

Rezoning 'appropriate', says planner

The consultant drafting the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy for Gosford Council has described rezoning plans for the Ettalong Beach Club land as providing "an appropriate transition from the town centre to (adjacent) residential neighbourhoods".

In a report to be considered by Gosford Council on Tuesday night, Mr Brett Newbold of Brett Newbold Urban Planning/Urban Design said that the amended proposal maintains the original scheme's maximum height of seven storeys, but the taller elements had been substantially reduced.

Hipped roof forms that resulted in a taller building profile had been replaced by gently-pitched skillions.

The amended proposal resulted from meetings held between the applicants Multiplex, council and Mr Newbold and was "consistent with the urban design principles of the preliminary draft of the Peninsula Strategy".

The amended building envelope provides for a maximum height of seven storeys but varied with four to five levels facing Ocean View Rd, five to seven levels facing Memorial Avenue and three to seven levels facing Broken Bay

Rd.

The report states: "The higher areas at seven storeys are slender in form, and are located at the edge of the site to provide a transition and screen to the adjoining nine storey development.

"The height of development then decreases towards the Ocean View Rd frontage.

"The form of the building consists of a complex of articulated separate buildings that contain traditional street wall components that vary in height and setback.

"Car parking is provided on three above-ground levels with this car parking shielded from street view by shops and residential uses."

Mr Newbold said that the seven storey elements were likely to provide a highly-effective screen to the sheer side-and-rear walls of the neighbouring nine storey-plus resort development.

The new design would provide an "effective main street backdrop to the Ettalong town centre" and "car parking is screened almost entirely from the surrounding centre".

The draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy is currently with the consultant for finalisation, following comments from Gosford Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

Council agenda EP.4, January 25



The school camera outside of Woy Woy Public School on Blackwall Rd

Warning on speed cameras

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews is alerting residents to the enforcement of 40km school zones on Pupil Free Days, with both Peninsula speed cameras operating on January 28.

"Many residents may not be aware that Friday January 28 is a gazetted school day by the Department of Education and

Training," Ms Andrews said.

"Even though only teachers are to attend our public schools on this day, the 40km zone is still in force."

The Peats electorate has three speed cameras in school zones and two of those are on the Peninsula, at Blackwall Rd and Ocean Beach Rd.

Ms Andrews said the RTA would be conducting a Statewide radio

campaign on January 27 and 28 to alert motorists, but is urging residents to ensure they are aware of the speed limit.

"Because the Pupil Free Day falls on a Friday this term, many residents may not be expecting to have to adhere to the 40km speed limit," said Ms Andrews.

Press release, January 20

Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Chamber backs rezoning

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has backed the proposed rezoning of the old Ettalong Beach Club site to allow a development of up to seven storeys.

"The current approval for the old club site is for a basement level and ground level car park which is required under the original development consent for the recently completed resort project," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"In our view, it would be extremely unsatisfactory to simply have an open car park in the middle of town when it could be incorporated in a redevelopment of the airspace above.

"From a town planning perspective, the failure to use the

airspace would be a gross under-utilization of such a valuable resource especially when the proposed development could provide valuable retail floor space and a range of residential accommodation," said Mr Wales.

"The proposal by the Ettalong Beach Club and Multiplex has the potential to elevate Ettalong Beach as highly desirable boutique tourist retail centre with a unique range of residential accommodation close to services and the Ettalong foreshore.

"The proposal of course requires council to amend the current planning instrument to permit the proposed uses. This is something that the Business Chamber supports especially if it generates improved business conditions for

the town centre."

Mr Wales said that Ettalong Beach has gone through a tough period in recent years with the closure of its last bank and the upheaval over the Outrigger Resort development.

"Ettalong Beach deserves all the success it is currently experiencing with the opening of the new Ettalong Beach Club, the impending opening of the Outrigger Resort and the new Ettalong Beach Community Bendigo Bank.

"The proposed rezoning and redevelopment of the old club site will further enhance Ettalong's reputation as a positive place to do business."

Press release, January 12
Mathew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Help wanted with home invasion

Brisbane Water detectives are appealing for public help in their investigation into a home invasion at Umina Beach on Sunday, January 16.

About 12:40am, a group of at least three men armed with clubs and poles entered a Greenhaven Dr home and assaulted several male occupants.

At the time of the incident, there were eight people inside the home including two teenagers aged 16 and 17 and a three year-old boy.

Among the wounded were three Umina residents.

A 19-year-old man suffered

injuries to his rib and torso.

A 21-year-old man suffered injuries to his right knee and elbow.

A 27-year-old received bruising to the left side of his face and shards of glass in his right eye.

A 20-year-old Wyong man received a laceration to the rear of his head and was taken to Gosford Hospital for treatment.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Brisbane Water detectives or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Ocean Beach a good location for these events.

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"Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter area collectively account for more than 65 per cent of Surf Life Saving's statewide membership," Mr Abrahams said.

The championships are held annually with last year's event

held at Shellharbour, South of Port Kembla in the Illawarra

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More sponsors for the event are currently being confirmed.

Lyle Stone, January 14



The recently closed Bogas Service Station on Blackwall Rd

Driveway service ends

The last service station on the Peninsula with full driveway service has closed.

Caltex has closed its Bogas Service Station on Blackwall Rd

and has no plans to re-open it.

Caltex representative Mr Andrew Hooper said that Bogas on Blackwall Rd wasn't part of Caltex's future strategy.

"It's a very competitive industry."

He said that the Bogas station on Memorial Ave, Woy Woy, had begun selling diesel since the Blackwall Rd station had shut.

Lyle Stone, January 17

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Mr Ron Clifton has been post-humously awarded an Australia Day Community Award by Gosford Council at a special ceremony in Mt Penang Parklands.

The award was made for Mr Clifton's many years involvement in the preservation of the local environment and his work with numerous environmental committees;

One of Mr Clifton's nominators, last year's overall winner Ms Heather McKenzie said Mr Clifton was a quiet, unassuming person.

She said he had an enduring interest in the quality of life for all people and a concern for the character of the built and natural environment of the Gosford area.

Ms McKenzie said he was a man of many talents and dedicated to the many organisations for which he volunteered.

Mr Clifton had served 22 years as secretary of Gosford's Combined Progress Association and 20 years as president of the Ettalong Ratepayers and Citizens Association.

At the time of his passing, Mr Clifton was involved with a number of Gosford Council committees including the

Catchment Management Committee, the Brisbane Water Plan of Management Committee, the Coastline Management, Lagoon Management and Coastal Planning Committee, the Wetlands Management Committee, the Traffic Committee and the Ettalong and Woy Woy CBD Committees.

Other community organisations that he was committed to and actively supported included the Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network, Water Watch, Amnesty International, Australian Native Titles and Refugees and Reconciliation, Arthritis Foundation of NSW, Catholic Mission, Central Coast Hospice Palliative Care Foundation and the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Mr Clifton was also involved in organisations such as the Economic Reform Australia, Friends of the ABC, the Heart Foundation, the House with No Steps, the Motorists Action Group, Meals on Wheels, the Mercy Foundation, the PCYC, the Royal Institute of Death and Blind Children, The Salvation Army, the Spastic Centre, the St Vincent de Paul Circle of Hope, the Sydney National Cancer Foundation and the Sydney Theatre Company Foundation.

Press release, January 19
Heather MacKenzie

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Money for maintenance

A total of about \$20,000 may soon be spent on Peninsula community halls and facilities, if staff recommendations are adopted at Gosford Council on Tuesday, January 25.

Council staff have supported a number of Peninsula applications for grants from the Community Facility Support Program.

Ettalong Girl Guides management team has applied for a \$3520 grant for tree loppers to undertake the removal of a tree from its grounds.

The tree is planned to be removed using a crane and appropriate machinery is needed to dispose of it safely.

Patonga Public Hall management has applied for a grant of \$3000 for the installation of a roof over walkway connecting its hall to its toilets.

South Woy Woy Progress Association has requested \$3000 for a new back door and security lock, air conditioning, a front garden, back door step and frame.

