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Council to license beach businesses

Up to four commercial sporting businesses will be licensed to operate from Umina and Ocean Beaches under a system being prepared by Gosford Council.

The council is to develop an accreditation system for the operators.

Under the new licensing plan, operators of businesses such as surf schools and fitness training services have to apply for a licence to conduct activities on the beach.

Currently they only have to have written permission from Council.

Council has set the rate for licensing as \$2000 a year for a

two-year licence and has also set safety and insurance requirements for users.

They plan to issue 10 licences all together for beaches across the coast.

Umina and Ocean Beaches will be allocated four of these licences, two for surf schools and two for fitness training.

Terrigal-Wamberal will be the same and Avoca-North Avoca has been issued two licences for two surf schools.

A report by staff from Gosford Council stated that the system was being developed due to increasing demand for commercial operations on the beach.

"This does not give new operators the opportunity to compete for the locations of the existing operator," it stated.

"While this system has been sufficient for low numbers of commercial operators, increasing demand for commercial operations on the beach requires that the system be reviewed."

"Failure to appropriately manage commercial operators using Gosford beaches has the potential to result in conflict between recreational and commercial use of the beaches and conflict between existing and potential commercial operators," it stated.

Council Agenda CS.026, July 27



The Abattoir site

Council alert to abattoir sale

Gosford Council has asked to be alerted should the Woy Woy Abattoir site come onto the market.

Cr Craig Doyle moved, seconded by Cr Laurie Maher, that Council adopt a watching brief for the purchase of the site.

The motion was passed, despite a staff report recommending "Council not further investigate the purchase of this particular land parcel".

The report stated that the land was unsuitable for purchase for sporting fields as it was too contaminated by agricultural chemicals and the hillside to the north restricted light in winter.

This would restrict turf growth and make ball viewing difficult for sports such as cricket.

The only possible community uses for the land were an archery facility, a rifle range or extreme sport facility, according to the report.

It stated that the cost to buy and rehabilitate the area for sporting grounds "would be substantial".

The report also recommended against moving another Council facility, such as the Woy Woy Depot, to the site.

"It may not prove to be advisable given the limitation of the access road's ability to accommodate heavy vehicular traffic and the need to ameliorate [rehabilitate] the site would remain," the report stated.

Cr Craig Doyle said he thought the depot should be moved to the site.

"I'd like to see the land up to top put back onto the Coastal Open Space System and the bottom used for the depot," Cr Doyle said.

"Then put the depot land into public ownership for open space."

The site had a flat open space on the valley floor, and large amounts of natural vegetation on the hillside to the north, according to the report.

The vegetation area was not rare or endangered and could be preserved by council's planning instruments, it stated.

Alison Branley, Council agenda CS.025, July 27

Ettalong bank could open in November

An Ettalong branch of the Bendigo Bank could be open as early as November if all goes to plan.

The directors of the new bank met with representatives of the Bendigo Bank on Tuesday, August 3, according to Mainstreet Coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

She said the bank was set to move into the current site of Ettalong Hotel, with the hotel development across the road about to be completed.

The premises on the corner of Ocean View and Pacific Ave previously housed a bank.

"We've got directors and have formed a company.

"We're in the due diligence period," Ms Wales said.

"We're going through the legalities at the moment.

"Our goal is November 1.

"But it could be mid-November as the prospectus is taking longer than we thought.

"Our goal is for the prospectus to be launched early September.

"It is taking longer than anticipated because we had to secure a site before the prospectus is signed off by Bendigo's legal team and then it is lodged with ASIC.

"If that doesn't happen then it could be February as we wouldn't open over the holidays but we are doing everything possible to open by the November date."

Committee chairman Mr David Steele said the committee was



The current site of Ettalong Hotel has been selected for the location of new Bendigo Bank

working diligently with Bendigo Bank.

"Our campaign may appear to have gone quiet but rest assured we are working hard at ensuring Ettalong Beach community bank branch opens in 2004," Mr Steele said.

"My message to the community is to get ready to transfer those pledges of support into a public shareholding and become a part of our very own Bendigo Community Bank"

"Although our aim is to have as many local people as possible to become shareholders, there will be a limited number of shares

available," Mr Steele said.

"If you haven't already, please commit your support to the campaign by filling in a pledge form which will indicate your interest in becoming a shareholder when the offer is released in the coming weeks.

Pledge forms and further information about the campaign is available from the Ettalong Beach Post Office or by telephoning Debra Wales on 4342 7510 and a package will be mailed out.

"We have been delighted by the show of support from all sectors of our community," Mr Steele said.

Alison Branley, August 5

Call to move depot

Residents living near the Woy Woy Council Depot in Gallipoli Ave have asked Gosford Council to move the depot.

The Council has received a petition, with 10 signatures asking that the Council Truck Depot be totally removed and relocated outside residential areas by August

30 this year.

The petitioners cited extreme noise, diesel fuel fumes and dust pollution as justification for the move.

The petitioners asked to be included in the decision-making process about what would be built in the depot's place.

Council Agenda P.054, July 27

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Information for members and their guests

Bandicoots, barking owls and blue-tongues

Bandicoots, barking owls and blue-tongue lizards live in the few pockets of bushland left in our Peninsula suburbs.

The grounds of Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College are among them.

Now residents are being invited to help protect and care for them, with the College hosting a bushcare group, and some funds are available for its establishment.

Ms Kate Consterdine, convenor of the College's Environment Committee, is involved in establishing the group.

Kate will present information about it at the College's P and C meeting at 7.45pm on Wednesday, August 18.

"This bushcare group is part of the Sustainable Schools Program," she said.

"We have here a small fragment of rare and endangered bushland that supports endangered birds and animals.

"For example, I have seen glossy black cockatoos on the site.

"The bushland is a special resource that is not being used or

appreciated.

"It is also worth special attention so that in the future it can be linked with other bushland to form a green corridor.

"All Peninsula residents are invited to participate.

"If you want to learn about native plants and animals, contribute something to the community, meet a new group of friends, develop a new interest, protect the environment, enjoy bird-watching, or already love the bush, you are welcome.

"If you're unable to be actively involved, there are many ways you can still support the project.

"These include disposing of your garbage and garden waste correctly instead of dumping it in the bush.

"You could grow plants in your garden that are native to this area, rather than exotics, and not planting exotics in the bush."

She also suggested preventing pets from roaming freely in the bush to hunt or kill native animals.

With enquiries, phone 4341 9301.

Shirley Hotchkiss, August 4

Three dual occupancies approved

Gosford Council has approved the development of dual occupancies by the Department of Housing in Grafton Ave and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The three single houses are located at 8 and 10 Grafton Ave, as well as 33 Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy.

The application to redevelop the houses was deferred in July while the Council contacted the Department of Housing about their overall plans for the area.

The Department of Housing replied to the Council that there was "no overall plan for the Woy Woy area".

They cited reasons for no such plan as being "uncertainty of funding" with a Federal election looming and the availability of properties.

"The only way to make properties available for redevelopment is to induce residents to accept another dwelling," the letter from the department stated.

"It is also worth emphasising that Council has no legal powers to take these matters into account."

At the meeting, councillors voted down a motion by Cr Terri Latella to defer a decision so that discussions about implementing a strategy could be held with the department.

Only Crs Craig Doyle and Chris Holstein supported the motion.

The council approved the

development applications and resolved to meet with the department to ascertain their long-term plans in the vicinity.

Cr Terri Latella said she wanted an overall strategy for the entire department of housing re-development at Woy Woy.

She said she did not believe ascertaining the department's plan was "sufficient to gain the appropriate infrastructure desperately needed in this area before any growth begins".

"This type of development shows that the Department is not taking our urgent plea for affordable housing seriously and is removing some of the autonomy that we deserve as a region," she said.

Speaking for Cr Latella's motion, Cr Chris Holstein said there were about 75 Department of Housing houses in the area.

"No one Councillor would argue against the need for affordable housing, but you cannot tell me the Department doesn't have a strategy for down there.

"What is the social infrastructure?

"This is the tyranny of the small decision.

"If we're only going to do small sections here and there. It will be three here, four there, five there.

"We owe it to the Peninsula to ensure that development that happens down there is socially appropriate.

"The department needs to own up and give us a strategy for the area.

"If they come up and say we're only doing three then that's fine."

Cr Peter Hale disagreed citing the lack of approvals made by Council.

"We spend so much time about affordable housing and we have a complying DA here.

"I just can't understand what we're doing as a Council."

Cr Vicki Scott echoed his statements.

"This is emotional scare tactics.

"While we're mucking around here, people are going without a home.

"I don't see why we can't do this."

Council approved the developments.

There were 36 public submissions made about the development application.

Alison Branley, August 5

IN BRIEF

Unemployment

Figures prepared by the Federal Parliamentary Library show that unemployment in Robertson fell to 5.8 per cent for March 2004.

"Considering that the unemployment figure for Robertson in March 1996 was 8.2 per cent, this is fantastic news for our local communities," Member for Roberston Mr Jim Lloyd said.

"In March 2003, unemployment for the Robertson electorate was six per cent."

Media release, July 30
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Large lunch

The Leukaemia Foundation is calling for Australians to take time out for the World's Largest Lunch for Leukaemia from September 13 to 19.

To register or to make a donation, call 1800 620 420 or visit www.leukaemia.com.

Press release, August 2
Leukaemia Foundation NSW

Super overhaul

Labor Candidate for Robertson Ms Trish Moran said a Labor government would overhaul the superannuation system.

"One in three Australians have lost track of their old, inactive superannuation funds with an estimated \$7.3 billion in declared lost funds," she said.

"These lost accounts will be automatically rolled together and excessive exit charges will be banned," she said.

Press release, August 2
Trish Moran, Labor Candidate for Robertson

Competition closes

Entries for the Grandma Moses Art Prize close on August 25.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre has entry forms for the competition which is open to people over 50 years of age and has prize money totalling \$1200.

For more details, telephone Gosford Senior Citizens' Centre on 4324 4749.

Press release, August 2
Gosford Council

Career course

TAFE Outreach is offering a free seven-week accredited course at the Umina Schools as Community Centres building in the grounds of Umina Public School for anyone wanting to enter or re-enter the workforce or looking for a career change.

This will be a chance to look at work skills, plan a resume and get employment guidance.

