

Microbats may combat mosquitoes

Gosford Council may encourage microbats to roost at Killcare in an attempt to reduce mosquito numbers.

Staff from the council's Environmental Education and Protection Unit (EPU) told the council that a number of microbats, including threatened species, were known to consume between 50 to 100 per cent of their total body weight in mosquitos over a night.

They had been recorded to consume up to 400 mosquitos an hour.

EPU staff told the council that microbats might be encouraged to recolonise areas where mosquitos were available, if residents provided additional roosting habitat.

The council was told that Ryde Municipal Council and the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) conducted chemical mosquito control programs.

Both programs relied upon the application of larvicides to reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos with the cost ranging from \$70,000 per year at the Sydney Olympic Park to \$10,000 at Ryde.

The EPU said broad scale chemical use such as larvicides in the control of mosquitos could lead to a detrimental long-term impact on the wetland ecosystem.

It warned council that other saltwater breeding areas and mosquito nuisances occurred in the Gosford City area and similar responses might be expected from residents of those areas in the event of a mosquito management program being implemented.

The microbat approach would form part of a Mosquito Management Project, which would be the first on the Central Coast.

Council decided at its September 7 meeting to proceed with a comprehensive risk assessment of the Killcare area.

At Council's June 22 meeting, a petition with 383 signatures was tabled stating that there were excessive numbers of mosquitos in the vicinity of Killcare and noted that a high proportion of these mosquitos were the salt marsh mosquito, a known vector of

disease.

The petition requested council's support in finding a solution to protect their health and lifestyle by controlling mosquito infestations with the use of eco-friendly controls.

Killcare resident Ms Sandy Robinson called for a study because she said it was becoming increasingly difficult to live in harmony with the mosquitos.

"You cannot entertain outdoors. You cannot garden. Even driving to work, they are a hassle. You can't do anything," she said.

Ms Robinson said the mosquitos came mainly for three months each year.

"I want to protect our health and lifestyle with eco-friendly controls," she said.

A comprehensive assessment of Killcare and expert advice on the relative nuisance values, health risks and acceptable and effective options from the Department of Medical Entomology would cost approximately \$6000.

As part of the initiative, council would ask Central Coast Health to share the cost of the risk assessment.

Cr Craig Doyle said that Killcare was only one suburb out of 55 in the Gosford area, and if council agreed to this study there was "every chance" of an avalanche of requests.

He also said that the management of mosquitos was an area generally not dealt with by council and more to do with the Central Coast Public Health Unit.

"I am worried that council will be responsible for everything that shakes or moves a tree," he said.

The Central Coast Public Health Unit advised in April that a mosquito surveillance site at Killcare was specifically monitored for salt marsh mosquitos, as this variety of mosquito was an efficient and prolific vector for the transmission of Ross River and Barmah Forest diseases.

Lyle Stone, Council agenda DH.085, September 7



Blue - green algae can be seen in the water at Correa Bay

Warning Issued

A health alert concerning blue-green algae has been issued for the western end of Correa Bay by the Regional Algal Coordinating Committee.

The body charged with responding to algal blooms has advised that any domestic use, including drinking, of untreated surface water should be avoided at all times, as the algae might be toxic to humans and animals.

It has advised people not to enter the water or to drink untreated or boiled water from the water body because of the risk to eye and skin irritations and stomach upsets.

It also said dogs and stock are particularly at risk and owners should keep dogs away from this area.

Peninsula Fishing Club is warning members to stay clear of Correa Bay near the former abattoir site due to an outbreak of the algae.

Oyster growers further along the bay and in Brisbane Water are concerned that if the algae bloom spreads they may lose their oyster beds which are due to reach maturity over the next eight weeks.

NSW Health has recommended people not eat mussels and other

shellfish, snails and yabbies caught or collected in water affected by the blue-green algae.

It also recommended that people not eat the liver and gut of fish caught in the effected water.

NSW Health official Mr Doug Rhodes said that the algal growth was brought about by natural processes including still weather.

"There have been over a dozen blooms in the Central Coast area in the last month, but they will go away in unfavourable weather such as when there is rain, less light or clouds," Mr Rhodes said.

Lyle Stone, September 17 Press release, NSW Health

College to reduce water usage

Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College is to reduce its water usage by a quarter and save nearly \$3000 a year.

This is the result of a study by students at the campus, who have been monitoring water use and devising ways to avoid wastage.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said that students had calculated that 44 litres of water were consumed per person per day in the year to March.

Students estimated that this

could be reduced by one quarter, saving the campus nearly \$3000 per year and preserving precious water reserves.

Watering of the campus oval already used bore water.

The hosing of pavement areas was no longer carried out due to water restrictions.

Most water seemed to be lost through dripping taps and bubblers or those left running by students, said Mr Lewis

The school's conservation team expected to achieve the desired reduction with an advertising

campaign for students and by working with the school's general assistant, Mr Vitiello, to fix the taps and bubblers.

It was decided that the installation of water tanks would make a big difference where the use of water could not be avoided.

Mr Lewis said this would be a valuable addition to the college farm which is an outstanding facility located on the Umina campus.

E-mail, September 15 Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Church filled for concert

The Ettalong Baptist Church was filled for the annual concert held by the Peninsula Choir and the Gosford City Brass band on Sunday, August 29.

The theme for the concert was "What a Wonderful World" and the song of that name was sung at the outset by the choir.

It was sung again at the end, with the audience joining in.

Songs included were from the days of Columbus and Drake, songs of the English countryside, songs of the faith of American slaves and the world of humour

and comic opera.

This involved some miming as well as singing by choir members.

The band, under their conductor Phillip Rutherford, took up the theme with some spirited jazz, a poem on The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and an arrangement by Mr Rutherford of Jeremiah Clarke's melody "Bromley".

Afternoon tea rounded off the occasion with some local bakeries contributing goods.

The proceeds of the concert will support religious education in local high schools.

Fax, September 6
Kay Williams, Peninsula Choir

Ecumenical lunch

Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church parishioners from the Peninsula area attended an ecumenical luncheon at St Andrews Anglican Church at Umina recently.

About 100 local people heard an address on "Anglicans and Catholics, What we have in Common".

A follow-up will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 23, at St James Anglican Church, Byron Rd, Wyong.

A dialogue will be conducted between Anglican Assistant Bishop of Sydney, Rev Glenn Davies, and Catholic Bishop of Broken Bay, Rev David Walker, on the topic "Anglicans and Catholics, Why are we still divided?".

Leaflet, September 10

Residents oppose caveats

The St Huberts Island Residents Association has objected to moves by Gosford Council to associate a caveat with properties licensed to install a pontoon.

The association submitted a petition, signed by 30 residents, objecting to any requirement by council to lodge caveats on the title of land receiving the benefit of a licence to install a pontoon and walkway within the canals of St Huberts Island.

The Association agreed with proposed changes classifying drainage canals operational land, rather than community land, so that licences could be issued.

Council agenda P.064, August 24

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Umina stall

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre auxiliary will be holding a stall outside Fleming's Umina on September 23.

Gifts, cakes, biscuits and jams will be sold to raise money for the nursing home.

Media release, September 1
Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre

Marathon dancing

Mother Nature's Parent Club Inc is holding a Dance-A-Thon fundraiser for ages 25 and over on October 1.

The dance will be held at Umina Beach Community Hall with registration beginning at 7.30pm and dancing at 8pm.

The entry fee of \$8 will cover light food and drink and there will be prizes for first, second and third places.

For further information, contact Carol on 4342 6119

Press release, September 13
Carmen Daniels-Perrin, Umina Beach Community Awareness and Referral Centre

Trivia night

Woy Woy Cricket Club will host a trivia night on September 25 at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Ticket can be bought at the door for \$10, with doors opening at 7.30pm.

There will be prizes and raffles.

For further information, call Glen on 0412 114 271.

E-mail, September 14
Woy Woy Cricket Club

Crazy verse comp

Gosford City Library is holding a Comic and Crazy Verse competition again this year as part of the Spikefest celebrations.

Competition entry forms are available from all Gosford City Library branches.

Entrants are encouraged to use the writings of Spike Milligan, which are held at Woy Woy Library as stimulus material.

The categories in the competition are 8 to 11 years, 12 to 15 years, 16 to 18 years and adult.

The competition closes on September 26.

Newsletter, September 1
Gosford Library Newsletter August

New development

Murray St in Booker Bay has become host to a new housing development.

The units, built by Rega Constructions, comprise two villas and four town houses and range in price from \$450,000 to \$500,000.

The units are listed through Charles Abela at Your Realty Real Estate.

