

Helicopter removes trees

A helicopter was used by Gosford Council last week to remove trees and undergrowth from the overgrown area of Kahibah Creek, Umina.

Regrowth in the creek bed was removed on February 16 from the channel between Janet Ave, Lakeview Dr and Kahibah Rd under the Kahibah Creek Riparian Management Plan.

This included the removal of 12 metre coral and eucalypt trees, to assist in the prevention of flooding.

Nearby resident and Ettymalong Bush Care representative Mr Bryan Ellis said he was impressed by the effort Gosford Council had gone to in protecting vegetation in the area.

"This is a radical departure from how Gosford Council used to do things.

"They have really changed their approach," he said.

"Previously they would have probably just dredged the area.

"Using the helicopter, they won't have to drag the trees through vegetation, and they have roped off an area where workers can't walk.

"This is a real step forward."

An ecologist supervised the work to ensure that surrounding sensitive vegetation was protected.

Tree limbs and trunks were removed in sections to minimize impact on the native environment.

Under the management plan for the area, over 500 trees have already been planted. Once the area is cleared bush regeneration work will begin to ensure ongoing environmental sustainability.

The helicopter was expected to make approximately 30 trips to the tip with the green waste secured in special cargo netting, where the green material would be recycled.

The tree removal was approved by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) with the project undertaken by council.

**Lyle Stone, February 16
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council**



Grand stand seating is unloaded from a truck at Umina Beach

Roads to close for surf carnival

Ocean Beach Rd, Melbourne Ave and Sydney Ave will be closed in the vicinity of Ocean Beach for the NSW Surf Life Saving Carnival over the next three weeks, carnival organisers said last week.

Traffic will be redirected through a combination of traffic controls.

"There's going to be a lot of traffic, but we'll be putting up lots of signs as well as using traffic controllers," said organiser Mr Bob Nash.

Mr Nash said the road closures could last for two or three hours each day of the carnival, or even for the entire day, depending on its necessity.

Additional parking would be provided at Umina Oval, with enough space for approximately

1500 cars.

Mr Nash said camping would not be permitted outside the normally designated camping grounds.

In addition to traffic management, a cooperative effort between Gosford Council and the organising committee has seen the erection of fencing on Umina Beach that would protect the dune system against damage by spectators.

The metal fence posts were erected on Friday morning, and the organising committee will provide the fencing itself.

"The erection of the fence posts went well," said representative of local dune care group Mr Michael Gillian.

"The involvement of a Council bushcare officer and a colleague with GPS drawings was essential to ensure they were all placed

outside the incipient dune area."

The organising committee will also be responsible for policing the fenced-off area for the duration of the carnival.

"It's very important because I am not aware of any plans filed with Council showing how the crowds will be controlled.

"The dune areas adjacent to the fenced competition areas will be particularly vulnerable," Mr Gillian said.

"Proof of a successful carnival, from an environmental viewpoint, will entail ensuring that the fragile dune area and vegetation is not damaged."

Organisers are expecting up to 30,000 visitors during the height of the carnival, which will run between February 25 and March 6.

Stuart Baumann, February 18

Three assault Umina activist

Umina activist Mr Edward James was assaulted by three people on Saturday, February 13, in front of his West St home.

The incident was witnessed by about 20 people around 10pm, according to Mr James.

"I heard people banging on the front fence and the yelling of obscenities.

"When I looked out my window to see what was taking place, I saw two young men had scaled the fence and were in my front yard throwing pieces of my property over the fence and onto the road," Mr James said.

"When they saw me, they

continued to yell abuse armed themselves and attacked me.

"I was able to lay my hands on a shovel and eventually beat them off."

According to Mr James, police arrived and interviewed him and onlookers.

Police had been investigating an alarm at two nearby shops, saw the commotion and came to investigate.

The police later informed Mr James that two people had been identified by the onlookers.

There were eventually several police cars and ambulances outside Mr James' property.