The course "Where to from Here?" will run on Fridays from 9.30am to 12 noon from August 13.

With inquiries, telephone 4343 1929.

Press release, August 4
Umina SaCC

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Veron Rd options to be pursued

Gosford Council will continue to investigate options for purchasing land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Umina despite a report by Council staff suggesting it would be difficult.

The Council voted to explore viable funding opportunities other than those from the Financial Strategy and Coastal Open Space System.

It also voted to investigate funding through the Federal Government National Reserve System Funding Grant.

However, the Council voted down an amendment by Cr Craig Doyle to obtain legal advice at the same time about a recent ruling on land at Ballast Point.

The landmark case to come out of the Land and Environment Court was over a parcel of land the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority acquired at Birchgrove from Caltex for \$14.38 million in 2002.

The land had an \$800 000 option to purchase on it from five years earlier for developer McRoss, now Lang Walker.

Under the ruling the State Government had to pay out \$60.5 million in compensation to the developer in compensation for the potential value of a developed property, even though Council did not approve rezoning the land to residential.

Cr Doyle said he was disappointed councillors had voted down his amendment.

"I've read the ruling by the Court.

"Other councillors haven't," Cr Doyle said.

"It's the same as we have here."

Communications manager for the Diocese of Broken Bay, Ms Annie Corrett said that it was not up to the Diocese.

"We have a formal agreement with the developer.

"They are the party with whom communication for the purchase of the land should be made," she said.

Developer Mr John Zavolokin said the Council had not approached him about the sale of the land.

"We are open to offers, but it has to be what we consider fair offer," he said.

"At this stage, we are a bit confused.

"We haven't really heard anything.

"Council needs to deal with us, but they need to take the right approach."

Mr Zavolokin said he would not comment on the Ballast Point case but emphasised that any offer from council to purchase the land would have to be fair.

He said there was a vocal minority who wanted Council to buy the land.

"There has also been letters of support to me, one from someone who has lived here 25 years.

"There are also a lot of people who don't care about such a small parcel of land.

"Is it really worth spending tax payers money on such a small parcel of land?"

Mr Zavolokin also pointed out that they had been investigating the land for over 18 months, but only after they lodged a DA did objections come forth.

"The land was zoned by Council 2a which means it is of no environmental significance," he said.

He also pointed out that they had done extensive environmental planning on the site with consultation by ecologists and arborists.

"I read all the objections to the development with interest and tried to talk to the objectors.

"We have used experts and tried to pinpoint every single tree.

"Our expert was the one to first characterise the Umina sandplain around Umina oval and the soil structure on this site is a different structure.

"All the grass trees will be transplanted, we have submitted a bush management plan with the application and this presents an opportunity everyone to have the land managed by us," he said.

At Council's meeting on August 3, Liberal representative for Peats Ms Debra Wales and Save our Suburbs representative Mr Bryan Ellis spoke to Councillors urging them to purchase the environmentally sensitive land.

"It is a vital matter to the Peninsula community," Ms Wales said.

"Open space is needed in the most densely populated area of Gosford City.

"It's not a question of dollars or politics but a question as to the health and well being of our local neighbourhood."

Ms Wales cited the importance of the land's link to Brisbane Water National Park, as a wildlife corridor and the abundance of grass trees, birdlife and paperbarks.

"It is a precious piece of forest and a vital part of the quality of life on the Peninsula," she said.

"It should be paid for out of developer contributions."

Bryan Ellis said he had previously commented to Council about the environmental significance of the land.

"I believe this report is a redundant report.

"Council's only option is to buy the land," he said.

"Reasons for refusal of the development application are abundant," he said.

"There are three types of threatened lands on this block alone.

"This could be the only suite of plants of its kind in Australia."

At the meeting Cr Terri Latella, seconded by Cr Drake, moved that Council continue to explore its funding options.

"This land is environmentally significant both in environmental aspects and vegetation but also because of the social justice claimed by purchasing this site of land," Cr Latella said.

"It is an important site bringing harmony to the Peninsula area.

Cr Drake said the land had stirred up a lot of local concern.

"I'm concerned that once this land is sold it can't remain in public ownership.

"If there is funding I believe it should be in the public domain.

The Council staff report suggested that funding from Federal Government National Reserve System Funding "would be unlikely to be successful".

The report also suggested that funding could come from Coastal Open Space System funds or the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Financial Strategy.

It did not list Section 94 Contribution Funds which were commonly used to purchase and upgrade recreation space.

Alison Branley, August 3



A Umina resident walks his dog at the southern end of Umina Beach

Petitioners support off-leash beach area

Over 700 Peninsula dog owners have supported off-leash use of the southern end of Umina Beach.

A petition, with 741 signatures, has been presented to Gosford Council stating that the exercise area was popular with both local dog owners and visitors.

The availability of the beach 24 hours a day was appreciated particularly by those residents who commuted to Sydney and had limited time to take their dogs to the beach for a run.

The petitioners asked to be told

if council received any complaints about the dog exercise area at Umina so that they could resolve any issues raised.

They urged the approval of the exercise area on completion of the trial period, and asked that dog exercise area signs be erected on the beach end of the walkways as well as the road ends.

This would make it clear to both dog owners and others exactly where the off-leash area began and ended.

Council Agenda P.047, July 27

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Some wonderful teachers

I would like to share with the whole community the exceptional efforts of some wonderful teachers at Ettalong Public School.

The inaugural Junior Rock Eisteddfod held at Castle Hill on Friday, July 23, with 120 students from Ettalong Public School taking part.

Planning for this began in term one and, for the past three months, students have been rehearsing at lunch and sport times as well as almost every Sunday afternoon.

Parents were asked to assist with costumes and set designs, while 10 teachers gave up lunches, countless nights and weekends to sew, glue, paint and make everything needed.

Some of the teachers' husbands, mothers and sisters, who had no children in the performance, worked together with parents,

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grandparents and staff, combining skills and talents to make the show possible.

Other teachers not directly involved in the production covered duties and extra classes for those who were involved.

It was a true community success for our students to witness and to be a part of, one not possible without our teacher's commitment, and all for just eight minutes in the spotlight on stage.

The show was an extravaganza and our students spectacular, but the best performance came from our teacher's and their commitment to providing the students with this experience.

Well done Ettalong Public School.

Liz McMinn, Ettalong

Boat people response appalling

It is great news that Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) have established a branch on the Central Coast.

The Progressive Labour Party publicly condemned the Border Protection legislation during the 2001 federal election and supported its repeal, then and now.

We congratulate local refugee advocate Mira Wroblecky from Kincumber.

Rural Australians were the first to

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launch a Refugee Support group in Bowra in 2001 and we were among the first to congratulate them on their courageous initiative.

With 23 million refugees in the world, Australia can do much better than what it has done during and since the Tampa crisis.

For a country that has signed the United Nation Refugee Convention, the response to the boat people has been appalling.

Central Coast voters who support Liberal Party candidates in the forthcoming election would be voting for the continuation of such deplorable policies.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Intent on keeping crossing

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has interceded on behalf of concerned residents who are intent on keeping our raised pedestrian crossing right where it is, centrally located close to all-important amenities.

John Cragg from Gosford Council met with Marie Andrews, Dean Hartigan and Mark Ellis.

At one point, Mr Cragg listened intently to a visually-impaired person, Elizabeth, who was adamant the raised crossing should stay for the added safety it provided her community.

Local resident Carmen Daniels-Perrin also pointed out the CBD

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could do with a few more raised crossings.

The council spokesperson spent two hours attempting to reason why council the council insisted on downgrading extensive works that the community has enjoyed now for over six years.

Flooding is said to be of a prime reason for the intended removal work.

But ratepayers believe there are other options available for Council that don't include the removal of the raised pedestrian crossing.

Ed James, Umina

Water is vital

Without putting too many tickets on oneself and without false modesty, may I say that as an alderman and councillor on Gosford Council, it was well known I was 20 to 50 years ahead of the time.

I missed out on being mayor about 10 times and was deputy mayor about six times.

If I made mayor, my number one priority would have been water supply and I approached a number of mayors on this subject.

Even a brain-dead DVD addict can work out that water is the most vital and essential commodity for this and every local government area.

It's good to see that things are moving in this, as with the proposed desalination plant.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Prevent whale loss

As caring Australians, we must ban shark nets during the whale-breeding season.

Many of the whales travel thousands of kilometres across the ocean to find warm breeding waters.

How tragic to hear the whales lost a baby recently off our shore, as the pregnant whale takes 15 months to produce her young.

Ban shark nets: Prevent another loss for these beautiful mammals and other sea creatures using our coastline.

Painful death can be prevented.

Janet-Lee Porter, Woy Woy

A new age hubris?

John Collins points out that Australia Post is now not only putting paid adverts within the stamp cancelling print on envelopes but also within the actual stamps.

Is this surprising given that we have a Prime Minister who has already demeaned the office by parading for the press on his morning constitutional walks by wearing a tracksuit emblazoned with the name of a private telephone company?

I can only compare the

demeaning of the high office in this manner as the equivalent of prostitution.

Much ado has recently been made of radio announcers cash for comment payments - has the Prime Minister declared any benefit from the millions of dollars worth of advertising that he provided the telephone company by wearing its logo on his back?

Is this all part of the new age Christian hubris that he appears to espouse in order to emulate his American leader?

Richard Newby, Woy Woy

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Fire season

The official bush fire season was declared for 54 local government areas, including Gosford, from Sunday, August 1.

Anyone intending to burn from then on needs to ask the Rural Fire Service for further advice, fire permits and approvals.

They need to check weather conditions, delay the burn if concerning winds are forecast, create proper fire breaks, have adequate water resources on hand, supervise the fire at all times and call triple zero (000) immediately if fire escapes.

Press release, July 30
NSW Rural Fire Service

In Bouddi

The autumn fox control program in Bouddi National Park was completed between May 17 and June 4 by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Maitland Rural Lands Protection Board.

A total of 12 bait stations were set up in various locations which were at least 500 metres from property boundaries.

During this time, 32 takes were recorded, all of which were identified as fox.

At the end of the program, all untaken baits were removed and destroyed.

Newsletter, July 28
Bouddi News, Winter 2004

Close-ups

The Bouddi Close Up photographic exhibition will be held again at the Maitland Bay Centre during October.