Brochure, August 19
Your Realty Real Estate

Fence inspected

Cr Jim Macfadyen has asked that an officer of the Council inspect and provide a report on the construction fencing around the construction site at Peridon Village Complex, Daleys Point.

Speaking at the August 24 Council meeting, he asked whether it was dangerous to pedestrians or children and adults riding bikes along the roadway.

Lyle Stone, August 24

Noise complaint

A number of Empire Bay residents have complained to Gosford Council about excessive noise emanating from the Empire Bay Tavern.

A petition to the council stated that, for many years, the 15 residents experienced no problems with the trading at the Empire Bay Tavern.

But from the time of its recent change in ownership, the petitioners claimed there had been considerable noise from live bands playing Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights during the week and both Saturday and Sunday.

The petitioners stated that the noise is so excessive, they have had to close exterior windows to block the noise from living areas.

They requested that council investigate with a view of placing strict noise restrictions on the licensee.

Council agenda P.061, August 24

Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre's next production will be Absent Friends, running from October 29 to November 14.

The play was written by Alan Ayckburn and will be directed by Nigel Stanley.

Ticket prices will be \$18 for adults, \$15 for concessions and \$5 for children five to 15.

Bookings can be made on 4344 4737 from October 18 between 10am and 2pm weekdays.

Multi Arts Confederation
September Newsletter

Fathers' Day

Umina Public School raised \$4900 this Fathers' Day.

P&C Association president Ms Julia Rooke said there was an incredible range of Fathers' Day gifts selling for more than \$3392, which meant a profit of \$2416.

She thanked volunteers who dedicated time and effort over many months to produce the gifts.

Many local businesses offered discounts and donations.

Another \$2484 was made through raffle tickets, with many prizes donated by local businesses.

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Umina Public School P&C

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Election Council supports preschool move ballot

Nominations for the federal seat of Robertson closed on Thursday September 16.

Six candidates have nominated for the seat of Robertson, which encompasses the Peninsula.

The order in which candidates' names are to appear on the ballot paper was determined by a random draw.

The draw took place in the Robertson electoral office on Friday September 17.

The nominees and the order in which they will appear in the ballot paper are Terry Jones for the Greens, Carolyn Dorhauer for Family First, Don Parkes for Pauline Hanson's One Nation, Trish Moran for the Australian Labor Party, Nicholas Tomlin for the Citizens Electoral Council and Jim Lloyd, sitting member, for the Liberal Party.

The elections will take place on October 9.

Press release, September 17
Australian Electoral Commission

Gosford Council has decided to support the first step of a proposal from the Walsingham Community Preschool to build in Killcare Heights.

The council gave "in principle" support to an application to rezone a property on Maitland Bay Dr for the preschool.

Council staff and several State Government agencies had recommended against the application.

Council has granted the preschool committee funds of up to \$20,000 to assist with several reports needed for the preschool to move forward.

A further \$300,000 has been promised by the Department of Community Services towards the cost of building of the centre.

The land is currently zoned '6(a) Open Space - recreation' but needs to be rezoned '5 Special Use - Community use' and reclassified from 'community' to 'operational' to be used by the preschool.

This would involve a public hearing.

The location is currently owned by council and unused, and lies adjacent to a council stockpile site used for over 30 years for materials

awaiting recycling and reuse.

Council staff reported that the loss of this stockpile area would place a significant negative financial impact on the construction and maintenance operational budgets due to the relocation of the facility.

The Rural Fire Service objected to the original proposed rezoning given the high bushfire risk to the intended facility.

Council officers from the Water and Sewer Asset Provision Section stated that the site was outside Council's water and sewer service area and connection to the sewer was not a feasible option.

Conditions would apply for the proposed development to be connected to the existing water supply system.

It was also noted that booster pumps or other measures might be needed to provide satisfactory water pressure for fire fighting.

Council staff recommended against use of the site because of its high bushfire hazard and an increase in traffic turning movements at the Wards Hill Road and Maitland Bay Drive intersection which could have the potential for vehicle accidents.

They also had concerns over the clearing of native vegetation and

its potential to impact on its current and future role as a wildlife corridor in Bouddi National Park.

The proposed pre-school was said to be physically isolated from the community it was intended to serve and can only be accessed by private motor vehicle.

Walsingham Preschool currently operates from the old Catholic Church at Pretty Beach where it began in 1989 after obtaining an operational grant from the government.

Those attending the centre decided that community funds could be better spent on the building of a childcare centre than on rent, as is the current situation.

The Department of Community Services said their present location was not wholly suitable for a pre-school and that due to the nature of the building there were some restrictions on the day to day operation of the centre.

Walsingham preschool committee argued that the proposed new location would allow the service to be more accessible to MacMasters Beach while still maintaining its service to Killcare, Hardys Bay, Wagstaffe and Pretty Beach residents.

In the new location, the

community preschool would continue its current service of providing education for children aged 3 to 5 years and would also enable it to take up to 39 children per day.

The centre would incorporate rainwater tanks and solar energy.

The plan for the centre was first brought about in July 2002 when the Pre-School requested Council lease to it part of Maitland Bay Drive for use as a community preschool.

The applicant lodged the Draft LEP (rezoning) application in December 2002 and an assessment of the proposal by council was completed in May 2003 with a draft recommendation to council not to support the plan.

At meeting last week, Council resolved to consult with the Department of Environment and Conservation about critical habitat in the area, prior to the preparation of a draft plan.

It resolved to require comprehensive vegetation and fauna assessments, including an assessment of the conservation significance of the vegetation proposed to be removed and records of threatened species being within 1.5km of the site.

A comprehensive assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage and soil contamination would be required to progress past this stage.

The council asked that its engineering operations section report on the relevant upgrading options of the Wards Hill Rd and Maitland Bay Dr intersection and the timeframes involved.

Lyle Stone, Council agenda
EP.023 and EP.047, September 7
and 14

Crossing petition signed by 1000



Dean Hartigan with his petition at the crossing in West Street, Umina

A petition with more than 1000 signatures has been submitted to Gosford Council calling for the retention of the raised pedestrian crossing in West St, Umina.

Organised by resident Mr Dean Hardigan, it claims that downgrading the amenity would endanger elderly, infirm and visually impaired members of the community.

The petition also states that the addition of pedestrian lights would enhance the long-term safety and further improve the interface between vehicles and increasing numbers of elderly pedestrians with special needs.

"If this crossing is removed, people can race through here without having to slow down," Mr Hardigan said.

Owner of Coopers of Umina, Ms Ingrid Bennett agreed that the crossing should not be removed.

"All we want is drainage, so that our store doesn't flood," she said.

The problem first arose when Gosford Council revealed plans to remove the West St crossing several months ago.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said that a road-level crossing would make the road clearer to pedestrians.

Council's manager of engineering service, Mr John Cragg, has said the council agreed to hold off on work to examine whether it was practicable to keep a raised crossing.

The petition is yet to be brought to council.

Lyle Stone, September 17

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More support for fireworks

The Peninsula Fireworks and Carnival will receive twice the support from Gosford Council this year.

The council has doubled its allocation for the annual event to \$10,000.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach had asked for \$15,000 to cover the increasing cost of public liability insurance.

The club suggested the council could have "naming rights" for the event with total sponsor for \$25,000 plus in-kind support support.

This would include cover under council's public liability policy at no cost to Rotary.

The club also offered co-sponsorship of the event with

"shared naming rights" for \$15,000.

The council's manager of insurance and risk, Mr Allen Collison, told the council that event organisers had to be responsible for their own liability.

As the event was not a council event, it could not come under Council's insurance policy.

A staff report to the council also stated that, under council's sponsorship policy, funds provided by Council must not lead to an organisation or group becoming dependent on Council for ongoing financial support.

The Rotary Club should be encouraged to seek further corporate sponsorship and other

forms of fund raising for future years, the report stated.

The report noted that the event had been a successful family and community event.

It provided a family-oriented and alcohol-free community event and raised funds for youth on the Peninsula and the Salvation Army in Umina.

The club estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 people attended the event which was the only New Year's Eve Fireworks display to take place in the area.

Council agenda CD.023, September 7

IN BRIEF

Auxiliary

A stall will be held outside Flemings in Umina on September 23 by the Auxiliary of the Woy Woy Aged Care Nursing Home. There will be gifts, cakes, biscuits and jams.

Letter, September 1

Repainting

The interior of the Everglades Country Club is being repainted almost five years after the completion of the last renovations.

Newsletter, September 1

Spikefest

This year's memorial festival to Spike Milligan will be held on October 30 and 31.