Cec Bucello, February 17

Open space led to rezoning decision

Councillors voted in favour of the original Multiplex plans to rezone the old Ettalong Beach Club site because it offered more open space, according to Cr Jim Macfadyen.

He was commenting on the council's decision on February 1 to go against a staff recommendation to approve an amended plan, negotiated between Multiplex and the planning consultant responsible for the yet-to-be-released Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

Cr Macfadyen said he and fellow

councillors believed the amended plan was an overdevelopment of the site.

"What the original plan proposed was two seven-storey high towers, with an open space included in the plans," Cr Macfadyen said.

"In the new plans, there was basically total development of the whole site, with no open space.

"It just looked like overdevelopment of the site, so council went with the original plan.

"In my opinion, the original plan looks a lot better than the amended plan."

Cr Macfadyen added that the plans for rezoning the site to "Business" would be put on show, and that ultimately the public would make a decision on the plans.

Council resolved to prepare a Draft Local Environmental Plan to rezone the Ettalong Beach Club land on Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach.

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

**Lyle Stone, February 16
Council agenda EP.4, February 1**

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Shave for a cure

Peninsula News journalist, Lyle Stone, has volunteered to be among participants interested in shaving or colouring their hair as part of the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure" to be held from March 10 to 12.

The event will take place at Gnostic Mana on the corner of Chambers Pl and The Boulevarde, Woy Woy on March 11 at 2pm.

Ms Shana Blackburn, a

hairdresser from Goldilocks in the nearby regional arcade, has agreed to donate her time for the cause.

Anyone wishing to join Lyle in his efforts to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation should contact Peninsula News on 4325 7369 and register online at www.worldsgreatestshave.com.

The only other Peninsula based free shave event registered to date is Peninsula Plaza from 11am to 2pm on March 11.

Cec Bucello, February 19



Jenny Williams with her winning art work, presented with a certificate from centre president Thel Brown

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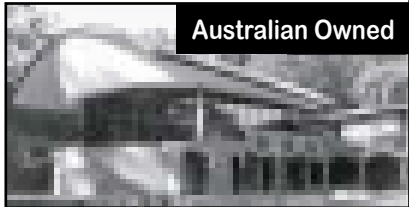
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Jenny Williams wins art competition

This month's winner of the Peninsula News/Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre art competition is Ms Jenny Williams of St Huberts Island.

Ms Williams, a student at the centre, won with her black and white drawing of a walkway between the sand dunes at a local beach.

Ms Williams has only been in Australia for 12 months on a visa while her husband works here.

Ms Williams commenced drawing classes overseas three years ago while traveling to different countries with her husband.

Ms Williams received a framed certificate from centre president Ms Thel Brown and a \$50 gift certificate from the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The March competition is currently open and entries will need to be presented to the centre

for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, March 12.

The winner will be judged during the following week and published in edition 113 of Peninsula News on March 21.

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

Works on this theme may be in any medium.

For more information, contact Mr Bob Penson on 4363 1327.

Cec Bucello, February 18

Lunch raises \$300

More than 45 people attended a Pancake Day lunch at the Uniting Church in Umina recently.

Participants were treated to sandwiches, fruit and pancakes in an effort to raise money for Unitingcare.

Manager of Burnside Central Coast, Ms Sue Jennings, gave a speech on the work done and courses run by Burnside.

Roughly \$300 was raised to assist Unitingcare to carry on its work in the local area through Burnside Central Coast.

Press release, February 16
Annette Strong, Uniting Church

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Study planned for Umina laneway

Gosford Council has resolved to undertake a study on the laneway between West St and The Esplanade, Umina, as part of its decision to grant an application for a three-storey residential flat building.

The study will be conducted to address issues of drainage, road construction and the possible implementation of a one-way traffic system.

The building, consisting of 16 medium and nine large units on "Business" zoned land, was granted approval at Gosford Council's meeting of February 8.

Mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks said he was concerned with

the development, saying that the Central Coast was losing commercial and industrial zoned areas to residential buildings.