The exhibition is sponsored by MacMasters Beach and District Progress Association in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, with all proceeds to benefit the Bouddi Wildlife Fund.

For details on entry and closing dates, please phone Barbara on 4382 2722 or Nina on 0414 810 007.

Newsletter, July 28
Bouddi News, July 2004

Moth released

The tortrix species Leaf Rolling Moth, a biological control agent for bitou bush, was released at Putty Beach in early June.

Approximately 5000 eggs were attached to bitou bush plants in this area, with later reports of eggs hatching and larvae being present.

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Bouddi News, Winter 2004

Questions answered

Gosford Council's environment education officer Ms Trish Donnelly will be at The Environment Centre in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, on August 12 and 26 between 1pm and 4pm to answer questions on the environment.

Gosford Council will again be running the Schools Environment Awareness Program in 2004.

Landcare Week will be celebrated from August 16 to 22.

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Multi Arts Confederation

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Fathers' course

A free Workshop for Fathers will be held at Umina Schools as Community Centre on Monday, August 30, from 7pm to 9pm.

Joe Schumacher from Uniting Care Burnside will be discussing "The Challenges facing Fathers in the New Millennium".

With inquiries, telephone 4343 1929.

Press release, August 4
Umina SaCC

Submissions wanted

Community members are being invited to make written submission on local housing issue for inclusion in Council's affordable housing strategy.

Submission will be received until Wednesday, August 18.

For more information, phone Council's affordable housing officer on 4325 8950.

Council Notice, August 3
Express Advocate

Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre Group took part in the Wyong Theatrefest "Encore" production over the weekend of August 7-8.

Woy Woy Little Theatre Group presented "A Talk in the Park" on Saturday, August 7, and a Shop for Charity Newcastle Rep "Once Upon a Park Bench".

Magazine, August 5
What Magazine

Auxiliary met

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary held its annual meeting at the rear hall at the Meals on Wheels building in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on Wednesday, July 28.

Toastmistress Jan Cummings was the guest speaker.

Flyer, August 4
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Linocut workshop

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is holding a Linocut Workshop with Janice Weber on August 28 and 29 from 9am to 3pm.

The cost will be \$50 plus materials.

For further information, call Thelma Browne on 4341 3599.

A Rag Doll Workshop is also scheduled for early September.

Newsletter, August 5
Multi Arts Confederation

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Crossing discussion to go another round

The future of the raised pedestrian crossing in West St, Umina, will go to another round of discussions, following referral to Gosford Council's disability committee.

A site meeting was held last Wednesday, August 4, between Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and representatives of the council and the community.

"It was agreed at the site meeting that the issue would be referred to the Disability Committee of Council at Ms Andrews' request," according to a statement issued by her office.

"All options will be looked at and a second round of discussions will be held."

The site meeting was attended by local residents and a shopkeeper who wanted the crossing retained at its current height.

However, Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales told Peninsula News that the Chamber wanted the crossing lowered to road level.

Gosford Council's engineering services manager Mr John Cragg, who represented the council at the site meeting, said the proposal to lower the crossing would resolve a small local flooding problem affecting Coopers of Umina Fabric Store.

He said that the store had been flooded twice during rains that caused no flooding elsewhere, demonstrating the site was a problem.

"We agreed to hold off on work to see whether or not it is practicable to keep it raised if only by a lesser amount."

He said Council notices advertising the work in local media



Marie Andrews at the meeting over the raised crossing in Umina

were due to deadlines for the publications.

"We're happy to hold off on the work."

He said there were grates on the footpath but they had not worked.

He said the flooding was not being caused by silted up drains.

Mr Warren Perks, owner of The Base Store directly in front of the crossing, said he had worked for the Roads and Traffic Authority for 27 years dealing with raised crossings around schools.

He said that the raised crossing needed to stay to protect the elderly and disabled crossing the street.

"It's a safety issue," he said.

He said that the crossing was not causing flooding but rather silted up drains nearby.

"It's going to cost \$10-\$15000 to downgrade that crossing, which would be better spent on a better drainage system, unblocking the drains that are silted up," he said.

"They could construct a gutter through the crossing with a grate

and that would alleviate the problems."

Mr Cragg denied silted drains were the cause of the problem.

Mr Wales said that the Chamber did not want the crossing moved.

"Our position has always been that it is perfectly fine where it is."

"The fact that it is a raised crossing is the problem."

"Pedestrians come to the crossing and think that it is an extension of the footpath."

"They walk out there like Brown's cows."

"The traffic can sometimes be backed up to the service station."

"There have been many near misses, particularly kids on bikes with no regard for traffic."

He said a road level crossing would make it more clear to pedestrians.

"The raised crossing has also created a huge drainage problem, several shops have been flooded regularly."

"Coopers have been flooded

three times since it was put in.

"Now we find Marie Andrews has stepped up to the plate. She wants to keep it."

"There are better solutions," he said.

Umina resident Mr Dean Hartigan who attended the site meeting said that the Council's reason for removing the raised crossing, flooding, was not legitimate.

"The reason for the flooding was poor servicing of the drains and the screens on top."

"If they do put a road-level crossing there, drivers will see a person approach the crossing and put their foot down to beat them and then collect someone else the other way."

"There's no way it should be removed, you cannot convince me," he said.

Save our Suburbs spokesman Mr Mark Ellis said that Mr Cragg admitted that the current design of the crossing was to promote pedestrian visibility to drivers.

"But he said it was ineffective and not intended to slow down traffic."

"So the question needs to be asked when is a speed hump not a speed hump, when it is a pedestrian crossing."

"If such traffic calming operations are ineffective in slowing down traffic, thus providing pedestrian and driver safety, why are they still being installed around the Peninsula?"

"Save our Suburbs will be pursuing the issue of raised pedestrian crossings with Gosford Council to provide safety and piece of mind for the young and the elderly alike, as well as providing for the rights of the disabled and visually impaired pedestrians of the Peninsula," he said.

Alison Branley, August 4

Excluded from tourist drive

The Peninsula has been excluded from a regional tourist drive, proposed by Member for The Entrance, Mr Grant McBride, and supported by Gosford Council.

"The Central Coast Way" would follow a coastal route from Kariong to the Pacific Highway at Lake Munmorah.

It does not include either Woy Woy or Ettalong, despite them being circled on a Council map as two major tourist destinations for the Central Coast.

The route would commence at Kariong, with motorists encouraged to leave the F3 Freeway to travel along the Pacific Highway, Dane Dr, Masons Parade, York St, Victoria St, George St, The Entrance

Rd, Coral St, Wilfred Barrett Dr, Budgewoi Rd, Ouringo St, Mimosa Dr and Elizabeth Bay Dr.

The proposed drive would pass the Mount Penang Gardens, provide access to Brisbane Water National Park, would pass the Central Coast Stadium, Gosford foreshore and the Central Coast Regional Art Gallery.

The route would continue past Erina Shopping Fair, the Ice Skating Centre and Fragrant Gardens.

It would provide visitor access to North Avoca, Terrigal, Forresters and Wamberal Beaches and the Wyrribalong National Park with its whale watching at Crackneck Lookout.

The beaches of Toowoan Bay, Shelly Beach, Blue Bay and The

Entrance are accessible from the route, as are pelican feeding at The Entrance Channel and nearby popular fishing spots.

Surf beaches at Tuggerah Beach, Pelican Point and Soldiers are part of the route as well as the historic Norah Head Lighthouse, which has whale-watching platforms.

Heading further north the route runs parallel to Hargraves Beach, site of the historic Hargraves House, Lakes Beach and Budgewoi Beach before entering Munmorah State Recreation Area where bushwalking, fishing and surfing are popular pursuits.

Councillors voted to support the proposal at their meeting on July 27.

Council Agenda CD.016, July 27

Petition against village plan

More than 100 people have put their name to a petition for Council to refuse the development application for the Everglades Retirement Village at Veron Rd, Umina.

Council has received a petition with 104 signatures from residents of Woy Woy and Umina requesting that Council refuse the proposed development.

They wanted Council to purchase the land with money available in the Open Space Acquisition Fund.

Council Agenda P.053, July 27

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Medical service future in doubt

The viability of the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service is in doubt after a funding application has been rejected.

The service has been refused funding under the Quality Innovations Program; a program aimed at improving the quality of the service provided by accredited after hours services.

The Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service was seeking money to overhaul its billing practices and corporate documentation.

However, the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care has rejected the funding application because it did not "represent value for money".

Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service, is Australia's oldest hospital-based GP after hours service, operating out of Woy Woy Hospital since 1972.

Service chairman Dr Paul Duff said the decision seriously threatens the future of the company.

"We are extremely disappointed by this decision.

"This money would have allowed us to do two very important things.

"The first would have been to broaden our billing options so that patients would not have been obliged to pay cash at the time of service.

"While we bulk bill many of our services, those that we don't are in many instances obligated to pay cash because of the lack of training or infrastructure."

"The second thing we sought money for was the opportunity to properly document the 32 years of experience we have gained in running a self-funding after hours service.

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Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service has been operating out of Woy Woy Hospital since 1972

"We hoped to publish this information on the internet to provide a guide for any group of doctors in a regional areas to set up and run a co-operative like ours."

Dr Duff said that while at first glance neither of these issues would appear to be life or death for the service the truth was much more serious.

"Almost all of the complaints we receive about the service relate to billing issues.

"While there are not huge numbers of them, each one takes a big toll on the morale of the service and seriously undermines our relationship with Central Coast Health."

"In the meantime, it is becoming harder and harder to run an effective service, let alone one based in a public hospital," he said.

"It is vital that we document everything we have learnt about doing this.

"If either our part-time secretary or I suddenly became unavailable, there is a very real chance that the

service as we know it would fail."

Dr Duff said there was huge advantages of co-locating with an area health service in terms of patient access and affordability.

"Patients could access a fully qualified GP at any time through the night or weekends on the Woy Woy Peninsula for a maximum out of pocket cost of \$25."

The estimated cost to a patient of a housecall based service, including security costs, would be between \$100 and \$150.

"This would be the alternative without a little bit of Government support," Dr Duff said.

"Millions of dollars have been poured into the Maitland model of a co-located after hours service, a model which will require millions to stay alive, yet we get turned down on a one-off grant of a few thousand to keep alive a co-located service which is self funding.

