

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

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

A working with children check will be conducted.

**Press release, July 23
Umina Scout Group**

Youth fishing project funded

Umina PCYC was presented with a cheque for \$5000 by the NRMA on Wednesday, July 21, to help fund a program to assist alienated youth and reduce crime.

The program to be run through the PCYC is named "Hook, line and sinker - Fishing program" and is designed to get troubled youth off the streets by taking them fishing.

The program will target youth involved in criminal activity who are defined as "priority one" and are referred to the PCYC by local police.

"Fishing has been identified as an activity that a number of our priority one participants enjoy," according to a PCYC worker.

Under the plan police and volunteers will collect young people from their homes on a Sunday morning and take them to the Umina PCYC.

They will be given breakfast and advised on their offending behaviour such as use of drugs and alcohol.

Afterwards a fishing workshop will be held offering skills and tips on fishing and participants will have the chance to use these skills at popular fishing spots across the Central Coast.

At the completion of the six-week program, they will be rewarded with an overnight trip to Port Stephens



Gemma Hawkins presents Snr Constable Renee Jackson with a cheque for

PCYC where they will get to compete in a fishing competition and drug and alcohol workshop.

The grant was made as part of an NRMA Insurance Community Help Grants program which encourages

community groups to reduce risk and increase safety in their own communities.

**Press releases, July 21
Umina PCYC, NRMA Insurance**

Five Bouddi groups meet

Five organisations from the Bouddi Peninsula met in June for the first time to discuss topics of common interest.

The aim of the meeting was to investigate how to present a combined policy to various authorities that govern their lives.

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, Pretty Beach Wagstaffe and District Progress Association, The Bouddi Society, MacMasters Beach and District Progress Association and the recently formed Killcare Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Youth and Community Association met on two

occasions in June.

The first issue they dealt with was "How could outsiders or newcomers cope with all these groups, or identify which is which?"

The result of the meeting was that in the main, the groups' aims were similar, with The Bouddi Society placing more stress on cultural activities and Killcare Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Youth and Community Association addressing the particular problems of infrastructure.

Some special issues covered were development applications, legal and illegal removal of native

vegetation, flooding problems in Turo and Mudflat Creeks and investigating grant funding for the removal of weeds (especially bitou bush).

They also covered lobbying for a playing field on Council land in Maitland Bay Dr and tentative plans for an educational forum or exhibition as a cooperative effort in 2005.

The groups have agreed to meet again in September.

To contribute any ideas or issues, contact Ann Bowe on 4360 2295.

**Newsletter, July 21
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**



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Folk festival planned

The Umina Beach Folk Festival will be held from Friday, October 22, until Sunday, October 24, at Umina Public School and the adjacent Club Umina.

The festival will feature musical performances and workshops, dance and poetry, with several events occurring simultaneously throughout the weekend.

Two days of dance workshops, two evening dances and a Sunday afternoon dance will be held.

Poets breakfasts will be in Club Umina on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

A children's festival will also be held as part of the festival.

The organising committee is currently seeking volunteers to help with the festival.

Billets for performers for the weekend are also wanted.

Applications from artists interested in performing close August 15.

Application forms and further details are available on the festival web site www.ccbdma.org/folk/festival.htm.

Ticket prices for the festival will be \$45.

Early bird tickets will be available through the website before September 30 for \$35.

Accompanied children 16 and under are free.

Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Helen Jeffries at Jeffries@tech2u.com.au or by calling 9639 4911.

Cec Bucello, June 29

Missing man

Northern Beaches Police were co-ordinating a search for a man believed missing in waters off Palm Beach over the night of July 22.

A man flagged down a police car patrolling Barrenjoey Rd, Palm Beach, at 2am and told officers his aluminium boat had overturned and his mate was missing.

The man told police he and a friend had left Brisbane Water about 5.30pm heading towards Palm Beach but the boat capsized.

The man managed to reach the shore and alert police.

A search was launched involving the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Water Police and officers on foot.

A 12ft dinghy, two lifejackets and personal property were located at the northern end of Palm Beach.

