

## Fireworks failure to be discussed

**The Gosford City Australia Day committee will decide this week whether to hold a special fireworks night following the failure of fireworks at Woy Woy's Australia Day celebrations.**

The fireworks display, which was to be based on a barge in the Woy Woy channel, was cancelled after the barge took water, damaging the fireworks.

A large crowd had gathered at the Woy Woy waterfront on the evening of January 25 to celebrate Australia Day, anticipating the advertised fireworks.

Fireworks supplier Mr Keith Schofield told Peninsula News that the barge that was being towed from Koolewong to Woy Woy met with unexpected waves and took in water.

"I am terribly sorry to say that all of the equipment and the fireworks were damaged beyond repair and could not be used on the night," Mr Schofield said.

"In all my years of providing fireworks for events, this has never happened.

"We will do something special for the Woy Woy community to make

up for their disappointment," Mr Schofield said.

Gosford City Australia Day Committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein said the committee would meet on February 11 to decide on how best to take advantage of Mr Schofield's offer.

The large crowd present at Woy Woy on the night took the news good-naturedly and most of them remained to enjoy the entertainment.

Two local bands played: the Usual Suspects and Brisbane Water High School's For the Moment.

One of Sydney's best bush bands, Ryebuck, played for a bush dance on the waterfront.

There were several food and drink stalls as well as some market stalls and displays by the naval cadets from Pt Clare and the Rural Fire Brigade.

Many enjoyed an inspection of the Central Coast's own tall ship, the STS Wutuku.

Low cost rides, a folk concert in the CWA Hall, children's activities and free birthday cake were among the other features of the night.

**Press release, February 4  
Cec Bucello, Woy Woy Australia Day Committee**



Dune vegetation at Umina Beach Surf Club blocking views of the beach

## Dune vegetation cutting stopped

**Surf carnival organisers arrived at Ocean Beach with hedge trimmers and other equipment to cut vegetation last week, despite assurances given to Gosford Council that no vegetation would be cut.**

They were prevented from undertaking the work by a Council bushcare officer, assigned to supervise a clean-up of the area.

Gosford Council's director of environmental planning Ms Louise Gee said that the incident was simply a misunderstanding.

"There was a breakdown in communications," Ms Gee said.

"Surf Life Saving were not intended to cut or clear vegetation.

"They were supposed to be there to help with the removal of rubbish and weeds."

Ms Gee said that she had spoken with dunecare representative Mr Michael Gillian who had been concerned about the incident.

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

and again on February 18 to erect fencing.

NSW Surf Life Saving had told the council it was committed to the protection and management of the beach and dunes in a letter dated December 14, and had described the event as an "eco-carnival" in a media release.

In submissions to council, dunecare volunteers and environmentalists had called for a substantial bond to cover any environment damage resulting from the event.

However, the council's set the security deposit "for an event on a beach for over 1000 people" at \$550 and this security deposit had been received.

Council was told that NSW Surf Life Saving had committed to undertake any remedial works needed to reinstate the dune ecosystem at Umina and Ocean beach after the event finished in March.

Discussing the bond at last week's council meeting, Cr Terri Latella requested a bond to cover any dune regeneration works, but Cr Doyle claimed that a dollar figure should not be placed as it

could be too much, or woefully inadequate.

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.

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.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club president Mr Andrew Wing said the incident "was a misunderstanding".

"We were under the general impression that we could cut and trim the vegetation, and there was a bit of a confrontation," Mr Wing said

"The vegetation is sometimes used by thieves to hide things they have stolen from the surf club, and then they come back at night when the coast is clear.

"During the clean up we found things like syringes and bits of wire."

**Lyle Stone, February 4  
Council agenda CS.6 EP.2,  
February 1**

## Larger profit does not silence club

**Profits have increased by 27 per cent to \$545,637 over the past year at the Everglades Country Club, according to secretary-manager Mr Wayne Dean.**

Despite this, Mr Dean has criticised the State Government for its poker machine tax.

He said he was recently advised that 126 clubs had closed or amalgamated in the last four years.

At least another 27 were in administration or liquidation at June 30, he said.

Mr Dean said he hoped the State Government would realise its policy was harming clubs and communities before even more clubs closed their doors.

He said he hoped that the new State Treasurer would review the tax on poker machine revenue.

It appeared this would not happen, with negotiations apparently off the agenda, he said.

Club president Mr Brian Cawley said the October and November results were particularly strong.

October showed a profit of \$108,842 and November a profit of \$112,858.

The year to date figure stood at \$465,017 on November 30, compared to \$350,375 at the same time last year.

The cash surplus to November was \$628,050.

**Bulletin, February 1  
Wayne Dean,  
Everglades Country Club**

## Dirty water investigated

**Gosford Council is currently investigating the causes of the dirty drinking water on the Woy Woy Peninsula.**

The problem was originally believed to be a result of operations at the Mt Ettalong Reservoir.

Due to water restrictions and the need to conserve water wherever possible, council staff decided to

undertake controlled flushing of the system.

They asked Peninsula residents to minimise high water use activities, such as washing clothes, filling pools and spas and the use of standpipes, and also to minimise the use of hot water.

Testing of the dirty water has shown no health risks.

Residents experiencing difficulties with dirty water should contact Gosford Council Water Supply office on 4325 8401 during business hours or 4365 1593 after hours.

Council officers stated they would rectify the situation as soon as possible.

**Press release, January 28  
Alison Nolan, Gosford Council**

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## Residents celebrate Australia Day honours

**Pearl Beach residents celebrated with Mr Henry Mendelson, who was honoured with an Order of Australia, at the recent Australia Day celebrations held on the beachfront.**

The award was accompanied by a citation for services to the community through a range of organisations.

One organisation was the Royal Guide Dog Association where Mr Mendelson held a number of positions on the executive and including president and national president.

Mr Mendelson was a member of the Salvation Army SE Command and NSW Council of Christians and Jews, as well as being a member



*Pearl Beach resident  
Mr Henry Mendelson O.A*

of the Jewish National Fund.

He was best known locally for his contributions to the Peninsula community and the Pearl Beach

Progress Association.

Mr Mendelson was also impresario for over 10 years to the popular Annual Chamber Music festival and Jazz Festivals at Pearl Beach.

The Reverend Dr Peter Swain of Umina Beach was also presented with an Order of Australia for service to the Uniting Church in Australia and to religious education, particularly through Newington College and the Australian Association for Religious Education.

Dr Swain was unavailable for comment.

**Press release, February 4  
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach  
Progress Association**

## Another roundabout mooted

**A roundabout is being considered for the intersection of Mt Ettalong Rd and Hobart Ave in Umina Beach.**

Gosford Council's Traffic Committee received a request

from a Peninsula resident to insert a roundabout at the intersection.

The committee deferred the matter at its December meeting to allow an inspection of the site.

**Council agenda TR 04.240,  
February 1**

## No gang

**The claim that an eight-year-old boy was assaulted by a gang of teenagers at the Umina Beach skate park has been dismissed by police and local community groups.**

Claims that Jesse Cox "was assaulted by a gang of up to 20 teenagers" have been dismissed by a representative of Umina Beach Neighbourhood Watch.

The representative said police information showed that "the incident actually involved the eight-year-old and a seven-year-old boy".

"The only involvement of others was when another older boy tried to intervene to stop the incident."

**Stuart Baumann, January 3**

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## Birthday for Rotary

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach celebrates its 29th birthday during February.**

In the same month, Rotary celebrates 100 years of international and community service.

The Umina club is hosting a "Back to Rotary" night to celebrate its birthday and has invited all former members of the club to

attend with their partners. The dinner will be held at Everglades Country Club on Wednesday, February 9, at 6.30pm.

Past members can contact 4369 2275 or 4344 3333 to advise of their attendance for catering purposes.

**Press release, February 1  
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina**

## A call for staff

**A call centre in Woy Woy has had difficulty sourcing experienced staff.**

Freefone Communications Australia staff are required to work permanent part-time shifts of four hours a day five days a week making outbound sales calls to existing clients.

"We pay above industry rates as well as bonuses and provide full training, yet we have been unable to find the right people," said call centre manager Ms Fiona Crain.

"We advertised and have used employment agencies but it hasn't helped.

"We have now been told that because staff are only required to work 20 hours per week, employment agencies that are usually paid to find work for job

seekers are no longer interested because they are not paid for finding employment of less than 30 hours per week," Ms Crain said.

**Cec Bucello, January 21**

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## Council rejects Hillview St proposal

**Gosford Council has formally rejected a development application to build villas on the Catholic land in Hillview St, Woy Woy.**

The grounds for refusal were that adequate documentation had not been received, the application lacking both a species impact statement and an Aboriginal Heritage report.

