

Business levy options presented

Three options for a Peninsula 15-year business levy have been presented to a public meeting held at Club Umina on November 17.

The options propose an average annual business levy ranging from \$895 in Umina for Option One to \$2084 in Ettalong for Option Three.

Option One provides for \$1.2 million "construction value", Option Two \$2.1 million and Option Three \$3.0 million.

All three options also include annual spending for street cleaning of \$286,000, a business development officer \$60,000 and advertising \$10,000.

Option One includes works on Brisbane Water Dr, Chambers Pl, Oval Ave, Brickwharf Rd and The Boulevarde in Woy Woy, on Memorial Ave in Ettalong and on West St between Trafalgar Ave and Norman St in Umina.

Option Two includes these works plus an extra \$300,000 to be spent

on each of The Boulevarde in Woy Woy, foreshore redevelopment in Ettalong and West St between Norman St and Richard St in Umina.

Option Three includes the Option Two works plus a further \$300,000 to be spent on each of Oval Ave at Woy Woy, foreshore redevelopment at Ettalong and on a Bullion St Town Square in Umina.

Gosford Council is expected to decide the levy at its meeting on December 7, with an assessment being sent to the Minister in February next year.

If approved, the rate would be levied from October next year, with work expected to be conducted between March 2006 and November 2007.

Details of the business levy proposal are available on Gosford Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

**Lyle Stone, November 26
Peninsula Business Special
Rates Presentation**

Doubt raised over surf carnival approval

Cr Trevor Drake has raised the prospect that Gosford Council might cancel its approval for the NSW Surf Life Saving Carnival, planned for Umina Beach in February next year.

At Council's meeting of November 23, Cr Drake asked the acting general manager Ms Louise Gee "when was the date where Council might have to consider cancelling approval for the carnival".

He also asked how the Umina Surf Life Saving Club application for the surf carnival was proceeding.

Ms Gee responded that the environmental planning department had received information recently, which was presently being assessed.

She said that a further meeting would be held with the council's recreation services department if further information was required.

Cr Drake's question follows concern expressed by dunecare volunteers and environmental groups about surf association plans to destroy foredunes and incipient dunes, to widen access tracks through the dunes and to trim and destroy dune vegetation for the carnival.

The groups have criticised the absence of environmental and risk management plans for the carnival, and have called for a substantial bond or insurance policy to cover the possibility of environmental damage.

Council agenda Q.126, November 23



A man walking his dog along Ocean Beach

Dog exercise areas to stay

On-leash dog exercise areas on Ettalong and Patonga beaches will remain after Gosford Council decided to make its current dog exercise policy permanent last week.

The decision came in the face of a staff review recommending the areas be removed.

The exercise area in Woy Woy on Brick Wharf Rd and North Burge Rd was also recommended for removal because it was a popular area for families and children.

The off-leash dog exercise area at south Umina Beach would have also been relocated.

The decision to keep the existing areas appeared to be based on the rejection of recommendations which would have removed dog exercise

areas from the vicinity of coastal lagoons, rather than concerns specific to the Peninsula.

Cr Craig Doyle cited cases where dog owners would have to drive their dogs by car from one area to another.

He gave examples of beaches that would no longer be available for dog exercise, meaning some dog owners who lived by the beach might have to drive several kilometres to a site which did allow dog exercise.

But Cr Terri Latella told Peninsula News after the meeting that the policy should have been deferred to allow further investigation of the more serious issues in the report, stating that some councillors had played to the audience in the

council gallery instead of focusing on the bigger picture.

"I think some of my fellow councillors decided to keep the draft policy due to the performance of the public gallery, and I don't feel that's good for council," Cr Latella said.

"There are many environmental and social concerns with this draft policy, and that's why there was an amended policy recommended," she said.

Cr Latella said that the existing dog exercise policy would cause damage to local ecosystems, especially local lagoons.

"These sensitive areas will be disturbed."

**Lyle Stone, Council agenda
CS.29, November 23**

Energy works to save \$10,000 a year

Gosford Council has decided to enter into an energy performance contract with Trane Australia.

It is estimated to save more than \$10,000 a year in energy costs in Council buildings on the Peninsula alone.

A "detailed facilities study" has identified works across the Gosford local government area to the value of \$1,357,687.

The council was told that, if fully implemented, it would reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions by 1433 tonnes per year, reduce water consumption by 14 megalitres per year, save \$215,509 a year in utility charges and provide an internal

rate of return of 15.6%.

Some of the savings guaranteed by Trane Australia after the first year include \$1643 for the Ettalong Senior Citizens building, \$798 for the Woy Woy Depot, \$1130 for the Woy Woy library, \$1511 for Woy Woy Major Sewer Pumping Station and \$5175 for Woy Woy Sewerage Treatment Plant.

The proposed works at the library include rainwater collection and photovoltaic electricity generation for on site usage.

Gosford council officers have proposed that the works be funded by a Water and Sewerage loan.

While the million dollars would have to be raised initially, the contract would cover the total

cost.

Once the loan had been repaid the ongoing savings would be permanent.

A representative for Trane Australia said they would continue to work in an open and consultative manner with Gosford Council not only to deliver significant financial returns and greenhouse gas reductions but also deliver education in renewable and energy and water efficiency projects to the local community.

Councillors have requested that they be kept informed of the progress of the implementation of the Energy Performance Contract.

Council agenda WS.14, November 23

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Kidzkorp Day Care Centre Director Corey Ashton with her son Kade

Converted to day care centre

The former "Kids Camelot" indoor play area in Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy, has been converted into a long day care centre.

Trading under the name "KidzKorp" the centre runs from 7.30am until 6pm and caters for working and non-working parents.

The centre is run by Corey Ashton and Michele Acreman.

Corey has a Diploma of Teaching, while Michelle has a Bachelor of Teaching, both specialising in early childhood development.

The centre commenced trading on November 23 and is capable of caring for a maximum of 59 children at any one time.

Much of the original play equipment remains and two new outdoors areas have been added.

It has been revamped with

new developmental equipment installed.

A larger number of small toilets and new preschool furniture have been added, and safety padded flooring has been laid.

The centre employs 16 staff, eight of whom are from the Peninsula.