Empire Bay Progress Association has requested \$1540 for the provision and installation of a new front entry doors, relative door gains and timber, paint, and the supply and fitting of new locks.

Pearl Beach Progress Association has asked for \$3000 for the provision of ramp for disabled people and a toilet for disabled people.

Umina Beach Information and Referral Centre management has applied for a grant of \$6380 for the removal of asbestos.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre and Umina PCYC have both applied for air conditioning but the work has been classified by council staff as non-urgent.

Each year council provides maintenance for more than 90 council-owned community facilities run by non-profit community groups and by council.

Each facility is assessed by council's maintenance section and works are programmed to take place over a five-year period.

These are usually structural or major works.

Due to the vast number of requests for unplanned maintenance and upgrading of facilities from facility management groups throughout last year, the Community Facility Support program was introduced.

The program includes both council and non-council owned facilities.

Council agenda CS.4, January 25



Woy Woy Bay resident and politician Mr John Della Bosca

New portfolio for Della Bosca

Woy Woy Bay resident and Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca, has been given the responsibility of another portfolio after the State Government reshuffle on Wednesday, January 19.

Mr Della Bosca will now also be the Minister for Ageing and Disability Services.

"The portfolio of Ageing and Disability Services is a very big challenge," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The Carr Government has doubled the budget for this department since 1995, but with an ageing and growing population resources are always stretched.

"The department supports more than 13,000 people each day

across a range of services.

"I will be working hard to meet those challenges."

Mr Della Bosca's new portfolio has been added to his previous responsibilities including Minister for Commerce, Industrial Relations, Assistant Treasurer and Special Minister for State.

Stuart Baumann, January 20

New bush care group formed

A new volunteer bush care group has been formed at Empire Bay and more volunteers are currently needed.

The group consists of 10 volunteers, most of which are retirees.

Gosford Council provides tools, supervision and training to the bush care group.

The group was started when one of the volunteers contacted council and discovered it had a vacancy for the local area.

The bush care group meet between 9am and 11am on the third Sunday of each month behind the Empire Bay Tennis Courts.

The bush care group meets once a month.

Volunteers in the group learn to identify weeds, work out tactics and then remove them.

Convenor Jim Conway said the information provided would be useful for the home garden.

Press release, January 17
Jim Conway, Empire Bay Bush Care Group

Funding requested for foreshore path

A public meeting has been told that funding has been requested for a \$300,000 foreshore path between Wagstaffe and the beach.

Gosford Council's recreation manager Mr Peter Hickman told a meeting in October that his department had made an application for the funding from the council.

Mr Hickman said a survey taken during the year indicated a need for a safe pathway from the beach

to Wagstaffe.

It was suggested that it be suitable for young and old, and it also be wheelchair-friendly and safe for children.

A working group for the pathway was formed with members including Malcolm McCall, Jason Hogan, Paul Robinson, Ravi Sharma, Peer Dalland, Margi McFadyen, Karen Burke, Richard Harper and a representative from several local community groups.

Newsletter, January 13
Bouddi News

Christmas lunch held for disadvantaged

A Christmas lunch was held at Mary Mac's place at St John the Baptist Parish Hall on Thursday, December 23.

The lunch was held to give support to those people who were disadvantaged and in need of special support during the festive season.

Over 120 guests attended on the day and received special Christmas hampers packed with food and toiletries.

Father John Hill, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, Cr Chris Holstein and members of the steering committee attended, as did Santa, who delivered gifts to 27 needy children.

Ms Nicolle d'Argue, representing Ettalong Centrelink on the Steering Committee was in attendance, as well as the recently appointed

additional Parish Priest, Father Geoff Bugdon, who has joined Father John Hill at St John the Baptist Parish.

The manager of Franklins Woy Woy, Ms Teresa Deguara, was expected to attend but was unavoidably delayed at the store.

Franklins is one of Mary Mac's valued sponsors.

St John the Baptist Parish Craft Group and Parishioners also were generous in contributing to the Christmas hamper appeal.

Carols were sung and there was face painting on offer for the children.

Guests were also treated to Christmas carols by four members of the Gosford Philharmonia.

Mary Macs is a project of St John the Baptist Church, supported by St Vincent De Paul and Centacare Broken Bay family services.

A team of 40 volunteers prepare and serve hot lunches, Monday to Friday, in its kitchen above St Vincent De Paul's shop in Woy Woy.

In November, the group served 530 meals to disadvantaged people from the Peninsula and surrounds.

The group is supported by local businesses including Beachside Bakery Ettalong, B and M Meats and South Street Fruit Market Umina, Franklins, Peter's Meats and Quick Serve Fruit and Veg, Deepwater Plaza, McDonalds, Brumbys, Donut King and several others.

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Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place



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Levy forms part of Peninsula Vision

I refer to the letter by Mr Scott Wall of Umina (Peninsula News, December 13) in relation to the proposed Special Rate Levy for the Peninsula CBDs and his concerns regarding the public consultation process in relation to this matter.

It is important to note that the Special Rate Levy forms part of the Peninsula Vision project which has been undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce over the last three years, in consultation with Gosford Council, the NSW State Government and the Commonwealth who have all contributed substantial funds to the \$100,000 budget.

The project was undertaken by the independent consulting firm APP, which conducted extensive community focus group meetings in close consultation with councillors, community leaders and the business community.

The Peninsula Vision document was extensively advertised and closely reviewed by the business community and government authorities and was adopted by all levels of Government during 2004.

One of the underpinning recommendations was the introduction of the Special Rate Levy, which would provide a funding source to implement the key projects needed to improve business, encourage new businesses, attract investment and

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create employment opportunities.

Prior to the adoption of the levy by Gosford Council, the proposal was extensively advertised in all sections of the media and submissions invited from the public.

Quite frankly, the Special Rate Levy has undergone one of the most rigorous assessment processes possible.

The meeting at the Umina Beach Bowling Club, to which Mr Wall refers, was one of many meetings and consultation processes undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce and Gosford Council.

Mr Wall has focused on some of the capital works projects identified in the Special Rate Levy budget and it is agreed that any works undertaken should not necessarily include works that Council would normally be responsible for within its own Capital Works Program.

However, there are two other highly important components to the levy.

Firstly, the budget includes a substantial increase in the street cleaning, maintenance and security arrangements for each of the Peninsula town centres.

Secondly, funds have been allocated to the employment of a Peninsula-based business development officer specifically responsible to the needs of the local business community.

This person will be resourced

with funds to hold events and promotions in each of the town centres and assist businesses in improving the way they conduct their operations.

Most importantly, the Special Rate Levy is administered by the business community, not Gosford Council.

The budget is set in collaboration with the Council and is reviewed and audited each year.

But it is the business people of the Peninsula who set the direction.

For the first time on the Peninsula, the business community will be adequately resourced to look after their key asset – the town centres.

This model has worked very successfully in the Gosford CBD and is to be implemented in a modified version in the Terrigal CBD.

The concerns of Mr Wall are noted and it is agreed that expenditure of levy funds should be carefully and strategically targeted.

The Chamber would welcome further consultation with Mr Wall so as to redress any further concerns he may have.

But at the end of the day, the Chamber takes the view that we sometimes have to help ourselves instead of relying on others to do things that may otherwise take years to happen.

I will gladly pay the levy as I see this as an investment in the future of my own business.

Matthew Wales, Umina Beach Peninsula Chamber President

Where are they now?

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The school friends went to Woy Woy Public School and they were in 1B in 1956.

We all started school in 1955 and were probably in second class in 1957.

Forty years is a long time to be out of touch but if relatives or friends of the people mentioned see this letter and you would like to contact me, my phone number is 0400 523 866 or send a text message to 0416 244 946.

If you would rather write, my postal address is PO Box 233, Jannali NSW 2226.

Keith Fleck Jannali

Around 40 years ago, it could be more, we moved house from Woy Woy to the Sutherland Shire.

When we left, we left behind some great neighbours and, for me, a great bunch of school mates.

If we had kept in touch, I would not be writing this letter and asking: "Are they still in Woy Woy after all these years?"

Below are a few names that I can remember.