Low-lying fog caused the air search to be suspended, however foot patrols were continuing.

A command post had been established in the northern-most carpark at Palm Beach.

Press release, July 23
Police Media

IN BRIEF

NAIDOC competition

Zac South from Empire Bay Public School has won first prize in the 2004 NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competition out of 126,700 entries from 1100 schools.

Zac will receive his prize at a special assembly attended by an Aboriginal elder, the Gosford mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks and the regional deputy director of the Department of Education and Training.

Newsletter, July 21
Empire Bay Public School

English competition

Students from Empire Bay Public School achieved good results in the recent Australian Schools English Competition.

Four students received distinction awards, 10 students received credit awards and three students were awarded achievement certificates.

Newsletter, July 21
Empire Bay Public School

Olympathon

Empire Bay Public School is holding an Olympathon on Tuesday, August 24, to coincide with the 2004 Olympic Games.

This Olympathon is to raise funds for the purchase of laptops for classroom use.

Newsletter, July 21
Empire Bay Public School

Tree day

Empire Bay Public School students participated in Schools Tree day on Friday, July 23.

Each class planted a tree in their playground and will take care of it until it becomes established.

Eventually these native trees will provide food and shelter for local animals and birdlife.

They will also provide much needed shade and beauty.

Newsletter, July 21
Empire Bay Public School

Literacy test

A number of Year 3 and 5 students from Woy Woy Public School participated in a literacy test on Friday, July 23.

This test will allow the Department of Education and Training to equate its Statewide tests against those from other states.

All Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the Primary Writing Assessment on Wednesday, July 28, and in the Basic Skills Test on Thursday, August 5.

Newsletter, July 22
Woy Woy Public School

Karate champion

Umina Beach Public School student Rhiannon Hulls has gained first place in the 10-11 Years State Tournament division for Karate.

She will now go on to compete at the National Titles being held in Melbourne late this year.

Newsletter, July 20
Umina Beach Public School



Students watch as plovers nest in Woy Woy Public School's playground

Plovers nest in playground

An area of Woy Woy Public School play area has been roped off after plovers made a nest in it.

This is not the first time the plovers have again laid eggs in the middle of the grass play area.

Despite being shooed away during the school holidays, the plovers have returned to make a nest.

The school has roped off the area to give the plovers some space

as the birds do become anxious, squawking and flying at low levels when students get to close.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service advised the school that the plovers would not make physical contact with humans.

The service advised their students sit or stand still if plovers begin to fly around.

Newsletter, July 22
Woy Woy Public School

Immunisation clinic

An immunisation clinic will be held every two months at the Umina Schools as Community Centre (SaCC) room.

The clinic is an initiative of the Child Health Immunisation Team, Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation and the Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit.

It is targeting children from two months to five years who are due for immunisations in the government vaccination schedule.

This includes toddlers and school aged children who are overdue for immunisations.

These clinics will be in addition to school immunisation programs which will continue to take place on school premises.

The next clinic will be on Thursday, July 29, from 9am to noon.

A parent or guardian needs to be present and the child's blue book and Medicare number should be brought along.

With any questions contact either Child Health on 4328 7900 or SaCC facilitator Ms Debbie Notara on 4343 1929, 4341 1630 or 0439 003 074.

Newsletter, July 20
Umina Beach Public School

Education

IN BRIEF

Writing assessment

Umina Beach Public School students from Years 3 and 5 will soon be participating in the Basic Skills Test and Primary Writing Assessment.

The Primary Writing Assessment will be held on Wednesday, July 28, and the Basic Skills Test will be held on Wednesday, August 4.

Newsletter, July 20
Umina Beach Public School

Gala day

A primary schools' gala day is to be held at venues across the Peninsula on Friday, July 30. Primary schools on the Peninsula will be participating a number of sports across different age groups.

Newsletter, July 20
Umina Beach Public School

Literacy grants

The Commonwealth Bank Foundation has Financial Literacy Grants for 100 secondary schools across Australia to receive grants of \$3500 each during 2005.