Corey previously owned a centre in Tumbi Umbi for over seven years and brought four of her staff with her to this new location.

"We knew the area was in need of more baby care spaces and found the ideal location," Corey said.

"We provide meals, sheets, nappies and bottles.

"People are welcome to visit and inspect at any time.

"After only one week trading, we only have a few spaces left available."

Cec Bucello, November 25

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Damage attempt

Several youths were found attempting to cause damage to property at The Pavilion, in George St, Woy Woy, on Tuesday, November 16.

A passer by said one of the youths was believed to be carrying a knife.

Staff at the Priority One Fitness Centre phoned police but a report was not made.

Lyle Stone, November 22

Physie winner

Umina podiatrist Stephanie Vidler has won third place at the National BJP Physical Culture competition last week at Homebush State Sport Centre.

Stephanie is a member of The Entrance Physical Culture Club which holds classes at Umina and The Entrance.

Classes for next year will resume in February.

**Letter, November 22
Stephanie Vidler**

Show cancelled

The Burt Bacharach tribute show "What's It All About?" which was scheduled for Saturday, December 4, at Peninsula Theatre, has been cancelled.

**Email, November 25
Ross Cooper**

Track loss

Residents of Phegans Bay have raised concern in relation to property access and the gradual loss of the Phegans walking track on Monastir Rd in light of a proposed residence being built nearby.

However, members of Gosford Council's Heritage Committee said it had no objection to the development application.

**Council Agenda EH.051,
November 23**

Legal advice

The Women's Legal Resource Centre will be at Peninsula Women's Health Centre on December 9 offering free face-to-face legal advice to women.

The meetings will be by appointment only.

For more information or to make a booking, contact the centre on 4342 5905.

**Fax, November 24
Peninsula Women's Health
Centre**

Centre celebration

An invitation has been extended to women who would like to celebrate the Peninsula Women's Health Centre's achievements this year.

A celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 7, between 11am and 2pm.

Those attending are requested to bring a plate of food.

**Fax, November 24
Peninsula Women's Health
Centre**

Passes to festival

Peninsula News is giving away two double passes valued at \$48 each to the first Peat's Ridge Sustainable Arts and Music Festival from

December 10 to 12.

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Located in Glenworth Valley, the Peats Ridge Festival combines the festival genre with issues surrounding sustainability, to help to create an awareness of both international and Australian resource issues.

More than 60 bands and DJs will perform, encompassing a wide variety of musical genres including world music, blues, roots and dub, contemporary music and chilled beats.

All profits of the festival go towards funding education projects in sustainable food production for developing countries.

Entry to the Peninsula News competition closes on Tuesday, December 7, at 5pm.

Winners will be contacted by phone and announced in edition 107 of the Peninsula News.

**Email, November 18
Pauline Hessel**

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The Umina library which is planned for redevelopment

Library work delayed

Redevelopment of the Umina library has been delayed until the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy has been finalised, which is now expected to be early next year.

The strategy explores a number of land use and urban design issues on the Peninsula and includes strategies to revitalise the town centre, Gosford Council has been told.

The report stated that Umina library occupied a key site in Umina town centre and therefore any decision on the future of the library would need to be taken in

the context of the overall centre and the recommendations of the strategy.

It stated that the partial or total closure of Bullion St provided an opportunity to develop a pedestrian zone, town square or similar.

Stephenson and Turner International Architects advised the council that the condition and design of the current building meant it was more cost effective to demolish the existing building than extend it.

Council was told that the value of the site might be maximised in a large multi-storey building, with a library over the ground floor.

In these circumstances, a joint

development venture with a long lease might be financially attractive to council.

Enquiries of local real estate agents indicated a current and growing demand for small area commercial premises, according to the report.

Umina Beach Library is one of the major branches within council's library service.

Council officers have recommended a library in the range of 800 to 1000 square metres to support a population catchment identified at between 17,000 and 20,000 residents.

Council agenda CS.30, November 23

'No action' on Veron Rd land

Gosford Council decided last week to take no further action over the purchase of the Catholic Church owned land on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

The council was told that in a meeting with the Catholic church and the developers, lawyers for the diocese and the developers advised that the developers had a legal interest in the property and "for confidentiality reasons could not divulge any details".

The lawyer acting for the diocese advised that as a result of such contractual agreement with the developers, the diocese was precluded from entering into

negotiations with Council.

Council was told that discussion took place concerning previous Council resolutions on the matter, the fact that there was a development application with Council and about the value of the property.

"(Developer) Mr John Zavolokin responded by stating that the figures proposed were significantly lower than that what he believed the land to be worth.

"This was supported by Mr Ron Dobler of Kindred Holdings, a partner in the project."

Council agenda FS.139, November 23

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Strong case for preserving bushland

The assessment by Gosford Council of parkland in Dulkara St, Woy Woy, provides strong grounds for preserving the sensitive native bushland owned by the Catholic Church.

This land is located on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd in Woy Woy, and is currently the subject of development applications to build 44 villas.

The proposed development includes the destruction of native vegetation and of habitat for species threatened with extinction.

For instance, the remnant of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland on the site, an endangered ecological community, would be destroyed.

The three reasons given by Gosford Council's environmental planning director for retaining the Dulkara Rd site are 1000 times more applicable to the dense, diverse, pristine and sensitive vegetation on the Catholic land nearby.

The Catholic site's vegetation covers the whole site, and includes two endangered ecological

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communities.

It provides habitat for species threatened with extinction, such as the glossy black cockatoo, swift parrot and grey-headed flying fox.

It also has a population of bandicoots which will be destroyed by the proposed development.

Apart from the 30 mature trees, the Dulkara St site has been denuded of vegetation for many years.

There is no understorey there, no native shrubs, and minimal wildlife. It is an off-leash dog exercise area.

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland isn't just about the big trees it contains.

Although it has been defined by a combination of small and large plants, biodiversity considerations include the seedbanks in the soil, the organisms, as well as the insects and wildlife supported by the plants and soil.

Twice last week glossy black cockatoos were feeding on casuarina trees in the vicinity of this proposed development.

This species usually feed near their nest, and this family group includes a youngster, indicating they have had a nest nearby.