Trevor Press and brother Tony as well as Mrs Press.

Graham Ray, the other three Ray children and Mrs Ray.

Douglas Crowhurst.

Fairely Maney or Manly, and lastly, Trevor Lantern or Lanteen.

Speed track intrusion

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every day.

This speed track will be just another intrusion to remind us how man is further destroying all the beauties of our planet.

This reserve should not be regarded as a roadway, and I might mention it would be on unstable ground in the wet and on a narrow strip of grass with native trees.

I would also like to make the point that a track of this nature could suggest easy pickings to opportunistic thieves to steal from houses fronting the waterfront.

Councillors please reconsider and re-route.

Enid Harrison Woy Woy

It has been reported to me that the cycleway is to be continued from the Lions Park along the reserve waterfront in the near future.

So again I have to take up the challenge to protest on behalf of another species that use the waterfront.

Two young galahs visit every morning and, at the moment, a blue crane who takes its holidays here every year is perching on the fence fronting the water.

Plovers visit every morning and cormorants position themselves on jetties.

These lovely birds are not going to visit to enchant all if the narrow strip outside has bikes whizzing up and down at speed all day and

Meanwhile, cancer kills

Barry Riley correctly stated that smoking does stink and it is a filthy habit (Peninsula News, Edition 107).

However, I suggest to Mr Riley that he should do a little research instead of believing what is said on the television and by the Anti-Smoking Lobby.

In actual fact, there are hoards of substances that may or may not cause cancer and not one of them can be proven beyond reasonable doubt.

If you wish to split hairs, quite a large amount of lung cancer victims

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either work or live in city areas where there are lots of vehicles travelling around in bunches, which includes being caught in traffic.

Why is it that very few people complain about the smog, which is more of a danger to us than smoking?

Is it because we all drive or use some other form of transportation?

To prove my point, how many people sit in their car, plug the exhaust, wind the windows up, light

a packet of cigarettes to commit suicide?

I have spent over two years studying not just cigarettes, but all types of cancer.

If you did what I have done, you would find that researchers can't prove what causes cancer.

It works the same as a court of law.

The prosecution blames and the defence creates doubt.

While this is happening, cancer is killing more people in four years than smallpox did in over 500 years.

Kevin Duncan, Blackwall

The sound of crickets

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music, but to no avail.

He couldn't shut them out. So Ollie caught the next train to Sydney to savour the smell of petrol, the roar of traffic and the touch of concrete.

Woy Woy, I never want to stay again, he said.

Keith Whitfield Woy Woy

Shirley Hotchkiss's poem, Living in the Bush, (Peninsula News, January 10) reminds me of a friend who stayed with us briefly, very briefly as it turned out.

He couldn't stand the cricket concerto.

The soothing sound of the crickets vibrating after rain was more than he could stand.

He tried ear plugs, pillows and

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Activities for tsunami appeal

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club are launching an appeal for tsunami victims.

The club is currently planning on running two separate projects.

One is a major public raffle with a large hamper donated by the Woy Woy ANZ bank as first prize.

Tickets will be sold in shopping centres through January.

The second project is a car boot sale to be held on Sunday, February 6, similar to its regular monthly car boot sale but with all proceeds going towards the appeal.

The car boot sale will be held at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, from 8am.

The day will include a raffle, sausage sizzle, clothes, toys, plants, books and household tools.

The club will hold its regular car boot sale on February 13 at the

same location.

The Central Coast Community Tsunami Relief is also currently collecting donations on behalf of the Sri Lankan Lions at Woy Woy Meals on Wheels.

Goods required include medical and First Aid supplies, linen, shoes, toys, babies' bottles, camping equipment and plates.

The group are also looking for food such as rice, powdered milk, canned fish, baby food and bottled water.

For further information on the Woy Woy Lions Club Boot Sale contact Elmo Caust on 4341 4151 and for more information on the Central Coast Community Tsunami Relief contact 4323 6667.

**Press release, January 12
Lions Club Woy Woy
Woy Woy Meals on Wheels**

Funding for noxious weed control program

Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca has announced over \$50,000 in funding for Gosford and Wyong Councils to assist with the administration of the removal of noxious weeds.

However, it seems this may not result directly in the removal of alligator weed and other noxious weeds on the Peninsula.

"The latest funding provides greater protection from noxious weeds and will allow Gosford and Wyong Councils to employ weed control officers," said Mr Della Bosca.

"The officers will advise on priority projects, inspect properties and help educate the community about weed control," he said.

The 2005 noxious weed funding for the Central Coast includes \$31,450 for Gosford Council.

"This funding will assist in the



control of alligator weed, giant Parramatta grass, salvinia, water hyacinth, mother of millions and general coordination of weed control across the Central Coast.

"It is important that we protect our environment by providing local councils with the resources they need to carry out important noxious weeds control programs," Mr Della Bosca said,

Gosford Council's noxious

weeds officer Mr Eddie Lanting said: "This grant is specifically for the administration of the Noxious Weeds Act."

He expected that a further grant would be approved soon for the actual removal of the noxious weeds.

**Lyle Stone, January 4
Rania Wannous, Office of the
Minister**

Stroke survivors respond to tsunami

Members of the Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club have donated two shipping container loads worth of goods to victims of the Asian tsunami.

Club secretary Ms Gayle Coulton said she received a phone call on Saturday, January 1, to ask if she could help get some donations together to help the tsunami victims in Sri Lanka, as a ship's container was organised to leave Sydney the following Tuesday.

Ms Coulton rang many members of the Stroke Recovery Club, and

within two hours was inundated with clothing, toys, household linen, toiletries, cooking and eating equipment and canned food.

Within 24 hours, Ms Coulton had enough to fill two containers.

One of them has already left for Sri Lanka.

"It is marvellous that these people who are disabled can also think of others less fortunate than themselves," Ms Coulton said.

"A big thank you to all these wonderful people."

**Press release, January 10
Gayle Coulton, Woy Woy Stroke
Recovery Club**

Surf Life Saving NSW has told Gosford Council it no longer plans to remove dune vegetation or erect structures over dunes for its surf carnival at Umina Beach in February.

The association had originally asked to erect grandstands over the dunes, to remove incipient dunes and some dune vegetation, and to widen around 10 walkways between Umina Surf Club and Barrenjoey Rd for vehicular access.

Now, all event areas, including equipment storage, will be outside of the dune area, according to a report for next week's Gosford Council meeting.

The association has agreed to seven conditions laid down by council at its December 14 meeting.

The dune area and access ways will now be fenced and monitored by volunteers.

Bushland regeneration works

signage will be installed as part of the fencing.

Three openings will be required for vehicle access to the beach, and no walkways will be widened.

All boats will be unloaded at the Ocean Beach Surf Club car park and transported to the storage area, a report by Council staff states.

Surf Life Saving NSW recently advised council that a fourth proposed boat access way on private land would not be required.

It also provided a written commitment to monitor the dune fencing and dune areas to ensure its members and members of the public are outside the area and that the area is not used as a storage location. It asked for help from the council to do this.

Representatives of Council's environmental planning directorate plan to meet with Surf Life Saving NSW representatives on February 3 to clean up the dune areas in front of the surf clubs and again on

February 18 to erect the fencing.

A further report on the proposed removal of vegetation from the road reserve adjacent to the Umina Surf Club will be presented to council in the near future.

Surf Life Saving advised council in a letter dated December 14 that it was committed to the protection and management of the beach and dunes.

In more recent advice to council, NSW Surf Life Saving has provided a written commitment to participate in a restoration plan should it be required after the event.

The council's director of community services, Mr Phil Rowland, will provide a further report to council on the security bond required for any remedial vegetation and dune works.

Staff from Council's environmental planning directorate stated that the NSW Surf Life Saving event plan and environmental commitments had addressed all outstanding environmental issues.

Council agenda EP.2, January 25

Resident survey completed

A resident survey has been completed for the Middle Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study of Pearl Beach.

Gosford Council's Floodplain management committee has been told that Stephen Thorne and Associates have been engaged to carry out an additional land survey of the Middle Creek floodplain required to establish additional flood events.