There will be entertainment and a crazy verse competition, which will be organised by Woy Woy Library.

For details, phone 4348 9906.

Pamphlet, September 1

Irrigation

Gosford Irrigation will install the new irrigation system for the Everglades Country Club golf course at a cost of between \$650,000 and \$700,000.

The decision to engage the firm was made on the advice from the club's irrigation consultants, Hydro-Plan.

Newsletter, September 1



Principal Pat Lewis accepts a cheque from Glen Johnston

Sponsor for IT centre

The Technology Futures Centre at Brisbane Water Secondary College has received sponsorship from a major information technology firm.

Krone Australia has become a gold sponsor of the centre.

Krone product development and marketing manager Mr Glen Johnston presented a cheque for \$3000 to college principal Mr Pat Lewis on Tuesday, September 14.

The college is entering partnerships with companies from the information technology industry to help support the costs of providing the centre.

"It is vital for the ongoing viability of the Technology Futures Centre that we attract corporate sponsors," said Mr Lewis.

"Krone is Australia's only manufacturer of communications cabling and we are delighted that they have come on board."

Mr Johnston said that Krone had helped such projects for many years, particularly on the Central Coast where its manufacturing facility is located.

"It is important to support the education of our youth especially in the area of information technology," said Mr Johnston.

"Education is very important. With this centre being in the IT industry, it fits perfectly with us."

Mr Lewis said the air-conditioned facility was fully self-contained with off street parking, disabled access and an equipped kitchen.

The centre was designed to provide information technology related vocational education using the latest techniques and equipment.

Mr Lewis said its primary purpose was to provide IT education and training to college students, but it was also available for use by community groups, commercial organisations and training operators.

There are three separate, purpose-built rooms that are fully networked with two servers and that have full broadband Internet access.

Cable networking and wireless connections at the facility have been provided by Krone.

Mr Lewis added that university students were currently developing a website for the Technologies Futures centre and were busy expanding the site and building an online booking site.

They hope to have the website up and running next term.

Further information regarding the Technology Futures Centre is available at www.techfutures.ccoast.org

Lyle Stone, September 14
Press release, Krone Australia

Spring show on Saturday

Umina Garden Club will be holding its annual Spring Show on Saturday, September 25.

The Spring Show will run from 11.30am until 4pm at Woy Woy Meals on Wheels Hall, opposite Roger's Park.

The floral exhibition will be open to the public from 11.30am.

Visitors will be able to see all the best exhibits from Umina Garden Club members with sections also open to the general public.

Umina Garden Club president Ms Rachel Perkins said the garden club had been running since 1964.

Ms Perkins said there were many fine gardeners on the Peninsula and the club would welcome their expertise as garden club members.

She said they had decided to change the format of the show by making it a bit more of a gala event.

The club had contacted some

local businesses hoping for donations for a sausage sizzle and refreshments.

This year the club is also including a new section called Secret Men's Business, which Ms Perkins hopes will encourage the men of the area to "show us their blooms".

Entries are to be staged by 10am with judging to commence at 10.30am.

Admission is \$3 which includes lunch.

The day will include raffles, a lucky door prize, a trash 'n' treasure stall and books for sale.

Entries for the contest close by 9pm on September 23.

Anyone who would like to exhibit in a section open to the general public, donate to the Umina Garden Club or are looking for information and conditions of entry can contact Betty Cadwallader on 4322 0830.

Press statement, August 30
Rachel Perkins, Umina Garden Club

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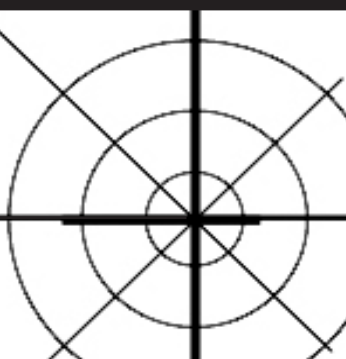
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The disabled access ramp outside the Pavillion

Private certifier blamed for dispute

The manager of Gosford Council's development assessment unit, Mr Garry Lofts, has blamed a private certifier for a dispute between Deepwater Plaza and its new neighbour The Pavilion shopping centre.

The two parties are currently engaged in negotiations over a disabled access ramp, which is inaccessible for those who are wheelchair bound.

The location where a possible access ramp would join the ground is on Deepwater Plaza's car park area, and as Pavilion does not own the land it is unable to complete the work.

Peninsula resident Mr Jim Williams, now in his 80s, said the Pavilion needed to have a ramp as many of customers at the Woy Woy shopping centre were elderly and needed ramp access.

"I hear complaints from a lot of people because you can't get up there," Mr Williams said.

"The only place you might get in

is the dock around the back."

The former engineer was critical of the design of the new shopping centre.

"Isn't Council meant to put in disability access?"

Gosford Council's development assessment unit manager Mr Garry Lofts said the building was certified by a private certifier and not by council.

"We have advised the owner that we have contacted the certifier board in regard to this matter," said Mr Lofts.

"This is a problem we have suffered with private certifiers and we have made the certifier board well aware."

Lawyers for Deepwater Plaza contended last week that it was a matter for council and the owner of the Pavilion, and not Deepwater Plaza.

They said they were actively negotiating with both council and The Pavilion owner to try to overcome any difficulties being experienced by shoppers.

Lyle Stone, September 17

Graduates receive their certificates

Graduates from an adult language, literacy and numeracy program have received TAFE certificates from Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd presented around 30 graduates with a Certificate II in General Education for Adults at a ceremony on September 10.

The graduates came from programs run by Workwise at its

offices at Ettalong and Gosford.

"Without adequate literacy and numeracy skills, it makes it difficult, if not impossible, to compete in the work place" Mr Lloyd said.

"Workwise programs give adults the opportunity to increase their skills and become confident in their search for employment."

The numeracy and literacy program is available for people who are receiving Centrelink benefits and who need extra help

with developing their numeracy and literacy skills.

Most students undertake training for 12 to 15 hours a week for between eight and 10 months.

The classes have a maximum of eight people.

The Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training funds the program.

Press release, September 13
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson



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News



Brisbane Waters Private Hospitals newly commissioned angiography unit

Angiography unit is commissioned

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has commissioned a \$1.4 million angiography unit, which includes a plate catheter laboratory.

Hospital chief executive officer Mr Graham McGuinness said the equipment would give far superior images of coronary and vascular arteries than previously available.

"As the only hospital, public or private, offering the full spectrum

of cardiac services, including by-pass surgery, this latest technology elevates Brisbane Waters to a new high," he said.

"Not only will privately-insured and Veteran Affairs patients benefit from access to the latest technology but, when linked to the hospital's broadband connection, the results can be instantly transferred to the rooms of the consultant specialists to facilitate prompt diagnoses and treatment.

"This will be particularly beneficial where urgent surgical intervention is indicated," he said.

Mr Graham said a further redevelopment of the hospital was planned to "ensure Brisbane Waters stays at the forefront in the delivery of first class hospital services to the Central Coast".

**Press release, September 7
Graham McGuinness, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital**

More money for program

Mission Australia Ettalong will get a boost after a funding announcement meant extra

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funds and extra places will be available in the Personal Support Program.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd welcomed the announcement of additional funding to help the long-term unemployed back into the workforce.

"This program has been a great success.

"It is achieving positive results for some of our most disadvantaged jobseekers, but most importantly it is achieving job outcomes for the very long-term unemployed," he said.

**Media release, August 25
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**



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Peninsula in the News

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

Wednesday, September 1

Ettalong resident and natural resources management student Tony Whitehead has conducted a study which has identified an estimated population of 48 koalas living in suburbs including Umina, Pearl Beach, Patonga and Woy Woy Bay.

Central Coast Extra

Woy Woy forwards Dave and Paul Gooley were sitting in the change rooms preparing for the Lions' biggest game in eight years on Saturday when they were told their father had died.

Col Gooley, who started the season as first grade assistant coach, died just after lunchtime after a long battle with cancer.

Express Advocate

Friday September 3

Students from Umina Beach Public School paid their respects to Australia's war dead during a visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Express Advocate

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus is donating the funds from its disco several weeks ago to the families of the Doyalson fire tragedy.

Express Advocate

Umina Beach Primary School received a dozen native trees for planting in the school grounds from Raine and Horne real estate, a sponsor of the 2004 Keep Australia Beautiful Week.

Express Advocate

Monday September 6

Long-time residents of the beachside hamlet of Patonga are set to battle newcomers and weekend "blow-ins" over a plan to heritage-list the entire town.