Instead of destroying the remaining casuarina trees and larger trees for nesting sites, we should be preserving them and growing more.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Business levy should not fund foreshore

I note two of the options to be presented to Council next Tuesday regarding the possible introduction of a business levy for Peninsula businesses include funding of between \$300,000 and \$600,000 for the Ettalong Foreshore Management Plan (EFMP).

It is necessary to ask why this plan, which is a community plan involving Crown Land for which Council has delegated

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responsibility, should be funded from business group monies.

Surely the appropriate funding should be Section 94 funds or the Council's capital works program.

The danger is that such funding will give rise to conflicts of interest.

We know the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce wishes to see the dunes and dune vegetation between Picnic Parade and Beach St decimated: yet such action is

not proposed in the EFMP which states "protection of the dunes and vegetation are the foremost concerns of the Department of Land and Water Conservation and Gosford City Council".

Before Council approves either of the two options involving funding for the EFMP, we have to understand if such will give the business community a greater say in how the plan is progressed because it involves the use of "their" monies.

Michael Gillian, Ettalong Beach

Stop sweeping fibro under the carpet

It is interesting to note James Hardie products were used extensively in the Gosford shire and especially on the Peninsula, in the construction of dwellings.

The materials used in these dwelling construction, has been documented and recorded on council's files, so councils and the planning department are or should be aware of the precise location of each and every one of these buildings.

Therefore, when demolition or renovation consent is sought for the improvement of these buildings, strict guidelines, in accordance with the requirements of handling hazardous products, should be implemented.

If the abhorrent legacy of James Hardie products is to be cleansed from our society, there should be in place stricter checks and controls for the management of common old "fibro".

For example, every fibro cottage

for sale should be in its warnings to the proposed purchaser, a clause stating known legal impediments eg flooding, subsidence, hazard waste control requirements etc.

What do we do about the tens of thousands of tons of asbestos waiting to be set free as air borne microscopic fibres within this shire?

What is the onus and responsibility under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to the innocent members of the general public, or the ratepayers of this council, if we do not put in place warnings?

If we do nothing, we may be culpable in the safe management of the problem along with James Hardie.

Simply put, get this product out of our tips and our environment for the sake of our children's children.

Let's stop sweeping these fibres and this product under the carpet.

Brian Smith, Umina

Levy support not overwhelming

The Peninsula Business Levy meeting and vote at the Umina Bowling Club was attended by 26 people.

Nine voted for a level three commitment and six for a level two commitment.

Seven, including myself, voted against the strategy.

Four people abstained.

Hardly overwhelming support.

Edward James, Umina

The pleasure remains

Robert Lambert (Forum, November 15) is absolutely correct in what he says about smoking and smokers.

But let's forget about the emptiness and banality of the present and look at the past.

People as disparate as the American Indian, the Mongolian herder and the Australian bushman enjoyed a pipe of tobacco for the feelings of peace, contentment, meditation and relaxation.

In a hard working life, the pipe was one of the few pleasures and recreations.

In today's shallow world, the cigarette is just another chemical hit.

Few would know the fragrance and aroma of a well-crafted cigarette made from the best Turkish or Virginia tobacco, a finally made cigar, generally the province of the wealthy or the Cubans.

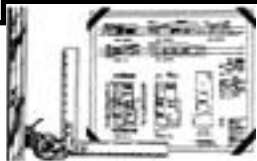
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ALC students win national award

Students from the Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre have been named Australian winners in the "community value" section of the Young Achievement Australia awards.

Under the guidance of teacher Mr Nic Urie, youth worker Stephanie Hammonds, clerical assistant Janet Booth, and community mentors Vicki Stickler, John Eden, Julie Parsons and Renae Jackson, the students established a company to design, manufacture and market possum boxes.

These boxes provide safe homes in the bush or trees for possums but are also useful in encouraging possums out of people's roofs and into the boxes.

With the need to include the letters YA in their name to acknowledge Young Achievers, the students named their company "It's For YA".

Students in the program were David Burgess, Jacqueline Richards, Sophie Wills, Sarah Patching, Ben Robin, Mitchell Hamstra, Mat Power, and Adrian Hawkins.

"From the beginning, the program was a huge success with students learning valuable basic skills as well as leadership, teamwork and responsibility," said Brisbane Water Secondary College principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"Their product also proved to be very marketable and sales were brisk.

"With this success behind



Award winners from the Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre

them the students entered into the awards section of the program and at the State awards were nominated as finalists in the categories of best product, best manufacturing process, environmental management, best regional and rural company, and special performance award.

"With the help of local businesses and organisations, students attended the State awards ceremony and were announced winners in the categories of best product and best manufacturing process."

Their story was picked up by ABC television's Stateline program which featured a substantial segment on the students and their company.

Following their success at State level, the students were then nominated for awards at the national level.

Last week they again dressed in formal attire provided by Bridal Collections and attended a glittering function at the Grand Ballroom in the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney.

Nominated in the categories of Environmental Management Award

and Community Value Award, the students and their mentors were delighted when "It's For YA" was declared Australian winner in the Community Value category.

Mr Lewis said this was an enormous success for this group of local students and has brought with it some unique experiences and memories which will be remembered for a long time.

He added that students had learned and demonstrated many skills and developed great confidence in themselves along the way and to be extremely proud of themselves.

The students have thanked their mentors and sponsors.

Press release, November 25
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Boat ramp question

Cr Jim Macfadyen has asked council officers whether they were aware of design problems with the Pretty Beach boat ramp.

Cr Macfadyen also requested that an investigation be carried out by council's civil engineers into the design before tenders were called to carry out the work.

He also requested that a community consultation meeting be convened to give an update when tenders were called.

Director of community services Mr Phil Rowland responded that he was not aware that there were any design issues but added that he would provide a written response on the design to councillors.

Council agenda Q.123, November 23

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Congratulations from Minister

Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca, has congratulated students from the Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre and Umina Police Citizens Youth Club, who have won a major honour at the Young Achievement Australia Awards.

The group took the Amcor Australasia National Community Value Award at a black tie ceremony at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney recently.

"The eight students from the

Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre were one of the youngest groups in the program," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The Central Coast group formed their company 'It's 4 Ya' in May and produced environmentally friendly possum homes as part of the six month Young Achievers Australia competition.