"Although building a residential apartment may provide jobs at the time, commercial properties would provide continuous jobs," Cr Brooks said.

Cr Chris Holstein has also requested, as a condition of consent, that a tree on the southern boundary of the site be preserved, and precautions taken not to damage it during construction.

The original application for the site was refused by council on February 13, 2002.

Lyle Stone, February 17
Council agenda DH.15,
February 1



The foreshore reserve at Burge Rd, Woy Woy

Council allows waterfront house

Gosford Council has allowed the demolition of an existing house and the construction of a controversial two-storey waterfront property in its place in Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

Neighbour and objector Ms Karin Solondz spoke against the development at council's meeting of February 8, requesting council to reject the development application for the land.

Ms Solondz cited several problems in relation to the application including an incorrect floor space ratio, incorrect open space area, incorrect site analysis figures, non-conforming floor height, lack of overshadowing diagrams for the amended proposal and foreshore building setback inconsistencies.

"The development overshadows and reduces views for neighbouring single-storey properties," Ms Solondz said.

"The building causes unnecessary overshadowing of our living room and northern balcony.

"It diminishes all the ecological principles which we carefully integrated into our house."

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

A staff report to the council stated that "the proposal generally satisfies the foreshore building line as outlined in DCP155, 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".

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".

Cr Terri Latella said she would prefer to vote on the Burge Rd development after a public exhibition of the recently amended DCP155 had been brought back to council, but stated she supported the council officers' views.

Six public submissions were received in relation to the application.

Council agenda DH.16,
February 8

Captured on video?

The father of eight-year-old Jesse Cox has claimed that a group of teenagers has been captured on camera assaulting his son at Umina oval, despite police concluding that the incident only involved a seven-year-old.

"A young man and lady, who wish to remain anonymous, brought my son home and saw the incident themselves," father Mr Adam

Webster said.

He said the bashing was captured on video camera by a person at the park, but police had been unable to obtain a copy of the footage which purportedly showed a large group of youths bashing the boy.

Police have concluded that the beating at Umina Skate Park was administered by a seven-year-old child, and would investigate no further.

Stuart Baumann, February 16

Double the display

A meeting of the Gosford Council Australia Day Committee was held on February 11 to review Australia Day events held in the local area.

The failure of the Woy Woy fireworks was discussed.

After canvassing many options, it was decided that a display, twice

the size originally intended for Australia Day would be held at the opening of the new regional leisure centre at Woy Woy in October.

Participants at the meeting included mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks, Cr Chris Holstein and representatives from each of the areas that held events.

Cec Bucello, February 18

Action sought on Esplanade trees

Umina residents have petitioned Gosford Council over the danger posed by several large trees on the Umina Beach reserve.

A petition, with five signatures, was received from residents of The Esplanade, Umina Beach, about the state of several large trees which overhang the cycle path and are located opposite 148 The

Esplanade.

The petitioners stated they are concerned the trees pose a danger to public safety as they believe it is only a matter of time before serious damage or injury occurs caused by falling limbs or trees toppling.

The petitioners have requested that council officers inspect the trees.

Council agenda P.16, February 22

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Where's the flag?

The Australian flag is just a rag but it reminds us of the debt we owe to those who have served to make Australia a good place to live.

It reminds us of where we came from and where we want to go.

The patriotism of Gosford Council might be judged by its failure to adequately fly the flag on Australia Day.

Fine sunny weather attracted good crowds to the surf at Ocean Beach and Umina on January 26.

Ocean Beach surf club building was plastered with 33 commercial logos for Coca Cola and beer but

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flew no Australian flag.

The expensive lifesavers surveillance tower was unmanned.

Umina surf club was plastered with 55 similar logos but no Australian flag.

Thanks only to the initiative of young lifesaver, Nathan Ellison; a large Australian flag was proudly attached to the lifesavers tent on the beach.

Woy Woy War Memorial swimming pool, before it was sadly bulldozed, did not fly the flag but council's pool attendants wore coca cola logos on their backs.