While both groups are opposed to high-rise development, Patonga natives see the plan as a "nuisance" which would prevent them from improving - and increasing the value of - existing properties.

Central Coast Extra

Tuesday September 7

Hotels on the Central Coast are among the top profit centres in NSW for pokie machines.

One of the named hotels was the Ocean Beach Hotel in Umina,

which ranked 142 and had 25 poker machines.

Central Coast Extra

Thursday September 9

Energy Australia is being challenged to review its tree-lopping methods after by a distressed Umina Beach family who claim their Jacaranda tree was "butchered".

Express Advocate

Monday, September 13

The Bells on the Coast, a five-star bed and breakfast resort in Killcare Heights, took out three prestigious awards at the recent annual Hotel Motel and Accommodation Association Industry Awards for Excellence.

Central Coast Business Review

Wednesday September 15

More than 2200 dozen oysters are expected to be cracked open at Brisbane Water Oyster Festival on the Woy Woy Waterfront on November 14.

Express Advocate

Over more than 25 years, the members of Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has raised thousands of dollars.

Express Advocate

Blues Lovers from across the Central Coast and Sydney visited Patonga in December for the Blues Across the Bay festival.

Umina Beach Company Xabc Productions filmed the event and have just released a DVD and video of the festival.

Express Advocate

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College are doing more than picking up papers to look after their school environment.

They have started a bush care group at the college's Umina campus.

Express Advocate

Thursday September 16

Direct bus links from areas like Woy Woy to the Central Coast Campus, Ourimbah, are vitally needed, a study has found.

Members of a transport committee at the combined Newcastle University, TAFE and Central Coast Community College campus made the recommendation after mapping out where most students live.

Express Advocate

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Tru Blu's new Ettalong Office

New financial 'supermarket'

A branch of a business describing itself as a "financial supermarket" has opened in Ettalong.

Tru Blu's head office is in Newcastle and other branches are also located in Queensland and South Australia.

Proprietor Peter Rogers has lived on the Peninsula for 30 years.

He is an accredited mortgage broker and a member of the Professional Lenders Association.

Peter said he was pleased to be able to open a business in an area where he lived.

He has chosen the Peninsula

because there was a large cross section of people living here.

There were many retirees who are now asset rich as well as young people looking to build their asset base.

Peter was happy to visit clients in their own home to discuss their finance needs if they were unable to get to his office during normal business hours.

Peter arranges both personal and commercial loans and has a large number of lenders from which to choose the best loan for each client.

Cec Bucello, September 2

Before Steve "Crikey" Irwin, there was Eric "the snakeman" Worrell.

The work of Australia's original snake man will long be remembered.

Australia's original television-friendly reptile lover was as brazen and well-loved as his modern counterpart, Steve Irwin.

His Australian Reptile Park has also survived many years and overcome several hurdles to entertain and educate the wider public about this country's less-than-cuddly wildlife.

Overseen by the famous giant dinosaur, Ploddy, at its entrance, the park is a school holiday activity visited by hundreds of children during school holidays.

Eric Worrell's interest in reptiles was evident from an early age.

Born in Granville in 1924, he collected frogs on the way home from pre-school and spent hours watching tiny lizards.

As a schoolboy in Paddington, he kept a backyard zoo which featured snakes, lizards, frogs, rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, goldfish and a dingo the Worrell family picked up as a stray in the city.

Worrell told friends he made up his mind to become a naturalist at 11 and by 15 he had decided to specialise in reptiles.

His big opportunity to study native wildlife came when he left school and worked as a civilian blacksmith in Darwin during World War 2.

There he devoted his spare time to searching out and observing the abundance of reptiles.

After the war, Worrell returned to Sydney but missed the Northern Territory and headed back to continue his studies, financing his lifestyle by working as a freelance wildlife journalist.

Local Aborigines helped his work by bringing him harmless snakes, lizards and tortoises in exchange for common items such as sugar, flour, tea, powdered milk and hair combs.

Eventually Worrell made his way to the East Alligator River in Arnhem Land, which he described as a herpetologist's paradise.

Here he was tracked down by

Eric Worrell was the founder of the Central Coast icon, the Australian Reptile Park. However the Park, a major tourist drawcard to the Central Coast over the years, had its origins on the Peninsula. This article is reproduced from the Central Coast Wires wildlife rescue magazine, Kookaburra Cackle.

the director of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and offered a job providing the institution with poisonous-snake venom.

At the time, Australian supplies of antivenene were desperately low and the laboratories' previous snake man, Tom Lades, had retired.

Worrell negotiated to provide venom to the laboratories on a freelance basis so he could continue his studies and writing.

It was at this time that Eric Worrell set up the Ocean Beach Aquarium at Umina in 1948.

This aquarium would be the forerunner of the Australian Reptile Park.

Worrell and his childhood friend George Cann, known as the Snakey of La Perouse, then collected deadly tiger snakes from the swollen rivers in western NSW.

Their method was to snatch the snakes by the tail and drop them headfirst into a sack and their trip netted more than 500 snakes.

In 1951, a regular supply of tiger snake venom began to be provided to the laboratories from Worrell's aquarium.

At this time, only tiger snake antivenene was produced and was used for all types of snake bites, with varying degrees of success.

However, a flurry of taipan bites in the early 1950s established this snake as the world's deadliest for its size, and work began to develop a specific antivenene for its bite.

Worrell was asked to go to Queensland to collect taipan venom. There he collected nine different varieties and began a breeding program.

He then became the main supplier of taipan venom to the laboratories in the lead-up to the release of the new antivenene in 1955.

Work on antivenenes for the brown snake and the death adder then began.

A combined antivenene, effective against any unidentified snake in Australia, was also created.

While this work was going on, the Ocean Beach Aquarium moved to North Gosford and renamed the Australian Reptile Park.

At first, it was just two snake pits and a kiosk but it quickly grew and Worrell's reputation as a naturalist also bloomed.

He became known to the Australian public through a wide variety of magazine articles, popular books and television appearances.

His detailed and scholarly books were highly respected, even though he had no formal zoological training.

In 1970, Worrell's life-saving role in the development of snake antivenenes was recognised with an MBE presented by the Queen.

That year, the antivenene program saw the park providing laboratories with funnel-web spider venom.

It took until 1980 to get a successful funnel-web anti-venom into hospitals and it proved yet another life-saving program in which Worrell was involved.

When he died in 1987, Worrell left Australia the legacy of his contribution to the development of vital snake antivenene.

Newsletter, March 1

Parenting program planned

A parenting program for parents or carers of children aged two to 10 years will run from the beginning of term four at Umina Public School.

The program is a Schools as Community Centres activity and runs for four weeks on Mondays from 10am until 12.30pm.

Childcare is available.

The program aims to help parents

develop a better relationship with their children while teaching them some different strategies to help in their parenting role.

Cost is \$15 for workbook and gold coin donation for childcare.

For further information, contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929

**Newsletter, September 14
Debbie Notara, Umina Public School**

Among the first

One of the first businesses to open in The Pavilion at Woy Woy was NuSqueeze cafe.

NuSqueeze cafe sells fresh fruit and vegetable juices as well as homemade pies, quiches, all day breakfasts, gourmet sandwiches, starters and snacks, burgers and main meals for those that want a full meal.

Proprietor Jillian McIntock also owns the Killcare corner store, which is also a food and drink outlet.

They both operate seven days and Jillian admits that she is a glutton for punishment.

"I felt that there was a need for a good coffee shop in the area," she said.

She has ensured that all staff are trained "baristas" so that the can make the best possible coffee.

Jillian has had seven years experience in the food industry.

She encourages locals when ordering their lunch to phone their orders through so that they don't

have to spend so much of their lunch period waiting to be served.

Cec Bucello, September 2

Weighbridge tender is let

Gosford Council has decided to let a tender for a weighbridge and gatehouse at Woy Woy tip.

Pluim Custom Buidling Pty Ltd will undertake the work, valued at more than \$250,000.

Council will provide \$150,000 from the health budget of its capital works program and \$108,520 will come from a financial reserve for the waste disposal facility.

The construction period is expected to be 16 weeks with work scheduled to start this month.

**Council agenda FS.103,
September 7**

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Café staff support Third World child

Staff at a Woy Woy café are donating some of their tips to support a child in the Third World.

Gabrielle Bowles, manager of Gnostic Mana Cafe, said that staff used to spend part of their tips on lotto but discovered that with the left over money they could support a child in need.

She said the idea originally came from her parents, who had at one stage sponsored four children.

Gabrielle also sponsored a child herself.

The Cafe chose to sponsor Bangladesh-born Meraz Uddin.