"The Community Value Award is given to a business in the program that has a significant or lasting impact on the community, contributes to the environment and improves the way of life for community members

"It's a great effort to not only win the NSW Award for Best Product and Best Manufacturing, but to win a national award recognising their contribution to their community," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The group enlisted mentors from their community in the development and operation of the business, sought sponsorship support from local industry and even managed

to secure the free hire of outfits from Bridal Collections so students could attend the awards night in style.

"While the students have done well, I also thank the local community for backing them."

Among those to assist were the Peninsula Project manager Ms Julie Parsons, from the NSW Premiers Department, and Peninsula Alternative Learning Centre coordinator Mr Nic Urie.

Mr Urie said he was overwhelmed by the community support and ecstatic about the students' achievements.

"These young people have had mixed results in school, but have worked together as a team and have won two state and one national award in a business program," Mr Urie said

"Every one of them has done a remarkable job and has come such a long way."

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John Della Bosca, Minister for the
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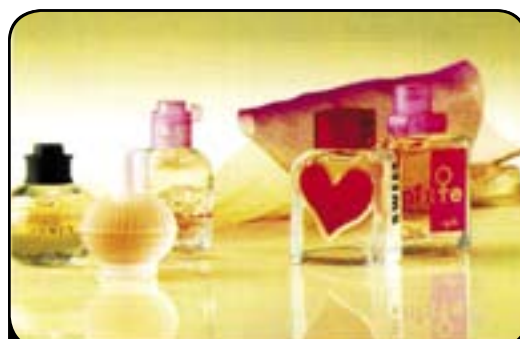
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The Web to get van

The Web youth service at the Peninsula Community Centre has received contributions valued at more than \$45,000 for a van for the service.

Contributions of \$25,000 came from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and \$20,000 from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing.

The money will be used to lease an eight-seated Kia Pregio for the next three years.

The Brian Hilton Motor group has undertaken to service and maintain the van for the three years.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd supported the application for funding from the Department of Health and Ageing.

The Web coordinator Mr Dion Richardson said: "The van will allow us to provide better quality services.

"We will now be able to run our young men and women's groups without the hassle of trying to borrow a vehicle.

"The van will also be used for the drug and alcohol project to transport young people from the school and back," he said.

Email, November 19

Dion Richardson, The Web Youth Service

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Council decides against purchase

Gosford Council will not buy a 1.2 hectare property in Woy Woy Rd at the bottom of Bull's Hill as a nature reserve, following a report to council last week.

Council staff did not support acquisition of the property because subdivision to help finance the purchase was "unlikely", the asking price was higher than a valuation of the property and because of "ongoing maintenance issues".

Council was told that over half of the land appeared to have been degraded by clearing and to have stockpiles of materials over parts of the site.

"On the parts of the land that support relatively intact native vegetation, weed invasion has occurred.

"Bush regeneration works would be required to restore the native vegetation on the land.

"Failure to undertake bush regeneration works on the land is likely to result in weed invasion in the areas that have been cleared or partially cleared.

"In the areas where the native vegetation has not been cleared, the current level of weed invasion would be expected to increase.

"Weed invasion may however be relatively low in parts of the land, which are subject to inundation by brackish or salt water."

Council was told that it was estimated that rehabilitation works for the "estuarine mangrove scrub" would cost about \$30,000 per year for a minimum of five years.

Such work was normally undertaken voluntarily by community groups.

"The two Bushcare groups closest to the site work at the Hillview St Reserve at Woy Woy and the bushland reserve at Phegans Bay Rd at Phegans Bay.

"It is uncertain whether either of these groups would be interested in undertaking bush regeneration works outside the reserves where they currently work," the council was told.

The current Bushcare program was not able to support new Bushcare groups.

The report stated that management issues for the property included weed control, tree management, and bushfire hazard reduction works.

How these were addressed was important "in maximising the role that the land plays in the ecological functioning of Correa Bay".

"It is recommended that if acquisition of this property is made by Council that an additional budget be provided to ensure that the land is appropriately managed and rehabilitated in order for it to be valued as a natural area's asset," the report stated.

Council agenda FS.132, November 23

Clinic plan deferred again

Plans to build a medical centre in the heart of Umina have once again been deferred, this time to allow the applicant to address water and sewerage issues.

Council staff have recommended the plans for approval, and council was set to permit the development at its meeting of November 23, after having deferred the decision for a councillor inspection.

But at the last minute the plans were again deferred.

The designs for the medical centre show a two-storey building on Alfred St.

The proposed building will include a medical centre on the ground floor and commercial floor space on the first floor.

The existing West St frontage of the building will continue to be used as a pharmacy.

Council agenda DH.108, November 2



Members of Red Cross and The Rotary Club of Umina Beach with the "Vampires Cup"

Red Cross rep introduced

Mr Bob Russell from the Red Cross Blood Service has introduced its new Central Coast and Hunter marketing representative, Kristen Schiemer, to the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

To celebrate the "Vampire Cup" promotion, designed to seek blood donors from the local community, a special visit by James Harrison was welcomed.

James has made a total of 845 donations of plasma and whole blood, and for this received the Order

of Australia as well as making the Guinness Book of Records.

Rotary member Geoff Melville said this was a truly a remarkable record considering that for many decades only three per cent of the population of Australia regularly donated blood.

He added that it was more remarkable because during their lifetime some 80 per cent of Australians will need blood.

Email, November 19

Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina

Certificates presented

Year five students at Empire Bay Primary who attended a Courage to Care Display at the East Gosford Art Gallery earlier in the year have been presented with certificates.

Several students wrote poems and stories and drew pictures after the visit, which were then sent to the organisers of the display.

Year 5 student's to receive awards included Alex Aubrey, Chris Brennan, Ryan Brigden, Shamus Down, Paige Egan, Jack Egan, Georgie Everson, Joel Fitzgerald, Ellie Fowler, Sarah Gorge, Madeleine Hartley-Davis, Tegan Hooker, Jade King, Nichole Lawther, Kyle Moulds, Alex Osborne, Karl Keeves, Eric Reiquelme, Tiana Richardson, Matheson Shanahan, Mitchell Simpson, Maani Truu,

Rachel Warren and Jake Williams.