The grants are designed to help schools implement self-generated education programs that will help develop student financial literacy awareness understanding and skill.

Secondary Schools with students 7 to 10 can apply at www.commbank.com.au/financialliteracygrants by September 17

Press release, July 23
Commonwealth Bank

Improvements are made at Umina Public School

A number of improvements have been made to Umina Beach Public School over the holiday period.

New steps have been added to the primary playground and old railway sleepers have been removed, concrete surfaces have been repaired and trip hazards have been removed.

The arrival and set up of an additional classroom also occurred over the holiday period and will be utilised by Stage 2 and 3 during literacy and numeracy groups.

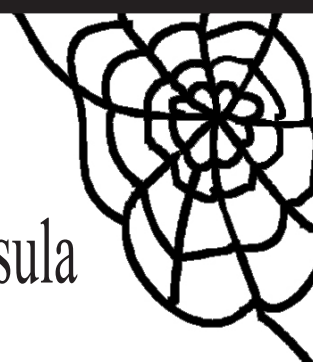
The installation of a security fence is also expected this financial year and will further improve the protection of the school's resources.

Newsletter, July 20
Umina Beach Public School

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Moratorium is welcomed

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has welcomed the moratorium placed on the closure of the Gosford Horticultural Institute by Minister for Primary Industries Mr Ian MacDonald.

"This is a temporary win for the staff at the Gosford facility and I intend to make it a permanent win.

"I won't be satisfied until this is the situation", Ms Andrews said.

"This is not about politics. "This is all about people and retaining jobs on the Central Coast."

"I also call on the Minister for the Central Coast to continue to work towards reaching a positive outcome for the Gosford Horticultural Institute."

Press release, July 22
Marie Andrews,
Member for Peats

Funds for HACC services

Government funding will pay for a new vehicle and trailer, new office equipment and new refrigeration for the Peninsula's Home and Community Care (HACC) services.

The money will go to Woy Woy Meals on Wheels and the Gosford Home Modification and Maintenance services, which operate from premises near the Peninsula Community Centre.

Funding of \$76,991 for the Central Coast was part of a \$3.32 million boost for Home and Community Care (HACC) services across New South Wales.

"The additional one-off HACC funds will be used to improve services in a number of areas including buying new equipment and improved staff training," said NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Ms Carmel Tebbutt.

HACC is a joint State-Commonwealth initiative that provides services to assist more than 120,000 frail aged people and people with a disability to live independently in their local communities.

Press release, July 6
Carmel Tebbutt, Minister for Community Services

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WEEKEND SPORT

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

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Jim Beam Cup
Rnd 18: Woy Woy v Erina
Woy Woy Oval, 3pm

Central Coast Competition
Rnd 16: Woy Woy v Erina
Woy Woy Oval

Under 17s 11pm, Under 19s
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Sunday, August 8

Jim Beam Cup
Rnd 19: Woy Woy v Ourimbah
Woy Woy Oval, 3pm

Central Coast Comprtition

Rnd 17: Woy Woy v Ourimbah
Woy Woy Oval
Under 17s 11pm, Under 19s
12.15pm, 1st division 1.45pm
Erina v Umina
Away

Rugby Union

Saturday, July 31

Rnd 16: Woy Woy v Karingong
Woy Woy Oval, 3pm

Saturday, August 14

Rnd 17: Avoca Beach v Woy Woy
Away

AFL - Black Diamond Cup

Saturday, July 31

Rnd 18: Warners Bay v Woy Woy
Seaman Oval, 11.45am

Saturday, August 7

Rnd 17: Woy Woy Peninsula v
Gosford
Rogers Park, 11.45am

Soccer - Premier League 1

Sunday, August 1

Rnd 16: Ourimbah v Umina
Ourimbah, 2.45pm
Rnd 16: Toukley v Woy Woy
Toukley, 2.45pm

Sunday, August 8

Rnd 17: Umina v Budgewoi
Umina Oval 1, 2.45pm
Rnd 17: Woy Woy v Sth Ettalong
Woy Woy

Baseball

Saturday, July 31

Rnd 14: Magpies v Woy Woy
Wolves
Adcock Park, 2.15pm

Saturday, August 7

Rnd 15: Woy Woy Wolves v
Dodgers
Rogers Park, 2.15pm

Bunnies in second spot

The Umina Bunnies Senior Rugby League team is sitting in second place on the Central Coast ladder.