The staff report to Council stated that applicant Mr John Zavolokin had lodged an appeal with the Land and Environment Court based on a deemed refusal of his application, and that Council should now formally determine the matter.

The recommendation was that the DA be rejected.

The application was deemed refused because the council had not made a decision on the application within 60 days of its lodgement.

The report stated that the main thrust of public submissions opposing the application were the "perceived environmental significance of the site and the public benefit that might stem from the site's preservation in its 'natural' state".

Increased traffic, density, water usage and setbacks were also raised.

Public submissions comprised 16 letters of objection, three petitions with 12, 105 and 88 signatures respectively and one poem.

Council was told that its environmental unit was concerned about the sensitivity of the site and was dissatisfied with information supplied by the applicant's consultant.

It commissioned an assessment by an independent consultant, which resulted in the applicant being requested to prepare a species impact statement for the site.

The statement was not submitted.

The application was for an aged care facility comprising of 41 dwellings, and also rooms for the community and recreational purposes.

The subject site is located within the Woy Woy: Scenic Conservation urban character precinct and is zoned Residential 2(a).

The staff report "considered that the proposal is consistent" with the zoning, but "it has not yet been established that the proposed development will be consistent with the principles of ecologically-sustainable development" required by the Local Government Act.

Council agenda DH.19, January 25



The former Ettalong Memorial Club being demolished

## Council to rezone club land

**Gosford Council has resolved to prepare a Draft Local Environmental Plan to rezone the Ettalong Beach Club land on Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach, to "Business", to allow seven-storey development.**

Councillors voted on January 25 to prepare the local environment plan, which will be placed on public exhibition for six weeks.

The decision was made after the council received a report from Mr Brett Newbold of Brett Newbold Urban Planning/Urban Design, the consultant drafting the Peninsula

Urban Directions Strategy for Gosford Council.

He described rezoning plans for the land as providing "an appropriate transition from the town centre to (adjacent) residential neighbourhoods".

Council agenda EP.4, January 25

## Levy process questioned

**Gosford's Cr Terri Latella has requested a report from the acting director of corporate development on the process of commercial and business consultation in relation to the Peninsula Business levy meetings.**

At council's meeting of January 25, Cr Latella asked for a report on the business consultation which took place, and also on what way the process was administered.

Cr Latella also asked if full copies of the relevant agenda, including attachments, were circulated to all libraries as part of due process.

The Acting Director said she was unsure but that she would investigate and advise on the matter.

Council agenda Q.2, January 25

## Council endorses plan

**Gosford Council has voted to endorse the Peninsula Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and to implement its works schedule.**

The works will cost \$486,000 over 10 years and include more than 1000 items.

Council was told that the plan, prepared by consultants Arup Transport Planning, recommended "the works be focused on proposed high priority pedestrian routes".

However, the routes were not listed or described in the staff report to council.

Council staff claimed most of the works schedule items were "facilities that Council would normally provide in any case such as new wheelchair ramps, footpath repairs, bus stop upgrading (seating, shelters and paving) and new footpath sections".

Council was told that the main aim of the plan was to improve the pedestrian network's coherence,

directness, safety, comfort, attractiveness and equity of access for all users.

"The consultants identified high priority routes through the study area based on pedestrian demand and then carried out a physical audit of those routes to identify access barriers for pedestrians with a specific focus on access for less mobile pedestrians such as the elderly and people with disabilities."

The council decided to seek financial assistance from the Roads and Traffic Authority for the works.

Council was told that other possible funding sources included Section 94 developer contribution plans and the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.

The plan will now be referred to Gosford Council's traffic committee to address any statutory requirements.

Council agenda EO.2, February 1

## Money spent for community halls

**Gosford Council has resolved to spend a total of about \$20,000 on Peninsula community halls and facilities.**

Council staff supported a number of Peninsula applications for grants from the Community Facility Support Program, when the applications were considered by the council on January 25.

The council decided to give money for maintenance work at Ettalong Girl Guides facilities, Patonga Public Hall, South Woy Woy Progress Association Hall, Empire Bay Progress Association Hall, Pearl Beach Progress Association Hall and the Umina

Beach Information and Referral Centre

Council introduced the Community Facility Support program this year following a large number of requests for unplanned maintenance and to upgrade facilities.

Council was told it had provided annual maintenance for more than 90 community facilities run by non-profit community groups and by council.

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

Council agenda CS.4, January 25

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## Forced to swim with dogs

**I want to draw people's attention to the disregard of the dog policy rules at Ocean and Umina beaches.**

On the morning of January 31, I was forced once again to swim and sit with dogs in the flagged area at Ocean Beach and watched a parade of dog walkers walk the whole length of the beach from Augusta St south to the end.

All of the owners took the dogs off the leash and threw sticks immediately outside the flagged area while some kept their dogs inside the flagged area and swam with them between the flags.

The lifeguard did nothing. All of this occurred in the no-dog area.

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I really draw the line at having to swim with dogs.

I spoke to one owner and they claimed ignorance and cited other dogs doing the same.

When is this going to stop? Why is the signage so miniscule and often non-existent?

Why is the monitoring non-existent?

Why is there no policing of the no-dog area?

Council would make a fortune if they went down to this stretch of beach every morning and afternoon.

Jennifer Herrick, Umina

## Rezoning raises serious issues

**Your front page stories on the proposed rezoning of the Ettalong Leagues Club land raises some serious issues about the direction of development on the Peninsula.**

"Rezoning 'appropriate' says planner"

The rezoning that planner Brett Newbold refers to enables the developer to exceed the height limits that Mr Newbold set at three storeys only a few years ago when he was commissioned by council to develop the Character Statement Urban Design Framework (UDF) for Ettalong.

Mr Newbold states that the proposal is "consistent of the preliminary draft of the Peninsula Strategy".

How can urban design principles vary from low rise to high rise?

Having been involved in the public consultation process for the Peninsula Strategy, this sudden doubling of the height limits for the Peninsula is inconsistent.

During the public consultation, there was no mention of high rise.

There was, however, unanimous

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opposition to the continued over-development and population increases that accompany over-development.

It would appear that the "public consultation" process for the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS) followed that of the Urban Design Framework.

It goes like this:

Firstly the "public" is consulted briefly.

No mention of high rise.

Then the developers and their representatives at the Chamber of Commerce have their go.

The developers, not happy with the three storey limit, then agree during the UDF consultations to set new principles to suit themselves.

Council obligingly paid Mr Newbold, with ratepayer's money, to meet with the developer giant Multiplex and surprise, surprise Mr Newbold's principles suddenly changed.

So the outcome is that we get a brief period of public exhibition of a "gross over-development" that the State Government's Urban

Design Panel, appointed under the guidelines of State Environmental Planning Policy 65 (SEPP65), says in its report to Council "is unworkable and should not be given further consideration".

This "gross over-development" goes to public exhibition on a motion moved by Cr Laurie Maher.

Cr Peter Hale, elected on the developers' party ticket (Central Coast First) with Cr Maher, is forced to excuse himself from the meeting because he is the manager of the Ettalong Leagues Club.

Cr MacFadyen, of the party largely funded by developers (Labour), obliges by seconding the motion.

I raise these connections because Planning Minister Tony Kelly has announced a public inquiry into Tweed Council because of his concerns about the "appropriateness of the relationships between the elected representatives and proponents of development".

In our case, it would appear the councillors are both elected representatives and proponents of development.

Bryan Ellis, Umina

## Bike track is necessary

**If you own property on the waterfront reserve, the reserve is public land, so you have no right to dictate who can use it.**

Others live beside the parks and roads without expecting rights about who can use them.

A bike track is a very necessary part of our community.

Have you considered the many others to benefit from the bike track, for example mothers with strollers, walkers, gophers, wheel chairs?

Also, when bike riders enjoy a bike track for exercise and convenience, it reduces traffic on already overloaded roads.

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The bike track on Brick Wharf Rd is not dangerous for pedestrians sharing with bike riders, however it is hazardous for those in gophers or wheelchairs on roads and elderly people have been injured and killed because there is nowhere safe to ride.

Wouldn't it be good if others could move easily and safely on the beautiful waterfront between Gosford and Umina when the bike track is finally linked as planned?

M Kelly, Woy Woy

## Push on with pushbike path

**I have a young family and together we enjoy cycling on the existing cycleway from East Gosford around the water way and up to the point where it finished in Lions Park.**

Along the existing path, we often observe a great number of species of fauna and flora.

The protest by Enid Harrison (Peninsula News, January 24) on behalf of another species sounds more like a veiled plea to stop others from enjoying a water view that she obviously has enjoyed as her own for quite some time.