The Courage to Care exhibition has been touring NSW for the past five years and has been presented in 13 sites and visited by over 150,000 people.

Courage to Care was organised by a Jewish organisation dedicated to education, tolerance and living in harmony.

**Newsletter, November 22
Empire Bay Public School**

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PENINSULA MUSIC

Frank and Marilyn Russell have been trading in their Woy Woy music store for just over 12 months.

Peninsula Music will celebrate its first birthday with a party on Saturday, December 4, from noon and everyone's invited.

There will be a free sausage sizzle, free birthday cake, some lucky shopper birthday presents and some free entertainment, all in their large rear carpark in George St, Woy Woy.

"When we first opened our doors, many people said that we needed a music store on the Peninsula, but I hope you get enough business to stay open," Marilyn said.

"Well one year later, we're still here and getting stronger every day.

"That's not to say that it hasn't been tough as there were some

days when we didn't see a customer.

"The margins on music products are not very high so we need volume sales," she said.

Husband Frank said: "We had to diversify and get involved with as many different areas as we could to make ends meet.

"We not only sell products but we hire them as well.

"We teach music, we run workshops, we sell on eBay, we sell at music festivals and we get involved with many community events," he said.

Frank is the president of the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association and Marilyn is the treasurer.

The couple, with the help of Marilyn's mother Margaret and her aunt Freda, are the main driving force behind the monthly Troubadour Folk Club.

They are also involved, with the help of many other people, in organising the annual Umina Beach Folk Festival.

"All this takes up a great deal of time, in fact much more than I can spare, but I enjoy it," Marilyn said.

The couple also performs regularly as two of the three



Proprietor Frank Russell with one of his students, Jenna

members of local band The Usual Suspects.

Marilyn said: "Peninsula Music was started to provide the community on the Peninsula with access to musical instruments, accessories and music tuition.

"Whilst we cater mainly for the beginner and intermediate musician, we also provide a service for the professional musician giving access to high quality musical products not previously available

on the Peninsula.

"Our aim is to promote music within the community at an affordable price.

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"It's not just about the sale but about servicing the needs of the community and helping them choose the best instrument available within their budget.

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In their first year of trading, Peninsula Music was nominated as a finalist in three categories of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

The categories were the new business encouragement award; best contribution to the community, and for the best business with one to three employees.

They won the best small business with one to three employees award.

"We were very surprised to be selected as a finalist in one category

let alone three, particularly as we are still a new struggling business," they said.

"To win the best small business award for businesses with less than three people in our first year was absolutely amazing," Marilyn said.

The business has provided much sponsorship throughout the year, even though it has been a difficult thing to do financially.

They have sponsored homework books at Umina Public School, coasters at Club Umina, a charity day at Woy Woy Bowling Club, a crime prevention review, the Umina Beach Folk Festival and the Troubadour Folk Club, performances at Peninsula Theatre and they have promoted local musical performers and performances

Cec Bucello, November 26



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Little Theatre program released

Woy Woy Little Theatre has released details for next year's program at Peninsula Theatre.

Running from February 25 until March 13 will be the play "Funny Money" by Ray Cooney, directed by Fran Kendall.

The play is about mild mannered, hapless Henry's life which takes a sudden turn when he accidentally picks up a briefcase stuffed with money.

To make matters more complicated, he's late for his own birthday party, and wife Jean and friends Betty and Vic are not pleased.

The play "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, directed by Margaret McGowan, will then run from July 1 to July 17.

This is an all-female cast comedy drama set in a Louisiana beauty parlour where four scenes spanning three years tell of the lives, loves and small-town gossip of the staff and their customers.

Running from October 21 until November 6 is "The Unexpected Guest" by Agatha Christie, directed by John Hickey.

This is the twisting tale of a sadistic, wheelchair-bound husband whose wife is found holding a gun over his dead body.

The murder victim is based on Agatha Christie's own brother.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact 4341 2931.

**Press release, November 22
Brenda Logan, Peninsula Theatre**



Woy Woy's Peninsula Theatre

New theatre committee structure

Gosford Council has endorsed a proposed membership structure for the Laycock St and Peninsula Theatre advisory committee.

The committee proposed a structure which includes a councillor as chairperson, and representatives from Gosford Musical Society, the Woy Woy Little Theatre company, the regional art gallery, theatre volunteers, members of the Darkinjung community, as well as two young people, seven community members and the manager of arts and culture

The proposal retained representation by the previous groups but adds representation from the local indigenous community

and a specific representative of young people.

The community representatives are anticipated to include the individuals who have been involved to date and who are interested in continuing their involvement.

These individuals represent a broad range of groups that use the theatres.

The new arrangements are proposed to take effect from the first meeting next year.

The committee's role will include assisting the management to secure sponsorship, grants and donations to support the program at the Peninsula Theatre.

It will also include supporting the ongoing development of the theatre, the implementation of special arrangements with the

Gosford Musical Society and Woy Woy Little Theatre.

It will provide a forum for discussion of policy and programming issues for the two theatres.

Council agenda CS.32, November 23

Christmas choir program

The Peninsula Choir, directed by Ivan Kinny, is presenting its annual Christmas program in various venues.

The choir will sing carols in the Brisbane Water Private Hospital and at local retirement villages.

It will also give public performances in St Andrews Anglican Church, Umina, on Sunday, December 12, and at the Umina Uniting Church on Sunday, December 19.

Both churches are in Ocean Beach Rd, and both performances are at 5pm.

The choir will be accompanied

by pianist Joan Edwards.

This year's event is entitled "The Aura of Christmas".

The concert will include carols old and new, with opportunities for community singing, as well as reading form literature on the subject of Christmas.

Music will include that of Bach and Monteverdi, as well as some less known and traditional songs.

A special item will be Peter Warlock's modern carol "Bethlehem Down".

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**Press release, November 24
Pat Pope, Peninsula Choir**

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Church fete

Ettalong Uniting Church on Memorial Ave will be holding a fete at 8am on December 4.

Some of the items that will be on sale include plants, books and household items.

A sausage sizzle and morning tea will also be on offer.

The fete is being conducted by the Mission Support Group of the Uniting Church at Umina and Ettalong, whose aim is to support mission work in Australia and overseas.

