

Board plans to use Woy Woy groundwater

The Central Coast's regional water board has approved "planning and pre-construction activities" for the use of groundwater at Woy Woy.

Gosford Council has been told that the Woy Woy project would proceed after five other schemes across the region.

The board has approved an expenditure of \$5.8 million out of a total cost of \$17 million.

A report to the last meeting of Gosford Council stated that the use of groundwater was not only possible for watering ovals, but that "the use of groundwater for drinking is viable as a contingency measure".

It stated the groundwater project could provide drinking water at a reasonable cost in timely manner

to supplement the Central Coast's declining surface water storages.

Gosford Council resolved to class the works as emergency to enable them to be "fast tracked".

The council was told that projects costing more than \$100,000 required tenders to be called, unless they were deemed to be emergency works.

Calling tenders would slow down the works, according to the report.

The current project team had built up knowledge on the projects and the project would be delayed significantly if the same individuals did not continue with the project.

Council has allocated \$2.9 million from the water fund for the Groundwater Drought Contingency Plan.

Council agenda WS.15,
December 14



Most of the Peninsula's residents live less than 10 metres above sea level

A tsunami on the Peninsula?

What would happen if a tsunami hit the Peninsula?

The Peninsula has an estimated 30,000 people living on the sandplain which is less than 10 metres above sea level.

The Asian tsunami waves were reported to have exceeded 12 metres in height.

However, it seems no precautionary measures exist for such an event happening here.

Geoscience Australia, the agency which monitors earthquakes, has stated that the likelihood of a catastrophic tsunami happening on the east coast of Australia is "extremely low".

Gosford Council spokesperson Ms Carole David said that council

had an emergency plan in place which was organised by its risk management department.

Each council building and car contained detailed manuals of what would happen in the case of a natural disaster.

According to Geoscience Australia, smaller tsunamis of much less than one metre are recorded on Australia's coastline about once every two years. Most are classified low risk.

The closest recent earthquake to Australia's east coast, which caused a tsunami, occurred in August 2003 off the south-west coast of New Zealand, 2500 kilometres away.

It caused a small local tsunami, less than a metre high in New

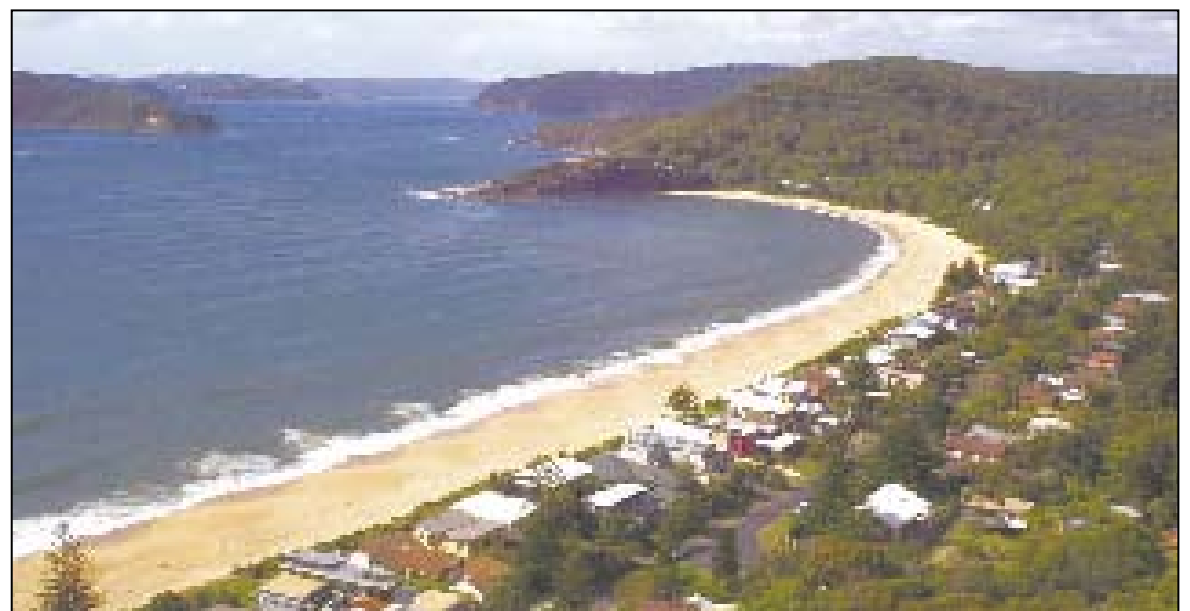
Zealand.

Australia's north west coast is the only area classified moderate risk, due to its proximity to Indonesia and other countries where large earthquakes and volcanic eruptions can occur.

Australia's earthquake monitors are used to detect events that might cause tsunamis around Australia's coast and the south-west Pacific Ocean.

If such an earthquake occurs, Geoscience Australia seismologists immediately notify Emergency Management Australia staff who subsequently notify Australian authorities and Pacific Island nations of the risk of a tsunami hazard.

Lyle Stone, January 6



Looking down on Pearl Beach

Clubs donate to tsunami appeal

Several registered clubs on the Peninsula have contributed money to tsunami victims as part of ClubNSW's Tsunami Appeal.

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, Club Umina, Woy Woy Leagues Club and Everglades Country Club have all confirmed that they have made or would be making donations to the appeal.

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club reported it had donated to the appeal and would continue to send further donations.

Club Umina had held collections for five days at the club.