Gnostic Cafe employee Shari holding a photo of their sponsored child next to the tips money tree

sponsoring Meraz for a year, but in the last eight months, other sections of Gnostic group have joined the sponsorship program.

The Gnostic Forrest sponsors the Banos family from Peru while the weekly meditation group

another to do something you're not paid to do.

"I think there is true dignity in that," she said.

Lyle Stone, August 31

Seachange for café owner

Returning to Ettalong is a seachange for the owner of a new café in Ettalong.

Karandonis Kitchen opened early August in what was the French patisserie opposite the Ettalong Memorial Club in Memorial Ave, Ettalong.

Proprietor Evan Karandonis has had 12 years experience in the industry and used to come to Ettalong as a child.

He has always had extremely busy businesses, including a hotel in Redfern.

His aim is opening a cafe in Ettalong to establish a place where he can develop a Greek/ Mediterranean atmosphere and introduce these foods to local residents.

Ninety percent of their products are made fresh on the premises using quality ingredients and Greek influenced flavours.

His parents help him in this with his mother providing the genuine Greek touch.

The business is currently open from 7.30am to 5pm but with the warmer weather approaching he plans to open at night as well.

Evan lives locally and is looking forward to developing the business into a popular eating spot.

Cec Bucello, September 2

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Folk Festival

Fourth folk festival based at Umina

The Umina Beach Folk Festival will be held from 7pm on Friday, October 22 to 6pm on Sunday, October 24.

It is the fourth festival organised by the Troubadour Folk Club, part of the Central Coast Bush Dance & Music Association Inc.

The festival will be based around Umina Primary School and Club Umina, but venues will also include the Everglades Country Club and Woy Woy Bowling Club.

It is expected to be one of the largest folk festivals in Australia.

The festival will feature concerts running simultaneously in three of four venues throughout the weekend from Friday night until Sunday evening.

Over 150 performers from across Australia have been engaged to provide non-stop entertainment.

Performances will include styles from Ireland, the Middle East, Scotland, Greece, England, South America, Polynesia, 12th Century Europe as well as Colonial and contemporary Australia.

There will be world music, bluegrass, bush music, blues, Celtic, classical, gypsy and indigenous music.

Several 90-minute music workshops will be held for instruments such as the bodhran, dobro guitar, drums, tin whistle and the harp.

There will also be workshops on poetry, singing, performing the spoken word, the session experience, preparing for the gig, song-writing and bluegrass guitar.

A singing room will be used as a base for the festival choir.

Everyone will be able to join the choir, participate in practice sessions and perform on the main stage.

A separate area has been set aside for poets' breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

A dance program will be run in a large hall located in Umina Public School and will include a Saturday night contra dance, a Sunday afternoon dancers' favourites dance, a Friday night "welcome" bush dance and a Saturday afternoon family



Fellowship of the Strings, one of the Central Coast based local groups performing at the festival

dance.

The hall will also be used for dance workshops all day Saturday and Sunday, where instruction will be given in colonial dance; international dance; contra dance; English country dance; Scottish country dance; and, Irish set dance.

Several dance displays will be given at a nearby venue.

A children's festival including a family fun dance will take place on the Saturday from 11am until 8.30pm, and will continue from 11am until 2.30pm on the Sunday.

Saturday night will also feature a blackboard concert in the Club Bistro where performers place their name on a blackboard and get their chance to entertain club patrons from 6pm to 9.30pm.

A new performance space (COLA 2) is also available at various times throughout the day and night as a blackboard venue, for dance demonstrations and for late night sessions.

Non-booked performers are given preference at these venues.

This year's festival has also

added a youth concert on Saturday evening sponsored by the Peninsula's Community Drug Action Team (PCDAT).

The concert is for musicians aged under 25 who will be able to perform music from any culture or genre "unplugged" as a blackboard for youth.

Season tickets for the weekend cost \$45 and children under 16 are free if accompanied by a paying adult. Season tickets purchased before September 30 are available on 4342 9099 at the early bird price of \$35.

Separate day and evening tickets will be available at the festival.

A free program with details of all the performers is available on request.

Further information is available on the festival website at www.ccbdma.org

Cec Bucello, September 16

Youth to perform

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) has joined with Umina Beach Folk Festival organisers to provide local youth with the opportunity to perform at the Umina Beach Folk Festival.

Chair of the team, Ms Carolyn Carter, said that the committee had decided to sponsor a concert for young musos and their supporters on the Saturday night of the festival.

"Our committee is keen to provide our young people with opportunities to display their talents and to communicate with each other about their music," she said.

"Our CDAT's main aim is to strengthen our community by helping to bring people together.

"We see the folk festival as a

function of this - people meeting others as they come together to enjoy their music and to appreciate the talent from all over as well as locally," Ms Carter said.

Young people up to the age of 24 years were invited to be included on the program on Saturday, October 23, starting at 7pm in Cola 2 at Umina Public School.

Music from any culture or genre performed "unplugged" will be the order of the program.

Those wishing to be on the program are asked to fill in the form on Peninsula CDAT flyers, or to ring 4342 9099 to be included.

Further details on the festival are available on website www.ccbdma.org or from printed programs.

Media release, September 15
Peninsula Community Drug

Volunteers wanted

Umina Beach Folk Festival organisers have called for volunteers.

Volunteers who work six hours will receive a free season ticket to the festival.

No previous experience is necessary.

The types of jobs that need to be done are checking for armbands, assisting in the festival office, security patrols, venue management, selling tickets, assisting with sound and lighting, helping with the children's festival, putting up signs, sanitation and looking after workshop rooms.

Volunteer organiser Ms Helen

Jefferies said: "The festival runs from 1.30pm on Friday, October 22, until 6pm on Sunday, October 24.

"A large number of volunteers is required to ensure that the festival runs successfully and the load is shared evenly.

"With events taking place at Club Umina, several locations at Umina Public School, Woy Woy Bowling Club and at Everglades Country Club, our resources have been severely stretched."

Anyone wishing to volunteer or to find out more information should call Helen on 9639 4911 or by email at Jeffries@tech2u.com.au

Cec Bucello, September 15

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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.

Our contact details and deadline dates 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, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866
EMBC, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087
EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong
ESSC, 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
BuffaloPrimoLodgeNo9, UCH 7pm.
Second Tuesday of every month
Toastmasters, E B W M C , 7pm, enq: 4341 6842, Umina TPI, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.
Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, ESSC, enq: 4341 3222.
Pearl Beach Craft group, PBPHI, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.
Stroke recovery group, 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
Toastmasters, E B W M C , 7pm enq: 4341 6842.
Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, ESSC, enq: 4341 3222.

Every Tuesday

Empire Bay Scrabble Club 12.30-3.30pm Shirley 4369 2034
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.
Ettalong Chess Club, 1pm

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, 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 ECC 9.30am, visitors welcome.
Woy Woy VIEW Club, Friendship Day, MOW 11am Enq. 4341 2379
Third Wednesday of every month
Woy Woy VIEW Club, Lunch & Guest Speaker, ECC 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 ESSC
Social Darts EMBC, 7pm
Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, PCC
Girls' **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs PCC enq: 4344 4924.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), PCYC
St John's Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care 7pm, enq: 4341 3341.
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 7.30pm John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.
Basic Meditation Group PWHC, 10am different theme each session
Handicraft CWAHWW, 9am, 50 cent donation, enq: 4342 4316.

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month
Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm,
Second Thursday of every month
Outsiders club, EBWMC, 9am.
Third Thursday of every month
Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061.
Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm
Fourth Thursday of every month
Umina 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, ESSC
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: PCC, enq: 4342 4121.
Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.
Line Dancing CU 9.30am
Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC
St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, 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 Gym**10am\$6,**Boxing/fitness**training, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC
Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.
Social Darts CU, 7.30pm, \$3, all welcome - courtesy bus available

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month
RSL Sub branch EBWMC, 2.30pm.
TroubadourFolkClub, MasonicHallopp 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 Gym**10am\$6,**Boxing/fitness**training, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC
Pilates Classes, PCC 11am to 12noon, enq: 4344 7909
Kids Club (Primary), during school terms, 4.40-6pm, Et Baptist Church.
Anti-Gravity (Yrs 6-8), during school terms, 7pm, Ett 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/Alateenfamily supportgroup Community Health building, Woy Woy public Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.
Ettalong Chess Club, 1pm

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month
Car boot markets, Hardys Bay RSL, noon-4pm, \$10 site fees, Inq: 4360 1072
Blackwall Mountain Bushcare, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Road and Memorial Avenue Enq: 4342 6995
Second Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, Buffalo Lodge, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.
Third Sunday of every month
Vietnam Vets, EBWMC, 11am.
Bootscooters, EBWMC 2.30pm.
Ettymalong **Creek Landcare** group, Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.
Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, **BuffaloLodge**, GosfordNo63, UCH1pm.
Dancing Old time/ New Vogue, 1pm, ESSC
Burrawong Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dve playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.
CWAHWW Troubadour Folk Club Blackboard Concert, enq: 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/Alateenfamily supportgroup "The Cottage" VidlerAve Woy Woy 7pm.
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open 11am-3pm or by appointment4379 1102
Talent Quest, EBWMC,

12noon-3pm, enq. 0414 435 848.