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Education



Brisbane Water Secondary College students line up at the Canteen

Work experience in school canteen

Brisbane Water Secondary College has begun a work experience program for its students in its own school canteen.

The Canteen Work Experience Program is open to all students, not just those who are interested in a future career in the hospitality and retail industries.

The program, which has been running successfully for 20 years at Leumeah High, enables students to work in the school canteen.

Students are trained in all aspects of canteen work including customer service, food preparation

and electronic cash register operations.

During the eight week program, students are assessed on their interest, attendance, dress, communication with others, ability to work unsupervised, persistence at tasks given, response to the direction from the supervisor or mentors, overall fitting in to the work environment during the session as well as speech and manner.

Students who participate in the program receive a Work Experience Certificate and reference outlining the competencies in which they have achieved.

Teacher Mr Phil Williamson said

that students gained a greater appreciation of a work ethic and practice, the running of a small business as well as having the satisfaction of knowing that they had helped the school community.

Canteen volunteers trained the students, imparting their knowledge and experience in a professional and constructive manner.

The school is looking to expand the program next year.

Anyone interested in volunteering to work in the canteen should contact 4341 4672.

Newsletter, November 19
Phil Williamson, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Book store opens

A second-hand bookshop has been started in Umina.

Operating under the name of Booklovers of Umina, the business opened its doors on October 25.

The store carries a wide range of books with as many as 15,000 titles in stock, according to proprietor Steve Etccl.

Mr Etccl previously owned the Gateway Book Exchange for over eight years and selected Umina for his business because it did not have a second-hand bookshop.

Steve has lived on the Coast for over 28 years and currently lives at Avoca.

Cec Bucello, November 25

Sister club proposal for Rotary

Malcolm Christie, father of South African exchange student Candice Christie, said he hoped to make the Rotary Club of Port Alfred in South Africa and the Rotary Club of Umina Beach sister clubs.

He said the reason behind making them twin clubs was to share projects, ideas and information to further advance international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Candice Christie was a youth

exchange student from South Africa hosted by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach in 1990.

Candice and her mother and father, Carole and Malcolm Christie, are visiting Australia for the wedding of friend Stephanie East in the Hunter Valley on Saturday.

Candice is a lecturer in Human Kinetics and Ergonomics at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, and is now a Rotarian.

Email, November 19
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina

Damage to resort

A security firm has caught a group of children causing damage to the new Outrigger Resort at Ettalong.

The damage was originally reported to be around \$10,000 but has been confirmed to be much less.

BRN Security, which looks after the development site, said that police were called.

A club official said the damage was only minor and the children were given a warning by the police.

Lyle Stone, November 25

New format for reports

Woy Woy Public School will present student reports in a new format in the near future.

School staff and community members have spent considerable time designing and consulting to create the new report, according to principal Mr Warrick Hannon.

Mr Hannon said he hoped parents would find the new format sufficiently detailed and comprehensive.

Copies of the format are available at the school office for perusal.

Newsletter, November 22
Woy Woy Public School

Funds for nativity scene

Year six students at St John the Baptist at Woy Woy have raised funds for a nativity scene for the school.

The Year 6 children at St John the Baptist at Woy Woy have a tradition of raising money to provide the school with a memento of their leaving the school.

The current Year 6 held a shoe shine day for staff and teachers, a face painting day and a talent quest.

Year 6 in the past have left such gifts as a painted mural wall on the oval and a DVD for school use.

Email, November 23
St John the Baptist

Visit from Windale



Children from St Pius 10th Catholic Primary School at Windale, near Newcastle, came to visit St John the Baptist Primary School, Woy Woy, for the day on Tuesday, November 9.

St Puis 10th has a school population of about 60 children and this visit gave the children the experience of being in a school with a population of 367.

Fr Kevin Bates celebrated mass in the school library which was followed by a sausage sizzle for all the staff and children even with the prevailing rainy weather.

Fr Kevin has been nurturing pastoral care within both the schools by facilitating retreats and developing school songs and generally supporting teachers, students and parents.

Email, November 23
St John the Baptist

Rotary raises \$6000 for religious education

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach raised more than \$6000 at a Trivial Pursuit night held recently at Everglades Country Club.

This was a record for this event which has been held for the last eight years.

The evening was compared by child psychologist, Dr John Irvine of the Read Clinic, in Gosford.

Funds raised will be given to

the Religious Education Ministries which pays the salaries of scripture teachers at Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

Rotary member Geoff Melville said the ongoing benefits of the program were becoming more apparent each year.

Press release, November 26
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



Education

School band to be formed

A school band is to be formed at the Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The band will be tutored by Gary Lawler.

Participants have a choice of flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone, trombone and perhaps other instruments by negotiation.

Instruments can be hired at a

cost of between \$10 to \$50 per week if students don't have their own and tuition and practice fees are \$110 per term.

Participants would need to be committed and turn up to practice, but do not need to be experienced.

**Newsletter, November 22
B Giles, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Marine science elective

Brisbane Water Secondary College is planning to run a Marine and Aquatic Studies science elective for the first time next year.

The elective has already been picked up by four classes for next year and is to be completed in Year 10 at Woy Woy.

Teachers that have been assigned to teach the unit are Ms Yvette Beemster and Mrs Katherine Hazell along with Ms Denise De

Paoli.

Ms DePaoli is looking forward to attending Ballina High School, which plays a key role in the Marine Studies Association for secondary students in New South Wales.

She will spend at least two days with other science colleagues in the north of the state later this month.

**Newsletter, November 22
Brett Giles, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



Teachers experience wireless technology

Teachers learn new technology

Forty Central Coast teachers became students for the day recently when Brisbane Water Secondary College's Technology Futures centre held a technology expo.

Six companies set up interactive workshops at the centre featuring the latest technology and teachers circulated through these during the day.

In one room of the centre, Optima Technology Solutions provided hands on experience in setting up and using wireless networks while in another, Electroboard instructed the "students" on how to use an interactive whiteboard powered by Smart Technology which could be manipulated by the touch of a finger.

Principal Mr Pat Lewis said the software also contained hundreds of lesson plans and thousands of colourful images sure to keep any student in the classroom engaged.