"I just don't see the logic in it," he said.

Press release, July 22
Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service

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Peninsula is chosen for relay

The Cancer Council's Central Coast Region has chosen the Peninsula to stage a Relay For Life fundraising event in March next year.

Community members are needed to help stage the fundraising event.

Public Relations Coordinator Jaci Tebb said: "The Cancer Council is looking for enthusiastic and motivated individuals who are interested in becoming involved in this exciting community project.

"Committee members will gain valuable event management experience, have fun and contribute to the fight against cancer," she said.

The Relay event has been running in the Wyong Shire local government area at Mingara Recreation Club for three years and has raised over \$180,000 during its time.

"We would like to now create a separate event to empower the people in the Peninsula area to be more active in the fight against cancer and help us to raise funds to defeat cancer."

Ms Tebb said they were looking for people from all sectors of the community including; working professionals, retirees, mothers, fathers, ethnic groups, youth groups, university and TAFE students, and school teachers.

"All you need is time to meet at committee meetings monthly and a couple of spare hours a month in your own time to complete tasks involved in setting up the event," she said.

"Experience is not necessary, just enthusiasm and a passion to activate your local community."

Committee roles include but are not limited to entertainment and activities coordinator, catering coordinator, athlete services, site manager, media-marketing coordinator, teams support, chair, secretary and more.

Guidance and training would be provided to committee members.

A public meeting will be held at the Umina Beach Community Awareness and Referral Centre on Wednesday, August 11 at 7pm.

For further information about the event, committee positions, and to register attendance for the meeting please contact Jaci Tebb at The Cancer Council NSW, Central Coast Region on (02) 4325 5444.

Press release, August 2
NSW Cancer Council

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Peninsula in the News

Wednesday, July 28

Woy Woy rugby league team has ruled out a move from the Jim Beam Cup to Newcastle's Tooheys Cup.

Express Advocate

Thursday, July 29

John Archer of Pearl Beach, an Australian expert on water as a resource, has urged full public consultation with local residents over the water crisis.

Sun Weekly

Woy Woy girl Cassandra Kell will leave for her first Olympics on Sunday, confident Australia can create history against some of the strongest nations in the world.

Express Advocate

Friday, July 30

Darren Chislett, 29, of Woy Woy, has a huge collection of mint condition Star Wars toys which he collects for their resale value.

Express Advocate

With about seven months to go, planning for NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships has started, with Woy Woy Leagues Club entering as a sponsor.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy National Australia Bank donated part of \$920 to the RSPCA animal shelter at Somersby to help keep the animals warm during winter.

Express Advocate

Free tax help is available at Ettalong for low income earners by volunteers trained by the ATO. With inquiries, phone 132 861.

Express Advocate

Tuesday, August 3

Central Coast residents can pay their respects to Vietnam War Veterans who will march through Ettalong Beach on Saturday, August 14, to commemorate the battle of Long Tan which cost 18 Australian lives and 24 wounded.

The march will start at 3.30pm in Beach St, proceed through the CBD and finish at the waterfront reserve.

Central Coast Extra

Wednesday, August 4

EVENT MAGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PENINSULA Relay For Life EVENT

Relay for life is a major fundraising event organised on behalf of The Cancer Council NSW by local people on a voluntary basis.

The Cancer Council is looking for enthusiastic and motivated individuals who are interested in becoming involved in this exciting community project.

Committee members will gain valuable event management experience, have fun and contribute to the fight against cancer.

The Peninsula event will be staged in March 2005.

Committee roles include:
* Entertainment and Activities Coordinators
* Media/Marketing Coordinator
* Teams Support
* Teams recruitment and retention
* Promotions
* Chair
* Secretary
Other roles are also available.

Event experience is not essential, just enthusiasm and a passion to activate your local community. Guidance and training will be provided to successful committee members. For further information about the above voluntary positions please contact Jaci Tebb at the Cancer Council NSW-Central Coast Region on (02)4325 5444.

Spikefest is to be included under the three-month spring time festival being organised by Gosford Council.

Central Coast Extra

Police who ran a check on a man using his mobile phone while driving in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, found the plates were cancelled and belonged to a different vehicle with expired registration.

Police then found the man's licence had been cancelled and he was carrying amphetamines.

He will appear in Woy Woy local court on August 31.

Central Coast Extra

The Bells on the Coast at Killcare was named most outstanding property at the 2004 Motel and Accommodation Association NSW Industry Awards for Excellence at Terrigal on Saturday.

Express Advocate

A cheque for \$19,414 was presented to Central Coast Community Chest at McDonalds, Woy Woy, on Tuesday, August 3.

The money was raised during McHappy time at Central Coast McDonalds.

Express Advocate

Friday, August 6

Don and Diane Kell will be flying over to Athens to see Cassandra Kell, goalkeeper for the Australia women's soccer team, the Matildas in Athens.

Express Adovcate

Bev and Ted Watson from Horsefield Bay will be doping control volunteers for the swimming at the Athens Olympics.

Express Advocate

Everglades golf course superintendent recently took part in workshops designed to improve the way courses handle environmental issues.

Express Advocate

Quick action by an off-duty firefighter prevented a Wagstaffe home from going up in flames on Tuesday.

The man was at home when he smelt smoke coming from a house a street away.

He went to tell them not to burn off and found the house alight and called the fire brigade.

Sun Weekly

Robert Drewe, of Hardys Bay, is touring Australia this week as one of five national representatives for this year's Books Alive reading incentive program.

It is an annual two-week campaign which offers the choice of six books for \$5 each with the purchase of any other book from a book store.

Sun Weekly

Club industry meets at Ettalong

Central Coast licensed club industry officials met at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Thursday, August 5 to formulate plans for the march by clubs on State Parliament on September 1.

The march is expected to attract up to 20,000 people from clubs across the state.

Club Directors and managers were at Ettalong for an information session about issues affecting clubs including the pokie tax.

ClubsNSW chairman Pat Rogan spoke to the Central Coast Club representatives at the meeting.

"Central Coast Clubs have during the past 12 months led from the front in our campaign for fairer rate of gaming tax," he said.

The meeting also addressed issues of smoke-free licensed premises, Sky TV and TAB issues, working with police about crime,



Club Industry officials at Ettalong Memorial Club

armed security laws, corporate harm minimisation reviews. governance and music fees, GST rebate, wage awards, and gambling

Alison Branley, August 5

Greens call for rail focus

Greens candidate for Robertson Mr Terry Jones has called for more rail services to Woy Woy.

He said the current Member, Mr Jim Lloyd, had put too much focus on the F3 freeway.

Mr Jones said the Peninsula had the highest proportions of commuters on the Central Coast.

"Jim Lloyd is neglecting Peninsula voters by not pushing for extra railways," he said.

"He's pushing the freeway at the expense of the railtrack.

"We need to get freight off the freeway and on to the rail line."

Mr Jones said rail was a vital link for the Peninsula as seen when bushfires closed the freeway.

"Apart from small problems, rail is much more reliable than the freeway," he said.

He said Mr Lloyd was a very hard working local member when it came to the small issues.

"But Jim Lloyd avoids the situation when he has to defend Liberal Party policies.

"The Greens' first priority at the next election is to get rid of John Howard."

The former Woy Woy High science

teacher said he wants to see more social equity.

"If you go down to Centrelink at Ettalong and see the queues, you will see they are understaffed.

"You've got to know the system to get your rights and there isn't the staff to do that.

"Where's the TAFE on the Peninsula?

"The one campus is just a drop in the bucket.

"We also need a hospice in the

area for people with terminal cancer. People have no where to go.

"The Greens image is the environment but we've really got more social equity policies."

Mr Jones said he and his wife Caroline had been Killcare residents for over 30 years.

Mr Jones is also president of the Killcare-Wagstaffe Trust and has a degree in from Macquarie University majoring in Environmental Science.

Alison Branley, August 2

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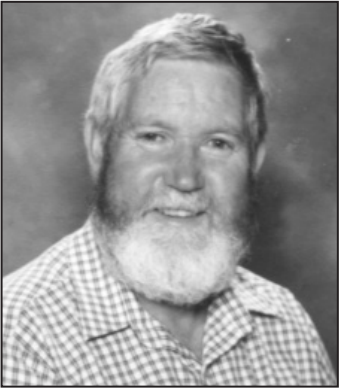
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Grants for Peninsula groups

A number of Peninsula organisations have received funding from Gosford Council at Erina Fair on Monday, August 2.

The grants were received by 51 groups and organisations aimed to aid the development of community and cultural initiatives in Gosford City.

Community development grants were awarded to Peninsula Community Centre, Pearl Beach Dune Care, Mother Nature Parents Club and Peninsula Dune Care.

Cultural grants were awarded to the Bays Community Group and the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association.

Gosford mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks said Gosford Council was thrilled to be able to support local community and cultural organisations.

"There were 87 applications received with 51 grants allocated today totalling \$235,050.

"Council officers will also provide further community development assistance and advice," he said.

"Council values the role these groups play in our community. They provide essential services and programs and enhance the



Clockwise from top left: Mayor Malcolm Brooks presents grants to Brian Goodey from the Bays Community Group; Lois Westlake from Pearl Beach Dune Care; Carmen Daniels-Perrin from Mother Nature Parents Group and Chistime Potts from the Peninsula Community Centre

quality of life here in Gosford City. to our social infrastructure.
"These community groups rely on local support and are valuable
Press release, August 3
Malcolm Brooks, Gosford mayor

Flood knowledge is wanted

Gosford Council is looking to hear from Pearl Beach residents who have knowledge about flooding of Middle Creek.

The Middle Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study is the second stage of the Floodplain Risk Management Process, which investigates and compares options to minimise the flooding risk to an area.

Council has received a grant from the State and the Federal Governments to assist preparing the study and plan for Middle Creek and now wants to hear from locals.

"The accuracy of such a review is mainly reliant on the collection of his-torical flood data obtained from

residents who either lived or have witnessed past flood events in the area," a notice by Gosford Council stated.

"As such, Council would appreciate any information related to past flooding in this area."

Consulting engineers Water Studies are conducting the second and third stages of the management process.

They will soon distribute a brochure and questionnaire to collect flood-related information from residents within the floodplain of Middle Creek.