It would also be holding a benefit night on January 29 as part of its

Shamworth Country Music Muster, with funds raised going to the appeal.

The appeal night will be headlined by the band "Smoking Guns".

The band has been described as the "Village People" of country music and comedy.

The group includes The Chief, The Preacher, Miss Relle, The Gambler and The Sheriff.

Woy Woy Leagues Club is expected to be donating to the appeal, but a decision on the amount was yet to be made.

Everglades Country Club had donated \$6000 and had collection tins on its bar.

Lyle Stone, January 5

Man charged with arson

A man appeared in Gosford Court on December 19 charged with setting Woy Woy police station on fire.

The front area of the Woy Woy Police Station was doused with petrol and set alight at about 2am on December 18.

Not long after, a man was arrested by police and taken to Gosford Police Station for questioning.

The 40 year old was then charged with arson, attempted murder, maliciously damaging property with intent to endanger life and four counts of assaulting police.

He has been refused bail and will appear in court again to be sentenced.

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Prize for arts competition

Ettalong Beach Memorial Club has joined with The Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre to provide a prize for our monthly art competition.

Entries for the February competition close on February 12.

The competition aims to establish ongoing cultural heritage awareness of "The Peninsula Today".

Works on this theme may be in any medium.

The Memorial Club will donate a \$50 monthly voucher for use in the club's restaurants to the winner.

The winner will also be featured in Peninsula News and will receive a certificate from the arts and craft centre to commemorate their achievement.

Entries for February must be presented to the Arts and Craft Centre, corner of Picnic Parade and Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong Beach, between 10am and noon on Saturday, February 12.

The winner will be judged and published in Edition 111 of Peninsula News.

The winning piece would be available for pickup the following Saturday.

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will also be showcasing some of the work done in its classes and passing out information brochures at the Ettalong Markets on January 22 and 23.

For more information, contact Bob Penson on 4363 1327.

**Email, December 6
Bob Penson, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts**



The Laing and Simmons office in Ettalong

Ettalong estate agency changes hands

An Ettalong real estate agency has had a change in ownership.

Laing and Simmons has been acquired by the Dearlove family, joined by agent Greg McMullen.

Principal Mr Ray Dearlove said he was delighted that Greg McMullen had agreed to join his team.

"Greg has forged a successful career in real estate on the Peninsula through hard work and a solid commitment to customer service."

Mr Dearlove is also joined by

son Kevin and wife Margaret.

The family is passionate about sport, with both Kevin and his brother, Paul, having represented Australia at rugby union.

Kevin played for Australian Schools and Paul for the Australia under-21 team.

Hayley, the couple's daughter, is a keen netball and hockey player.

"The level of activity has really picked up in the past month or so."

"There is increasing interest in Outrigger and the Club appears to be doing a roaring trade."

"All of this is really good news for the area," said Mr Dearlove.

"We don't expect a rise in interest rates in the next six months and, like other agents, there is a shortage of quality rental accommodation."

"We are quietly optimistic about 2005."

Other members of the team are Brian Lang on the sales team, and June and James Webster from Ettalong Beach heading up the property management division.

"June's smile and James' dry sense of humour make every day enjoyable," said Mr Dearlove.

**Press release, January 5
Ray Dearlove, Laing and Simmons**

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Broadcasting from Ettalong

Radio 50 plus will be holding an outdoor broadcast at Ettalong Markets on Sunday, January 16.

Presenters and support staff will be in attendance, and the day will include live entertainment, local artists, competitions, giveaways and prizes.

A representative for the station, Ms Joan Victory, said the event

usually only happened twice a year.

Ms Victory said the day would be great fun and that the staff and presenters of the radio station would love to meet its listeners.

The program will run from 10am until 2pm and is scheduled to be broadcast live on 93.3 FM.

For more information, contact 4325 1950.

Lyle Stone, January 6

Council seeks traffic advice

Gosford Council has told residents that it will consider

a recommendation from its traffic committee about the use of chicanes to slow traffic in Burge Rd.

The council has written to a group of 52 petitioners who asked the council to survey the traffic volumes and vehicle speeds.

They also requested that council install traffic slowing devices similar to those devices used in North Burge and Brickwharf Rds.

Council agenda P.78, December 14

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Council moves to protect dunes

Gosford Council has decided to impose conditions on the surf carnival planned for Umina Beach in February to prevent damage to sand dunes and dune vegetation.

The preventive measures came after notice of motion was given by Cr Terri Latella.

The council decided not to allow the erection of any structures over sand dune vegetation or to remove any sand dune vegetation to erect any structures.

Vehicle access to the beach would be permitted at three points, rather than 12 as had originally been planned.

The beach area used for the carnival would be reduced to protect developing dunes.

The council required protective fencing to be erected around foredunes and insipient dunes and to protect dune vegetation.

Carnival organisers would be told they must have staff present at all times when the carnival was underway to prevent and

to minimise disturbance to dune vegetation.

Organisers would also have to agree to undertake any remedial works necessary to reinstate the dune ecosystem after the event.

NSW Surf Life Saving would be asked for a security bond to cover any damage caused to sand dune vegetation to enable remedial work.

The council also resolved that a plan of management for the carnival must be tabled at a council meeting for its information.

In August, the council resolved to support NSW Surf Life Saving (NSWSLS) with infrastructure, logistics, labour, planning and materials.

Council asked its community development section to identify community events that might enhance the carnival.

It was also required details of the carnival on be public exhibition.