MONDAY

First Monday of every month:
Endeavour View Club Luncheon ECC Contact 4342 1722
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 P. S. 7.30pm, Enq: 4341 2931

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 & chat, 10am, 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

Wednesday, 22 September
Springtime Wander, Brisbane Water National Park, 9am-3.30pm, \$12/\$7.
Thursday, 23 September
Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service; Deepwater Plaza 9.30am-1.30pm.
Friday, 24 September
'Elvis to the Max'; EBWMC, \$35.
Saturday, 25 September
Kids Searching For Critters; Brisbane Water National Park, 10am \$5
Rileys Island Bush Regeneration; Lions Park, 9.30am-2.30pm. Ph 4320 4205.

Sunday, 26 September
CC Symphony Orchestra; St Lukes Anglican Church, 2.30pm.
Lions Club Boot Sale; **PCC** 8am
Monday, 27 September
Bouddi Night Stalk; Bouddi National Park, 6.30pm \$7/\$4.

Tuesday, 28 September
Little Beach Marine Life; Bouddi National Park, 12.30pm, \$7/\$4.
Community Meeting; St Marys Hall, Ettalong, 10.30am.
Winnie The Pooh; Peninsula Theatre 28th Sep - 9th October, 11am & 1pm

daily, \$6, 4344 4737.
Wednesday, 29 September
Discovering the Bush; Brisbane Water National Park, 10am \$5
Thursday, 30 September
Credit and Debit; **PWHC** 9.30am.
Working and Breastfeeding; 7.30pm, 9639 8686.

Arts and Entertainment

Comedians will appear

Spikefest will be staged over four weeks in October and will see nationally-recognised comedians appear on the Peninsula.

Among them, The Four Funny Honeys will perform at 8pm on Saturday, October 2, at Club Umina.

Acts will also include Bev Killick from Kath and Kim, and Jackie Loeb who has appeared on The Footy Show, Full Frontal and Beauty and the Beast.

Others include Gabby Milgate, who played a role in Muriel's Wedding, and Libbi Gorr, creator of Elle McFeast.

Press Release, September 8
Kath Elliott, Back Stage Media

Irish music at concert

Traditional Irish music duo, Gael Mor, will travel from Sydney to play at the Troubadour Folk Club's next Fair Go Concert to be held on September 26.

The duo will be among folk musicians to perform between 1pm and 5pm at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

Organiser Mr Vic Jefferies said the afternoon's line up will include The Rhymer From Ryde, bush poet Graeme Johnson, and a new duo, McManus.

It will also include singer Linda Campbell, Leon Rabin, Geoff Woodhead, Ian Stuart, Carl and Leila Desborough, and Billy Rea and Sean Scorr.

Tickets are \$5 and include afternoon tea.

Mr Jefferies said there were no floor spots available this month, but performers wishing to perform at next month's concert may contact him on 9639 4911 or at jeffries@tech2u.com.au.

E-mail, September 12
Vic Jefferies, Troubadour Folk Club



Art competition winner Bill Wagner with two examples of his marquetry

Marquetry wins art competition

The winner of the August Peninsula News art competition was Bill Wagner of Daleys Point with his work in marquetry entitled "Kookaburras".

Bill received a prize of \$50 worth of art/craft supplies donated by Riot Art and Craft of Erina.

The fourth round of the Peninsula Art Competition is now open with entries closing on October 9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Entries for the competition should be dropped into the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, in Kitchener Park, corner Picnic Parade and Maitland Bay Dr, between 10am and noon on Saturday, October 9.

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

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Art first at Empire Bay

The Empire Bay Progress Hall is to host the inaugural Empire Bay and Peninsula Art Exhibition during early October.

The exhibition will also celebrate the renovation of the hall and reflect the rich indigenous and cultural diversity of the local population.

The art show will include paintings and sculptures from a range of artists, demonstrating the extent of local talent in the Peninsula area.

Local primary school children will also exhibit their artwork in a mini children's exhibit with the theme Local Environment.

A painting by local artist Dale McCredie will be the prize of the Art Show Raffle and all works will be for sale.

The hall is on the corner of Gordon and Sorrento Rds, Empire Bay.

The art show will be held on Friday, October 1, between 4pm and 8pm.

On Saturday, October 2, it will run from 10am until 6pm with an

official opening from 7pm for ticket holders only.

The show will then run between 10am and 3pm on Sunday, October 3.

Empire Bay Progress Association is a community-based organisation working with local people to improve the quality of life and local environment.

The Empire Bay Progress Association supports the wider local community and encourages and welcomes people from Bensville, St Hubert's Island and Daley's Point.

Some of the activities that the hall accommodates include film nights, dance and martial art groups, craft and scrabble groups, birthday parties and fashion parades, weddings and children's parties.

Members of the association host bocce events and the association supports Neighbourhood Watch and events such as Clean Up Australia Day.

E-mail, September 11
Paul Duffy, Empire Bay Progress Association

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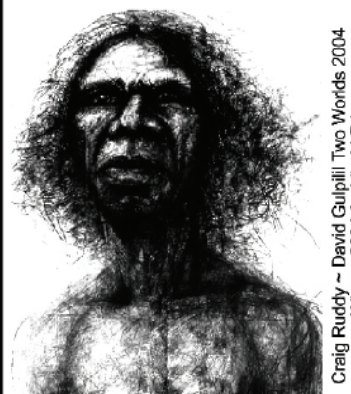
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Education



One of the pieces of art on display at Brisbane Water Secondary College

Artistic talent was displayed

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College produced displays of their artistic talent in performing arts and art, design and technology during Education Week.

The event was held on a Monday and Tuesday evening in conjunction with the college's annual Variety Night where students from Years 7-12 performed in song, dance, drama, comedy, rock music and piano.

Before the performance each

present 2, 3 and 4 day School Holiday Workshops at only \$40 each

1. Are you aged 12 to 16? Can you play 3 or 4 chords on guitar?. We are running a school holiday workshop over 2 weeks. **Learn to play a song** with a small group of students using different arrangements. At the conclusion of the workshop we will record the group and **you will have your very own demo CD.**

2. Are you aged 7 to 12? Do you play basics in **guitar with 3 chords**?. We are running a school holiday workshop over 2 weeks. Learn to sing and play a song with a small group of students using different arrangements. At the conclusion of the workshop we will record the group and you will have your very own demo CD.

3. Are you aged 6 to 10? Do you have a guitar but don't know how to play it?. We are running a school holiday workshop over 2 weeks. Learn to play the basics to get started on the guitar. This workshop is for absolute **beginner guitarist**. Some loan guitars are available for those who don't have a guitar to use at the workshops. Learn to sing and play a song with a small group of students using different arrangements.

4. Are you aged 4 to 7?. Do you have a **Ukulele** but don't know how to play it?. We are running a school holiday workshop over 2 weeks. Learn the basics to get you started on the Ukulele. This workshop is for absolute beginners. Some loan Ukuleles are available for those who don't have one to use at the workshops.

5. Are you playing chords and are ready for the next step?. Fancy writing songs of your own?. Then this workshop is for you. Learn how a song is structured and then put that knowledge into practice to write your own song. At the end of the workshop you will have your own song.

Limited vacancies available, so booking is essential. Payment must be made on the first day of workshop.

38 George St (Rear Deepwater Plaza) Woy Woy, Ph: 4342 9099 peninsulamusic.com.au

night, the major works of senior students in Visual Arts and Design and Technology were on display.

Works included painting, sculpture, photography, textiles and furniture.

A highlight of the second evening was a dance item performed by students from Umina Public School that was choreographed and taught by two senior campus students, Madison Baharoglu and Tiffany Denison.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said many of the items were produced by the college's Performing Arts Academy which demonstrated the professional tuition the students received in the program.

Some of the performers included Alex Beaton, Monique Hinton, Kirra Hurst, Amanda Lilleyman, Rachel McMinn, Tim Moretta, Tessa Nuku, Megan Purcell, Daniel Stone, Rachelle Trenholme, Ashley Wilkinson and Kate Wyman.