A draft summary of the resident survey recently completed in the

area was tabled and the committee was informed of the floodplain risk management options that the local residents preferred.

The committed cost of this study project is \$40,120.

This amount includes the cost of additional survey on-going at present.

To date, \$6216 has been spent with two thirds contributed by Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

**Council agenda FM.003,
December 9**

Request to remove roofing waste

Hardys Bay residents have asked Gosford Council to remove roofing tile building waste on the northern side of the Hardys Bay foreshore, around the extension wharf and along Hardys Bay Pde.

The council has received a petition with 109 signatures about the matter.

The petition also requested

that a safe traversable passage be cleared in the vicinity of the extension wharf for waterway users.

The petitioners stated that there were derelict terra cotta tiles lying along the foreshore as relics of bygone oyster farm practices.

They had razor sharp edges and posed a danger to all users of the foreshore and waterway.

The petitioners also stated that

recently-erected long line oyster leases with floating white buoys in front of Hardys Bay Pde restricted access to the Hardys Bay waterway in and around the extension wharf area.

The petitioners requested the removal of the terra cotta tiles and the surrendering of lease area near the extension wharf in Hardys Bay Pde, Killcare.

Council agenda P.11, January 25

Petition on setback

Gosford Council has received a petition with nine signatures from residents of Burge Rd, Woy Woy, objecting to a development in the area.

The residents have claimed

that the development contravenes council's DCP 155 requiring a 10-metre setback for double storey buildings from land zoned "open space or reserved for waterfront public reserve or unzoned land".

Council agenda P.4, January 25

Attention Tsunami Appeal organisers

If you're involved with a grassroots tsunami relief fund-raising appeal and would like to publicise it, send the Peninsula News the what, where and when (including your name and daytime contact telephone number) and we'll publish the details. See page 2 for contact details

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Health



The Peninsula Women's Health Centre in Woy Woy

Meetings about violence and abuse

The Woy Woy Women and Children's Service is planning to run meetings on the topic of dealing with violence and abuse at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre in Woy Woy.

The session, known as the Butterfly Group, aims to cover topics such as: the cycle of violence and abuse, healthy relationships,

the impact of abuse on family, emotional abuse, the affects of stress, anger and isolation, self esteem, life skills and the affects of domestic violence.

Meetings run every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm from February 8.

No bookings are required and no sign-in is needed for the group.

Woy Woy Women and Children's

Service also offers an outreach service to women in the community who have or are experiencing domestic violence.

The service is free of charge.

For more information, please contact 4340 1052 or the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 4342 5905.

Press release, January 18 Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Relay at Rogers Park

The Cancer Council of NSW will stage a Relay For Life event at Rogers Park oval on April 2-3.

The Cancer Council has invited the community to get its team entries in early.

The Relay for Life is a 24-hour event where teams of 10 to 15 people take turns to walk or run around an oval to raise funds for cancer.

Teams can camp overnight at the oval and are entertained by games, competitions and live music during the event.

"The relay is all about raising funds for a very important cause but also about bringing together people both directly and indirectly affected by cancer, so that they can celebrate life," said Cancer Council representative Ms Jaci Tebb.

The Relay for Life has been

staged at the Mingara athletics track for over four years and has raised over \$280,000.

This will be the first year an additional event has been staged on the Peninsula.

Ms Tebb said all funds raised at The Relay For Life ensure the continuation of vital cancer research, education and support programs in the local community.

Start time for the relay will be 10am.

Anyone wishing to enter a team in the event, or those wishing to find out more information about or wish to sponsor the event can contact 4325 5444.

Teams can sign up immediately at www.relayforlife.com.au/nsw and look under "P" for Peninsula Relay for Life.

Media Release, January 17 Jaci Tebb, The Cancer Council

Bowen therapy introduced

A Bowen therapy program will be conducted at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre in Woy Woy on February 9.

Bowen therapy is said to be a treatment for all chronic and acute pain, and is said to activate the body's natural healing abilities.

Course facilitator Sandra Bailey is an accredited Bowen therapist working in Gosford and Woy Woy.

Ms Bailey will present an

introduction to Bowen therapy and its capabilities.

Ms Bailey will also be on hand to answer any questions and will demonstrate the technique.

The program will be run on Wednesday, February 9, from 10am to noon.

Cost is a gold coin donation and confirmation date for the course is February 2.

Press release, January 18 Peninsula Women's Health Centre

A sense of inner wisdom

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has organised a course for women who wish to deepen their sense of inner wisdom and innate spirituality.

The course, entitled "Path of the Heart: Outer Expressions of

the Inner Goddess", aims to teach people to use ritual and celebration to increase their knowledge of the earth based goddess religions and practices.

The course also aims to help women express their spiritual connectedness to themselves, their community and to nature.

It is anticipated that participants would be committed to further exploring their path of spiritual self realisation between sessions so that over the six weeks they can significantly increase their sense of spiritual well being and bring

greater meaning to their lives

The facilitator for the course is Sonja Etherington.

The course will be held on February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14 and 21 from 10am to 12.30pm.

Confirmation date for this event is February 7 and a gold coin donation is required.

Bookings are by application and can be made by contacting the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 4342 5905.

Press release, January 18 Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Program about medicine use

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is working with the Council on the Ageing to conduct a program to increase the understanding of medications.

The program will concentrate on medicine designed to improve the health and quality of life of older people.

Each year about 140,000 hospital

admissions in Australia are due to medication related problems.

More than half are judged to be preventable.

The program will be run on Tuesday, February 8, from 10am to noon.

Cost of the program is a gold coin donation and the confirmation date is February 1.

Press release, January 18 Peninsula Women's Health Centre

New cancer support group

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has begun a new support and information group on the Peninsula for women living with cancer.

Each week there will be a healing meditation, discussion and sharing group.

The group will meet at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre

on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10am to noon.

The group will be open and women are invited to join at any of the dates including February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24 and June 28.

For more information or to book a seat contact 4342 5905.

Press release, January 18 Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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Business support for stroke club

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club secretary Ms Gayle Coulton has thanked Peninsula business people who donated goods for its annual Christmas Luncheon in December.

Businesses which supported the appeal included Chickadee Chicken, Quick Serve Fruit and Vegetables, Bakers Delight, Woolworths, KFC and Peters Meats.

The businesses presented a Christmas feast for 58 stroke-affected people and their carers at the Meals on Wheels Hall in Woy Woy.

The event was also a chance for members of the Stroke Recovery Club to thank its volunteers who gave their time to assist hydrotherapy sessions and other functions.

**Press release, January 10
Gayle Coulton, Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club**



The new La'Bell Cafe on St Johns Corner, Woy Woy

New cafe starts

A new café commenced operation on St Johns Corner, Woy Woy, on January 10.

Trading as La'Bell, the business is owned by Lyn Heggie and Jacqueline Purkiss.

They serve light lunches and afternoon tea and are particularly proud of their gourmet cakes.

Situated on the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Rd, the shop front is set

well back from the street alignment and provides an alfresco dining area under shade on the footpath.

Lyn has lived on the Peninsula for 12 months and has in the past worked in family-owned businesses.

She is now pleased to have her own business in the hospitality industry.

"We have had a great deal of positive feedback in the short time

we've been open," Ms Purkiss said.

"We've also been pleased with the assistance we've had from council and our landlord Mr Tony Altavilla."

The café operates in conjunction with Labels dress shop next door and the owners believe the two businesses are complementary.

The business trades from 8am for breakfast till 5pm each day.

Cec Bucello, January 21



William (Sonny) Makepeace (Left) is presented with an inscribed silver tray by the then Gosford City Mayor, Alderman Don Leggett.

Long-time resident dies

Booker Bay resident Sonny Makepeace died on August 26 last year, aged 88.

Mr Makepeace was born in 1916 and lived at Booker Bay for 74 years.

During his life, Mr Makepeace spent 40 years working for Gosford Council.

Mr Makepeace had a large family who all lived on the Central Coast except for a son who lives in Canberra.

He had 12 children, with eight of them still alive today.

Ann Makepeace, his wife, passed away September 1993.