For further information, contact George State of the Pearl Beach Progress Association by phone on 4344 2327

Council notice, August 3
Express Advocate



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Ferry company not deterred

Withdrawal of State Government funding for the Ettalong fast ferry terminal has not deterred the proponents, according to Mainstreet Coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

"The company wanted to build their own terminal anyway," she said.

"Otherwise they run the risk of other organisations saying who can come and go."

She said: "The only impact is that it was good to have State

Government backing, but it was more psychological."

Chairman of fast ferry company Fast Ships, Mr Alf Salter, said that the company that invested in the Fast Ferry would be likely build the terminal.

He said at this stage there were no new developments to report, even though the due diligence period for a US investment company closed at the end of July.

"There's no announcements at this stage," he said.

Alison Branley, August 6

Exhibiting in Woy Woy

Long Jetty artist Brendan Walsh will be exhibiting his art at the Gnostic Manner Café, Woy Woy, until August 31.

The exhibition, which is mostly oils and acrylics, is called "Gods and Monsters" and features religious images including Hindu and Buddhist images. Brendan said he had been painting since his was a child and painted

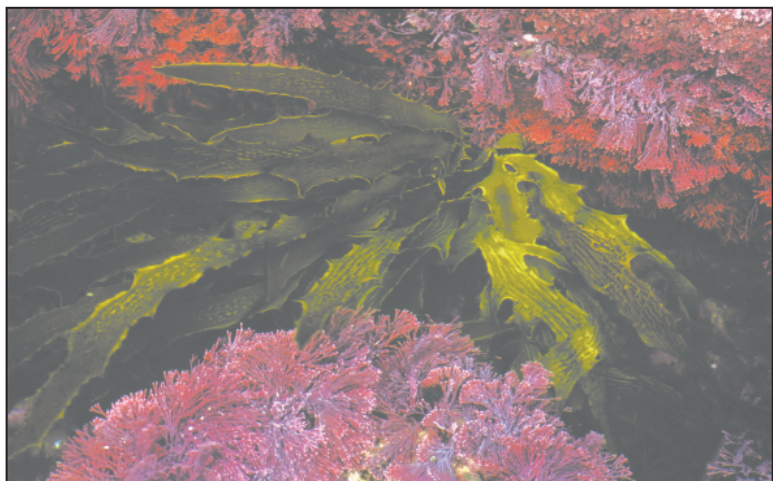
for the meditative experience and because it made him happy.

All works are for sale.

Wayne Anstee, August 5



Some of Brendan Walsh's works on display in the Gnostic Cafe at Woy Woy



Rock pool photos chosen

Umina Beach marine conservation group, Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI), has announced the winners of its recent Rock Pool Life Amateur Photographic Competition

From over 250 entry inquiries, OCCI received 165 qualifying entries from 54 entrants.

"It was thrilling for our group to have had so much interest shown by the community," said co-ordinator Ms Jeannie Lawson.

"The feedback we have received has been very positive and our group has certainly achieved its objective of bringing more awareness about our rock pool life to the residents of the Central Coast.

"People have phoned in to comment about how excited they were about something they'd seen whilst out photographing.

"Others have commented about how they had been totally unaware of the state of the rock pools in some areas where the effects of litter and other human impact was just too apparent, with very little life observed in such areas."

Photos were judged by professional photographer Richard Nale, of RA Photographics, who said it was a tough job narrowing it down to just two winners.

A further 11 photos were then chosen to be part of the calendar which will be produced ready for 2005.

The calendar will be available by November this year.

First prize in the adult category of the competition went to Vicki Elliott of Kincumber South and runner-up was Jennifer Hamman, of Avoca Beach.

Peter Crowhurst of Umina Beach and David Holland of Booker Bay were also given special recognition for their contributions.

All qualifying entries will be on display at Radford's Amcal Pharmacy, 315 West St, Umina Beach from Monday, August 9 until Friday, August 20.

Press release, August 4

Inaugural meeting

The inaugural meeting of the recently formed Society of World War Two Veterans will take place at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on Monday, August 16, from 11.30am.

A special steering committee of World War II Veterans was set up several weeks ago to design this new organisation.

The RSL is making their new bus available so the Diggers can

participate in some trips to places of interest.

The prime objective of the organisation is to provide social contact with ageing veterans.

There is only one level of membership and that is Ordinary Member.

The meeting will be kept as brief as is necessary and members will be free to select their own lunch from the bistro of the club.

**Letter, August 1
Horrie Young, Secretary**

Transport service helps out

The 4C's Transport Brokerage has recently helped The Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre at Umina PCYC by providing transport for its students.

"The 4Cs examined the existing possibilities for travelling to the ALC from home and return for some young individuals," said service coordinator Mr Roger Hunt.

"For anyone without access to a car, the challenges presented by distance, time and the number of interchanges required were a formidable, if not a significant deterrent.

"Naturally this is a real problem if the course of learning or the job offered presents a valuable opportunity to a young person.

"We do recognise that other members of the community can be and are affected by the same transport problems as young people," he said.

The Peninsula ALC and its partners have agreed to reimburse the costs of community volunteers coordinated by the 4C's to provide a transportation assistance service.

**Newsletter, July 4
4C's Transport Brokerage**

Newspaper training day

The Peninsula News will present a workshop at a media training day for newspaper volunteers, organised by The Wave Community Newspaper at Bateau Bay.

Peninsula News editor Mark Snell will be among the presenters of workshops which are open to interested community members and volunteers on Saturday, August 21.

"This is a great opportunity to learn how to write for or to help with the production of a community newspaper, like Peninsula News or The Wave," said Mr Snell.

"It should be helpful to community groups who want to publicise their activities or get a message

across."

The Wave is a new tabloid community newspaper with a distribution of 11,000 in the Bateau Bay area.

It is run by volunteer writers, photographers and production people, and is coordinated by the Benevolent Society.

The media training workshop will be held at Tuggerah Lakes Community Centre at Bay Village, Bateau Bay, and will be free to registrants.

Contact Valerie at The Benevolent Society Central Coast on 4353 4688 for further information and to register or email valerieh@bensoc.org.au.

Press release, August 4

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presents two in store - Workshops:

Sat August 14th 3:00pm: Hand Drum & Percussion Workshop.

We look at the different types of hand drums and their use and sound. Learn some basic rhythm patterns and how to care for and maintain your instrument. - Presented by: Paul Eagle



Sat August 21st 3:00pm: Home Recording Workshop.

Learn to record using multi-track digital recorders. Recording techniques, overlaying tracks, track editing and effects, mixing and mastering to a CD. Presented by: Justin Bucello

Workshops are held at Peninsula Music. Entry is \$5 and is refunded if you purchase an instrument at the workshop. Interest free terms available or lay-by now for Christmas. Both workshops offer hands on experience where you will get a chance to be involved and participate in the workshop. Everything is provided at the workshops.

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What's on

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, Ettalong 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, Dunbar 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 3222
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
To a s t m a s t e r s, E B W M C , 7pm, enq: 4341 6842, Umina TPI, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.
Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.
Pearl Beach Craft group, PBPHI, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.
Stroke recovery g r o u p , M O W , 1 1 . 3 0 a m .
Killcare SLSC, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966
Third Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, UCH 7pm.
Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, MOW 10am, enq: 4342 1790.
Fourth Tuesday of every month
To a s t m a s t e r s, E B W M C , 7pm enq: 4341 6842.
Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.

Every Tuesday

Drop in centre 12-18yrs TWYS
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm PCC enq: 4342 4121.
Trent's Trivia CU 7.30 pm. \$2, enq: 4341 2618.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm PCYC
Free Bingo, WWLC 11am.
Ladies Golf, 18 hole 8am; Ladies

outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; ECC
ESSC, Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am;
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
C W A H W W , 1 0 : 3 0 a m
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 Probus Club
meets Everglades Country
Club, 9.30am, visitors welcome.
Woy Woy VIEW Club, Friendship Day,
Meals on Wheels Hall, 11am,
visitors welcome, enq. 4341 2379
Third Wednesday of every month
Woy Woy VIEW Club, Luncheon
and Guest Speaker, Everglades
Country Club, 10.30am, visitors
welcome, enq. 4341 2379
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 ESCC
Social Darts EMBC, 7pm
Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-**
craft needlework 10am, PCC
Girls' **BJP School of Physical**
Culture, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-
13 yrs PCC 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.
KillcareWagstaffePlaygroupWH(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).
AlcoholicsAnonymous 7.30pmJohn
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 Probus, ECC, 10am.

Every Thursday

Counselling individual, couple,
or family; by appointment, PCC
Free entertainment EMBC 6.30 pm
Senior Snooker EMBC 8.30am,
Drumming, Bouddi Women's
Drumming, 2–3pm, 73 Highview Rd
Pretty Beach, \$10, enq: 0425 229 651.
Scrabble, Progress Hall,
Woy Woy Rd ,12.30pm.
TaiChi,PBPH9.30am,enq:43411243.
Ladies 18 hole **golf** ECC
Ballroom Dancing, 10am. EMBC
Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am;
Indoor Bowls-9am; **Table Tennis**-
1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, ESCC
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm:
PCC, enq: 4342 4121.
Brisbane Water Bridge
Club Ocean Beach Surf Club,
12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.
Line Dancing CU 9.30am
Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC
St John's Ambulance; Brisbane
Water Cadets, 7-9pm, Woy Woy
Aged Care Centre enq:4341 3341.
Children's story time, Umina
library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan).
Social Tennis 9am-12pm, Pearl
Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.
Adult tap dancing, EPH
10am; enq: 4342 3925
Bingo9.45am,**Karaoke**6pmEBWMC
YoungMen'sGroups12-18yrs,TWYS
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am,**Kindy**
Gym10am\$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 Bouddi Peninsula Community
Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.
Civilian widows, ESSC, 1pm.