Gosford swimming pool locked the public out on Australia Day four hours before sunset but it locked in safely the 30 Coca Cola logos permanently located there.

No Australian flag here, the flagpole was removed about 10 years ago.

Council's library at Woy Woy and the Woy Woy post office each have flag poles but no flags to fly on them.

Can we still call Australia home while Gosford Council saturates open public space with commercial advertising but will not fly our flag on Australia Day?

John Collins, Woy Woy

An educational opportunity

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They might have waxy leaves or little hairs covering them.

They may turn their leaves so that they do not get burnt.

Unfortunately most people are unaware of these miracles happening daily, before their eyes.

The plants on the dunes, even the weeds, trap the sand blown by the wind.

They are the means whereby the dune is built.

Without the shrubs and plants there would be no dunes.

How far would the rising tides reach then? How more unfortunate is it that Gosford Council and the Peninsular Surf Clubs have missed the wonderful opportunity presented by the Surf Carnival ,

with 30,000 people expected to visit, of educating people about the value of the natural environment,

in this case the dunes, to our very existence.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

The Tsunami has apparently exposed signs of habitation or a civilization that we didn't know about.

It was obviously swamped by the ocean thousands of years ago.

We humans are very slow learners for we are still intent on meddling with our planet in order to make a few more bucks.

Many people, even those who spend much of their lives on the beach, seem unaware of the value of a dune.

They have not observed the piles of sand collected around the plants growing on the dunes.

They have failed to notice the difference further along the Esplanade, where there is no vegetation to trap the sand and where the Council has to constantly clear away the sand across the road.

The native plants growing on the dune have evolved over centuries to withstand some of the harshest conditions that exist.

They have adapted.

Regulatory role is highlighted

There has been patchy reporting in the regional media of the issues surrounding the forthcoming surf carnival in Umina.

The issue of proper management of the surf carnival has highlighted Gosford Council's dual roles of sponsor and regulator of this event.

Whatever personal views people have, proper management of any community event should be seen as paramount.

The original submission by the event organisers in August included details of destruction of dunes and dune vegetation.

This submission was approved by Gosford Council, without safeguards to ensure proper management of the event.

Fortunately, the lack of proper safeguards in council's approval of the carnival was noticed by a vigilant community member.

For five months, council has been requested to meet its regulatory responsibilities.

The conduct of the carnival will demonstrate whether these requests have been effective.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

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Volunteers deserve credit

I write with reference to the latest article attacking the Surf Life Saving movement and its attempts to stage their State Championships later this month.

I am a resident and ratepayer on this Peninsula as well as Mr Michael Gillian and maybe he and his organisation should look at ways of keeping the rubbish out of the precious dune area.

These volunteers, who turned up to clean up an area that should

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have been cleaned by others, deserve some credit for wanting to present our dunes in a clean state to the many visitors that we are about to have visit the area.

Or maybe Mr Gillian has a plan in place for doing this which he is about to unveil to us.

I wait for that announcement.

Liam Campbell, Umina

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Fill upper reaches of Hardy's Bay

Once again I write to your well-read local paper on matters concerning my locality at Hardy's Bay, Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe Pt.

The ever-increasing parking problem in Hardy's Bay could be alleviated in a number of ways.

Maybe, if a retaining wall was erected on the upper reaches of Hardy's Bay, and the area filled as an open area for activities and car park, these could be incorporated in the area affected.

This would allow the removal of the ever-smelling and mosquito-breeding area of mangroves and rubbish and necessitate a storm-water outlet to be built where the

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so-called creek is now situated.

The filling of this area could be recovered by dredging the once-deep channels, plus sandbanks now choking our waterways.

A short walk to restaurants, wharves and other facilities would be no hindrance to any visitors.

As for the waiting shed being built at Wagstaffe for ferry travellers, maybe the progress and residents associations could be so kind as to consult all the local residents who would be affected by this haven for yahoos and graffiti artists who plague this area already.