Mr Makepeace's children include Barbara, Jim, Keith, Colin, Donald, Lindsay, Debbie and Jon.

**Letter, January 19
Barbara Falconer**

Nursery plans to expand

A plan to extend the Impact Plants nursery at Empire Bay has been approved by Gosford Council at its meeting of December 14.

The nursery is located at the intersection of Poole Cl and Belrose Pl.

The applicant proposed to establish a commercial wholesale plant nursery on Lot 7 which would be amalgamated with the adjoining Impact Plants on lot 6.

The proposal includes car parking for 28 vehicles, storage areas and a grassed forecourt area.

A number of public submissions were received from local residents regarding flooding and lighting.

Facilitation failed to resolve a few issues but conditions were imposed to address the concerns of the residents.

**Council agenda DH.130,
December 7**

Culvert is preferred

A survey of residents has found that the use of a culvert on Turo Creek in Pretty Beach Rd is the most favoured option from reducing flood levels in the area.

Channel widening and deepening, channel improvement and planning controls were the second most preferred options, according to Mr Habib Rehman, a consultant engaged to undertake a risk management study and plan.

Mr Rehman has told Gosford Council's floodplain management committee that changing the alignment of Turo Creek would make it easier for the property owners to remove footbridges, which are generally viewed as flow obstructions.

All but one bridge on the creek

would become redundant under this option.

The committee was advised that other options included house raising, voluntary purchase, house relocation, diversion of catchment inflows, conditions on development, and other options should also be investigated as management options.

The committee was advised that Mr Rehman would present the results of the flood study review and a draft floodplain management report at the committee's next meeting.

The report would include comparative analysis of all the

possible options, proposed by the local residents.

The cost committed to the study is \$42,790.

Financial assistance would come from the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Programme and Commonwealth's Natural Disaster Risk Management Studies Programme.

To date, \$8440 has been spent with more than half contributed by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

**Council agenda FM.002,
December 9**

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Placegetters at Zone were - (L to R) **Back** Charlotte Clune-Purcell, Keeyah Robertson, Hannah Clune-Purcell, Lauren Riley, Candace Williams **Centre** Simone Bradly, Lesa McNeill, Edwina Clune-Purcell **Front** Alana Hardcastle, Caitlan Young

Strong results for 'physie'

Woy Woy's Recreational Physical Culture Club has finished last year's competition with 10 places at zone level, two places at national level and two teams placed first overall in the national team competition.

Place getters included Simone Bradley who came first at Zone in the five-year-old division and Alana Hardcastle who came third in the same division.

Edwina Clune-Purcell came first at Zone and fifth at Nationals in the six-year-old division, while Caitlan Young came second at Zone in the same division.

In the seven-year-old division, Lauren Riley came first at Zone and

second at nationals, while Keeyah Robertson came fifth at zone.

In eight year olds, Candace Williams came third at Zone, and Charlotte Clune-Purcell came second in Zone for nine-year-olds.

Hannah Clune-Purcell came third at Zone in the 12-year-old division while Lesa McNeill came second at Zone in 12-year-olds and was a national finalist.

The club runs "physie" classes for girls at the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and now also runs classes for women.

The program includes standing and floor exercises, aerobic type warm-ups, ballet and dance, all choreographed to develop strength, grace, confidence, coordination

and flexibility.

This in turn teaches the relationship of music to movement, rhythm, self-discipline, composition, balance and musical interpretation.

Teachers Robyn and Kristy Stephen said the course is a carefully-structured syllabus which is as contemporary as the music they work to.

Each age has a separate syllabus and students have the opportunity to enter annual competitions.

Robyn Stephen has been teaching for 40 years.

Competitions are at club, interclub, district and state level and culminate in national finals in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House and the Homebush State Sports Centre.

Girls can compete as a member of a team or individually.

Girls from three years up may participate.

Physie lessons cost \$3 and new members are welcome.

**Press release, January 18
Robyn and Kristy Stephen,
Physical Culture Club**

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Pearl Beach raises \$9500

Pearl Beach residents and tourist in the area have raised \$9500 for tsunami victims.

Pearl Beach Progress Association representative Ms Lynne Lillico said that people came in droves to participate in the fund raising appeal

"In a steady stream, they walked up the fire trail through Brisbane Water National Park," Ms Lillico said.

"Babies and toddlers travelled in back packs.

"Teenagers raced up the hill and mums, dads, grandmas and grandpas took it at a gentler pace.

"St John's Ambulance volunteers waited at the top of the hill to give everyone a pat on the back before they took in the spectacular view

from the lookout."

The Pearl Beach Progress Association put on a morning tea in its community hall following the event, both for the walkers and for those who could not take part in the event but still wanted to contribute.

Food was cooked and donated by local residents.

PearlBeachProgressAssociation president Ms Kay Williams said she was overwhelmed by people's generosity.

"This excellent result shows what can be achieved at community level when everyone works together".

**Press release, January 9
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach
Progress Association**

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What's on

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 No9, 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, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.
Pearl Beach Craft group, PBPH, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.
Stroke recovery group, M O W, 1 1 . 3 0 a m .
Killcare SLSC, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966
Third Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, UCH 7pm.
Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, MOW 10am, enq: 4342 1790.
Fourth Tuesday of every month
Toasters, E B W M C, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.
Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, ESCC, 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 ESCC, 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.
Kids drama and discovery classes, 5-16yrs, PCYC, 4pm, enq: 4344 7851.
Umina Beach Probuc Club ECC 9.30am, visitors welcome.
Woy Woy VIEW Club, Friendship Day, MOW 11am Enq. 4341 2379
Last Wednesday of every month
Umina progress association, UCH, 1.30pm
Monthly meditation group, PWHC
Every Wednesday
Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs, TWYS
Counselling individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC
Rock'n'Roll Dance Class EBMC 7pm
Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30am and 7.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.
Peninsula Choir rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.
Pearl Beach Play Group 10.15am-12.15am PBPH, enq: 4344 7863.
Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, MOW 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.
Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls**, 1pm. ECC
Bingo/Cash Housie 7:30pm CU
Seniors fitness EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.
Indoor Bowls-9am; **Fitness**-1pm
Leatherwork-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am;
Bridge- 12 noon. **Scrabble** 1pm ESCC
Social Darts EMBC, 7pm
Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, PCC
Girls' BJP School of Physical Culture, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs PCC enq: 4344 4924.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, Kindy Gym 10-11am \$6,
Boxing/fitness training, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), PCYC
St John's Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care 7pm, enq: 4341 3341.
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

First Thursday of every month
Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm.
Second Thursday of every month
Outsiders club, EBWMC, 9am.
Third Thursday of every month
Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061.
Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm
Fourth Thursday of every month
Umina Probuc, ECC, 10am.
Every Thursday
Counselling individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC
Free entertainment EMBC 6.30 pm
Senior Snooker EMBC 8.30am, **Drumming**, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2-3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, \$10, enq: 0425 229 651.
Scrabble, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd , 12.30pm.
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, ESCC
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: PCC, enq: 4342 4121.
Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.
Line Dancing CU 9.30am
Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC
St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 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: 43414060, 8pm
Third Friday of every month
Legacy Ladies, EBWMC, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.
Fourth Friday of every month
South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.
Civilian widows, ESCC, 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 ESCC
Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), enq: 4343 1237
Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 0721.
Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy 6pm, John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.
Kindy Gymnastics beginners 9.30am, advanced 10.30am, PCC
Hardys Bay Community Church, indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble, morning tea 10am, enq 4363 1968.
Doctor & Nurse for 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 2-9:30pm

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, Kindy Gym 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC
Pilates Classes, PCC 11am to 12noon, enq: 4344 7909
Kids Club (Primary), during school terms, 4.40-6pm, Et Baptist Church.
Anti-Gravity (Yrs 6-8), during school terms, 7pm, Ett Baptist Church enq: Shane 0412 606 128.