I also take interest in the idea

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that those individuals or groups that use the bike path do so at speed.

On family outings, we rarely travel much faster than a quick walk or slow jog, during which we rarely if ever have someone pass us.

I also commute by cycling to work from Narara to Woy Woy choosing not to use the cycleway as I find that using the side of the road is a much quicker and a more direct route to get to work.

As an interesting point though - other people I work with have

suggested that if the cycleway was completed to Woy Woy they would use it to ride to work.

While this would increase people on the cycleway, it would significantly reduce the number of cars travelling along the road - surely more kind to our furry and feathered friends.

Opportunistic thieves are more likely to visit a waterfront reserve property that does not have regular pedestrian and cyclist activity that is observant of others.

Councillors, please push on and allow us all the opportunity of enjoying our city in an environmentally-supportive way.

Peter Chapman, Narara

## Car fumes cause cancer

**Kevin Duncan is right in that car exhaust fumes cause cancer.**

New Scientist magazine some years ago wrote that particulate pollution from such a source killed more people in Europe than did road accidents.

A doctor friend told me that it was impossible to separate such cancer deaths from those caused by particulate pollution from

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tobacco smoke.

Professor Ian Lowe, the new director of the Australian Conservation Foundation, wrote how this form of pollution is causing alarm in many countries.

Particulate traps on vehicles could save many lives.

Dr Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

## Say no to another tax

**The Telegraph Extra has finally published a correction about support for the business rate levy.**

It was published on page 19 on Australia Day, admitting that the support at the Umina meeting was not more than 40 commercial landowners as originally published but only 15 people, not all of whom were commercial property owners.

This compares to 98 people who have put their name to a statement that they do not support yet another impost on their doing business as owners or tenants.

Fifteen hands waggled around in the air is not overwhelming support.

The rate in the dollar of 0.00576659 (just over half a cent) means \$5000 on top of your usual cost of doing business each year, if you have a valuation of \$900,000.

If you are the landlord with

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multiple tenants, you may defray that impost onto them.

Around \$75,000 over a 15-year period seems a lot to pay.

I am still meeting people who have remained totally unaware that the Peninsula Special Business Rate was even proposed.

Taxes and anything else added on to doing business is inevitably paid by the people at the bottom.

As the least able to afford it, they should consider exercising their rights as ratepayers and say no to yet another tax on those living, working and spending on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Edward James, Umina

## Woy Woy travellers miss out

**Why do travellers catching the train at Woy Woy miss out again?**

Everybody was warned that Saturday, January 29, was going to be a busy day in the city, with thousands of young people going to the WaveAid Concert.

But hundreds of people at Woy Woy railway station, catching the 11.02am to Central, had to force their way onto an already-overcrowded four carriage train.

The happy concert goers, already comfortable in their seats, were reluctant to make way for residents of the Peninsula.

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Many older and less fit travellers were thus forced to stand for the 80-minute journey.

Doesn't anybody in the railway yards at Newcastle or Gosford have enough initiative to convert the normal four carriages to six or eight for special events like this?

It still only needs one driver and one guard, and would add much needed goodwill to our ailing railway system.

Terry Jones, Killcare

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## Freak storm wreaks havoc

The freak hailstorm and accompanying high-speed winds that swept over the Peninsula on Wednesday afternoon wreaked widespread havoc, cutting power and closing businesses.

McDonalds Woy Woy was closed for several hours, and had to turn away customers.

By the time it reopened, the queue for the drive-through stretched back to George St.

Deepwater Plaza also suffered a black-out and erected barriers to warn customers of the centre's

closing.

Coles Woy Woy closed its bulkhead doors and turned customers away while staff returned perishable goods to cold storage.

Debris from trees and floodwater from blocked or overflowing drains created driving hazards.

A spokesperson for IAG insurance reported few claims on the Peninsula though nearby Gosford reported approximately 316 claims, roughly 300 of those being car claims.

Stuart Baumann, January 3



The 'Wires Away' banner hanging outside the Ocean Beach Hotel, where overhead wires have recently been removed

## Speeding is 'typical'

Gosford Council's traffic committee has decided against placing traffic calming devices in North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, as speeding vehicles on local streets is "typical", a report has stated.

A traffic speed and volume survey was undertaken from November 29 to December 3, with the survey results indicating that the volume of heavy vehicles, apart from buses, was less than one percent.

The results also indicated that

the average speed of vehicles in the street were 60km/h.

The report stated that these speed recordings were typical of the majority of 50km/h local streets.

The committee heard that similar problems in Burge Rd would be alleviated with its proposed closure at the Burge Rd intersection with Blackwall Rd, as part of the roadworks for the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre.

Council agenda TR 04.196 TR 04.235, February 2

## Clothing bins are removed

Clothing bins have been removed from outside both Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches after waste was dumped in them.

Several charities removed bins just before Christmas, but have not replaced them.

A local charity worker stated that the bins were no longer attracting quality goods with people dumping all sorts of rubbish into them.

A representative of The Salvation Army said: "We still

get a lot of quality donations, but there have been occurrences of people depositing garbage into the collection bins.

"Occasionally people get into them and make a mess, spreading around the contents and vandalising the bins."

She said that unwanted donations had also become a problem, with people donating items such as old car tyres, which had little or no use.

Stuart Baumann, February 4

## Power project nears completion

The final phase of the underground power project in the Umina Beach town centre is nearing completion.

The last of the overhead power lines and power poles were being removed, according to Peninsula Mainstreet coordinator, Mrs Debra Wales.

"We weren't prepared to give up," said Mrs Wales.

"The underground power project originally started as part of the 1998 Financial Strategy under the Wires Away program and the town has been very patient as the work has slowly progressed.

"But we knew that it would make a dramatic difference to the way the main street looked.

"People forget how visually unattractive the overhead power lines can be".

Mrs Wales said that although the progress had been painstaking, the

Chamber of Commerce was elated that Energy Australia was close to finalizing the work.

"At a time when retailers are under enormous pressure competing for the consumer dollar, improving the way the main street looks is part of process of attracting customers back to traditional shopping centres."

Mrs Wales said that it was a credit to the local business community to have so much patience as the

work progressed.

"Retailers went through a lot of inconvenience but the long term benefits of an improved streetscape will be worth the trouble.

"There is no doubt that customers will note the dramatic difference".

Press release, January 22  
Debra Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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# Health



The site of the proposed medical centre to incorporate the present Amcal Pharmacy at Umina

## Medical centre approval deferred again

**Consideration by Gosford Council of an application for a medical centre in Umina has been deferred again.**

This time, the applicant will be asked to clarify issues relating to waste disposal and emergency patient set-down areas.

Cr Robert Bell asked whether an emergency patient set-down area was provided.

The council's director of development and health, Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings, replied there was no designated area.

Cr Terri Latella asked about vehicle access for waste disposal.

Council officers commented that waste would be pushed up to the roadway from the basement carpark on garbage pick-up days

in 240 litre bins.

Medical waste would also be removed safely by a private contractor.

Cr Latella also said that plans to locate a delivery space in the basement car park were insufficient.

She said that the lack of parking may cause traffic congestion and patients to have to walk substantial distances.

Council officers replied that a shortfall in car spaces had been "settled" with a substantial fee being lodged in the developers' contribution fund.

This was the third time the application had come before council in four months.

Council considered the

application on November 2 but deferred it to the Council meeting on November 24.

The application was withdrawn from the meeting as sewer design issues had not been addressed by the applicant.

The application will now be brought back to council at its meeting of February 8.

Plans for the medical centre date back 15 years, with approval for one design granted in February 2002.

The current application was lodged in June last year.

Council officers have recommended approval of the plans.

**Lyle Stone, Council agenda DH.2, February 2**

## Breastfeeding for new mothers

**The Umina Branch of the Australian Breastfeeding Association is introducing a new monthly Monday get together for new and expectant mothers.**

Discussions will take place at the Out of School Hours Cottage on McMasters Rd from Monday, February 14, at 10am.

The February meeting will cover Breastfeeding Basics, with a positioning and attachment video being shown.

The topic in March will be "Is my baby getting enough milk?"

In April, the topic is Expressing and Storing Breastmilk".

"These are three of our most popular topics for new mothers," said Umina group leader Ms Heidi Nader.

"We are hoping to increase access to the support, information and friendship mothers can receive in the Australian Breastfeeding

Association.

"Many new parents on the Central Coast have often moved away from their support systems and in ABA they can find new support as well as having access to up-to-date breastfeeding information.

"It can be really helpful to meet other mums who can relate to their new mothering role and the challenges that they face."