Bill Teandell, Wagstaffe Point

Saving money for a glossy report

It is timely that on World Wetlands Day, February 2, Gosford Council once again has abrogated its responsibilities to protect the environment by not purchasing saltmarsh land on Woy Woy Rd.

Saltmarsh is listed as an endangered ecological community.

Why? The existing 7(a) zone was restrictive in the uses permitted and there was limited potential for any intensification of development on site and it would cost too much

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to restore and maintain. The easy way out.

They did not want to spend the required sum on land that was deemed to have no environmental significance in the grand scheme across the city, even though it is protected under the threatened species legislation.

The council would rather save the money for its next glossy report telling us everything is fine.

Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

...More letters on page 12

Changes proposed to setback wording

Changes to the wording of waterfront setback and building height requirements are being proposed by Gosford Council.

The amendments to Council development control plans (DCPs) will be put on public exhibition in the near future.

The changes come after Peninsula residents have protested at the implementation of waterfront setback provisions in DCP 155 for recent development applications at Woy Woy and Orange Grove.

The changes are designed to reinforce the Council's current setback policy, removing ambiguity from the DCP wording.

Height requirements will be changed to encourage houses to "step down" a slope, rather than being set on a high and prominent platform.

But local residents have claimed that Council's current setback policy will increase bulk on the waterfront, where the intention of DCP 155 was to reduce it.

Woy Woy residents Norbert and Karin Solondz last week claimed that it will create a "beach creeper" effect, encouraging wall-to-wall double storey buildings on the waterfront.

Council's development assessment unit manager Mr Gary Lofts, who drafted both the original DCP and the changes, has denied this.

However, a staff report to the Council stated that a number of properties existed in older areas where buildings were much closer to the water than the permitted six metre setback.

The requirement to observe a foreshore building line similar to the line of existing houses was intended to permit the erection of building closer to the water than the general six metre building line, according to the report.

"Some difficulty has been experienced when redevelopment of a site required new dwellings to be sited further back than their

neighbours," it stated.

Council had received a number of complaints that owners of new dwellings were suffering loss of outlook or views.

"A policy which adopts only a fixed building line and has no regard to loss of view will generate complaints for staff," the report stated.

Mr Lofts said that the existing DCP could be read in several ways.

He said the amendment "does not change the current control, only rewords it".

"Basically what we are stating is that people must first look at the existing building line, but if one is not present then they must use the rule of six metres for a single storey dwelling and 10 metres for a double storey portion of a dwelling."

Mr Lofts said this had always been council policy.

"We are just making it clearer."

Mr Lofts said that changes to building height requirements were also being proposed.

The present policy allows houses to be built on land having a slope more than 20 per cent that are much higher than dwellings erected on flatter slopes, said Mr Lofts.

This had caused problems in the size of houses and difficulty for council staff in determining the actual height of houses on steeper slopes because the building envelope is difficult to assess on land that may slope in different directions, he said.

Mr Lofts said that he believed the policy should be amended to require a maximum four metres to the floor of the topmost floor on all dwellings.

The introduction of a four metre requirement would encourage designers to step houses down a slope rather than maintain a plane, which produces a high and often prominent building.

**Lyle Stone, February 16
Council agenda DH.10,
February 1**



Blackwall Rd businesses will not be levied, according to Edward James

Businesses not levied?

Businesses in Booker Bay and Blackwall will not be included in the proposed Peninsula business levy, according to community activist Mr Ed James.

Mr James said that he had received a letter from Gosford's Council's director of finance and corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky, stating that Umina,

Ettalong, Woy Woy and Woy Woy South would be included in the proposed levy, but not Booker Bay or Blackwall.

Mr James said he was told that an application would be made to the local government minister Mr Tony Kelly in May requesting his approval for the levy.

The council would have to advise the Department of all submissions

received regarding the proposal, following the exhibition period of the draft City Management Plan, which incorporates the revenue policy, before action could be taken.

It is anticipated that the documentation will be on public exhibition from April 27 to May 25.