SATURDAY

Second Saturday of every month
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.
Pretty Beach Bushcare group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.
Save our Suburbs, Woy Woy South Progress Hall, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251
The Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, WWLC 10am.
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.
Ettyalong **Creek Landcare** group, Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.
Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am,
Buffalo Lodge, Gosford No63, UCH 1pm.
Dancing Old time/new time/
New Vogue, 1pm, ESCC
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
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 Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721
Fairhaven Cash Housie CU 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am
Evening Bowls 6pm Enq 4341 9656, **Card Club** 500 1pm EBWMC
Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333
Patchwork & Quilting, 9am,
Pottery 10am & 1pm EBACC
Children's Story Time ; Woy Woy Library, 10.30 am
Punters choice 12.45pm EBWMC
Gentle Exercise, 9.30am PCC
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
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
Tuesday, 15 February
Bushcare, PWHC, 10am to 12 noon, Confirmation 8th february
Wednesday, 16 February
Scrap booking, PWHC, 10am to 12 noon, bookings, 9th February

Volunteers needed for surf carnival

Surf Life Saving (SLS) NSW is calling for volunteers to assist in the running of the 2005 NSW Surf Championships from the February 25 to March 6.

The Junior, Masters and Open NSW Surf Life Saving Championships are being run on Ocean Beach at Umina.

The assistance of some 350 local community-minded volunteers is being sought to support the organising team, according to SLS deputy president and local organising committee chairman, Mr Brett Harrod.

Current Surf Life Saving patrol members are required to patrol either end of Ocean Beach at Umina and four designated competition areas.

General activities volunteers are required for food preparation for officials and volunteers, erecting and dismantling daily of some

30 tents and shade covers along the beach, crowd guidance, gate keeping and competition area assistance and general cleaning and site maintenance.

Volunteer assistance by the Umina Beach Bowling Club membership has already been gained which will primarily assist on weekdays during the championships.

Assistance for each day of the championship is sought.

In particular, support is required on Friday, February 25, Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4.

It is anticipated that 8000 competitors, as well as their families and supporters will significantly boost the local Central Coast economy over the two week period.

Volunteers can register by calling 4341 0696.

**Press release, January 20
David Lyall, Hanson Sports Media**



Ocean Beach Surf Club soon to be renovated

Six invited for surf club tender

Six companies have been invited to submit tenders for the renovation of the Umina Beach and Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club buildings.

Expressions of interest were recently invited for the renovation of both buildings.

The companies include ACH Clifford, Beach Constructions Pty Limited, Classic Group Pty Limited, Cordukes Limited, McKenzie Building and Construction and North Construction and Building.

Both buildings comprise two levels and include boat and surf craft storage, kitchens, cafés, amenities, function rooms, storerooms, passenger lifts, external decks and ancillary areas.

Expressions of interest closed on December 14 with 13 submissions received.

The submissions were assessed based on the consideration of referees, financial capacity and resources, previous experience and performance, insurance, subcontractors, environmental management and OH and S.

Based on this assessment, the six companies rated the strongest and met the selection criteria.

Due to the costs involved in preparing a tender, it was considered that the number of tenderers be limited to six to ensure a more realistic and economic result.

**Council agenda FS.6,
December 25**



Woy Woy tennis complex

Tennis academy forms at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Tennis Club has recently announced the formation of the Woy Woy Tennis Academy on the Peninsula.

The academy will be under the direction of Mr Andrew Coates, a level II qualified coach, who will conduct coaching at the

tennis complex situated behind the parking area for Woy Woy Peninsula Plaza.

Club president Terry Forbes said the aim was to provide first class coaching for members, senior and junior, and members of the general public who wished to improve their standard of play.

Mr Forbes said the academy

would also assist in improving the club's involvement in local tennis competitions.

Anyone interested in the academy is invited to the complex on Saturdays to meet Mr Coates between 10am and noon.

**Press release, January 11
Terry Forbes,
Woy Woy Tennis Club**

Woy Woy wins three

Woy Woy water polo club played The Entrance at Wyong Pool on Wednesday, January 12, winning three of its four games.

In the juniors, Woy Woy beat

The Entrance 12-4.

In the women's competition, Woy Woy beat The Entrance 8-2 and in First Grade men's Woy Woy won 9-1.

Woy Woy lost to The Entrance 7-1 in the Second Grade men's

competition.

Best players on the night were Tracey Elliott, Tim Hall and Daniel Robinson.

**Press release, January 13
Nicole Donohue, Central Coast
Water Polo**

Swim centre opens for business

A privately-run swim centre will open its doors for business on January 31 at the former Daleys Point shopping centre.

Proprietor Katie Diamond has been involved with swimming for most of her life, both as a member of the national swim squad as well as in administration.

She is a qualified AustSwim instructor and is involved with masters swimming and a local surf club.

Until recently, she worked with Gosford Council and was involved with the former Woy Woy pool.

The swim centre was originally established as a pool for use by

Peridon Village residents.

However, this plan did not eventuate.

Ms Diamond has had the 15 metre indoor pool refurbished and has had new equipment installed for her new swim school.

The centre will offer aqua-aerobics and hydrotherapy, and will retain a temperature of 31 degrees.

Specialised air conditioning equipment has been installed to remove heat and humidity while maintaining a constant air temperature.

The toilets and the change rooms have been renovated and separate facilities for the disabled have been built.

Ms Diamond is a single mother with a small child, and has been able to realise a dream that she has held for some time.

"It's fantastic to work in the area you love.

"I've always dreamt of having my own business in the swimming industry," Ms Diamond said.

"Our centre will provide a program which ensures a sequential development for each student in a supportive teaching environment which promotes a happy, harmonious and professional learning atmosphere for the teaching of swimming and water safety in accordance with Austswim accreditation."

Cec Bucello January 21

Recommendation to keep ground fees

Council staff have recommended that local clubs continue to be charged for the use of sports grounds which are available to the general public at no cost.

The recommendation is being put to Gosford Council at its meeting this Tuesday, January 25.

Fields that would continue to incur fees would include Woy Woy, Ettalong, Gavenlock, James Brown, McEvoy, Rogers Park, Umina, Austin Butler and Lemongrove.

Fields such as Rogers Park and Umina Oval currently incur a daily usage fee of \$150.

Council officers have stated that removing the fees would lower the income from the grounds across the municipality by \$200,000 which would reduce spending on the grounds.

The reduction would be in capital

improvements, park improvements, the sportsground renovation program and higher maintenance levels would either be reduced or passed onto the user groups to undertake.

The use of council facilities by all sports has increased dramatically in recent years, causing additional wear and tear on the grounds.

The current fee system is based on 15 to 20 per cent of cost recovery.

The use of change rooms, toilets and canteen facilities are provided free of charge.

Council also provides the Recreation Assistance Grants Program that is for the benefit of local sporting clubs.

This grant program provides \$40,000 annually to clubs.

Council allocates \$250,000 annually for deep aeration and top

dressings to improve soil conditions and promote better turf.

The current fee system allowed council to regulate the use of its sportsgrounds, according to a report prepared by the council's recreation section staff.

Through the charge for usage, a club is encouraged to book just to meet its needs, rather than over-booking a facility.

The bonds for keys and wet weather usage encourages clubs to show more responsibility in caring for their sportsground, the report states.

Council staff found that councils in surrounding areas were working under a user pays fee system similar to Gosford's, but the fees generally tend to be lower.

The user pays system has been in operation for over 25 years.

Council agenda CS.3, January 25

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Emma accepted for arts degree

Emma Hamilton from Umina Beach was among hundreds of Peninsula students who received university acceptance on Wednesday, January 19.

Emma, 18, who completed her HSC last year at Brisbane Water Secondary College, applied to study for a bachelor of arts offered by the University of Newcastle at Ourimbah.

Ms Hamilton was delighted on Wednesday to discover she had been granted a position.

"I was really happy to find out. "It was my first preference," she said.

"I am not sure at this stage what I

want to do career-wise, so Arts is a good jumping off point for me.

"I can explore the areas that interest me, try everything, and then make sure I have made the right decision.

"I am excited about the option of going to University, especially as I can continue living on the Coast and be within reasonable travelling distance to the campus."

Ms Hamilton said she worked hard during her HSC and was glad to have received an offer from Ourimbah.