Mothers who attend the discussion on Breastfeeding Basics on February 14 will receive a free copy of the comprehensive booklet entitled "An Introduction to Breastfeeding" valued at five dollars.

The group also meets fortnightly on Thursdays.

For more information, contact 4329 1484.

**Press release, February 2  
Heidi Nader, Australian Breastfeeding Association Umina group**

## Thanked for her work

**Lisa Fuary of Umina has been presented with a certificate of appreciation and a bronze statuette to thank her for her work with the Umina branch of the Australian Breastfeeding Association.**

Ms Fuary, a member of the association for 11 years, was one of the founding members of the Umina group seven years ago.

She was presented with the certificate and statuette at the group's Christmas lunch.

Group leader Ms Heidi Nader said Lisa had been an active member of the Umina group

since its inception, assisting with fundraisers and community education activities.

"Most importantly, she has shared her experiences with other mothers to help them on their mothering journey," Ms Nader said.

Ms Fuary said the ABA had made her mothering and breastfeeding experiences much easier due to the support and friendship she had received.

"I owe ABA a huge debt of gratitude," Ms Fuary said.

**Press release, February 2  
Heidi Nader, Australian Breastfeeding Association Umina group**

## Coastlink seeks volunteers

**Coastlink Respite Care is looking for volunteers to help support people aged over 18 who have mild disabilities.**

Coastlink is a not-for-profit organisation which provides care and support to people with disabilities.

Peer support coordinator Ms

Sharon Mansfield said that many of the group's clients lived on the Peninsula.

Coastlink was looking for people with a good driving record to drive its Toyota Commuter buses to pick up clients and take them to various venues.

"We have a large peer support program and we need volunteers

from the Peninsula to help us take our clients to all kinds of exciting activities" Ms Mansfield said.

"Our clients love to go bowling, to the movies, out for dinner and to the theatre as well as going to lots of other places in the community.

"Age is no barrier and we welcome husband and wife teams where one partner drives and the other acts as bus host.

"Volunteers' expenses are all paid by Coastlink, so they can join in the activities and have a good time as well as assisting people with disabilities without it costing a cent.

"We are not asking people to commit to every day or even one day a week.

"If we could get 10 volunteers who offer to work one day a month, we would be able to offer so much more service to our clients."

Ms Mansfield said people were free to nominate which shifts they would like to do and how many shifts per month.

Coastlink operates mostly at weekends but there are some weekday shifts available.

It can be contacted on 4321 1022.

**Press release, February 4  
Lynne Rainford**

## Lunch on Pancake Day

**Umina Uniting Church will conduct a lunch for Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, on February 8.**

The Uniting Church has invited the local community to come to the Church, opposite The Umina Mall shops in Ocean Beach Rd, to support the work done by Uniting Care.

The luncheon commences at noon and entry costs \$5.

Participants on the day will hear from Sue Jennings about the work done by Burnside, Central Coast.

**Press release, January 31  
Bob Strong, Umina Uniting Church**

### Peninsula Pharmacy After Hours Service

The following Pharmacies are open after hours  
till 8pm on weekdays and 6pm on weekends for your convenience :

**Tuesday, WoyWoy Pharmacy**

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## Mirror for corner

**Gosford Council's Traffic Committee has resolved that a convex mirror be provided on Booker Bay Rd to assist drivers turning left from Baldwin Cl.**

The move came at the committee's meeting of December 6, following a request from Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, on behalf of a concerned resident.

Ms Andrews wrote that due to substantial embankments on either side of Baldwin Cl, sight distance turning into Booker Bay Rd was extremely poor.

The committee resolved to send letters to the residents of Baldwin Cl proposing that a No Right Turn sign be placed in Baldwin Cl at its intersection with Booker Bay Rd.

Responses from these letters would then be discussed and considered at the next Traffic Committee meeting.

**Council agenda TR 04.233, February 2**

## No parking zone moved

**Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that the No Parking zone next to the main entry of the Ettalong Beach Club in Memorial Ave be relocated to the new club entry and replaced with one hour parking.**

The traffic committee had previously asked council officers to check the conditions for bus and taxi rank locations in the Ettalong Beach Club's development approval.

A search did not reveal any conditions relating to parking arrangements in Memorial Ave.

As a part of the approved redevelopment of the club, the main entry has been relocated to the southern end of Memorial Ave.

The taxi rank will remain at its present location at this stage.

**Council agenda TR.04.192, February 1**

## Australia Day colouring-in

**A colouring competition was held as part of the Australia Day Celebrations at Woy Woy on January 25.**

Many young Peninsula residents took part in the competition which saw pictures of kangaroos, koalas, family groups and fireworks being beautifully coloured by children ranging in ages from 5 to 12 years, according to Peninsula Project manager Ms Julie Parsons.

The entries were judged by local resident Ms Norah Clark and the winner of the competition was Alex van Hamburg, aged 11.

Alex was delighted to be awarded a trophy and a certificate.

"The children were absolutely gorgeous, very well mannered and excellently behaved," said Ms Heather McKenzie, who organised hoop-la and the colouring competition.

"They made me proud to be Australian."

**Press release, February 1 Julie Parsons, Peninsula Project**

## Councillors to visit waterfront site

**Gosford councillors have decided to visit the site of a proposed waterfront dwelling in Burge Rd, Woy Woy, to view the effects of the proposed waterfront setback.**

Neighbours and other Burge Rd residents have complained that council staff have bent the rules to allow building closer to the waterfront for this development.

Residents have also sent a petition to council claiming staff have been inconsistent with interpreting the building codes.

A staff report to the council stated that "the proposal generally satisfies the foreshore building line as outlined in DCP 155, with the single storey portion set behind the nominal six metre line and the eastern external wall of the first floor portion setback 10 metres".

The applicant has requested the demolition of an existing cottage, for a new two-storey house adjacent to a foreshore reserve.

The provision of DCP 155 indicates that a building line should be measured to the nearest part of a structure including a deck or patio.

The nearest portion of the two-storey section of the dwelling is a small deck set into the roof of the lower floor.

Council staff have reported that the deck is not in strict compliance with the requirements of the DCP as its front edge is set back 8.5m.

The report stated, however, that "it is common practice that waterfront developments provide an unroofed deck or patio at top floor level over the lower level roof".

Six public submissions were received in relation to the application.

One submission claimed the development contravened council's DCP 155.

Another submission argued that the floor level of the second storey did not conform to the height restrictions of four meters above natural ground level in DCP 155.

The applicant responded that the first floor level of the proposal only slightly exceeded four meters above the existing ground level, due to the property being flood affected.

Council officers stated that as the proposal satisfies envelope requirements it was considered reasonable to permit the minor variation to the DCP.

The site has been recommended for approval.

Council has separately moved to make amendments to DCP 155 to clarify setback requirements and building height definitions.

**Council agenda DH.16, February 1**

## Information on mentoring

**An information session for people interested in mentoring young people from the Peninsula will be held at the Gosford Tafe Outreach Building on Wednesday, February 9.**

A volunteer program called Plan-it Youth is currently seeking mentors to support students at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy campus.

The Plan-it Youth organisation is currently seeking interested people to help high school students who are thinking about leaving school and need help to set work-related goals.

The group are looking for people who are retired, retrenched, looking for work, interested community citizens, grandparents or parents.

Current mentors are aged between

25 and 82 years of age.

Coordinator Ms Debbie Coleman said people's skills and life experiences made a real difference for a young person.

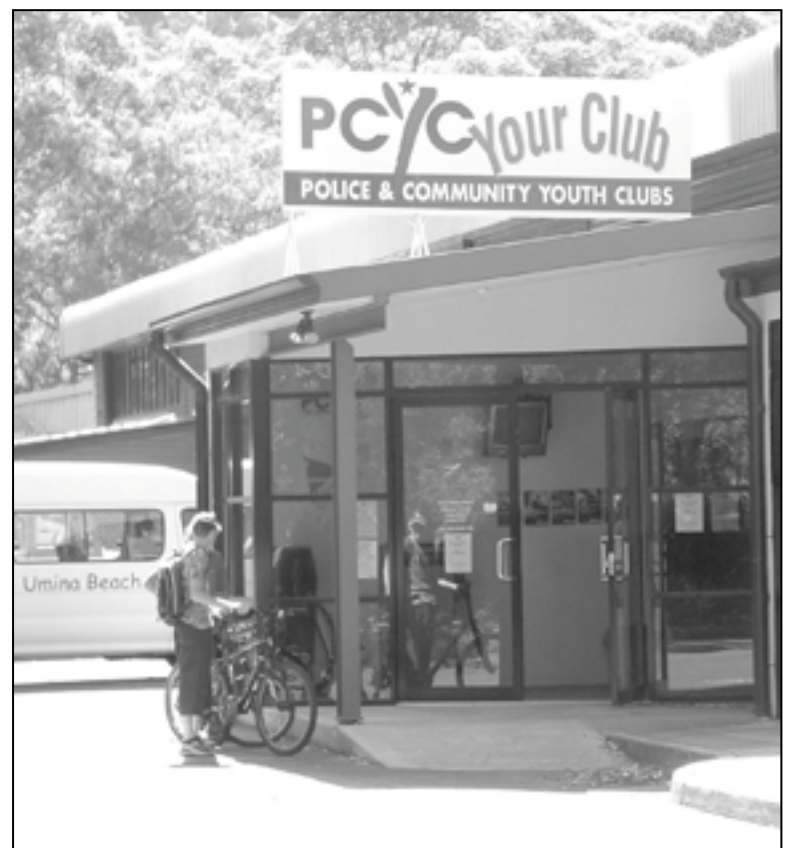
Ms Coleman said that participants needed a couple of hours each week, a positive outlook and an interest in young people.