Every Friday

Craft Classes St Lukes Woy
Woy, 7.30pm, enq: 0400 499689.
Old Wags **Bridge** Club, WH (except
4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.
Free entertainment, Players
Lounge 5.30pm WWLC.
Men's 18 hole **Golf**, ECC
Aqua-fitness, Woy Woy
Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30
& 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

Active Over 50's Exercise Class
EPH 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252
Line Dancing—9am; **Bridge**—
12 noon; **Painting**— 9am ESSC
Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong
Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd.
9.30am, (Ex sch hols), enq: 4343 1237
Brisbane Water Bridge
Club Ocean Beach Surf Club,
12.30pm, enq. 4341 0721.
Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy
6pm, John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall
Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.
Kindy Gymnastics beginners
9.30am, advanced 10.30am, PCC
Hardys Bay Community Church,
indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble,
morning tea 10am, enq 4363 1968.
Doctor & Nurse for 12-
18 yrs old, TWYS 2-9:30pm
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am,**Kindy**
Gym10am\$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
ViewRdEttalong7.30pmEnq:43690626.
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.
Ettyalong **Creek Landcare** group,
Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.
Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am,
BuffaloLodge,GosfordNo63,UCH1pm.
Dancing Old time/
New Vogue, 1pm, ESSC
Burrawong Bushland reserve
bushcare group, Nambucca Dve
playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.
CWAH, The Boulevarde, 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.
Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**;
men's **bowls** pairs-9.30am;
mixed triples **bowls**-1pm; ECC
SocialPaddle,endofFerryRdEttalong
beach, free BYO Enq: 0429856231
Seniors/Masters training,
Umina Life Saving Club, 8.00am.
Al-anon/Alateen family support group
"The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open
11am-3pm or by appointment 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month:
Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource
Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587
Save the Children Aust.,
Woy Woy Branch, 1.30pm 72
Cambridge St. Enq: 4341 1104
Second Monday of every month:
RSL Women's
Auxiliary EBWMC 9am.
Pretty Beach Wagstaffe **Progress**
Assoc WH 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546
Killcare Heights **Garden Club**,
10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520
Third Monday of every month
War widows Guild, EBWMC
1pm, Enq: 4342, 5445
NSW Transport Authorities
Retired Employees 2.30pm EMBC
Fourth Monday of every month
Labor Party Peninsula Day
Branch, CWAHWW, 1pm.
Carers support group, Group
room, health service building, Woy
Woy Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.
CWA WH, 1:30pm, enq:4360 2504
Last Monday of Every Month
WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy
Public School,7.30pm, Info
ring John Hickey 43412931

Every Monday

Yoga WH 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854.
Bowls EMBC 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.
Free **Bingo** WWLC & CU 11am.
Dancing-9am; **Indoor Bowls**-
9am **Mahjong**-1pm; **Fitness** 1pm
Yoga for beginners 2.30pm; ESSC
Circuit Boxing (Women)
9.00am,**Kindy Gym** 10am \$6,
Boxing/fitness training, 4.00pm
(Junior) , 5.00pm -(Senior) PCYC
Child and Parents **Support Service**
(CAPS), coffee and chat, 10am, 50
Neera Rd, Umina; Enq: 4343 1911
Brisbane Water Bridge
Club Ocean Beach Surf Club.
12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721
Fairhaven **Cash Housie**
CU 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am
Evening **Bowls** 6pm Enq 4341
9656, **Card Club 500** 1pm EBWMC
Arts and Crafts for people with
a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333
Patchwork & Quilting, 9am,
Pottery 10am & 1pm EBACC
Children's Story Time ;
Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am
Punters choice 12.45pm EBWMC
Gentle Exercise, 9.30am PCC

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday, 12 August

Reiki & Spiritual Awareness; PWHC,
10am-12noon, enq 4342 5905.
Bookmobile; Patonga Community Hall
9.30-10.15, Pearl Beach Community
Hall, 10.30-11.00, Umina, Nursing
Home 11.15-12.00.

Friday, 13 August

Garry Shearston, Troubadour Folk
Club; Masonic Hall, Woy Woy, 8pm.
'Where to from here'; 7 week course,
Umina Schools as Community Centre
9.30-12noon fridays, enq 4343 1929.

Saturday, 14 August

Bouddi Winter Warmer; Bouddi National
Park, Meet 9am, finish 1pm \$7 Adult/
\$4 child Bookings 4320 4205.
Bookmobile; Wagsstaffe Community
Hall, 9.30-12.00.

Sunday, 15 August

Walk the Eco-systems of Girrakool
Loop; BWNP, Meet 9.30am, finish
12pm. \$7 Adult/\$4 child, Bookings
4320 4205 .

Artists featured at Erina

Two Pearl Beach artists, Marijke Greenway and Janet Leigh, are featured in an exhibition at The Erina Space, Erina Fair.

Marijke's exhibition "Two Times Ten" features angophoras, their contorted branches and smooth bark in hues of red, salmon pink grey set in her backyard.

It also featured boats, their colour dancing on little waves.

The reflections seen before the boats are noticed and painted in before the tide turns.

Ms Leigh's exhibition "Wildflowers" takes the apparent randomness of nature as an excuse to use tools that cannot be too accurately wielded.

She works the paint where it falls, thus allowing the energy of nature to come through.

Newsletter, August
Multi Arts Confederation

Cast is chosen

Woy Woy Little Theatre group has chosen the cast for its production of "Absent Friends" which will run at the Peninsula Theatre from October 29 to November 14 at the Peninsula Theatre.

Ms Brenda Logan said the play by Alan Ayckbourn had attracted a lot of interest.

"Director Nigel Stanley was happy with the turnout at Woy Woy Public School for auditions last week," she said.

"He has chosen a talented and experienced cast of Andrew Browne, Marc Calwell, Darlene Cole, Steve Pearson, Christine Vale and Sarah Willeman.

"All are respected and well-known actors on the Central Coast," she said.

Email, July 26
Woy Woy Little Theatre Group

Concert saw 22 perform

The Sunday Afternoon Fair Go Concert at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, had 22 performers entertaining the audience on July 25.

Laurence 'Lo' Osborne from the Wheeze and Suck Band led the bill and was supported by folk music artist Margaret Bradford, organiser Mr Vic Jefferies said.

Local group The Usual Suspects and Hornsby group Wayward Folk had the almost capacity audience singing along.

"Multi-award winning bush poet Graeme Johnson then had them splitting their sides with laughter with his antics and tall tales," said Mr Jefferies.

"Local entertainers Sean Scorr, Billy Rea, Jill Neville, Peter Mace and the delightful Linda Campbell helped to ensure everybody enjoyed the afternoon," he said.

This month's Sunday Afternoon Concert will be held on August 29 from 1pm to 5pm at the CWA Hall.

Performers will include Mike Bogle, Duncan Chalmers, Leon Rabin, The Wheeze and Suck Band, Arch Bishop and Geoff Woodhead.

Tickets are \$5 and for further information contact Vic Jefferies at Jeffries@tech2u.com.au or on 9639 4911.

Press release, July 27
Troubadour Folk Club



Members of Ettalong Beach Toastmasters Club at their Christmas in July celebrations

Christmas at Toastmasters

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters Club held Christmas in July celebrations on Tuesday, July 27.

Members of the club dressed in Christmas dress for the occasion.

Vice-president Joanne Martin said: "Except for the Christmas décor and music, it was very similar to a regular meeting.

"We have theme nights periodically.

"Sometimes they're seasonal, but we also have mock weddings, court proceedings, job interviews, debates and political speeches - all kinds of things.

"The idea is to create opportunities for speaking, occasions for practice, and to have fun doing it."

Ms Martin said people joined Toastmasters to improve their communication.

"Some may have been asked to be Master of Ceremonies or to make a toast at a friend's wedding

and want to get some speaking tips.

"Some want to advance their careers by learning to speak more confidently in a meeting, presentation or interview, or to learn how to chair a meeting.

"All our members want to be able to put their ideas across more effectively," she said.

Toastmasters has levels of awards from the Ice Breaker to Competent Toastmaster, which is the first level award, received after a member makes 10 speeches

Ms Martin accepted an award for Competent Toastmaster during the Christmas in July festivities.

She credits her achievement to Jan Cummings a member of the club for 12 years, who is a Distinguished Toastmaster.

"Jan is my mentor," she said.

"Mentoring is an important part of our program.

"We recognise that public speaking can be a scary thing, as

we've all been there.

"We don't forget how hard it is to stand up there for the first time."

Ms Cummings said she still attended meetings as her interest was now in mentoring others.

Ms Martin said that the group created a safe and supportive environment for people to develop their skills.

"Our experienced and senior members are very supportive of new members," she said.

"That's the thing that first-time visitors say most often.

"They find the club a warm and friendly place to be."

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meets at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, at 7.30pm, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

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Press release, August 4

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At folk club

Garry Shearston will perform at the Troubadour Folk Club on Friday, August 13, at 8pm at the Masonic Hall, Woy Woy.

"This should be an excellent evening," said folk club president Ms Marilyn Russell.

This follows an acoustic blues night with Earlwood Greg at Peninsula Theatre on Friday, August 6.

The night also featured The King Brothers and Wayne Jury and Don Hopkins.

Tickets are now available for the Umina Beach Folk Festival through the club's web page at www.ccbdma.org.

Press release, August 6
Troubadour Folk Club

Recorders at the Opera House

A number of recorder players from Umina Beach Public School performed in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday, July 21.

The instrumental concert attracted a full house and featured more than 60 state schools with approximately 600 students playing recorders and a further 200 playing violins.

The students from Umina Beach Public School were Shenai Kendall, Keira North, Candace Williams, Holly Pearson, Jarrod Jones, Amy Williams, Maja Sieczko, Hannah Blake, Taylor Westlake, Hannah

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Umina Beach Public School

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Education



Primary schools gala day activities at Umina Oval on Friday, July 30.
Primary schools on the Peninsula participated in a number of sports across different age groups.

IN BREIF

Representatives

Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus students Holly Johnstone and Joel Weeks have been selected to represent their zone at the State Touch Football Championships.

In trampolining, Cal Puntigam and Michael Thorpe were selected to represent their zone at the State Championships.

Cal placed second at State in the Double Mini Tramp and third in Trampolining and Michael Thorpe was placed fourth in the Tumbling and fourth in the Double Mini Tramp.

Newsletter, July 20
Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus

Library use

Year 12 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus were given the opportunity to use their library facilities over the school holidays.

They made use of computer and internet facilities and access to teachers who were present.

Around the campus, many other students and teachers were busy doing major projects for the HSC such as industrial arts or simply taking the time to catch up and go over various items and course content.