Mr Lewis said that Webster's on line encyclopaedia was a huge hit, with its e-learning capacity and the option of families being able to access the contents through the school licence.

An on line course creator and lesson planner were also on show from XS IQ and teachers agreed that this had great application across all teaching grades.

Two of the centre's major sponsors, D-Link and Krone, provided vital experience and information for school technology coordinators in managing switches

and routers in a network and the application of networking and laser broadband.

Mr Lewis said that from the point of view of both the teachers present and the centre it was an outstanding day's activity.

Teachers learned a great deal about new and emerging technology and the centre was a hive of learning activity.

Another day is being planned for next year featuring different technologies.

People wishing further information about these technologies can contact the centre on 4341 5846.

**Press release, November 25
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Two teachers leave college

Two teachers are leaving Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Mr Bob Katen who is leaving the school next year for Kincumber High School.

Head science teacher Mr Brett Giles said he had been a great asset to the school and will be missed by the science staff.

Another teacher, Ms Megan Clement is departing Australia for two years to teach science in London, England.

Mr Giles said that Ms Clement was also a great asset from whom its students had been able to experience and learn a great deal.

**Newsletter, November 22
B Giles, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

First book published

Umina resident Jeff Pages has released his first book entitled "Barefoot Times".

It is a science fiction adventure that carries a strong Australian motif and highlights the importance of family and friends.

The book centres around an Aboriginal family from Narrabri in New South Wales.

This story covers six generations of two Australian barefoot families as they grow up together bringing together messages related to global warming, the stolen generation and the freedom of going barefoot.

Barefoot Times is published by Zeus Publications.

**Press release, November 16
Zeus Publications**

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The club next meets on **December 10** at the CWA Hall, opposite Fishermans Wharf
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Ecotour company closes its doors

Koolewong ecotourism company Coastal EcoTours has closed its outdoor adventure services due to a decline in local tourism numbers.

Company director Mr Wayne Peters said that a number of factors were causing many of the State's ecotourism businesses to fold.

The factors included: "ridiculous hikes" in public liability Insurance cover, the inability of the National Parks and Wildlife Service to cooperatively form valuable partnerships with private enterprise and dramatic downswings in international visitor numbers to Australia.

"Our ecotourism services and positive local indigenous education activities have been recognised both locally and by overseas authorities, but none of this helps in a region being considered a property developers cash-crop," said Mr Peters.

Described by Central Coast Tourism as being too visionary in 1999, Coastal EcoTours was instead invited onto two adjoining Regional Tourism boards to drive their respective ecotourism market plans.

Mr Peters said it was regrettable after many of the Coast's nature and outdoor tourism operators had been forced to shut down operations over the past five years because of an ever diminishing tourism trade.

October reports indicate international tourism is down 15% on the same time last year and this has been combined with a low spend increase in domestic tourism.

Mr Peters said his company had always promoted sustainability of the Coast's natural resources and provided quality, outdoor, education respectful of the true, traditional owners of the Central Coast, the Guringai Aboriginal clans.

Mr Peters said the companies indigenous educational services had been ratified and approved of by the Guringai Tribal Link ALC and Guringai legend Bungaree's direct ancestor, Mr Warren Whitfield.

Mr Peters said he would now focus on the promotion of his new children's illustrated story book series, which highlights many of the unique Australian native animals living on the Central Coast.

The books attempt to entertain and educate children with insights into the lifestyles of Australia's native animals and cheeky, furry or feathered friends.

"The first two children's books were released overseas earlier this month by Trafford Publishing and are based on actual native animals visiting my back yard at Koolewong," said Mr Peters, who is also the illustrator for the new books.

Mr Peters said that by February next year, all his books will feature on the American book website, Amazon.com and its European equivalent.

Ten books are planned for the animal series and can be ordered directly from the author.

Press release, November 22
Wayne Peters

How much was wasted?

While I was enjoying a good read of your paper dated November 1, I was a tad disappointed but compelled to reply to a forum article headed "Cardboard for the homeless" by Bev Thompson of Woy Woy.

Her general statement that "Enormous money was wasted by the Liberal Party in advertising in the last election" begs to be challenged.

How much money was wasted, to be classified as "enormous", compared to the allotted dollars nationally?

What other party's expenditure was this figure gauged against?

Larger quantity of printed material is often cheaper leaving a 10 per cent to 20 per cent surplus, therefore saving money.

Obviously the author is not a Liberal supporter as she then attacks the GST, John Howard, Liberal non-compassion and claims an increase of homeless persons.

The last paragraph is a doosie and deserves reprinting. "Perhaps people, who do not get a fair share of our nations wealth, could make good use of the surplus cardboard."

How does she know what happened to the supposed surplus, maybe it was recycled?

What happened to any other parties' supposed surplus? What would the homeless do with cardboard posters?

If Labor had won, we would be reading a letter from a disgruntled Liberal supporter.

Therefore my advice for what it's worth is that life is too short: Make the most of the existing situation, spread happiness and positive feedback and life will go on easier.

Marcel Bucello, Wyoming

College presents sporting awards

Brisbane Water Secondary College recently celebrated a year of sporting achievement with a presentation evening at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

In front of a gathering of over 200 people, the achievements of students as members of successful teams, and as individuals, were celebrated.

First awards for the night were for students who had represented the college in a wide range of sports, from three different teams to 13 different teams, indicating the enthusiasm for sport among many of the college's students.

Twenty students were presented with sporting awards for representing Sydney North at State Championships.

Of these students, Vicki Brown and Cal Puntingham were State medallists in trampolining, and Paul Steel, Scott Cole, Cassie

Deege and Kevin Moore were State medallists in athletics.

College carnivals champions were Booker in swimming and cross country and Davis in athletics, making Booker the champion House for the year.

The title of Team of the Year was contested with finalists being open rugby league, 17 years boys relay, open boys softball, open girls soccer, open lawn bowls, under 15 futsal, and Year 7 rugby league.

For their achievement of eighth place in the state, the title went to the Open Boys Softball.

For their contribution to sport throughout the year, juniors Renee Mainwaring and David Mainwaring, and seniors Holly Johnson and Chris Hyde, were presented with awards.

The Rodney Fowler Sporting Award was won by Ryan Varley for his achievements in rugby league.