Gosford Council is a major sponsor of the event.

Council agenda NM.35,
December 14



The NSW Surf Life Saving Carnival will be held on Umina Beach

Residents complain of mangroves, mud and muck

Residents of Hardys Bay and Pretty Beach and surrounding areas have complained about their once-sandy creeks and foreshore being overgrown with mangroves, mud and muck.

They have sent a petition, with 191 signatures, to Gosford Council.

Their concerns include the loss of the sandy shoreline that once surrounded the majority of Hardys Bay, which the residents said now "provided ideal conditions for mangrove proliferation".

The petition also complained of the loss of the deep tidal creek, Mudflat Creek, due to sedimentation.

The loss of depth in the area of Joe Childs' historic wharf had also

caused concerns.

The sandstone blocks that were once a metre above the sand were now about to be covered by mud and mangroves, the residents claimed.

The loss of depth at the outlet of the Hardys Bay RSL creek was "completely buried in mud, road base gravel and muck".

Finally, the petition drew attention to the loss of the Pretty Beach public baths due to sedimentation.

The petitioners requested that council carry out numerous sediment core sample tests at both Hardys Bay and Pretty Beach, which would allow the resulting information to provide accurate data about the amount of sediment that has built up over time.

Council agenda P.92,
December 14

Improved TV at Patonga

Residents of Patonga Beach have will have improved television reception, following funding from the Australian Government's Television Black Spots Program

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said that, in the latest round of funding, \$25,000 had been provided to improve access to television services in Robertson,

with Patonga Beach residents now able to access new and improved television services

The \$35 million Television Black Spots Program forms part of the \$120 million Television Fund established with proceeds from the sale of the second group of Telstra shares.

Press release, December 8
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Carnival plans hushed up

Plans for the surf life saving carnival at Umina Beach will not be placed on public exhibition, as originally resolved at council's meeting of August 24.

Cr Terri Latella asked, at the

council's December 14 meeting, when the plan of management would be placed on public exhibition.

Director of environmental planning Ms Louise Gee said it was her understanding that the plan

would not be placed on exhibition.

Instead, Ms Gee said she would review the proposal and check that it met natural resources requirements.

Council agenda Q.141,
December 14

Approaches made for carnival events

Gosford Library, several arts groups, Gosford City Youth Council and other young people's groups have been approached to hold events in conjunction with the NSW Surf Life Saving Carnival at Umina Beach.

Gosford Council's director of community services Mr Phil Rowland has advised council of the approaches following a question by Cr Trevor Drake at the council's December 14 meeting.

Cr Drake asked to be advised of community events that were

planned to enhance the carnival.

The council previously requested its community development section work with the organisers to identify community events that would enhance the championships.

Council agenda Q.143,
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Object to gross over-development

Coming to your council on January 25, is a proposal for another monstrous overdevelopment for the Peninsula.

Incredibly, this development is being pushed as an "opportunity to screen the rear of the nine story resort building located on the adjoining site" (Gosford Council business paper, December 7).

The Central Coast Design Review Panel, the panel of design experts appointed by the State Government and consisting of several professors and other highly qualified persons describes this proposal as "a gross over-development".

Gosford Council's planners are pushing this gross over-development, despite the concerns of the independent experts.

Council's planners are saying that to hide one gross over

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development they will give you another one - in essence, two wrongs make a right.

The original approval for the current club required that parking be provided on the site of the existing club.

In fact, two levels of parking on this site are required to meet the shortfall of the new club.

We ask why the Memorial Club was given such concessions (nine storeys in a three storey zone) and not required to provide adequate parking spaces within the development?

Why are the residents now being asked to accept further high rise development when they have consistently voiced their dislike for such a concept in our suburbs?

The report to council advises that high rise will be accommodated in

the new Urban Design Framework (UDF), yet the public consultation process for the UDF made no mention of high rise on the Peninsula.

It appears that high rise will now be allowed on the Peninsula only because the developers want it

The likely outcome is that the Peninsula, already despoiled by massive overdevelopment of villas, will now be grossly overdeveloped with high rise.

Initially, this can be anticipated in the business centres but eventually also on the waterfronts - simply because developers' greed overrules proper planning in Gosford City.

When this proposal goes on public exhibition, I strongly urge all residents to object to this gross over-development.

Bryan Ellis, Woy Woy

Help needed with Indian mynas

To kill a native bird is easy when Indian mynas are left to breed unchecked.

This menace to our wildlife, introduced to the shores of Australia, has been killing off our native birds and some tree-hollow-dwelling species.

If we don't stop them now, they pose a major threat to the long-term future of many of our beautiful native species.

Indian myna birds feed off discarded scraps, rubbish bins, left-over pet food. They nest in roof tops, tree hollows, anywhere.

They carry diseases and bird mites.

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What must we do?

Put lids on bins. Never feed them. Do not leave pet food out. Plant native trees.

Clear out any nests in roofs or tree hollows and seal them up and campaign for business's to clean up their act.

The trapping program is underway and we need your help.

Prevention is the best cure.

Act now, before it's too late.

For more information, go to www.immsa.com.au.

Cassandra White, Ettalong Beach

Jagged cans and smelly sea mysteries

I frequently walk near the southern end of Umina Beach, and it's rare that at low tide I do not pick up several jagged metal tops and bottoms from drink cans.