The program is supported by Kellogg's, the Department of Education and Training, The Hunter Institute of Technology, the NSW Active Retirees and Mentors Inc and the Dusseldorp Skills Forum.

The information session starts at 10am on February 9, with courses starting February 16.

For more information or to register contact 4322 3022 or email planit@youthconnections.com.au

**Press release, January 25 Debbie Coleman, Plan-it Youth**



The Police and Community Youth Club at Umina Beach

## Revamp at PCYC

**The Police and Community Youth Club, at Umina Beach, has been revamped under the new leadership of Tim Keogh.**

Planned activities this year include classes in self-defence, drama and discovery, boxing and therapeutic massage, as well as pilates and tai chi.

Keen to attract new members, the centre boasts features such as pool, table tennis and air hockey tables, a re-furnished gymnasium, a bush tucker garden and outdoor fitness track.

The "Pump" dance parties, a popular mainstay of the club's

program, are also expected to return this year.

Part of the club's new schedule is its new "commuter friendly" hours of operation, allowing access to the facilities earlier in the morning and later during the evening.

Mr Keogh said the PCYC was dedicated to providing quality sporting and entertainment facilities, with programmed activities that focussed on fitness and fun for youth of all ages.

Membership costs \$5 per year for those under 18, and \$10 per year for those over 18.

For more information, contact the club on 4344 7851.

**Stuart Baumann, February 4**

## Medecins Sans Frontieres Doctors Without Borders

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The new Scenic Horizon Tour coach

## New coach for tour company

**An Ettalong tour company has taken delivery of a new luxury coach.**

The Mercedes Benz coach replaces a 10-year-old coach bought by Darrel and Kerrie Eddy when they established Scenic Horizon Tours in 1999.

The new coach which has a Mercedes Benz chassis was custom built in Queensland by Coach Design.

Darrel said: "The coach has tinted panoramic windows with curtains, is fully carpeted, has a television/video and DVD, radio, cassette, CD player and PA. System, it has chilled water, is fully airconditioned and is restroom equipped.

"Special features include two doors which saves time; vehicle lowering device for ease on entry and exit; built in hot water urn and refrigerator; and a hearing aid loop system."

Scenic Horizon Tours provide day tours and short break tours for seniors and senior groups.

The Eddys aimed to provide quality tours with friendly, personal service in a family atmosphere at a reasonable cost.

**Press release, February 3  
Scenic Horizon Tours**

## Parking limit not supported

**Gosford Council's Traffic Committee has recommended council not accede to a resident's request that it impose a two-hour parking limit in Araluen Dr and Killcare Rd, Hardys Bay.**

The traffic committee also voted, at its meeting of December 6, to take no action to bitumen seal two gravel areas at the intersection of Araluen Dr and Heath Rd to create parking.

As part of a submission about a proposed development, the resident requested that council enforce two hour parking in

Araluen Dr and Killcare Rd, and bitumen seal two informal gravel parking areas to create 90 degree angle parking near the intersection of Araluen Dr and Heath Rd.

Council's Traffic Committee decided the existing parking arrangements were currently operating adequately and that a two hour limit was not needed.

A site inspection also revealed that the two gravel parking areas were not wide enough to provide angle parking without intruding into the waterfront reserve.

**Council agenda TR 04.224,  
February 1**

## Children's change course

**Umina Uniting Church will be running a free course for parents of children aged four to five called "Kids Challenge and Change".**

The five week course, which will operate at the Umina Uniting Church Community Centre on Ocean Beach Rd, will deal with topics such as the normal behaviour of four to five years olds, dealing with loss as your child starts school, developing independence and helping children cope with change.

The course will run every Thursday from February 17 until March 17, 10 am to noon.

Bookings close on February 14, and can be made by contacting 4341 0793.

The course is facilitated by Uniting Care Burnside and childcare is available.

**Press release, January 25  
Sue Tancred, Umina Uniting Church**

## Legal advice offered free

**The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is offering free legal advice to women once a month, through the Central Coast Law for Women project.**

A solicitor will be available on February 17 and bookings are essential.

Contact the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 4342 5905 for an appointment.

**Press release, February 1  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

## Legal issues covered

**The Central Coast Law for Women project is offering a free legal education session on Elder Law.**

This will cover legal issues such as wills, power of attorney, guardianship, advance directives, planning your own funeral, downsizing, banking and ownership of animals.

The legal education session will be conducted on Thursday, February 17, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Entry cost is a gold coin donation.

**Press release, February 1  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre**



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# Fourth year for wine club

The Everglades Wine Club has recently celebrated its fourth year and has selected its new committee.

The club's Christmas dinner and annual meeting was attended by 80 people.

President Mick Gage was re-elected unopposed for a fourth term.

The other positions, left vacant by the retiring committees were filled

by Keith Walker as vice-president, Jan Patterson as secretary and Chris Oliver as treasurer.

The outgoing committee included Bill Balneaves, Sandra Balneaves and Bill Heber.

The Everglades Wine Club now boasts an increasing membership of more than 60 members.

**Bulletin, February 2  
Jan Patterson, Everglades  
Country Club**

# Approval sought for extensions

Approval has been sought for extensions to the Daleys Point Childcare Centre.

Based at the former Daleys Point shopping centre, the childcare centre is currently licensed to cater for 58 children from birth to six years old.

The centre currently has approximately 450 square metres of indoor space and 600 square metres of outdoor play area, nearly

double that required for the number of children.

The expanded area of approximately 200 square metres would allow the centre to accommodate another 16 to 20 places.

The centre currently employs 12 staff and is owned and operated by Belinda Male, who also owns and operates the Woy Woy Pre-School Early Learning Centre.

**Cec Bucello, January 21**

# Information about bushcare

An opportunity exists for people to learn about local bushcare programs as well as the local environment in a course to be held at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.

A representative from Gosford Council will talk about tasks that bushcare groups undertake,

including mapping, photography, plant identification, animal surveys and tool maintenance.

The session will take place on Tuesday, February 15, from 10am until noon.

Entry to the session is a gold coin donation.

**Press release, February 1  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula  
Women's Health Centre**



Ivy Shore celebrates her 101st birthday with a cake presented to her by staff at Woy Woy Community Aged Care



The cottage on Woy Woy Rd

# No further action on Woy Woy Rd land

Gosford Council has resolved to take no further action to purchase, rezone or sub-divide land at the bottom of Bulls Hill, on Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy.

It had previously deferred the matter to allow a further report to be prepared by the council's director of environmental planning, Ms Louise Gee, on the acquisition and change of land use for the property.

Councillors inspected the property on December 14 and the issues of acquisition, strategic planning and ongoing land management and maintenance were discussed.

The property adjoins Woy Woy Creek near the end of Correa Bay at Woy Woy.

Council officers stated that

the proposal would result in the linear extension of residential development along Woy Woy Rd, which would be inconsistent with the "residential strategy" that only supports rezoning for residential purposes where the resultant development constitutes infill development.

The officers added that further additional residential development had the potential to impact on the environmental qualities of the remainder of the site.

It was also stated that the existing 7(a) zone was restrictive in the uses permitted and there was limited potential for any intensification of development on site.

The property was considered to be "fairly degraded" and would require active bush regeneration

for a period of at least five years to improve its value as fauna habitat if it was to be included as part of council's natural reserve system.

Council would need to allocate funding for regeneration and restoration of the land and works would cost approximately \$30,000 per year for a minimum of five years.

Council officers stated in a report to council: "These areas are unlikely to be further developed given the site's existing environmental zoning and legislation such as the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 that identifies the saltmarsh community, located in the area, as an endangered ecological community."