Ms Hamilton scored a UAI of 94.9.

Lyle Stone, January 19
Cae Pattison, Ourimbah Campus



A house on Rawson rd adjacent to Mutu st with a large amount of graffiti

Resident calls for graffiti rewards

A Woy Woy resident is calling on local home owners and companies to contribute to rewards for catching and convicting graffiti artists.

The Mutu St resident said that several businesses and houses, including his own, were among the many people on the Peninsula affected by the seemingly random acts of vandalism.

"It seems that nobody wants to do anything," the resident said.

"Owners need to call the police to stop this graffiti.

"Gosford Police station has its own graffiti expert," he said.

The resident said he was prepared to contribute to some kind of reward towards catching offenders, but wanted other

residents and businesses to join the fight.

"These idiots must be drawn to the attention of the police," he said.

"We collectively need to lodge complaints or call the police assistance line."

"These idiots have no idea of the cost to remove this rubbish.

"They just want their stupid friends to see their stupid names up on a wall."

The resident said that of the people on the Peninsula he had spoken with, all were in favour of catching these people and punishing them.

"We need to put these people behind bars where they belong."

Lyle Stone, January 14



(L to R) Mrs Marjorie Maiden, Sr Margaret Wall, Rev Fr Anthony McCarthy SSC (Standing), His Eminence Cardinal George Pell, Marsha and John Burzynski

Sister Margaret celebrates Jubilee

Sister Margaret Wall, the last Josephite sister to work in the Woy Woy and Umina Parish, celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Profession on January 6.

Sister Margaret was part of a group of 30 celebrating their 50 years as sisters at St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

The chief celebrant at the Jubilee Mass was Cardinal George Pell, assisted by Archbishop Len Faulkner and Bishop Peter Ingham, who preached the homily, and 14

priests who concelebrated.

From 1922, the Sisters of St Joseph travelled daily from Gosford by train to conduct school classes in St John the Baptist Church.

A cottage was bought in Victoria Rd, Woy Woy, in the 1930s.

The cottage became known as St Joseph's Convent, with three sisters in residence.

Sister Margaret worked as a teacher in the Parish Primary School in the early 1960s.

She returned to the parish in

1991 when she was involved in bereavement ministry, and ministry to the sick and elderly in hospitals, nursing homes and in patients' homes.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations took place at the Josephite Sisters' Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney.

Currently Sister Margaret is a resident at the Josephite Sisters' Retirement Centre at Hunters Hill.

Press release, January 17
John Storm

Kincumber college runs new courses

Kincumber Community College has begun running several new courses on the Peninsula.

The courses are held at the Woy Woy CWA hall and at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC).

Subjects include a special fabrics effect, silk art basic workshop, computers, desktop publishing, MYOB, Bonsai maintenance, harmonica, Belly dancing, pilates and creative writing.

The special fabric effects workshop at the CWA will teach participants a variety of techniques, design fabric patterns and ribbons for sewing and embroidery items.

The workshop encourages participants to bring different synthetic and cotton fabrics and transform them with a microwave and rubber bands, to create hills and valleys, using techniques including nipple and tuck, salting and heliography.

The silk art basic workshop at the CWA will teach people different techniques and will include marbling on shaving cream.

Computers for Beginners at the secondary college will give people a basic understanding of Windows XP, how to access and retrieve data and basic file management.

Desktop publishing, also at the secondary college, will teach people simple desktop publishing with Microsoft Publisher and will demonstrate how to create documents, including business cards, invitations, newsletters, birthday cards and flyers for business.

The MYOB accounting course will teach participants to manage their business bookwork, including

general ledgers, income, expenses, debtors, creditors, stock control, contact list, invoicing, GST and BAS.

Most administration positions require MYOB knowledge.

The bonsai workshop at the CWA hall is a comprehensive course that covers all aspects of creating and caring for a bonsai.

The harmonica course at the CWA will teach participants to play the instrument, blues harp style.

Belly dancing is an ancient form of dance which is still popular today.

The belly dancing course at the CWA is for women of all ages, sizes and ethnic backgrounds.

The pilates course promises to give participants a flatter stomach,

stronger back, leaner muscles and more awareness and control of their body.

This non-impact form of movement is suitable for all ages and levels of fitness.

Participants are asked to bring a towel or mat.

The creative writing course at the CWA gives people a chance to have their stories, poems and articles commented on constructively.

The group is for people who like all styles of writing.

Enrolment week for the courses is January 31 - February 4 between 9.30am and 2.30pm on 4369 1187.

Newsletter, January 19
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Crossing path is inaccessible

I am concerned about the rail crossing on Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

On the southern side of Rawson Rd, there is neither footpath nor any barrier to prevent pedestrians using the southern side of Rawson Rd to cross the railway line.

There are no signs warning motorists of the danger to pedestrians or the disabled on electric mobility carts.

On the northern side of Rawson Rd, there is an island pathway enclosed by a fence and automatic gate that closes when the road boom gate comes down.

The pathway however is not connected to anything other than rough ground that is isolated by a crash barrier.

In other words, this small island of pathway is not accessible and certainly would not be accessed by the disabled approaching from the southern end of Railway Rd wanting to cross the railway line.

The road's width is inadequate to accommodate pedestrians and incompetent impatient drivers, who

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are sadly increasing in number as each day passes.

I suggest that until a proper pathway is built on both the northern and southern sides of Rawson Rd, large signs be erected requiring motor vehicle traffic to give way to pedestrians.

If this requires the council to pass new local bylaws, so be it.

It is long overdue that pedestrians be recognised and protected by local council and governments.

I suggest that one of council's primary obligations, along with the supply of clean water and sewerage removal, is to engender overall general good health.

One way is to encourage pedestrian exercise within the council's environs.

Council should be working to remove private vehicles from suburban areas and encouraging pedestrian and public transport movement instead.

One does not need to be a rocket scientist nor spend hundreds of

thousands of dollars on research studies to see that our society is not being helped by anti-social individuals isolating themselves in polluting wheeled tin boxes that are also dangerous weapons when misused.

This behaviour helps to create physical and mental illness and is largely an expensive, unnecessary indulgence.

Perhaps it is time to consider the implementation of local bylaw prohibiting the use of private vehicles one day per week.

The mandatory enforcement of the use of public transport and "Shank's Pony" could result in an improvement in the understanding of the problems faced by the disabled and infirm or those enlightened people who consider others by not using private motor vehicles.

It would also give greater awareness of the consequences of anti-social behaviour resulting in driving license suspension.

**Richard Newby
Woy Woy**

In Brief

Report sought
Gosford Council's Coastal and Estuary management committee has asked for a report on the progress of the draft LEP for St Huberts Island drainage canals.

At its November 25 meeting, it asked that a representative from the council's integrated planning section make a presentation to the committee.

Council agenda CE.011,
November 25

Update given
Doug Treloar and Louise Howells from Cardno Consulting have given a presentation on the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study to Gosford Council's Coastal and Estuary management committee.

The presentation provided an update on current investigations, studies and modelling being undertaken.

It is anticipated that a further briefing of the committee would occur later this year.

Council agenda CE.001,
November 25

Journalist Lee Casey of Killcare will replace current editor Jill Baxter.

Ms Baxter thanked all readers of Bouddi News for making her time writing the newsletter enjoyable.

Newsletter, January 13
Bouddi News

Dog complaint
Gosford Council has received a petition with nine signatures from residents of Lagoon St, Ettalong Beach complaining about the nuisance caused by three barking Pomeranian dogs.

The petitioners have requested that a council officer investigate the problem and if necessary issue a nuisance order to the owner.

Council agenda P.1, December 25

CWA branch closes

The Bouddi branch of the Country Women's Association has decided to close after 36 years, due to difficulties staffing its office.

Around 10 of the Bouddi members will join with the Woy Woy branch to carry on their CWA work.

Newsletter, January 13
Bouddi News

New editor
The Bouddi News has a new editor.

Don't give away our beaches

As Australians we are very quick and generous whenever there is an emergency any where in the world.

However we seem remarkably slow to learn any lessons from

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these disasters.