E-mail, September 15
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Students choose Year 11 courses

Year 10 Brisbane Water Secondary College students have chosen course patterns for Year 11.

The process included discussing courses in class, followed by a course expo evening for students and parents.

Students were presented with a choice of nearly 50 courses.

Each student and their parents were interviewed individually by a teacher experienced in the requirements of HSC studies.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said the range of courses was greater than could be offered by any "stand-alone high school" on the Central Coast and places for Year 11 at the college for next year were still available.

Prospective students could view the range of courses on offer in the college notice board at the Franklins end of Deep Water Plaza or at the senior campus.

E-mail, September 15
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Thoughts with Russian children

A Year 6 boy at Ettalong Public School recently asked to make an announcement at morning assembly about the children in Russia.

"Good morning fellow students, I would like you to join me to help the Russian children to get through their crisis, by donating any kind of money," he said.

"I wish to start with my pocket money."

The school took up the idea and held a short ceremony to remember the children and their

families in Russia.

A Russian flag was found for the ceremony, and each child was asked to place some pocket money on the flag to help the surviving children and their families rebuild their lives.

The ceremony was held at just before 9am, with several parents in attendance.

All donations were given to The Red Cross for their Russian Children's Appeal.

Email, September 8
Gayenor Worboys, Ettalong Public School

Two fund-raisers in two months

St John the Baptist School in Woy Woy will hold its two major fund-raisers in September and October.

The first will be a country craft fair held at the school on Saturday September 25, which will run from 9am until 2pm.

Stalls will include country craft, Christmas craft, general craft, white elephant, books and plants.

There will also be a barbecue and refreshments.

Attractions for children include a jumping castle, fairy floss, lucky dips, show bags, face painting and snow cones.

The second fund-raiser will be a Hat and Masquerade Ball presented by parents and friends of St John the Baptist School, to be held on October 23 from 6pm at

Everglades Country Club.

Dinner will be served from 6.30pm and will be followed by raffles, a sports auction and entertainment.

Dress is semi-formal with hat or mask.

Tickets for the Masquerade Ball cost \$40 per person with dinner and entertainment included.

Seating is in groups of eight, 16 and 24.

Single tickets can be bought with seating arranged on the night.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Anella on 4341 4700 or 0408 054 959.

Time payment can also be arranged.

Email, September 13
Meredith Sproule, St John the Baptist P&F Association

Students compete in spelling bee

Students from two schools on the Peninsula have taken part in the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews last week wished local students well as they vied for a place in the finals in November this year.

More than 800 primary school students from 430 schools across the State took part in the contest with students from both Umina and Woy Woy South Public School competing at Berowra.

Ms Andrews said the students had been putting in many extra hours of work to give themselves and their school every chance of making the finals of this exciting contest.

"At the same time, these students are learning about the importance of reading, writing and spelling" she said.

"Our students will hopefully

embrace the competitive spirit of the contest, but also learn that reading and spelling can be fun."

Premier Mr Bob Carr announced the Premier's Spelling Bee earlier this year as part of a plan to improve reading and writing skills for students in their earliest years of learning.

The Premier's Spelling Bee includes school and classroom activities so that every child, at every level, can take part.

In the competition stage, schools can enter two students, one from Kindergarten to Year 3 and another from Year 4 to Year 6.

Each star performer then proceeds to the regional finals and, from there, has the chance to compete in the state finals in November.

Every student in NSW who takes part in the Premiers Spelling Bee will receive a certificate.

Press release, September 13
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

IN BREIF

Break dancing

Cal Puntigam and Michael Thorpe of Year 12 at Brisbane Water Secondary College are through to the national finals of a school's break dancing competition run by radio station Triple J.

The boys get an all expenses paid trip to Melbourne.

Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie congratulated the students.

Newsletter, September 6
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Art exhibition

An art exhibition was held at Pretty Beach Public School library recently as part of Education Week.

Student artwork was on sale for \$10 for the three pieces each student displayed.

The pieces chosen were those that each child considered their best.

All money raised will go towards replenishing the schools creative arts budget for materials purchased for their art program and to seed the budget for a school musical performance next year.

Newsletter, September 9
Pretty Beach Public School

Craft group

A craft group will start at the Schools as Community Centres building at Umina Public School in the second half of fourth term.

Anyone with skills in craft, sewing or similar activities who is willing to share their skill with others is asked to contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Newsletter, September 14
Debbie Notara, Umina Public School

Education awards

Brisbane Water Secondary College teachers Mr Macey, Ms Faulkner and Mrs Smith along with the Woy Woy Leagues Club will receive awards recognising their significant contribution to the education of students on the senior campus.

The awards were made by the Central Coast Sub Region of the Department of Education and Training to recognise outstanding work by teachers, students and the community at an annual awards ceremony as part of Education Week.

Newsletter, September 15
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Mufti day

Pretty Beach Public School will be among many schools participating in a "Save Harold" mufti day on the last day of term.

Harold the Giraffe is the mascot of the Life Education Program.

Students are invited to wear mufti on the Friday September 24 for the donation of a gold coin, which will be used to support the program.

Newsletter, September 9
Pretty Beach Public School

Education

IN BRIEF

Award for numeracy

Umina Public School has received an award for improved numeracy results in the Basic Skills Testing program.

The awards were made at the Regional Appreciation Awards night held at Henry Kendall High School.

The awards ceremony formed part of Education Week.

Two long-serving parents, Mrs Deb Elliott and Mrs Jeanette Fuller, received recognition for their contributions to the school as did community volunteer Annette Griffin, who has assisted in the canteen over a long period.

Newsletter, September 9
Umina Public School

Open day held

An open day to celebrate Education Week at Umina Public School attracted large number of parents and friends, and raised \$220 for Stewart House, the school community has been told.

The day was described by Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair as "a resounding success".

Parents and friends turned out to visit classrooms and to attend a concert.

The P&C and canteen provided lunch, and a tea and coffee service.

A book fair was also held, which allowed books to be acquired for the library.

Newsletter, September 14
Umina Public School

COLA meeting

Pretty Beach Public School has held a meeting to plan a covered outdoor learning area (COLA) for the school.

A further meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23, at 9am.

Interested parents are invited to attend.

All proceeds from a fireworks display and an Olympathon will go towards the project.

It is hoped to create an aesthetically-designed, environmentally-friendly shade and shelter area for students.

Newsletter, September 9
Pretty Beach Public School

Nepal trek

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie will take leave to trek through the Himalayas in Nepal.

Mr Beattie said he would travel there to learn more about how people live in other cultures and in another part of the world.

Newsletter, September 6
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Maths winners

Out of 68 students who entered the Maths Competition two received distinctions, 30 received Credits and 36 received Certificates of Participation.

Newsletter, September 8
Umina Public School

Yellow day for safety houses

Woy Woy South Public School is promoting the Safety House Scheme, with a Yellow Day held on Wednesday, September 15.

Yellow is the colour of the Safety House Scheme.

Guest speaker on the day was Senior Constable Sylvia Raymond, and children donated a gold coin to the scheme to wear mufti.

A safety house provides a safe place for children to go if they are lost, hurt, being bullied or worried by strangers.

A yellow safety house sign on the letterbox tells children they can go to that house where someone will ring the police if there is a problem.

"Members of the community offer their services to help children and all participants are first checked by the police. They keep an eye out

for them before and after school when children are about," said safety house committee member Ms Brooke White.

"Woy Woy South is the first Peninsula school to conduct a Yellow Day this year."

Ms White said it was important they ensure all children were aware of the role of safety houses in their community.

She said the safety house program was being rejuvenated on the Peninsula.

"What we need are more monitors, particularly older people who are more likely to be at home during the times children arrive at or leave school."

For further information, call Brooke White on 4342 3266.

Press release, September 14
Brooke White, Safety House Committee

A challenge in geography

Brisbane Water Secondary College was represented at the Central Coast Geography Challenge by 17 students from Year 9.

The challenge was held at the Mingara Recreation Club on Friday, September 3.

The two teams from the college finished equal 15th under the watchful eye of Mr Ian Backhouse, their coach and bus driver for the day.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said the 25 teams from public

secondary schools on the Central Coast participated.

The Brisbane Water Secondary College teams comprised the following students: Ashleigh Brady, Courtney Breadon, Ella Brear, Nathan Cooper, Roxanne Cunliffe, Chantelle Foster, Rebecca Gaston, Kristy Gaston, Luke Godley, Kristy Gunn, Brodie Hinder, Nicole Humphries, Nichole Lee, Shannon Mair, Kate Smith, Paul Steel and Jessica Walters.