Newsletter, July 20
Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus

Soccer girls

Girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 at St John the Baptist primary school recently competed in the Central Coast Soccer Association Girls Gala day.

The girls played five games and finished the day undefeated.

"Many of the girls had never played soccer before and after only two training sessions were ready to take on the more experienced teams," said St John the Baptist P&F publicity officer, Ms Meredith Sproule.

"Unfortunately, they did not take home the winners medal as the competition had to be decided on a countback of goals.

"The girls are to be congratulated on their great sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour on the day," she said.

Press release, August 3
St. John the Baptist P & F

Trivia night

Woy Woy Public School's P and C Trivia night last Friday attracted more than 120 people.

The hall was packed with trivia players dressed in "Red Carpet" style, many of whom walked out with a prize.

The Trivia night was held to raise funds for the school.

Newsletter, August 5
Woy Woy Public School

Vandals hit Umina school

Umina Beach Public School has been hit by vandals who have pulled down railings and dismantled tables for skateboarding.

Principal Mr John Blair said the activity had serious implications for the smooth running of the school. "Any assistance in preventing this

from happening in the future would be appreciated," he said.

Anyone who sees suspicious activities should phone school security on 1300 880 021 toll free 24 hours.

Newsletter, July 27
Umina Beach Public School

Academic achievement

St John the Baptist Primary School, Woy Woy, has recorded good results in the recent University of NSW Academic Competitions.

In the Australian Schools English Competition, the school received two achievement awards, 16 credits and two distinctions out of

64 students from Years 3 to 6.

"The St John the Baptist community was very pleased and proud with it latest achievements," said P&F publicity officer Ms Meredith Sproule.

Press release, August 3
St. John the Baptist P & F

Planning evening planned

Brisbane Water Secondary College is holding a planning evening to consider strategic directions for the next four years on Monday, August 16, at 7pm in the senior campus library.

"This planning will build on the solid foundation which has been built in the first three years operation," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"From the beginning of this year, the college has been in its final configuration of Years 7 to 9 at the Umina middle school campus and

Years 10 to 12 at the Woy Woy senior campus.

"The college is keen for community members who have an interest in our local young people and their education to join with us to further the development of the college.

"Parents of young people in our local primary schools are particularly welcome to bring their ideas to shape the college to meet the needs of their children as they move to high school," he said.

Press release, August 4
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Course expo held this week

Brisbane Water Secondary College will begin their planning this week for next year's curriculum.

The annual course selection expo will be held on Wednesday, August 11, from 4pm to 7.30pm in the senior campus hall.

Teachers from all curriculum areas will attend the meeting with displays of curriculum materials and resources.

There will also be representatives from universities and TAFE, all willing to explain to students the vast array of curriculum options available to them.

"Since the formation of the college, the breadth of curriculum taught in the senior years has expanded enormously with over 55 courses available for students

to choose from," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

This included Vocational Education Frameworks including hospitality, business services, information technology, entertainment, rural industries, building and construction, retail, and metals and engineering.

"This vast array of courses is wider than that available at any other Central Coast high school," he said.

"Any young persons on the Peninsula, whether they are currently enrolled in the college or not, are most welcome to come along and discuss their future with college staff and our visiting guests."

Press release, August 5
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Geography excursion

Year 10 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus participated in a Geography Coastal Management excursion on Wednesday, June 23.

The students were divided into four groups with two groups completing a transect from Terrigal Skillion to Wamberal Beach while the other groups enjoyed a cruise

with Starship Cruises covering Brisbane Water and Broken Bay.

The groups then rotated to enable all students to cover the course of work dealing with "Coastal Management".

The day was non-stop with plenty of geographic activities and skills to complete through workbooks.

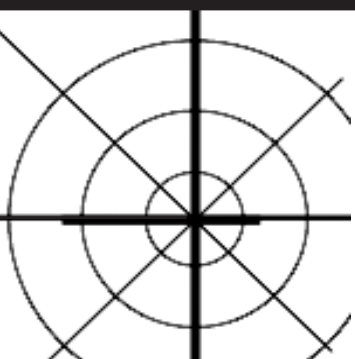
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Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus

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IN BRIEF

Club disco

Umina United Soccer Club held a club disco at Umina Public School Hall on Saturday, July 31.

Newsletter, July 27

Umina Beach Public School

Cross country

Cassie Dege from Brisbane Water Secondary College's Woy Woy Campus is to represent the school at the State Cross-Country Championships, along with a few students from Umina.

Her result follows success at the school cross-country and the zone cross-country competitions.

Newsletter, July 20

Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus

Physical culture

Seven girls from Umina Beach Public School recently competed in the Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club interclub competition.

The girls who competed performed very well over various age groups taking out places in a number of categories.

Newsletter, July 27

Umina Beach Public School

Korean visitors

Umina Beach Public School is playing host to three Korean visitors.

Julia, Natalie and Sandy have enrolled at their school for Term 3.

These girls are currently in Stage 3 classes and staying with two families in Patonga.

They have also seen the arrival of 11 Korean primary students who will visit classrooms as part of a cultural exchange program.

Newsletter, July 27

Umina Beach Public School

Sport success

Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus has had a number of successes in sport recently.

The lawn bowls team travelled to the North Coast to play in the final 16 in the State tournament.

The school aerobics team spent two days in Sydney competing in the State Championships in term two.

This is the first time they have entered a team in the championships and they placed second behind Cheltenham Girls.

Newsletter, July 20

Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus

Arts showcase

Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus held a showcase of the best of their Year 12 drama, dance, music, industrial arts and arts students on Tuesday evening, August 3.

It was the final chance for students to perform before their HSC performances.

Newsletter, July 20

Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus

Kerry was sixth

St John the Baptist Year 6 student Kerry Swan recently competed in the NSW Country Swimming Championships.

Amidst tough competition Kerry came sixth in the 100m freestyle, seventh in the 100m breaststroke, and eighth in the 200m Individual Medley.

Press release, August 3
St. John the Baptist P & F

Singers at Town Hall

Students from Woy Woy, Woy Woy South and Ettalong Public Schools will be part of The Central Coast Sing NSW ensemble.

They will add their voices to a musical event at the Sydney Town Hall today, Monday, August 9.

They will join around 350 public school students singing with ensembles from the Sydney metropolitan area: Central West, Hunter, Mid North Coast and New England, bringing together the young voices and world music.

The concert will also feature a dance piece, "Dolls at Play", by

the Central Coast Dance NSW ensemble.

The Sing NSW and Dance NSW initiatives of the Department of Education and Training originally created to support massed performances for the Sydney 2000 games but have continued on to nurture performing arts talents of students in NSW public schools.

As well as joining with the combined Sing NSW ensembles, the Central Coast ensemble will perform Woyaya.

Press release, August 4

NSW Department of Education and Training

Fire damage at campus

The physical education staffroom and deputy principal's office at Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus were extensively damaged by fire, smoke and water over the recent school holidays.

The school newsletter reported that costumes, textbooks and assignments were destroyed when the fire broke out.

"It is very unfortunate that people in our community think that this is acceptable behaviour," said campus principal Mr David Beattie.

"The cost to the community, the drain on taxpayer funded facilities, the trauma caused to teachers who have had years of work destroyed, and the impact that this has on students are all very disappointing.

"I am sure that someone in our community knows who is responsible for these actions and I urge you to contact the police so that this can be investigated thoroughly," he said.

Newsletter, July 20

Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus



Adam Austin with Year 12 award recipients Genevieve Burge-Ferrow and Tammie Patman

Assembly for academic awards

Parents, students and staff of Brisbane Water Secondary College celebrated student achievement last Wednesday at the college's Academic Assembly.

"This assembly recognised outstanding success by 65 students from Years 7 to 12 who were nominated by their teachers as having shown high academic achievement across a range of courses during first semester," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

During the assembly, the audience was treated to musical performances by Tessa Nuku, Tim Moretta and Ashleigh Wilkinson.

"An added highlight of the assembly was an address given

by the 2003 college dux, Adam Austin, who is now studying at Sydney University.

"Adam shared with the audience, particularly the students, some sound advice on school life and his secrets of success as well as some of his new experiences as a university student.

"He showed himself to be an outstanding role model for students to follow and was warmly applauded by all present.

"Following the presentation, hospitality students served a delicious morning tea in the library to demonstrate the student talent within the college," he said.

Press release, August 4

Brisbane Water Secondary College



St John the Baptist Primary School has recently received 10 personal computers for classroom use. They came from local businessman Greg Benson from Salmat Teleservices. Principal Suzanne Nicholls and P&F president Anne Marie Tonkin thanked Mr Benson with a cheque for \$200 to the Starlight Foundation.

Decision program

Year 10 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus began a "Decision Time" program this term.

The program is designed to guide them in considering where they want to be in two, three and five years' time.

It is designed to help the students make choices about career paths

and subjects for the HSC.

This process will also feature a "Subject Expo" on August 11 and an "Interview Day" on Friday, September 3.

This will involve all Year 10 students discussing their subject selections and career pathways.

Newsletter, July 20

Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus

Gold medals in drama competition

Students from Woy Woy Public School won six gold medals in six categories at a recent national dance and drama competition.

Parents and staff accompanied 31 students to Castle Hill for their first performance in "Wakakiri".

Their performance "The Homecoming" was about a village whose precious talisman is stolen by a group of no good raiders.

A quest begins to find and recover the talisman, which after a fierce battle is returned to the village.

Principal Mr Warwick Hannon said the team behaved excellently and showed the quality of the school.

He also praised the teamwork of the staff and students.

The children spent mornings, every lunchtime and Sundays rehearsing.

They must now wait until September to see if they have reached the finals, which are to be held at the Sydney Entertainment centre.

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He said the Peninsula was a seller's market.

"Now is the best time for people to relocate.

"The Coast is slowly becoming crowded and with some of the population moving north to warmer climates, it is just as good a time as any," he said.

Mr Abela said the Coast was a good place to live, and because of this there was still a good market for houses on the Peninsula.

"It has the facilities, the lifestyle, the new resort



coming, a good tourism industry, the possibility of the fast ferry and proximity to the city."

Mr Abela said he had many years of experience and expertise in the marketing industry.

He said, "Open communication and feedback is something needed more in

the industry.

"Better communication and marketing is the key to success in the real estate industry," he said.