**Council agenda EP.6,  
February 1**

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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**, Ettalonb Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Maitland Bay Dve & Picnic Pde, Ettalong 4341 6344 **EBWMC**, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341 1166 **ECC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866 **EMBC**, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087 **EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong **ESCC**, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr. Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 3222 **MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd. **PBPH**, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach **PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333 **PCYC**, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851 **PWHC**, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 5905 **TWYS**, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684 **UCH**, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664 **WH**, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe **WWLC**, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366

### DAILY EVENTS

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

### TUESDAY

**First Tuesday of every month** Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, UCH 7pm. **Second Tuesday of every month** Toastmasters, 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, MOW, 11.30am. **Killcare SLSC**, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966 **Third Tuesday of every month** Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp 9, UCH 7pm. Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch, MOW 10am, enq: 4342 1790. **Fourth Tuesday of every month** Toastmasters, E B W M C, 7pm enq: 4341 6842. **Combined Pensioners** association afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222. **Every Tuesday** The Web, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy, 4341 9333, 9am-3pm **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 **Early Bird 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. **Alcoholics Anonymous** Woy Woy Group 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379 1132

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**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** Woy Woy VIEW club, friendship day, **MOW**, 11am, visitors welcome. for more details contact 4341 2379 **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 **Probus Club** ECC 9.30am, visitors welcome. **Third Wednesday of Every month** Woy Woy VIEW club, luncheon and guest speaker, Everglades Country Club, 10.30am, visitors welcome, for more information contact 4341 2379 **Last Wednesday of every month** Monthly meditation group, PWHC

**Every Wednesday** The Web, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy, 4341 9333, 9am-7pm **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 ESCC **Social Darts** EMBC, 7pm **Oil Painting**, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, PCC **Girls' BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, \$3.4-13yrs 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** Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm, Outsiders club, EBWMC, 9am. **Third Thursday of every month** Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061. **Fourth Thursday of every month** Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm, Umina Probus, ECC, 10am. **Every Thursday** **Counselling** individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC **Free entertainment** EMBC 6.30 pm **Senior Snooker** EMBC 8.30am, **Drumming**, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2-3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, \$10, enq: 0425 229 651. **Scrabble**, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd, 12.30pm. **The Web**, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy, 4341 9333, 9am-7pm **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** 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** 12-18 yrs, 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**, CWAHWW, enq: 43414060, 8pm **Third Friday of every month** Legacy Ladies, EBWMC, 10am, enq: 4343 3492. **Fourth Friday of every month** South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002. Civilian widows, ESSC, 1pm. **Every Friday** **Lollipop Music Playgroup** at BFC 3 separate age groups from 9.30 - 12.15. \$4. Enq: 43 431929. **The Web**, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy, 4341 9333, 12.30pm-9.30pm 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 **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 Umina P&C Bushcare meets 9-11am Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301 **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** **The Web**, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy, 4341 9333, 4.30pm-9.30pm **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** Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9-11am Enq: 43692486 **Vietnam Vets**, EBWMC, 11am. **Bootscooters**, EBWMC 2.30pm. **Ettalong 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 **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** **Walking** with other Mums. Meet at Umina Beach Surf Club. Free. Enq: 43 203741 **3Cs Craft** - Craft, Coffee and Conversation. 12.30 - 2.30pm at BFC. \$2. Enq: 43 431929 **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

**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 **Thursday, 17 February** Legal issues, PWHC, 9.30am - 12.30pm, bookings 10th February **Saturday, 25 February** NSW Junior Surf Life Saving Championships, Umina Beach, 8 am - 6pm

## Poet wins at Tamworth

A Peninsula poet has won \$40 as a finalist in the Tamworth Bush Poetry Competition, which was held as part of the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Peter Mace was chosen as a finalist in the original poetry section, winning \$40 for this achievement.

His original poem was entitled "The poor poet".

The finals of the competition attracted an audience of around 600.

Two other regular performance

poets from Woy Woy's Troubadour Folk Club, Vic Jefferies and Shirley Hotchkiss, also competed for the Golden Damper Award.

Performance poetry heats were held each morning over three days, with the finals held on Saturday, January 22.

There were two sections featuring established and original poems.

Vic Jefferies performed in both the established and original sections.

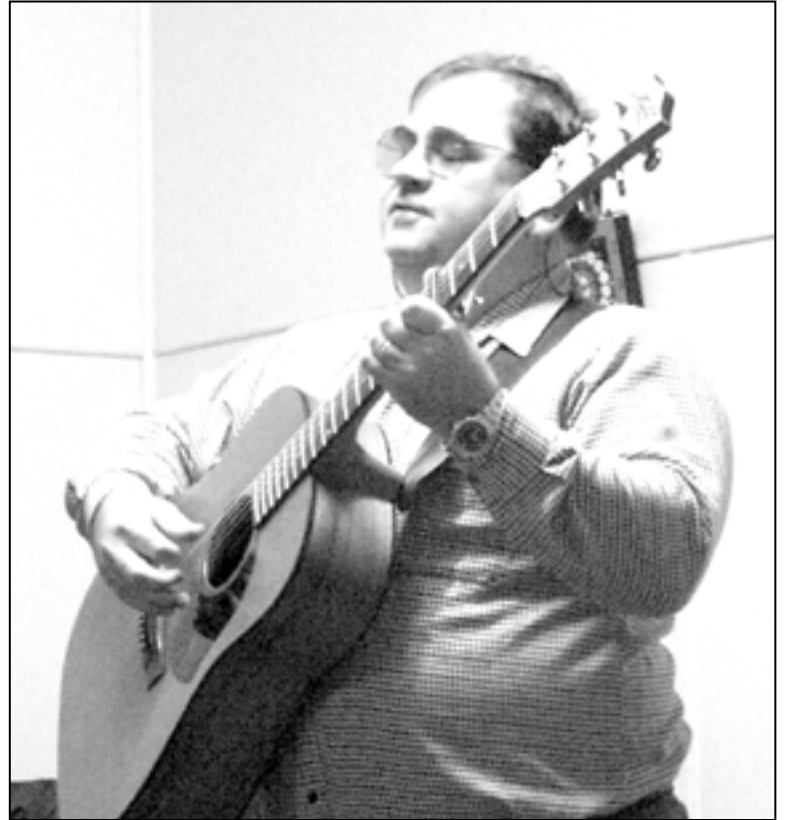
He presented Edward

Harrington's poem "Banjo" about the death of AB Paterson, and then presented his own poem "The very first", about the first fleet.

In front of an audience of 300, Shirley Hotchkiss performed "A Peninsula kind of love", the poem she wrote to oppose the destruction of native bushland on Catholic land in Hillview St, Woy Woy.

In the traditional section, Peter Mace presented a poem by Bill Kearns titled "Waiting for a train".

Letter, February 3  
Shirley Hotchkiss



Duncan Chalmers performing at the Troubadour Folk Club on a previous occasion.

## Duncan at Troubadour

Duncan Chalmers will be The Troubadour Folk Club's special guest on Friday, February 11, at the Woy Woy CWA hall.

Troubadour Folk Club representative Marilyn Russell said Duncan's powerful classical-trained voice combined with his sensitive and skilful finger style guitar playing.

Tickets are \$10 or \$8 concession,

and \$7 for members at the door, which includes supper.

The concert will begin at 8pm and floor spots are available.

For more information contact 4342 9099 or 4341 4060

Press release, February 1

Marilyn Russell, Troubadour Folk Club

## Book launch at regional gallery

The Gosford Regional Gallery will host a book launch tomorrow for local Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan.

The new book entitled "Genre" is a hard cover book of drawings and paintings by Ms Maughan of local life, particularly of Patonga.

Ms Maughan said: "At rare moments art involves itself with the daily and unromantic labours that keep society together, depicting those whose efforts provide food and shelter.

"This niche in the art spectrum is called Genre".

During the book launch, Mr Robin Norbing will offer guidance to gallery goers.

Mr Norbing was head education officer at the Art Gallery of NSW for many years.

Mr Norbing's cousin Roslyn Streckfuss will also launch her new CD "Sheer Elegance" on the night.

Ms Streckfuss will entertain guests playing music from the 19th Century on her violin.

This is a free evening of music, art, wine and cheese which runs from 6pm to 8pm.

Genre is available at the Gosford Regional Gallery, Beach Books Umina and the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery where some of the originals from the book are on exhibition for several months.

Contact the gallery for more information.

Press release, January 31  
Jocelyn Maughan, Bakehouse Gallery

## Slovak dancers at Ettalong

The Ekonom Folkloric Dance and Music Troupe from Gosford's sister city of Nitra, Slovakia, will perform concerts at Ettalong on February 12.