E-mail, September 15
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Money raised on Fathers' Day

Umina Public School raised \$4900 this Fathers' Day.

P&C Association president Ms Julia Rooke said there was an incredible range of Fathers' Day gifts selling for more than \$3392, which meant a profit of \$2416.

She thanked volunteers who dedicated time and effort over many months to produce the gifts.

Some of the businesses that offered discounts or donations

included Peninsula Pine and Ply, House to Home and Crystal Pools in Woy Woy, Coopers, Mitre 10 and the Salvation Army in Umina.

Another \$2484 was made through raffle tickets, which Gosford Council printed for free, with many prizes donated by local businesses.

Newsletter, September 7
Umina Public School P&C Association

Classy speakers

Class winners have been decided in the first stage of Umina Public School's second annual public speaking competition.

They will now enter the second phase of the competition and attempt to become grade winners.

These seven winners will present their speeches to parents as part

of the school open day during Education Week.

Competition coordinator Ms M Pritchard said the competition formed part of class Talking and Listening programs.

Every child in the school from Kindergarten to Year 6 had to give a speech in front of their classmates.

Newsletter, September 9



Mrs Hickey discusses what examiners are looking for in students' HSC answers

Study day for English

Brisbane Water Secondary College HSC students have taken part in an English study day at the school.

Students worked in small groups with teachers who had HSC marking experience to learn what examiners would be looking for in the final exam for the compulsory subject.

Topics covered novel, language and film study as well as a critical look at the way students performed in the recent trials.

In a separate activity, HSC

students from the Making a Difference program met for a day at the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club to prepare for the exams.

Together with students from Tuggerah Lakes, they were addressed by former principal of Kincumber High School, Mr Gus Plater, and by several university students who were able to share their HSC and university experiences.

E-mail, September 15
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Assisted with learning at St John's

St John the Baptist Catholic School has recently established a learning assistance program.

The student-centred program provided individual support for students with volunteers helping class teachers.

Nine volunteers from the school and parish community are taking part.

School publicity officer Ms Meredith Sproule said students were referred to the program by teachers.

Volunteers were each matched

with a student with whom they will spend an hour once a week.

Ms Sproule said parents gave their consent for their child to be involved and all activities were planned in consultation with the referring teacher and the coordinator of the program.

Ms Sproule said students had a variety of learning experiences depending on their individual needs and the program was suitable at all year levels.

Email, September 13
Meredith Sproule, St John the Baptist P&F Association

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Stall holders are invited to establish themselves during the day from 9am 'till 4pm on either or both days.

The festival will provide non-stop entertainment and a variety of activities all weekend.

Further details on the festival are available on **www.ccbdma.org**

Stalls required are any selling art, craft, clothing, musical instruments or any items appropriate for a folk festival.
Food or drink stalls are not required.

Stall holders will need to provide all of their own needs.

Stall space is \$25 per day which includes entry for one person to the festival. Stalls will also be accessible to non festival patrons.

if you would like to book a stall on the day, Please call 4325 7369 or fax 4325 7362 advising your fax number and a form will be sent to you

House prices continue to rise

Median house prices for Peninsula suburbs have risen between 18 and 23 per cent, according to a Central Coast finance company.

Mr Gareth Rouse from Erina Wizard Home Loans said that home prices on the Peninsula rose despite a slowing of the property market across Australia.

Mr Rouse said the last year had seen Woy Woy median house prices increase 18 per cent and apartments 22 per cent.

"The growth is consistent with neighbouring areas in Umina and Ettalong, with the median house prices there growing 23 per cent and units 19 per cent," he said.

Mr Rouse said that his company now had a dedicated Peninsula mobile lender to manage all clients and enquiries for the Peninsula area.

Press Release, September 13
 Wizards Home Loans Erina



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Woy Woy Wolves take premiership

Wolves are premiers of the Central Coast Winter Baseball League after narrowly defeating Dodgers 2-1 in game three of the grand final series.

Both teams used their strike pitchers for the entire match, which saw the Wolves' Paul Jones up against the Dodgers' Jason Davis.

The first run of the game came in the second innings when Dodgers' Russell Box bunted up the line to score off Geoff Brotherton.

The fifth innings saw Wolves lead off when batter Adam Blight hit to centre field with none out.

Infield hits to Jason Marks and Matt Buttsworth loaded up the bases.

Another infield hit from Craig MacDonald scored Wolves first run to tie the game at one-all and keep the bases loaded with none out.

Adam Smith then hit a sacrifice fly to centre field to score the Wolves' second run and put them

in the lead.

Davis then K2'd the next two batters to end the innings.

Good defence from both teams kept the remainder of the game scoreless with Wolves the eventual winners at 2-1.

Wolves' coach Matt Buttsworth said coming into the game the players knew they would have to play their best.

Winter baseball president Peter Clare congratulated the clubs involved and said it been the best and closest winter season in years.

Third grade also went to game three of the finals, which saw the Lions dominate the early innings.

The Wolves made a late charge in the final innings but it was not enough to keep the Lions from an 11-5 premiership win.

E-mail, September 9
Jeff Ashton, Central Coast Sport



Two losing local rugby league players were spotted riding the length of West St, Umina naked. They had lost their match the previous day. After spending the morning at Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, they rode up and down the street once, to the surprise of many onlookers, at noon on Monday, September 13.

Thirds in final

The Woy Woy Third Grade Rugby Union side has made the grand final against Ourimbah, played at the Central Coast Stadium in Gosford.

In the semi-final, the Thirds held off a fast-finishing Avoca to win 7-5 and to advance to the grand final.

The Second Grade team bowed out of their competition with a hard fought 22-20 loss to Gosford.

The side played solid football to put them back into the game, and a kick after full time sailed wide that would have forced the game into extra time.

The First Grade team lost its

minor semi 10-7 on the bell to Ourimbah.

The club will hold its annual meeting on October 24.

Coach Ross Hopkins said the club was looking for players in all grades for next season including a Colts side, for 19 and 20 year olds.

The club is also seeking employers who may be able to offer recruits some work early in the year.

For further information, call Ross Hopkins on 0417 828 346.

Email, September 13
Ross Hopkins, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club

Umina wins zone athletics

Umina Public School has won the zone athletics carnival for the first time in many years.

The school also had four of the six age champions and was runner-up in the percentage shield to Empire Bay Public School.

This year's champions include senior girls' champion Meg Whatnall, 11 years boys' champion Robert Cross, junior boys' champion Dylan Buhagiar and junior girls' champion Laura Rapley.

A further 13 students have been selected to compete at the regional carnival.

Newsletter, September 9
Umina Public School newsletter

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Gosford City Sub-Branch president of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Mr Pat Bright, inside the Nambus prior to the cheque presentation

Nambus will be air-conditioned

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews last week handed over a cheque for \$3850 to the Gosford Sub-Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association at the Ettalong War Memorial Club.

The cheque will be used to install air conditioning in the Nambus.

The Nambus project in 1993 with the aim of educating school students about Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

"I am pleased the Premier has agreed to provide a grant of \$3850 to the Vietnam Veterans Federation of Australia Gosford City Sub Branch as a NSW Government contribution to fund the air conditioning of the Nambus Mobile Museum," Ms Andrews said.

She said the new Nambus was donated to the sub branch by the NSW Government following her representations to the then Minister for Transport, Mr Carl Scully.

Press release, September 13
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

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Competing in Newcastle



Ettalong Primary School is among six Central Coast schools of a total of eight primary schools to compete in the Rock Eisteddfod at Newcastle Civic Centre on Tuesday, September 21.

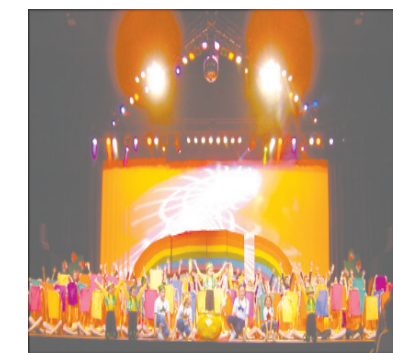
The school's item is entitled The Journey and has a cast and stage crew of 120 children from kindergarten to Year 6.

The Journey is a story of four children who set out on a journey through the four seasons to search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Principal Mr Bruce Donaldson said truly magnificent scenery along with tantalizing colours and spine-chilling energy would help to make the performance a truly memorable one for the whole school community.

This year's 25th annual Rock Eisteddfod Challenge has included Australian primary schools for the first time.

Rob Jimenez, September 17



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