The walls of the cans are made from much thinner metal and after rolling around at the bottom of Broken Bay for some time the walls disintegrate, leaving just the very sharp tops and bottoms waiting for tender feet.

But perhaps an even greater danger comes by way of the bits and pieces of seafood and all kinds of smelly sea mysteries.

The other day at low tide I found what looked like the cut-off head of a stingray.

I had been listening with horror to the report of a shark attack off South Australia which took the life of a teenager, and it was remarked that the shark was probably looking

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for the food it was accustomed to find there.

Where better to wait for food than in a semi-enclosed bay where fishermen clean their catches, along with their bilges, as they bring their boats in after a day or night's fishing, and perhaps also throw out their empty drink cans.

Later this summer Umina Beach will host the State Championships for the Nippers with hundreds of children competing and playing on this beach in Broken Bay.

How can we persuade fishermen to clean their catches well out in the ocean currents?

And how can we persuade everyone to take home their empty drink cans? Their own children and grandchildren will be the winners.

Fran Adams, Umina Beach

Increase understanding of Asian Culture

Threats to close down Indonesian and Thai language and culture courses at Sydney University reflect the Federal Government's short-sighted approach to tertiary education at its very worst.

Federal government elitism and commercialism appear to be the principal causes of the university's contraction of Asian language and culture teaching.

The thrust of Minister Brendan Nelson's policy is to concentrate all Asian language teaching in Canberra as such education would apparently only be useful for diplomats, the police and security agencies.

How absurd.

The corporate sector equally

has lost interest in Asian language teaching.

For example, the number of English-speaking Indonesians is increasing and business executives' claim to get by without such skills.

This regressive trend is deplorable and deeply disturbing.

Common sense suggests that all levels and sections of Australian society should increase their understanding of Asian countries' cultures, histories, religions and languages.

Discouraging universities to embrace these fields, in turn, discourages secondary education to maintain their Asian programs.

It is hard to think of anything more senseless than this policy.

Australia's security situation,

cultural enrichment and trading relationships can only be greatly enhanced by expanding our learning about Australia's Asian neighbours.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Cars also are filthy, stink and kill

Barry Riley (Peninsula News, edition 107) said tobacco is filthy, stinks and kills.

Well, so do motor cars, but I have not seen any rush to ban them.

As for smokers being started by peer pressure and glamour, there is another reason, stress.

It's not for nothing they call cigarettes "nerve sticks".

I assume Mr Riley has never

smoked, because there is even pleasure in watching cigarette smoke climbing into the air.

Perhaps he is making the more philosophical point that all pleasures are delusions and therefore we should shun them.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Council applies to buy endangered land

Gosford Council has revealed that it has submitted a grant application to purchase endangered land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Umina Beach.

The revelation came after Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, presented the council with a petition with 77 signatures and expressed his support for the acquisition of the land for inclusion in the Coastal Open Space System.

Gosford Council, at its meeting of July 27, resolved to investigate possible funding of the land through a Federal Government National Reserve System grant.

However, a subsequent report by staff to council suggested such an application would have little chance of success, implying an application would not be made.

Council staff have now revealed an application for the grant was submitted on August 12.

Council agenda FS.159, December 14

Species impact statement required

Gosford Council has directed the developers of the Catholic Church-owned land on Veron Rd to complete a species impact study.

The land, situated on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, would be studied to determine the frequency of different animals in the area.

Gosford Council's senior town planner Mr Jim Bruton said that the developers had recently obtained guidelines for the study from the

Department of Environment and Conservation, so as to meet its requirements.

"The study is meant to determine the frequency of the various animals and birds that could be in the area," Mr Bruton said.

"We aren't sure how long it's going to take, but it is likely to be some months."

Mr Bruton said the test could take anywhere up to 12 months to complete.

Lyle Stone, January 5

Information prepared about sedimentation

Gosford Council's natural resources unit is to prepare a "fact sheet" about sedimentation in Hardys Bay, following recent complaints to the council.

It would also describe sedimentation studies being undertaken as part of the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study.

The move comes after the

council received a petition with 191 signatures complaining about a build-up of mud overlaying sand at both Hardys Bay and Pretty Beach.

The council was told that the information sheet would "provide accurate data as to the amount of sediment that has built up over time in the area".

Council agenda P.92, December 14

First steps for Killcare foreshore plan

The first steps towards formulating a plan of management for Killcare foreshore were taken at Gosford Council's meeting of December 14.

At the meeting, Cr Terri Latella asked the council's director of community services Mr Phil Rowland if there was a plan of management for the foreshore of

Killcare.

She also asked for a report on the way a plan of management could be drafted, and whether it should come through community groups in the area or council.

Mr Rowland responded that he was not sure whether there was a plan of management in existence, but that he would find out.

Council agenda Q.142, December 14



The old Ettalong Memorial Club building adjoining the new Outrigger Resort

Decision expected on club rezoning

A plan to rezone Ettalong Beach Memorial Club land to allow up to seven storeys will now be considered by Gosford Council at its January 25 meeting.

A special strategy-policy workshop is planned for the afternoon of January 25, so that councillors can be presented with details of both original and amended plans.

The club has applied to rezone its land from "special uses" to "general business", and to remove the existing three-storey height limit that currently applies to the site.

This would permit a mixed residential commercial retail development varying in height from two to seven storeys, which would replace the existing four-storey Ettalong War Memorial Club

building.

The land adjoins the site of the Ettalong Beach Resort.