Obviously we believe that these things would never happen here.

Devastation from the Tsunami around the Indian Ocean was worse in areas where development, tourism and aquaculture had been allowed to destroy the mangrove wetlands and the dunes.

Apparently laws which forbid development for 200m back from the beach front had been ignored, because vested interests had persuaded the government to override these laws.

Why do the residents on the Central Coast not realize that this is just what is happening here?

The Ettalong Memorial Club has amazingly been able to contribute \$300 000 for consultants to devise a development plan for the forefront of the club, that is at Town Beach.

This includes a metre high wall, walkways going in and out of the dunes and viewing platforms.

The NSW Surf Life Saving Championships are to be held at Umina at the end of February.

This is of course good for the Central Coast, particularly the business fraternity but does this mean that the dunes can

be ravaged and the vegetation removed?

As they are saying in India and Thailand, the laws must be enforced; the mangroves and dunes must be protected, for they protect the people and the towns.

Perhaps in the event of a disaster, our early warning system would prevent many lives being lost but it would do little for the hotels, clubs and businesses which have managed to overcome any rules or common sense and taken over our beaches and dunes.

Jared Diamond's latest book, "How Societies Choose to Fail or Survive", should be essential reading for all our councillors and their staff.

As he says, "there is no other planet to which we can turn for help or to which we can export our problems".

Don't let our Council give away our beaches or dunes.

Their top priority should be to protect our dunes, which in turn protect the Peninsula.

Surely beaches are almost sacred in Australia; they are for everyone not there just for the enrichment of private enterprise.

M Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Time for Change

**Two thousand and five give us a break,
Time for a change for heavens sake,
No more world wide devastation,
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**Bring us sunshine and some rain,
To make our farmers smile again,
Give the fires nothing to do,
That's a wish from me to you,
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To point us in the right direction,
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Theatre presents Funny Money

Woy Woy Little Theatre is presenting a play entitled "Funny Money" from February 25 to March 13.

The story of the play starts with Jean preparing a birthday dinner for her mild-mannered accountant husband.

When he arrives, he is not himself and suggests they immigrate to Barcelona.

The reason is that Henry has found a briefcase containing 735,000 pounds.

Other guests at the dinner are forced into a game of cat and mouse when two police inspectors call.

The cast includes Cathy Stone, Graham Vale, Christine Vale, Peter Santangelo, John Hickey, Steve Pearson and Mike Jeffries.

The play is written by Ray Cooney and directed by Fran Kendall.

Performances are held on Friday and Saturday night at 8pm, and at 2pm on Sunday.

Tickets cost \$19 for adults, \$16 concession and \$6 for children.

For bookings or more information, contact 4344 4737 between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

The booking office opens February 14.

Press release, January 6
Brendan Logan,
The Peninsula Theatre



Members of The Bells

The Bells resume

The Bells entertainment group will resume its performance schedule on January 25, and is currently looking for new members.

Last year, the group performed

40 concerts in nursing homes, hostels and retirement venues.

The group meets on Tuesday mornings for practice at the CWA Umina, and a few hours on Wednesdays.

Anyone who would like to

become part of the group is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact 4369 1899.

Press release, January 18
Dorothy Harvey, The Bells

Association hires concert piano

The Pearl Beach Progress Association is offering its concert piano for hire and for recital, following its purchase in June last year.

The association purchased the piano with the help of a \$5000 donation by a local family.

The donation from the Irvine family was to commemorate their parents, Alex and Helen Irvine.

The piano is a black Kawai upright, believed to have been in little use by a family in Hong Kong, and subsequently purchased from Gray's Music, Singleton, via a Newcastle firm which imports pianos.

The piano's first formal use by the association was for the Central Coast Conservatorium, in a concert given by students from Gosford and Slovakian music group Nitra.

The piano was formally presented to the community in a ceremony as part of the 10th Annual Pearl Beach Chamber Music Festival on the June Long Weekend last year.

It was proposed that its use

would continue in the annual Pearl Beach Chamber Music Festivals.

It is also available for hire by appropriately qualified persons.

Gosford Conservatorium Music Scholarships funded by the local community and the Irvine family will ensure its continued use as a recital instrument for the benefit of Peninsula residents.

The piano's commemorative plaque reads:

"In loving memory of Alex and Helen Irvine, proud Pearl Beach pioneers. Donated by their loving sons Alex, Jim, John and Warwick"

Helen Irvine was the daughter of John Knight, and John and his sisters Rosie and Daisy Knight bought five of the first blocks offered for sale in Pearl Beach in 1926 and built the first house in the area.

This first fibro and timber home "Noonameena" or "sleeping place in the bush" was completed in 1927 for Daisy Knight.

Press release, January 17
Kay Williams

Australia Day activities

A range of Australia Day activities will be held on the Peninsula with events at both Woy Woy and Wagstaffe.

Events will take place at Anderson Park in Woy Woy on Tuesday, January 25.

The celebration, which runs from 5pm until 11pm, will include a variety of entertainment provided throughout the evening.

This will include a bush dance, singers, dance groups and kids activities.

There will also be food stalls and children's rides for \$2.

A fireworks display will be

conducted at 9.30pm.

On Australia Day, Wednesday, January 26, Wagstaffe will host a colonial re-enactment at Wagstaffe Wharf.

There will also be a flag-raising ceremony followed by a breakfast barbecue by the bay.

The Wagstaffe festivities will run from 8am until 10.30am.

The Gosford City Australia Day Committee unanimously decided to seek the assistance of the Australian Red Cross in collecting gold coin donations at all of the region's Australia Day celebrations.

Volunteers from the Australian Red Cross will be located at the entry points or the main stages of each of the major celebrations.

They will be wearing Red Cross shirts or badges and carrying collection buckets and will be happy to accept gold coin donations.

Crowds in excess of 20,000 people are expected at these events.

For more information, contact council's event officer on 4325 8107.

Press release, January 13
Alison Nolan, Laura Clyne,
Gosford Council

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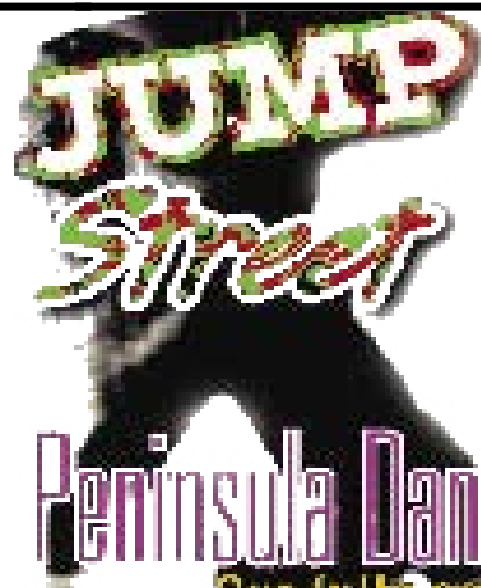
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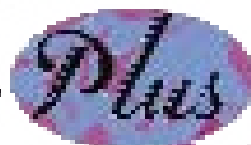
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New South Wales Surf Life Saving Championships proposed area layout

Up to 30,000 expected at surf championships

Organisers are expecting up to 30,000 people a day at surf life saving championships to be held at Ocean Beach between February 25 and March 6.

Surf Life Saving representative Jonathan Abrahams said the event was expected to draw a large crowd.

"Depending on the day (we can expect) between 5000 and 30,000 in total per day with the peak days being

both weekends," Mr Abrahams said.

Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs will be hosting several surf championships at Ocean Beach.

The Telstra NSW Junior Surf Life Saving Championships will be held from Friday, February 25 - 27, the NSW Masters Surf Life Saving Championships on Thursday March 3 and the NRMA Insurance NSW Surf Life Saving Championships from Friday March 4-6.

Events will generally run from 8am to

6pm each day.

Mr Abrahams said a full range of events would be held including Iron Man and Iron Woman, beach sprints, flags, surf skis, board, various relays, surf boats, Recover and Resuscitation and March Past, with events for both males and females.

Mr Abrahams said there were a number of factors that made Umina and

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