The team has had a successful season so far despite the club facing financial difficulties in the end of last year.

"What a year it has been for the football community of Umina Beach," said publicity officer Kevin Hulls.

"The effort of the committee late last year is starting to pay dividends.

"This week's starting side, as it has been for most of the year, comprises of players who have played junior football for the Umina Bunnies.

"This is and will always remain our proudest achievement of this season regardless of what happened in the finals.

"Our objective in starting this football club was to allow a pathway for the juniors of the area to play senior football.

"Many of our players had the opportunity to play at a higher level



Various Umina Bunnies players take a rest during Saturday football on July 24

this season but chose to play where they played their junior football."

This week the Bunnies take on The Entrance at Umina Oval, with first grade kicking off at 1.45pm.

They are second on the competition ladder and only four points off The Entrance who won the competition last year.

With four rounds still to play, there is a good chance the Peninsula team may finish as minor premiers in their inaugural year.

"With nearly all our players returned from injury, there is a quite confidence that we will peak at the right end of the season.

"There is no doubt that we have had our fair share of injuries this year and it is testament to the strength and depth of the club that we have been so competitive with so many players sidelined with injury," he said.

Fax, July 13
Umina Bunnies

Junior Bunnies all make semis

All eight Umina Bunnies junior Rugby League sides have made it into the semi finals with only four rounds to go.

It would be a first for Umina to have all sides represented in the finals.

"There is no doubt that having senior sides has inspired the junior teams," publicity officer Kevin Hulls said.

This is a major achievement for the once struggling Umina Bunnies Club who expect to recruit their 200th junior player next year.

"When we started this club 12 months ago, we were confident that the players, the community and local business would support us.

"Our major sponsor, Club Umina, is not only committed this year but for the next two years and, without such support, we would not be the

strength that we are today.

"The functions that we have had are second to none, sensational food, great entertainment and a community atmosphere that always makes for a good night.

"Sunday nights are busy with the presentation and all players have returned throughout the year after the game as have our supporters."

Fax, July 13
Umina Bunnies

Almost made it

Sixteen-year-old Blake Butler from Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club just missed out on making the semi finals in NSW Junior Lawn Bowls Titles held recently.

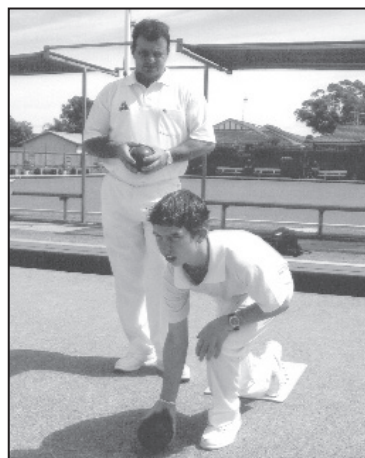
Blake represented the Central Coast in the pairs.

He and his partner from Terrigal Country Club just missed out on making the semis by two shots.

The former Brisbane Water Secondary College student only took up the bowls three years ago with his father.

The father and son team of Blake and Paul Butler have shown tremendous potential after playing in the grade 7 Pennants with just two and a half years on the green.

Both were selected for the Zone Academy side while Blake recently



Blake Butler puts down a bowl watched by his father, Paul.

was winner of the State Junior Presidents Pairs (under-15) with Darren Morrison.

Alison Branley, July 21

Triples win

Everglades Country Club's Women's Triples Bowls team has won the group finals at Kurri Kurri in June.

The team of Sue O'Connor, Goldie Edwards and Judy King who also won the District Triples will now go to Sydney to play for the State.

Newsletter, July 7
Everglades Country Club Bulletin,
July 2004

Cheque for Child Flight

Woy Woy Bowling Club presented a cheque for \$13, 000 to the Child Flight helicopter group on Sunday, July 18.