Council officers recommended that council support the preparation of a draft local environmental plan for the club land, although the Central Coast Design Review panel labelled the original plan a "gross overdevelopment".

Council agenda EP.66, December 14

Three-storey building gets approval

Gosford Council has granted consent to an application for an 11-unit three-storey building in Trafalgar Ave, Umina, at its meeting of December 14.

Council officers had originally recommended refusal of the development.

Amended plans were submitted by the applicant after council deferred the matter to clarify several

issues, including "excessive" height.

The plans showed that the building had been altered by removing mezzanine levels from the topmost units, lowering the overall height of the building.

The amendments had the effect of reducing the floor space of the proposal.

A report from council officers stated that the impact on privacy

of nearby properties had not been addressed by the applicant with the amended plans.

An initial application submitted to council contained commercial space at ground floor level and 14 residential units at the upper levels.

The original proposal had five storeys.

Council agenda DH.129, December 14

Land swap plan for Monastir Rd

Gosford Council will soon begin selling, rezoning and swapping land at Phegans Bay in a bid to provide better access along Monastir Rd.

One lot will be sold by council to finance the rezoning of three other council-owned lots, while a further

two lots will be purchased.

Lot 36 would be offered for sale by public auction, the proceeds being allocated towards the costs of rezoning Lots 3, 25 and 26 to residential.

Rezoning would require an independent planner's report along with studies including a threatened species assessment,

geotechnical report and bushfire risk assessment.

Council also resolved to enter into negotiations with the owners to acquire Lots 43 and 44.

Funding for the purchase of this land would be drawn from the Land Development Reserve.

Council agenda FS.160, December 7

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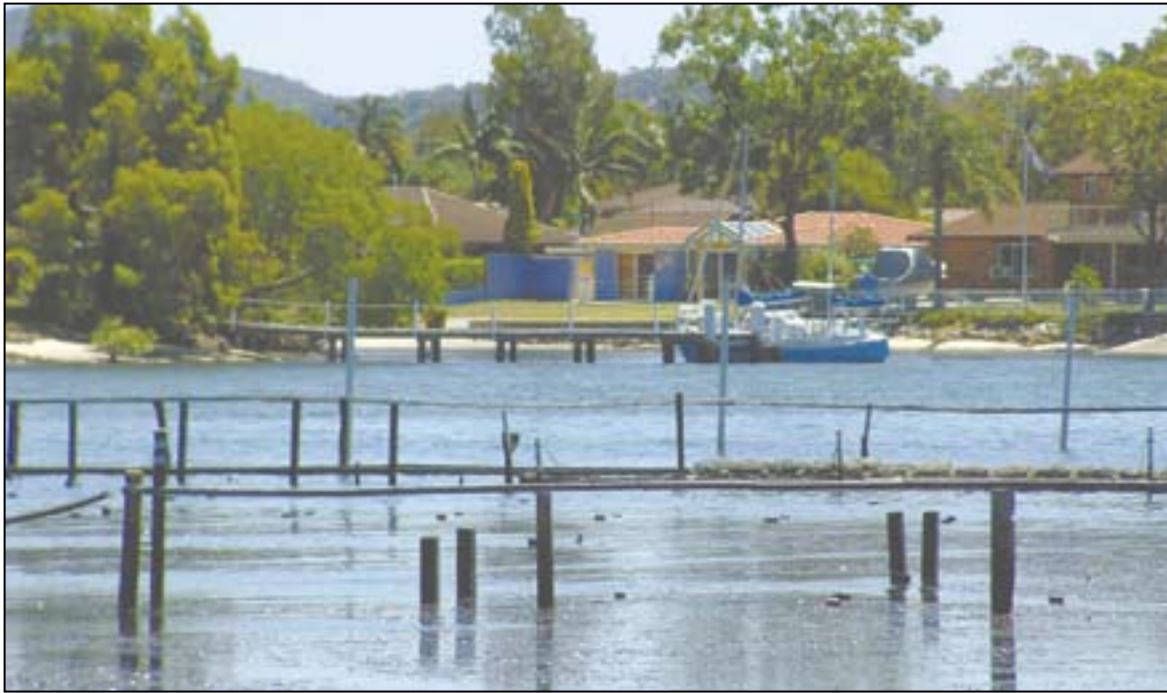
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Council proceeds with St Huberts LEP



Moorings and jetties on St Huberts Island

Gosford Council has decided at its meeting of December 14 to proceed with a local environment plan (LEP) for St Huberts Island canals.

The move has come after a history of legal complexities and resident opposition to the use of caveats.

Talks were held between representatives of the St Huberts Island Residents Association and council staff to discuss the issue of moorings and a requirement that development applications be submitted for existing ramps, pontoons and jetties.

NSW Maritime had earlier told council that it had safety concerns with all moorings in the canals, both swing moorings and fore and aft moorings.

Consequently, the authority advised that it would not issue licences for moorings in the canals.

The St Huberts Island Association advised it had no problem with the prohibition of swing moorings but would like fore and aft moorings to be considered on their merits as provided by the existing Development Control Plan 145 (DCP 145).

The Association asked the council to keep the DCP as it was,

but to include a note that advised NSW Maritime would not issue a mooring licence.

Council staff argued in a report for the December 14 council meeting that it was misleading to retain moorings in the DCP if there was no likelihood that a licence would be issued.

NSW Maritime also advised that there were other locations near St Huberts Island where mooring licences could be issued and all efforts would be made to allocate private moorings in areas close to the island.