**Email, February 8
Edward James**

No foreshore plan for Killcare

Director of community services Mr Phil Rowland has advised Gosford Council that the Brisbane Water foreshore at Killcare was covered by a generic foreshore reserves plan of management, created in 1996.

He was responding to a question by Cr Terri Latella relating to

the possible implementation of a management plan for the waterfront.

The plan of management covered all Brisbane Water foreshore reserves which did not have a specific plan of management.

Killcare foreshore does not have a specific plan of management.

Cr Latella had previously asked if the area had a plan of management,

and if not, what would be the appropriate process to make one, with the aid of community groups.

Mr Rowland commented that the process could take up to or more than 18 months to complete and cost council in the vicinity of \$50,000, using the Yattalunga Foreshore plan as an example.

**Council agenda Q.142,
February 22**

New report on Mud Flat Creek

A new report on flood management at Mud Flat Creek, Hardys Bay, is available for comment from January 17 to February 25.

The exhibition material can be seen at the Killcare Cellars and at Gosford Council.

Several years ago a study of flood problems resulted in a lot of work at Killcare Heights to improve

flood management from Killcare Heights down onto Fraser Rd and Mud Flat Creek areas.

The proposals for Mud Flat Creek were abandoned though problems with flooding continued.

A proposed plan of management has been put on exhibition by Gosford Council.

**Newsletter, February 14
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust
Newsletter**

Honour was a surprise

The Rev Dr Peter Swain of Umina was honoured with one of Australia's highest accolades on Australia Day.

Dr Swain received a Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of his many achievements, which include teaching in Australia and overseas, and serving 20 years as a chaplain in the Army Reserve.

Dr Swain was also a founding member of the Australian Association for Religious Education, and later became state then national President.

"I was surprised," said Dr Swain.

"I didn't know anything about it until I received a letter from the Governor-General.

"The most heartening thing about getting the award has been all the

letters, cards and emails I have received from all over Australia and even overseas.

"It never occurred to me that I was doing anything remarkable, I think my family was more excited than me at first."

Dr Swain has been archivist and historian and has been published in journals, magazines and books.

His most recent book was a history of Newington College.

Among his local involvements, Dr Swain has served on the board of Woy Woy Community Aged Care.

He is the past president of the Woy Woy Probus Club and is currently active in the Umina Uniting Church.

Stuart Baumann, February 17

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Information about Relay for Life

A public information night is planned for the Peninsula "Relay for Life" tonight, Monday, February 21.

Information will be provided about the event and participants may register themselves or their team.

The evening will be hosted by Cancer Council NSW Central Coast Region and the Peninsula Relay for Life Organising Committee.

The Peninsula Relay For Life will be held on April 2 and 3 April at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

It is a 24-hour team event.

Teams can camp out overnight at the park or come and go as they please.

The idea is to have someone

from your team on the track walking or running at all times.

The event will include special ceremonies, live music, games and activities for the full 24 hours. Teams raise funds in the lead up to the event by asking for donations, holding raffles or other fund-raising activities.

They may also raise money at the event through sponsorship.

The information night will be held at Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, from 7pm.

Other information nights will be held on March 14 and 28.

For more information, or to register, contact 4325 5444.

**Press release, February 16
The Cancer Council**

Clean up day

Residents of Empire Bay are being asked to register for Clean Up Australia Day.

People wishing to participate in the community activity can register at the Empire Bay Community Hall on Sunday March 6, from 9.30am.

Bags for the clean up are provided, but gloves should be brought by participants.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Newsletter, February 14

Medical centre approved

Gosford Council has approved a medical centre in Alfred St, Umina.

The applicant had previously been asked to clarify issues relating to waste disposal and emergency patient set-down areas.

Cr Vicki Scott said that at a meeting of February 8, the council was informed that the centre would have a specific waste room for garbage disposal, as well as amended plans for a set down

area for the disabled.

The proposal for the site is a two-level medical centre, with the medical centre on the ground floor and commercial space on the second floor.

The existing building will continue to be used as a pharmacy.

Plans for the medical centre began in 1989.