Dressed in traditional costumes, Ekonom presents national music and traditional folklore dance.

The troupe represents folk art and culture deeply rooted in the history of Slovakia.

Ekonom claims to perform "for those who dream of getting back to nature, to real beauty, to the elementary bases of life".

A concert will be held at Ettalong Beach Club at 2pm on Saturday,

February 12.

Tickets are available by telephoning 4369 4534 or 4342 3423.

Nitra has been Gosford's Sister City since the agreement was signed in October 1988.

Press release, February 2  
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council

## Two charities receive grants

Everglades Country Club has presented two local charities with grants recently as part of its Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) obligation.

The club presented a \$10,000 cheque to Gosford City Family Support Services and a \$5000

cheque to Life Education at a morning tea on Monday, January 17.

Gosford City Support Services was represented by family support worker Ms Joan Downes and Life Education was represented by joint secretary Narelle Cambourn.

The cheques were presented by Everglades club president Brian

Crawley.

Mr Crawley said both the organisations devoted a large amount of time to help and support the community and were worthy recipients of the donations.

Bulletin, February 1  
Brian Crawley,  
Everglades Country Club

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## Decision deferred on flats

**A decision on an application for a three-storey residential flat building consisting of 16 medium and nine large units has been deferred until Gosford Council's meeting of February 8 to allow a site inspection.**

The original application for the site in Trafalgar Ave, Umina, included a five-storey building containing 24 units and a basement car park of 33 spaces plus a six-car garage.

That application was refused by council on February 13, 2002.

A subsequent appeal to the Land and Environment Court was dismissed and council's refusal of that proposal upheld.

The applicant has now submitted a new proposal.

The proposal is for a three-storey building over a basement car park, consisting of 47 spaces, and four visitor spaces accessed from the rear lane.

A communal open space and amenities are provided in the north-eastern corner of the site.

Council officers have recommended approval of the application.

**Council agenda DH.15, February 1**



## Golf irrigation completed soon

**The installation of the new irrigation system at Everglades Country Club is on schedule, according to men's golf president Mr Ian Elliott.**

The only significant difficulty being with some members who have interfered with the operation of the system because it inconvenienced with their game.

Mr Elliott said the installation was on time and, barring unforeseen circumstances or prolonged wet periods the system, it would be fully operational this month.

He said there would be some cleaning up to be completed and some trenches to be grassed.

There was no evidence that there are any leaks, he said.

Mr Elliott said there was a failure of some pipe unions in the first and 18th fairways when tests were carried out but that they had been replaced.

As a precaution, other fairways such as the 11th and 12th, which were completed with unions from the same batch, had their unions replaced.

Mr Elliott said the only additional cost incurred for the irrigation was for sinking the bores.

The method intended to be utilized provided for the digging of a substantial trench at each site which would have slowed the installation and also required extensive restoration works.

An alternative method was used which removed the need for the trenches and which added a further \$1000 per bore, for a total additional cost of \$6000.

"Unfortunately, because we have not been able to deliver water to the course consistently since last October, the damage has been



*The Everglades Country Club sprinkler system watering the golf course*

considerable," Mr Elliott said.

"The first, 17th and 18th fairways have all had an application of wetting agent, have been fertilized and with the water being delivered are showing some improvement.

"As the system becomes more usable, the same process will be used on each hole.

"Naturally a project such as ours is expensive and in the initial stages the method of funding had to be reviewed."

Mr Elliott said the club had some difficulties with members interfering with the operation of the system because it inconvenienced with their game.

"In one instance, a sprinkler head was forced back into the ground, probably with a foot, which caused all the gears to be stripped. Cost \$300," Mr Elliott said.

"The new heads are gear driven, not impulse driven like the old ones, and although they might be

forced back underground continue to operate building up pressure until the gears strip or the head explodes out of the ground. This can be quite dangerous."

In another instance, a member decided to turn a bank of sprinklers off at the valve box and did it incorrectly.

Had a member of the green staff not been able to relieve the pressure build-up, Mr Elliott said it was likely there would have been a major blow-out of the main line which would have caused enormous cost both in dollars and delays.

Mr Elliott said areas of the course had been marked for returfing as soon as water was available and this would start soon. These areas are substantial in size.

The 10th tee is to be levelled and returfed with couch grass.

"This will be a maintenance project similar to that undertaken

on the first tee," Mr Elliott said.

The mounds along the sides of the seventh fairway are to be "softened" in order to make them more maintenance friendly.

A number of rope barriers have been installed to direct traffic away from sensitive areas.

Such a barrier is in place on the 11th hole stretching from the front bunker to the pathway on the 12th hole.

Signs have also been installed in that area directing cart traffic to the rear of the right side bunker and to the 12th tee via the pathway alongside the sixth tee.

"On numerous occasions staff, and members of the committee, have been required to reinstall these barriers because players, both members and social, simply remove them rather than walk around them," Mr Elliott said.

**Bulletin, February 2  
Ian Elliott,  
Everglades Country Club**

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## College enrolments exceed expectations

Enrolments have exceeded expectations at both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College, according to principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"These increased enrolments included a significant number of students returning to the Peninsula's high school after attending other schools in the college's formative years," Mr Lewis said.

"At the Umina campus over 300 new Year 7 students had the campus to themselves for the first two days in an innovative orientation program.

"With the help of a large group of Year 9 Peer Support leaders who generously gave up the last two days of their school holidays, the new students experienced a wide range of activities designed to introduce them to the mysteries of a school timetable and the essential routines of high school life."

In a further innovation, students' parents were invited to the campus for morning tea each day and students then showed them around their new school, including

the classrooms where they will be spending most of their year.

On Wednesday, it was a full school day for all students when Years 8 and 9 returned.

In total, the Umina campus will enrol almost 1000 students this year.

At the senior campus at Woy Woy, no time was wasted for Years 11 and 12 students who returned on Monday, received their timetables, attended lessons in all of their subjects, and received homework.

On Tuesday, Year 10 students returned to school and had the campus to themselves in a successful orientation day, Mr Lewis said.

"This group was the original Year 7 to begin in the college at Umina in 2002 and thus the first to transfer to the senior campus as a complete Year 10."

In previous years, Year 9 students from each campus combined to form the senior campus Year 10.

In total, the senior campus will enrol over 700 students this year.

**Press release, February 3  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College**



One of the newly completed buildings at Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Building stage is completed

**Stage one of the building program at Brisbane Water Secondary College has now been completed, college principal Mr Pat Lewis has announced.**

In the middle of January, the refurbished Special Education block and the Student Services building were completed ready for occupation from the beginning of the school year.

"The Special Education centre consists of two classrooms, a practical learning area and full laundry and bathroom facilities," said Mr Lewis.

"This will provide a wonderfully stimulating and safe environment for students to learn which has been eagerly awaited."

The student services building, located in the centre of the campus will house the careers centre and

will also be a venue for a wide range of seminars on study skills and practical life skills important to young adults about to take on more of the responsibilities of life.

"Along with the new administration block and hall, the new buildings go a long way towards greatly enhancing the presentation of the campus," Mr Lewis said.

Mr Lewis said, with the completion of stage one, plans were already underway for the commencement of stage two on the Umina campus.

This will include a new administration block with the current block being converted into a large staffroom for all teachers.

Mr Lewis said the staffroom would be extremely important in allowing teachers in teams and subject groups to confer and plan together much more readily than has been possible with teachers

spread across the campus.

The current small staff rooms will be refurbished to provide additional learning spaces around the campus.

On the senior campus, the current small performance space will be substantially enlarged to provide a venue for dance, drama, music and a Performing Arts Academy.

A commercial kitchen will be installed for the teaching of the vocational hospitality course and one block of classrooms will be refurbished.

Mr Lewis said upgrading the cafeteria and extensive landscaping throughout the campus would enhance the environment to be one reflecting the young adult environment which it has become.

**Press release, February 3  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College**

## Family activities start

**Umina Public Schools Beachside Family Centre has begun operating a wide range of services for families with children under eight years of age.**

Several groups from last year are operating again, including "What Makes Toddlers Tick" and "The 3Cs Craft Group".

What Makes Toddlers Tick is a free group which runs on Wednesdays, February 16 to

March 16, from 10am to midday.

The 3Cs Craft group (Craft, Coffee and Conversation) will start operating again on Monday afternoons from March 1, 12.30 until 2.30pm.

Entry to the art group costs \$2 per week for materials.

Child care is available for both groups and costs a gold coin donation.

A new music playgroup is also starting at the centre.

Coordinator Ms Debbie Notara said the Lollipop Music Playgroup will assist children's overall social and physical development and thinking skills through music, rhythm and movement.