Council staff also suggested that the DCP be submitted to parliamentary counsel "for an opinion if the plan can be made".

Council was told that, once the changes were adopted and "legally applicable", an audit of existing structures and ramps would be conducted to identify which complied with the DCP and which did not.

Owners of those complying would be asked to submit a development application, while those structures not complying would have to be removed.

The draft LEP would then be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources.

Council has decided to amend DCP 145 and place it on public exhibition.

The amended DCP would also be referred to NSW Maritime during the comment period.

The LEP would reclassify the St Huberts Island canals from community land to operational land, to allow the approval of existing ramps, pontoons and jetties which complied with the DCP.

Council agenda EP.68, December 14

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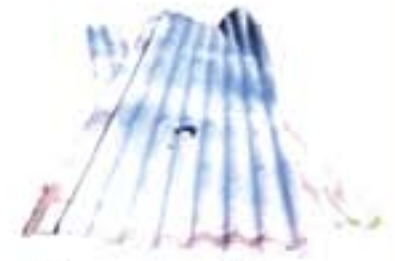
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What's on around the Peninsula

Following is a comprehensive listing of events planned for the Peninsula over the next two weeks.

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
ESCC, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 3222
MOW, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.
PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach
PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333
PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851
PWHC, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 5905
TWYS, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684
UCH, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664
WH, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe
WWLC, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366

DAILY EVENTS

Visitor Information Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 2888
Woy Woy Pelican Feeding, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.
Playtime Mon-Fri 9-10am, Little Gym PCYC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, UCH 7pm.
Second Tuesday of every month
Toasters, 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, MOW, 11.30am.
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
Toasters, 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.

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.

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 Probuss 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 PCC. 9.30am and 7.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.
 Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.
 Pearl Beach **Play Group** 10.15am-12.15am PBPH, enq: 4344 7863.
 Brisbane Waters **Scrabble** Club, MOW 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.
 Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls**, 1pm. ECC
Bingo/Cash Housie 7:30pm CU
Seniors fitness EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.
Indoor Bowls-9am;**Fitness**-1pm
Leatherwork-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am;
Bridge- 12 noon. **Scrabble** 1pm ESSC
Social Darts EMBC, 7pm
Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, PCC
 Girls' **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs PCC enq: 4344 4924.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), PCYC
St John's Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care 7pm, enq: 4341 3341.
Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup WH (ex sch hols), 9.30 - 12pm, enq: 4360 2065.
Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm CU
 Killcare - Wagstaffe **Rural Fire Brigade** 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare enq: 4360 2161.
Drawing 9am, **Pastels** 11.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 2pm EBACC
Children's story time, Woy Woy

library, 10.30- 11.30am (Except Jan).
Alcoholics Anonymous 7.30pm John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.
Basic Meditation Group PWHC, 10am different theme each session
Handicraft CWAHWW, 9am, 50 cent donation, enq: 4342 4316.

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month
 Outsiders club, EBWMC, 9am.
 Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm
Third Thursday of every month
 Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061.
Fourth Thursday of every month
 Umina Probuss, ECC, 10am.
 Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm
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.
Tai Chi, PBPH 9.30am, enq: 4341 1243.
 Ladies 18 hole **golf** ECC
Ballroom Dancing, 10am. EMBC
Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am;
Indoor Bowls-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, ESSC
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: PCC, enq: 4342 4121.
Brisbane Water Bridge Club PCC, 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
Bingo 9.45am, **Karaoke** 6pm EBWMC
Young Men's Groups 12-18yrs, 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.
 Troubadour Folk Club, Masonic Hall opp Woy Woy station, enq: 434 14060, 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
 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 PCC, 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.
Third Saturday of every month
 Umina P&C Bushcare meets 9-11am, Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301
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Fourth/Last Saturday every month
 Saturday Supper Dance, Masonic Hall, Woy Woy 8pm, Enq: 0407 207 918
 Wagstaffe Bushcare group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.
 Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am
Every Saturday
Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626.
Snooker EBWMC 8.30am
Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; ECC
Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, EBWMC Enq: 4341 2156
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, WWLC 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721
Activities 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 4.30-9.30pm;
Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy public Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.
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
 Umina P&C Bushcare meets 9-11am Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301
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, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.
Dancing Old time/ New Vogue, 1pm, ESSC
 Burrawong Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dve playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.
 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
Social Paddle, end of Ferry Rd Ettalong beach, free BYO Enq: 0429856231
Seniors/Masters training, Umina Life Saving Club, 8.00am.
Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open

11am-3pm or by appointment 4379 1102
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
Play readings at Woy Woy Public School.
 For info contact **Barbara Hickey: 4341 2931.**
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 PCC. 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
Craft group, 1pm Beachside Family Centre, Umina PS

EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, 24 January
 Little Beach Marine Life, Bouddi National Park, Meet 2pm to 4.30pm, Bookings, 4320 4205
 Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, Mark Lee from 7 to 11
Tuesday, 25 January
 Australia Day Eve Party, Woy Woy Water front, Anderson Park, 5pm - 11pm, Fireworks, Entertainment and Food will be available
Wednesday, 26 January
 Ocean Beach Hotel Umina, Mark Cashin, 4-8.
Thursday, 27 January
 Over 30 and Becoming a Mum?. Discuss the issues of "later" motherhood. Call Heidi on 4329 1484 for more details
Sunday, 30 January
 Ocean Beach Hotel Umina, XPT, 7-11.
Tuesday, 8th February
 Medication Management, PWHC, 10am to 12 noon, Confirmation 1st February
Wednesday, 9th February
 Bowen Therapy, PWHC, 10.00am to 12 noon, Confirmation by 2nd February
Monday, 14 February
 Path of Heart: Expressions of the Inner Goddess, PWHC, 10am to 12 noon, 12.30, Confirmation 3rd February

Jazz in January

Monica Trapaga and the Moochers will be performing at the Pearl Beach arboretum as part of its "Jazz in January" festivities.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 22, at 3pm.