He listed his strengths as communication, good quality marketing, and consistency along with competitive commission rates.

Lyle Stone, August 5

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WEEKEND SPORT

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

Rugby League

Jim Beam Cup

Sunday, August 15

Rnd 20: Cabramatta V Woy Woy
Away 5.15pm

Sunday, August 22

Rnd 21: Woy Woy - Bye

Central Coast Competition

Sunday, August 15

Rnd 18: Wyong v Woy Woy
Umina v Berkeley Vale
Umina

Saturday, August 21

Qualifying Semi-final

Rugby Union

Saturday, August 14

Rnd 17: Avoca Beach v Woy Woy
Away

Saturday, August 21

Rnd 18: Woy Woy v Warnervale
August 21, Woy Woy Oval

AFL - Black Diamond Cup

Saturday, August 14

Rnd 20: Cardiff v Woy Woy
Maneela Pk, 11.45am

Saturday, August 21

Rnd 21: Killarney Vale v Woy Woy
Adelaide St Oval, 11.45am

Soccer - Premier League 1

Sunday, August 15

Rnd 18: Umina v Kanwal
Umina Oval 1, 2.45pm
Rnd 18: Woy Woy v Doyalson Woy
Woy Woy, 2.45pm

Sunday, August 22

Rnd 19: Woy Woy v Wyong
Woy Woy, 2.45pm

Baseball

Saturday August 14

Semi Finals at Baseball Park
August 14, 2nd v 3rd

Saturday August 21

Finals

Peninsula grounds need \$200,000 in lighting

More than \$200 000 is needed to bring Peninsula sports fields up the Australian standard for night time lighting, Gosford Council has been told.

A report commissioned in April last year has surveyed eight of 12 sports fields on the Peninsula.

It found that three met the Australian standard for training but only Woy Woy oval met the standard for both training and competitive night sports.

Lemon Grove Netball courts met the standards for training but need \$15 000 to meet Australian standards for night competitions.

Rogers Park oval one met the standard for training and its other two ovals would need \$100 000 to be suitable for training and night

competitions.

McEvoy oval would need \$145,000, James Browne oval one \$94,000 and Ettalong oval \$14,000 to bring them up to standard.

The cost of upgrading Austin Butler, James Browne two and Juniors, and Umina ovals one and two are yet to be determined.

Austin Butler, Rogers Park and Umina ovals were flagged as needing car park lighting upgraded.

Gosford Council will now work with the Sports Council to get funding to do the upgrade.

A priority list will be drawn up.

The Council will consider spending \$4000 to signpost ovals across the municipality where the lighting does not meet Australian Standards.

Council Agenda CS 024, July 27

Wolves set for premiership

The Woy Woy Wolves baseball team look set to take out the minor premiership this year after a tight game against the Magpies in round 14 on Saturday, July 31.

The game was a thriller with Wolves aiming for outright first and Magpies looking to gain a position in the top three

The match was a pitchers' duel with the Wolves' Luke Stevenson up against Magpies Michael D'Abo.

The Wolves took the first run in the second innings off a Gavin Dixon single but the Magpies quickly tied the match at one-all after Craig Wilson sacrificed to score their first run of the game.

Great defence from both sides

kept the score even until the top of the eighth when the Wolves scored two runs to take a 3-1 lead but the Magpies turned a great double play to end the innings.

The bottom of the eighth saw Magpies again strike back and even the score at three-all.

The Wolves then took the score to 4-3 in the top of the final innings and needed three outs for the match.

The Magpies evened the score with one out in the bottom of the ninth but Wolves' defence held with the winning run on base and a fitting end to a great match at four-all.

**Match report, August 2
Central Coast Sport website**



Men's triples winners Peter Harrison, Mike Tillott and Paul King

Triples attract 42 teams

The Frank Kemp Memorial Bowls Triples was played at Everglades Country Club on the Queen's Birthday Weekend with a full complement of 42 teams.

Winners in the Men's Turnaround-Triples on the Saturday were S Slavin, J Jukes and M Jurd.

K Blayney, R Mason and B McDonald were second.

B Crawley, L Powell and J Gibbons were third and G Pickford, D Ferguson and W Bate were fourth.

The Mixed Mufti Pairs was won on the Sunday by M McNamee and D Gillett.

J Dooley and D Cox were second.

P Walsh and A Walsh were third

and J King and G Jackson were fourth.

The Everglades Club Men's Bowls Pairs was won by Ralph Davis and Ken Blayney, over Brian Crawley and Jack Chiggino.

The Triples was won by Paul King, Mike Tillott and Peter Harrison over Terry Willey, Ken Blayney and Ralph Davis.

The winners had their share of drama before reaching the final as Paul broke down and had to call on "Supa Sub" Gordon Beckett to get them into the semis.

The Mixed Fours and Novice Singles are now well under way and are being played on both Saturdays and Sundays.

**Newsletter, August 4
Everglades Country Club**



President and runner-up, Judy Andrews (left) presenting the Everglades Bowl to the winner, Ros Sheehey of Charlestown Golf Club

Poor weather for major event

The major open event on the local golfing calendar, The Everglades Day of Golf, was held on Monday, July 19, in poor weather.

The winner of the Everglades Salver was Julie McCallum from Belmont with a score of 80.

Patsy Elliott was runner-up on 83 and Mella Weatherstone the nett winner with 70.

The Everglades Bowl was won by a mother-daughter combination, with Ros Sheehey winning with the score of 95 and the nett winner being Kaye Mckay with 74.

The Everglades Longmarkers Cup was won by Anne Matheson with 37 points from June Bowen on 31 points and N Walsh (Asquith) 30 points.

Everglades women golfers also

played the qualifying round for the State three-ball par event on July 22.

The trophies for the day were won by the team of Joyce Jacobson, Josie Cadden and Barbara Softley with the score of +11.

The Everglades team to compete at district level is the experienced combination of Lorraine Stevenson, Veronica Jordan and Jan Johnson.

"The knockout is now up to the semi-final stage and, with two new faces there, they should have a very good final," said publicity officer Jan Henry.

Everglades Country Club will hold its Ladies Golf Foursomes Championships on August 19.

**Newsletter, August 5
Everglades Country Club**

Swans defeat the Bulldogs

Round 18 saw the Peninsula Swans AFL team travel to Warners Bay

"The day didn't start too well when the under 18's had to forfeit due to lack of numbers," said Swans secretary Chrissy Fitzgerald.

"But thanks to the boys from the Bay, we had a scratch match which gave all the lads a good run."

The Reserves started slowly when in the first quarter Robbie, Keir and Storey only managed behinds before the first goal was kicked.

Quarter time saw the Swans trailing the Bulldogs, 1.6 to 2.1.

Second quarter was much of the

same with the Swans kicking skills leaving a lot to be desired and certainly not the sort of play that was expected from a team in the top four.

At half time, the Swans were leading 3.10 to 3.3.

"The ball just would not go through the uprights and the behinds kept going up.

The quarter finished with the Swans ahead 6.14 to 5.5.

The final score was the Swans 11.16.82 to the Bulldogs 6.5.41.

**Press release, August 3
Chrissy Fitzgerald, Woy Woy
Peninsula Swans**

Second in league

Woy Woy Rugby League First Division side is in second spot on the ladder and Umina in fourth, as the end of the season draws near.

Woy Woy has had a mixed season in the under-19s and is currently sitting in sixth position.

It can still make the finals but Umina has had a poor season and is currently last.

In the under-17s, Woy Woy is fifth on the ladder and Umina is last.

In the club championship, Woy Woy is second and Umina is eighth.

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Seven chosen for district

Seven Everglades women bowlers were chosen for the Central Coast District team to play Nepean District on June 18 at Kemps Creek Bowling Club.

The Central Coast District took out the event 189-138

The Ladies Major Triples Championship was also held on

Wednesday, June 30.

The game was neck and neck all the way to the 19th end at 19-all.

Goldie Edwards' team of Val Douglass and Val Leggett finally won by four shots from Gwen Hewson, Sue O'Connor and Dot Tapp.

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Choir enjoys Umina visit

Members of the Shin Koiwa Choir from Edogawa, Japan, enjoyed their recent visit to Umina Beach so much that they raced into the water clothes and all.

The members of the choir aged 8 to 12 years visited the Peninsula on Thursday, July 29, as part of Gosford Council's sister city exchange with Edogawa, Japan.

The choir visited Woy Woy Community Aged care where they gave a performance of "Tie Me Kangaroo Down" in Japanese and then English.

"The choir manager then turned around and said 'All together now' and it just about lifted the roof off," said Sister City representative Ms Heather McKenzie.

"Their contribution to the Sister City community was great."

Every day of their stay, the choir visited two schools and two retirement villages.

"It was no wonder after their trip to Umina, they fell asleep in the bus on the way up to the Aboriginal rock carvings at Bulls Hill," Ms McKenzie said.

"We were at the beach to get a pizza lunch and I turned around and they took off in the water, clothes and all.

"We had no towels, no change of clothes.

The choir also visited Empire Bay Public School on Tuesday, August 3, and then took the ferry from Davistown to Fisherman's wharf.

"There they had fish and chips and fed the pelicans as all good tourists should," Ms McKenzie said.

Ms McKenzie also paid tribute to the voluntary 4C's transport service that drove the choir around during their visit.

"The 4C's assistance was tremendous, and we'll definitely be using them again," Ms McKenzie said.

"The 4C's Transport Brokerage had the pleasure of assisting," said coordinator Mr Roger Hunt.

The service operates on a non profit basis.

The costs to users for direct assistance are minimal or in some circumstances subsidised.

For further information, contact Roger Hunt on 4322 4922.

Alison Branley, August 4



Members of the Shin Koiwa Choir with 4C's volunteer Nic Wardell and Sister City representative Heather McKenzie

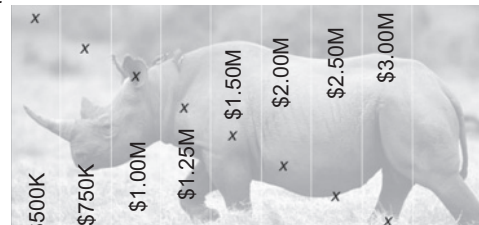


Members of the Shin Koiwa Choir perform at Woy Woy Community Aged Care

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