The playgroup will operate on Fridays starting March 4 with three age groups:

Two to three year olds will operate from 9.30am to 10.15am.

Three to four year olds will operate from 10.30am to 11.15am.

Four to five year olds will operate from 11.30am to 12.15pm.

Entry cost for the Lollipop Music Playgroup is \$4 per session and bookings are essential, call 4343 1929.

**Press release, January, 31  
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family  
Centre**

## Extra classroom is announced

**Umina Public School is to receive an extra classroom and electrical upgrades.**

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, said the extra classroom was part of a class size reduction plan.

"Our strong and detailed plan to invest extra resources in the early years of school is giving our children the best possible start," Ms Andrews said.

"We can make the most difference to a child's education in the early years of school.

"The class size reduction plan will mean average state wide class sizes for Kindergarten students will be brought down to 20.

"Smaller Kindergarten class sizes will mean teachers can spend more time with students, helping

improving reading and writing."

Umina Public School will also receive electrical upgrades to make sure the school's electrical systems can safely cope with extra capacity.

**Press release, January 27  
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

## School Mall closure suggested

**Cr Jim Macfadyen has asked Gosford Council's traffic committee to highlight the presence of the speed camera near Woy Woy South Public School in Ocean Beach Rd.**

Cr Macfadyen asked the committee consider the permanent closure of The School Mall and to reroute the school exit to Waterloo Ave.

He asked for traffic signals to be provided at the intersection of Waterloo Ave and Ocean Beach Rd.

The committee responded that the matter was being assessed as part of the Ocean Beach Traffic Management Study, which would be referred to the traffic committee once complete.

**Council agenda TR 04.232,  
February 2**

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## Ground fees to stay

**Gosford Council will retain the current fees and charges for the use of all Recreational Areas that are required for competition and training by all organisations, including several on the Peninsula.**

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

Cr Laurie Maher said he was disappointed that a decision on recreation fees had been held up for so long, and that clubs would continue to be charged.

"We don't get charged for roads in Gosford.

"We don't get charged for bushwalks or beaches," Cr Maher said.

"Just because people walk on a patch of grass and throw on a

uniform we charge them.

"I can not support the motion."

But Cr Doyle said that council was not the "bad guy", as it currently subsidised the sports ground fees.

"Codes would have to pay 80 to 85 per cent more if they did it themselves."

"Things like fields need ongoing maintenance."

Council officers 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.

**Council agenda CS.3, January 25**



Broken Bay with Lion Island in the foreground

## Camp opens for yacht race

**NSW Sport and Recreation is offering accommodation and activities at its Broken Bay centre near Patonga to coincide with three days of world class racing at the Broken Bay Catamaran Regatta from February 11 to 13.**

The major event of the regatta is the Platinum Division 16ft plus fleet racing off Lion Island.

Smaller craft will race on a separate course.

The event is endorsed by the Australian Yachting Association.

The regatta weekend will also feature free coaching clinics conducted by Olympian and World champion Darren Bundock.

A ferry will carry spectators for

the events.

A sailing expo will feature displays by major manufacturers and sailing equipment retail outlets and test sailing with several classes of catamarans available.

Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre general manager Mr Colin Robinson encouraged families to book for a weekend of sporting fun.

"We're offering low-cost accommodation and food packages and plenty to do on and off the water," Mr Robinson said.

"With racing taking place in the afternoons, it leaves the mornings free to try our instructor-led activities including abseiling, archery, a ropes course, rock climbing, bush walking and canoeing.

"Other activities on offer include

fishing, tennis, basketball, giant chess, beach volleyball and swimming in our 25 metre pool.

"It's a great opportunity to learn more about sailing and to try a range of new sports."

Accommodation includes camping, lodge, twin room or self contained unit and prices start from \$33 per person for the three-day weekend.

Instructor led activities cost \$5 per person per activity

For more information, contact Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre on 1800 644 049 or go to [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au).

**Press release, February 1  
Colin Robinson, NSW Sport and Recreation**

## Holes in one

**Everglades Country Club has seen some holes-in-one recently from several of its members.**

Bob Hook managed his first ace at the sixth hole on November 19, after many years playing.

Maurice Hodda also scored an ace at the third hole on December 10.

Sub-par rounds were returned by Tony Lamaro (3), David Bennett, Dennis Stillaway, Shane O'Brien,

Phil Bowron, Mitchell Ryan (2), Luke Johnson (2), Shane Starkey, Adrian Kerr and Mark Long.

Former pennant team members Shane O'Brien and Luke Johnson have joined the play for pay ranks.

Tom Cooper also received a mention with his score of 81 on December 10.

The score did not equal par, but it did match his age.

**Bulletin, February 2  
Ian Elliott, Everglades Country Club**

## Skateboard clinic to be held at Umina

**Peninsula skateboarders will have the opportunity to further their skills this month with a special coaching clinic hosted at Umina by Gosford and Wyong Councils and the NSW Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation.**

The two-day course will take place at the Umina Beach Skate Park and will provide participants with the knowledge and qualifications to become a fully registered skateboard coach or trainer.

Gosford Council's community services director Mr Phil Rowland said that the increased demand for skate facilities on the Central Coast highlighted a need for qualified skate instructors.

"Gosford City has six skate parks across the region which are used by hundreds of people of all ages every year," Mr Rowland said.

"The coaching certificate course is an excellent opportunity for those with the skills and passion for skateboarding to further their talents and gain a qualification in the sport.

"The course provides graduates with the qualifications to gain casual employment doing what they love most, and with the increasing demand for skate facilities and

clinics within the community, opportunities do, and will exist.

"Council hosts regular skate clinics in the school holidays and qualified instructors are often needed to assist."

This was ideal for those at school or university seeking casual employment during those periods, Mr Rowland said.

The course includes theory and practical training delivered by the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, and Skate Australia.

The course is subsidised through the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation and will cost \$175 per person.

This covers training, workbooks and manuals, Skate Australia membership, Level 1 Coaching Certificate and 12 months' professional indemnity insurance cover.

The clinic will take place on February 19 and 20 at the Umina Skate Park, Sydney Ave, Umina Beach.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the NSW Tourism, Sport and Recreation on 4362 3184.

Bookings close Friday, February 11.

**Press release, February 1  
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council**

## Teams line up for cancer relay

**Over 40 teams have already nominated to participate in the Cancer Council of NSW relay for life to be held at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.**

A group of local community members has been meeting regularly at Everglades Country Club to organise the relay on April 2 and 3.

The teams consist of 15 people, one of whom needs to be on the relay track at all times during the 24-hour relay period.

Rogers Park will have a 440-metre running track marked out and Gosford Council will provide a stage for entertainment and shade areas for the weekend.

Each team will also have a tent on the Park and other organisations will provide stalls.

The event is designed to provide entertainment for all participants while at the same time raising funds for the Cancer Council of NSW.

Committee members Bill and Val Ide have been involved in a number of activities raising funds for cancer research.

Bill Ide has arranged for three relay teams from Campbells Home Hardware, Peninsular Pine and Plywood as well as teams from

NSW Fire Brigade, Police, Woy Woy Rugby League Club, one from each local surf club, Brisbane Water Private Hospital and three teams from Bob Gordan's Swim School.

"This will be a fun way of raising funds for cancer research," Mr Ide said.

"We'll have entertainment all

day and there'll be some special guests.

"We hope to see lots of people there to encourage the relay runners and to support this wonderful event."

Anyone wishing to enter a team or to make a donation can do so by contacting 4341 1956.

**Cec Bucello, February 3**

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Gosford City Mayor Malcom Brooks presents Citizen of the Year Award to Mr Ron Sharpe

**Ron Sharpe is Citizen of the Year**

Woy Woy resident Ron Sharpe was named Citizen of the Year in a ceremony at Mt Penang Parklands on January 21.

Through his family business, Sharpe Bros, Mr Sharpe has sponsored a wide range of groups including the Umina Football Club, Woy Woy Judo Club, the Bay to Breakers Fun Run, bushfire appeals and Budgewoi Soccer Club.

Mr Sharpe has been a dedicated

member of the Apex Club and was awarded life membership in 1990.

He has helped raise funds for a number of causes, including the purchase of Australia's second surf rescue helicopter and he is a member of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol.

Mr Sharpe has also volunteered his construction equipment to help out in natural disasters, bush fires and clean-ups.

He has been involved with the Salvation Army throughout his life, being a member of the Salvation Army Band, building the Salvation Army Hall at Umina with his father and being chairperson for the Red Shield Appeal at Umina Corps.

The late Ron Clifton was also recognised on the night for his work with the environment.

Press release, January 24  
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council

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