Ms Trapaga will be accompanied by trumpet player Bob Barnard.

Tickets cost \$30 for adults and children 8 to 15 costing \$15.

**Press release, January 3
Jazz in January organisers**

Library lends DVDs to commuters

The Book Express service operated by Gosford Library at Woy Woy station will lend DVDs and CDs as well as books.

The plans to make CDs and DVDs available meets a demand from customers wishing to listen to music, audio books or watch movies while commuting.

Gosford Council's Library Book Express program on Woy Woy and Gosford stations reopened

on January 4 after closing for the Christmas and New Year break.

The service has been operating throughout the year loaning more than 9400 books to commuters at both stations.

The service operates at Woy Woy station each Tuesday and Thursday between 5.30am and 8am.

**Press release, December 14
Alison Nolan, Gosford Council**



Cafe hosts late night bands

An Ettalong cafe has begun hosting bands from 9pm on Saturday nights.

Up1 Café Restaurant launched its Late Nite Lounge recently with contemporary blues rock band Broken Fall playing several songs, with Rick Altavilla on lead guitar and Jake Cassar on vocals.

Several other bands have entertained at the venue including Luke Taylor and Amy McKnight from Dancing with Fire, Earlwood

Greg, and Bill Bekric with The Usual Suspects.

The café is located above the Cinema Paradiso complex at Ettalong Beach markets.

The restaurant is fully licensed and there is a \$5 entry per person for the Late Nite Lounge.

Late Nite Lounge runs from 9pm until midnight every Saturday night.

**Press release, December 13
Up1 Café Restaurant**

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**

Living in the bush

I came to live in this resort, exclusive and top notch,
The prices keep the riff-raff out, but left enough for scotch
Indulgences at dusk, and dawn, and other times each day;
You've no idea the trials I face, I don't think I can stay.

Those glossy brochures won my heart, the spa and lifts and trees,
And being this close to the coast, you always get a breeze,
But what those mongrels didn't show, and how was I to know?
The dreadful noise that spoils my sleep and steals my inner glow.

Now I'm a greenie through and through, I just love country life,
But birds that squawk at 5am, if I could get a knife,
I'd slit their throats and laugh with glee. And there's the frightful frogs,
Their croaking starts at my bedtime, and wakes up all the dogs.

But worse by far are blasted bats, they come here every year,
They screech all night, blood-curdling squeals, why must they visit here?

There's surely other trees around, out further in the scrub,
So I could get my beauty sleep, and they could get their grub.

Those screams I hear throughout the night, they say they're barking owls,
And roosters roam the golfing greens, I'll kill the flaming fowls.

My city friends just think it's fun, they don't have birds down there,
They see the bags beneath my eyes, but leave without a care.

I've left the worse til last of course, those animals with wings,
That drop those things upon my roof, what rage and fury brings
Me out of bed to yell and curse, I shake and shriek and spit,
It doesn't make them stop you know, just slows them down a bit.

My husband died three months ago, the stress too much to bear,
His liver riddled with disease, those whiskies, wear and tear,
So now I'm left without a car, the shops are far away,
And buses are a joke round here: I'm calling it a day.

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College staff changes

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus will see several staff changes this year.
 Ms Megan Clement will be moving to England for a few years.
 Ms Nicole Cook will also be going overseas.
 Marine studies and science teacher Mr Robert Katen will transfer to Kincumber High School.
 Religion teacher Ms Nikki Stone will return to the United States.
Newsletter, December 18 Brisbane Water Secondary College

Four selected for Gosford High

Woy Woy Public School has had four year 6 students selected for Gosford Selective High School.
 Another student has been selected for Gosford Public School opportunity class in year 5.
 High distinctions, distinctions and credits were award to students in the University of NSW Key Learning Area competitions.
 The school scored above the State mean in the statewide basic skills tests, primary writing assessments and the computer skills assessment.
 Around 99 per cent of students achieved positive behaviour levels and there was a 50 per cent reduction of misbehaviour incidents recorded over the past year.
 A large number of students participated in various sports programs with many representing the school at zone level and two students reaching state level.
 A music group consisting of instrumentalists, guitarists and singers was established and performed at various venues.
 Three dance groups performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival.
 Its "homecoming" performance group reached the NSW Grand Final of Wakakirri Story Dance, winning six gold medals, two distinctions and the Public Speaking Award on the way.
Newsletter, December 14 Warrick Hannon, Woy Woy Public School

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Side selected for Darwin rugby

Woy Woy Rugby Union has selected its side to compete in the Northern Territory Rugby Sevens held later this month in Darwin.

Club media liaison officer George Simpkins said that with \$20,000 in prize money on offer, the Lions have chosen a competitive squad of players and are confident of winning some of the money.

The squad includes David Gooley, Gerry Summerhayes, Peter Wright, Patrick Kerrigan, Mark Harding, Paul Gooley, Robert Wolfe, Christian Hobbs, Tim

Moore, Greg Kenney, Gav Hewitt, Sione Tuitakau, Vince Alipate and Stephen McNamara.