Throughout the evening, seven

students were nominated and interviewed for the award of Sportsperson of the Year.

These were Chris Hyde for rugby league, Cal Puntingham for trampolining, Cassie Deege for athletics and cross country, Mariel Fietz for swimming, Joel Weeks for touch football, softball, and cross country, Holly Johnstone for soccer and touch football, and Aku Ate for rugby league and athletics.

In a difficult decision, awards went to Mariel Fietz and Aku Ate.

Mariel was also awarded the prestigious Pierre du Coubertin Award for her dedication to sporting excellence.

Junior Sportspersons of the Year were Vicki Brown and Paul Steel who were both gold medallists at State level.

Press release, November 25
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Children from Empire Bay Public School, St Johns Primary School and Woy Woy Public School participate in AFL gala day

AFL carnival for local schools

An AFL Auskick Carnival was conducted by the NSW Australian Football League development team on November 25.

Several local schools in the program included Empire Bay Public School, St Johns Primary School and Woy Woy Public School.

During the carnival, children participated in both skill development sessions and played

games of modified AFL football.

It allowed the children to experience AFL while also developing their movement skills.

The skill development sessions, conducted by accredited AFL coaches, focused on developing the skills of kicking, handpassing, catching and general ball handling skills.

There was no cost to the schools involved in the program.

Newsletter, November 25
AFL Auskick

Plan for extravaganza

Teachers from local primary schools and Brisbane Water Secondary College plan to meet in the near future to discuss the idea of a performing arts extravaganza.

The extravaganza would be held to show off the dancing, singing and musical talents of students from kinder to year 12, to the local community.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy principal Mr David Beattie said this would be a positive move to build on the expertise in the local area, and could lead to recognition of schools on the Peninsula as a place of excellence in the performing arts.

Mr Beattie said that when the school gets its performance space next year, it would mean increased opportunities for everyone.

Newsletter, November 22
Brisbane Water Secondary College

Woy Woy fields Colts rugby side

First grade rugby union coach Mr Ross Hopkins has announced that Woy Woy will field a Colts side in next year's competition.

The side will be coached by experienced first grade player Benny Bula.

"It is an exciting time to be a part of Woy Woy Rugby Club," according to Mr Hopkins.

"We had a great 2004 season and now with Benny coming on board as the Colts' coach, we hope to attract new players to the club," Mr Hopkins said.

The club will compete in the annual Northern Territory 7's tournament in January as a lead up to the winter season.

"Playing and training in the

tropics in January is hard work for the six days we are there but certainly a great experience and a great lead into the domestic season," he said.

Woy Woy Rugby Union has started its 2005 campaign with preseason training underway.

The club plans to train until Christmas at Ettalong Gym and the PCYC at Umina on alternate Tuesdays.

Anyone interested in playing senior or junior rugby for Woy Woy or going to its pre-season trip to Darwin should telephone 0417 828 346 for more details.

Email, November 19
Ross Hopkins, Woy Woy Rugby Union

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Two wins from four games

Woy Woy won two out of four water polo games played against The Entrance at Wyong pool on November 17.

In the juniors, The Entrance beat Woy Woy 5-1, with the best players for Woy Woy being Wade Eames and Tracey Elliott.

In Second Grade Men's, Woy Woy defeated The Entrance 6-3,

with the best player Syd Syddall.

In the First Grade Men's, Woy Woy again defeated The Entrance 11-4, with the best player being Jim Moreland.

In the women's game, The Entrance defeated Woy Woy in a close game, 5-4, with the best player being Vanessa Henderson.

Email, November 18
Nicole Donohue

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Sleigh run is planned



Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club and Woy Woy Peninsula Lioness Club members are again hitting the Peninsula streets this year with their Santa Sleigh.

The sleigh will commence its run on Monday, November 29, at Woy Woy and continue through until Friday, December 17, starting at 6pm and finishing around 8:30pm.

The Lions Club hopes to visit as many streets on the Woy Woy Peninsula area as possible, avoiding main thoroughfares.

The object was to entertain children with a visit from Santa and to sell Lions

Christmas cakes, which cost \$8.20 for a small cake and \$11 for a large one.

There will also be Lions Christmas Puddings for sale this year at \$15 each.

Members from the Lions Club said it would gratefully accept any donations, which would go to Pearl Beach Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade whose volunteers would tow the sleigh.

People who would like Santa to visit their street should contact 4341 7177.

Any businesses that would like a carton of cakes for Christmas should contact 4341 1345.

Letter, November 21



Students perform Grease

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College's Performing Arts Academy presented a series of performances of the popular musical "Grease" at the Ettalong Memorial Club recently.

Full of colour, light, music and fun, the performances showed the array of talent among students of the local college and the skills of director and teacher Roger Macey in bringing these talents to the fore, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Playing in the lead roles of Sandy and Rizzo, Megan Purcell and Tessa Nuku displayed acting and singing talents which Mr Lewis said was sure to take them far in the entertainment field.

Max Harwood performed strongly in the role of Danny as did this year's

newcomer Michael Mohrenberger as Kenikie.

Mr Lewis said Megan, Tessa, Max and Michael were well supported by a wonderful cast of "Pink Ladies" Sam Sultana, Amanda Lilleyman, Sarah Harvey and Maddison Baharoglu, and "T-Birds" Chris Blair, Jake McLaws, Owen Sillars and Andrew Hurl.

Mr Lewis said that other students to perform outstandingly in major roles were Stacey Court, Ashleigh Steward, Nathan Bruce, Hayley Collison, Ashley White, Alex Beaton, and Daniel Stone.

All were backed up by an enthusiastic dance and chorus troupe of 40 other students and the same number of staff and students in front of house and backstage.

Mr Lewis said a pleasing aspect of

the production was the number of ex-students who had performed in past productions who assisted with this performance.

Jasmine Baker, Shannon Marsh, Lee Harnetty and Kristy Smee all gave great support to the cast, he said.

Amanda Morrell assisted with sets and back stage, while Alex Bennison and Tim John performed wonderfully in the band.

Mr Lewis said the combined effort produced an outstanding spectacle which again underlined the great talent which Peninsula young people possess and which was being developed in the college.

Press release, November 25
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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