The money was a result of the charity days and fund raising efforts by the club over the past year and equates to four trips by the Child Flight Service.

Child Flight chief pilot Terry Mortimer said that last year the service flew some 1200 hours, consuming 300,000 litres of fuel.

"The Child Flight service takes between 16 and 21 minutes to travel between Sydney and Gosford cutting precious time on travel of critical patients while providing greater options in terms of treatments and suitable hospitals," he said.

The Childflight rescue service uses nine pilots and has further four on standby.

The replacement cost of one helicopter is \$7 million.

Club chairman Ken Dixon and Charity Day organiser Julie Bennett presented a cheque for \$13,000 to Laetitia Montgomery from Child Flight.

Press release, July 18
Robert Hook, Big Group

Narrow loss

Brisbane Water Secondary College Open Girls Netball team played in round 2 and 3 of the Combined High Schools (CHS) State Knockout competition at the end of the last school term.

The girls beat St Ives High School after a lead of 19-4 in the first quarter but they were narrowly beaten by Killara High School.

The open boys netball team also played in the CHS Knockout against Henry Kendall but were also narrowly defeated.

Newsletter, May 11
Brisbane Water Secondary College

College takes rugby league final

Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC) beat Tuggerah Lakes in the final of a rugby league series recently

The local college defeated Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College in the final of the Central Coast Division Drive Alive

Tournament conducted by Country Rugby League at Wyong rugby league ground on Wednesday, May 26.

Chris Hyde was named man of the match in open boy's final which was a "Battle of the Colleges" after both schools won their group matches at Wyong in March.

BWSC is now the Central Coast

Champions and go through to the knockout draw for the State's top 16.

Also last term six senior marine studies students from the college attempted to gain their scuba diving qualifications as part of the elective modules offered at the school.

Press release, May 25

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Water limits tighten

Gosford-Wyong Council Water Authority Board has tightened water restrictions to Level 2a.

This will reduce the time allowed for watering gardens with hoses from one hour a day on allocated days, to just half an hour a day on allocated days.

These changes will come into effect from August 1.

The half-hour allocation can be taken from 7am to 9am or 5pm to 7pm on allocated days.

The allocated days according to odd and even residential house numbers will not change.

The Water Authority Board has agreed to the tighter restrictions because the region has not had its normal winter rainfall.

The dry winter has also resulted in average consumption remaining about the same as it was in the months prior to Level 2 restrictions, which were introduced in May, instead of the additional eight per cent reduction which was expected.

Gosford and Wyong Councils are also working on a number of contingency plans for ensuring sustainable water supplies, including exploring more groundwater use options, more recycling, desalination plants and programs to reduce consumption such as the Refit program and business audits.

Press release, July 21
Gosford-Wyong Water Authority

Needs survey is prepared

Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe Progress Association has prepared a Recreational Needs Survey for the use of land in Maitland Bay Dr.

The association has been lobbying Gosford Council for over five years to upgrade a large site, which has been used as a Council dump although the land is zoned open space/recreation.

The last Council voted \$10,000 towards upgrading the site for the recreational needs of the Peninsula but currently the council's recreational services section is recommending that this not proceed.

As a result, the association prepared a Recreational Needs Survey which has been distributed to local residents.

Newsletter, July 21
Bouddi News, Winter 2004

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Jocelyn wins art competition

Jocelyn Maughan from Patonga has won round one of the Peninsula News Art Competition.

Ms Maughan won with her gouache painting of Patonga entitled "Patonga: A quaint little drinking village with a fishing problem".

Jocelyn won a certificate, a voucher for \$50 worth of art and craft supplies from Art and Craft RIOT in Erina Fair, publication in the Peninsula News and will also be showcased by Gosford Council in its Peninsula Libraries during the following of August.

Peninsula News in conjunction with Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is running the art 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 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 second round of



Jocelyn Maughan receives her award from President of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, Penny Riely

the competition for August 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 August 14.

The winner will be published in the August 23 edition of Peninsula News.

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

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