The side is coached by Ross Hopkins and managed by Neil Ross.

Bruce Sinclair will be the physiotherapist and Craig Hillyard and Butch Dawn the trainers.

Wally Armstrong and Noel Walker will be the support staff.

"We are confident of at least making the finals like last year and with this year's tournament having three sides from Fiji, the Japanese National Side, Darwin

Dingoes, Qantas Invitational side from Sydney plus numerous other teams, we will have to play consistently to progress to the money rounds," said coach Ross Hopkins.

"We have increased our tour party from last year based on the popularity of the tour, so it should be a great six days away playing football."

The club's pre-season training would start again from February 1.

**Email, December 29
George Simpkins, Woy Woy
Rugby Union**



A jetski waiting to be used at Ettalong

Council takes no action over jetskis

Gosford Council will not take action on the use of jetskis on Brisbane Water, claiming it does not have authority.

The council has told petitioners who had complained about the jetskis that the use of jetskis falls under the control of the Maritime Authority of NSW.

In a letter to the petitioners, the council stated that the decision of banning or extending the

restrictions on the use jetskis was at the discretion of the Authority.

The council had received a petition with 21 signature requesting council ban the sport on Brisbane Water, or to close the Ettalong Beach boat ramp and to add an exclusion zone for Ettalong and Umina Beaches.

**Council agenda P.73,
December 14**

IT certificate courses offered

Welfare group WorkWise is now providing certificate courses in Information Technology on the Peninsula.

From March, there will be two courses running in the evenings at Technology Futures at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The first is a Certificate III Networking Course for people who have either completed Certificate II or equivalent, or may have some IT work experience.

The other course is the Certificate IV Client Support for

more advanced support personnel who already have Certificate III or equivalent.

Both courses are free to low income participants and an administration fee applies for all other participants.

Existing workers are encouraged to apply.

At Ettalong, Workwise will also run courses for people over 45 who are on benefits and looking for work.

They are offered free basic training in internet and email, word processing, clip art, spreadsheets and data base through a "bytes"

courses.

Classes are limited to eight students at a time and run for five weeks, two days a week with all course materials supplied.

They are part of the Australian Government's Basic Information Technology Enabling Skills for Older Workers Program.

To find out more about WorkWise and its programs telephone 4353 2199 or 43239172 or view the WorkWise website at www.workwiseinc.com.au.

**Press release, January 6
Anne Coshaw, WorkWise**

Plans to expand Umina school

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has plans to expand Umina Beach Public School, with the purchase of five adjacent houses.

Principal Mr John Blair said that it was a goal that the school council

had had for a number of years and it was fast becoming a reality.

The school security fence was also being erected.

Mr Blair said that the current year would be the biggest on record for Umina Public School with about 800 students enrolled and 30 classes formed.

He said DET had recognised the need for a larger school area and would provide plans to the community in the near future for improvements and upgrades to the school.

**Newsletter, December 14
John Blair, Umina Public School**

Display shows celebrations

The Umina Multilingual Association held a display for children recently showing celebrations in different countries.

The group consisted of Patu Plummer, Ysolde Stewart, Ruby

Esho, Marilyn Paris and Linda Agresti.

Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara who helped organise the display said that the group would be looking for other parents with a second language to be involved in more

projects to increase awareness of children of other languages and cultures.

Several activities at the centre will begin again in mid-February.

**Newsletter, December 14
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family
Centre**

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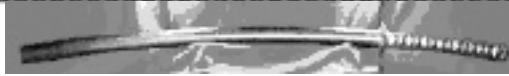
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College has top achievers

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Collegestudents have achieved
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school students who qualified as
distinguished achievers by scoring
90 or more in a subject, 11 (4.5 per
cent) came from the Brisbane Water
Secondary College campus at Woy
Woy.

The 11 high achievers were
Lauren Collins, Emma Hamilton,
Lana Hebden, Gerard Koen,
James Manning, Joshua Meyers,
Kahlee Moulton, Tammie Patman,
Rachel Pratt, Shireen Streeton and
Samantha Travers.

Minister for Education and Training
Dr Andrew Refshauge congratulated
all the Central Coast students who
made it onto the HSC merit list.

Press Release, December 17
Sven Wright, Premier's Office

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The night before Australia Day

**Woy Woy's Australia Day activities
will take place the night before,
and will feature fireworks and
dancing in the streets.**

They will be held at Anderson Park
opposite Woy Woy Wharf, starting at
6pm with entertainment from the award
winning Brisbane Water Secondary
College student band For The Moment.

Music will be provided for bush
dancing by Sydney's longest surviving
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All dances will be walked through and

will be called during the dance itself.

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The Troubadour Folk Club will present
a free concert in the CWA Hall from 8pm
featuring local and guest performers.

Some of these performers will also
appear during dance breaks.

Children's games and activities will be
organised for the evening and will take
place in the enclosed grounds adjacent
to the CWA Hall.

Children's rides and entertainment will
include a mega slide, the Harry Potter

wizard ride, a jumping castle and a small
merry-go-round.

A fireworks display will start at 9.30pm
and birthday cake will be distributed to
all present.

A wide variety of food and drink stalls
will operate from 5pm.

Central Coast tall ship, the STS
Wutuku, will be moored at the wharf and
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Cec Bucello, January 5

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