Lyle Stone, Council agenda DH.2, February 8

Free clinic

A free immunisation clinic will be held for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families on Thursday, February 24, at the Beachside Family Centre, Sydney Ave, Umina.

This service is run by Nunyara Aboriginal Health Service for children aged up to five years old.

Bring along your child or grandchild and also bring their blue health book with them.

The clinic will run from 9am to midday.

For more information, contact 4343 1929.

**Press release, February 15
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre**

Group meets

A multi-cultural group will meet on Thursday, March 10, at the Peninsula Community Centre, in MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The group will start at 10am and morning tea will be provided.

This is an opportunity for the multi-cultural communities in the area to make new friends.

The group welcomes everyone, especially new arrivals in the area.

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**Press release, February 16
Peninsula Community Centre**

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Clean-up at Burrawang

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve Bushcare group is organising a Clean-Up Australia Day project for Sunday, March 6.

It is inviting interested residents to take part in the day at the reserve at the corner of Hillview and Railway Sts, Woy Woy.

The Bush-care group has carried out similar Clean-Up Australia Day projects in the reserve and environs for the past three years and over that period has removed a great deal of rubbish, said organiser Mr Jim Morrison.

"People visiting the reserve have commented on the vast improvements to the reserve particularly the native regeneration that is occurring as well as the general lack of rubbish resulting

from these regular clean-ups," he said.

If you would like to assist in this Clean-up Australia project, you will be most welcome.

The clean up will take place between 9am and noon on Sunday, March 6.

Those attending are requested to meet in the Nambucca Dr

playground at 9am.

They are asked to wear appropriate clothing including shoes and a hat. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult accompanies children.

For further details, contact Jim Morrison on 4341 9583.

**Media release, February 16
Jim Morrison,
Burrawang Bushcare**

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Boat ramp upgrade recommended

Gosford Council officers have recommended approval for the upgrade of the Pretty Beach boat ramp.

Council received a request from the Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and the District Progress Association to upgrade the boat ramp.

The Association obtained a grant through the Waterways Asset Development and Management Program (WADAMP) of \$100,000 for each of the last two years.

Council has already begun preparing design specifications for the ramp and pontoon, and final plans for the upgrade have been prepared in consultation with the community and approved by NSW Maritime.

An additional request has also been made for any fees associated with the lodgement of the development application to be waived.

The issue was originally raised on November 23 last year when Cr Jim Macfadyen asked if there were any problems with the design of the Pretty Beach boat ramp.

Cr Macfadyen requested that council's civil engineers investigate

the design before tenders were called to carry out the work.

Cr Macfadyen also requested that a community consultation meeting be convened to give an update on the plan, given the project had begun in March last year.

Director of community services Mr Phil Rowland replied that the Pretty Beach boat ramp had a number of hurdles including beds of a protected species of sea grass.

He stated that a flat slope on the sea bed would also make it difficult to provide enough draft at low tide.

Mr Rowland said that the community's "rigid expectation of the outcome was inconsistent with the advice given to council by its consultant engineers".

He commented that, given that threatened species were involved and the ramp did not comply with the Brisbane Water Plan of Management, there were substantial delays through the development application process.

**Council agenda Q.123,
February 22**

**Council agenda CS.9,
February 22**



Part of the Everglades Lagoon system

Submission made on wetlands plan

The Melaleuca Wetlands bush regeneration group has made a submission to Gosford Council about the Everglades lagoon system draft plan of management.

The draft plan stated that the water levels should not be artificially raised and lowered, that natural water levels be determined over a period of six months and that a water quality monitoring program be implemented as high priorities.

"Public and private drainage structures" which affect the wetland would be "rectified" and a water balance model would be investigated as a medium priorities.

The group stated that hydrology in the area was of immediate concern and should be investigated and rectified as a high priority.

The draft plan included the replacement of existing prohibitive

signs at entry points to the reserve, and for interpretive and safety signs to be erected within the reserve.

The group requested that a sign alerting the public not to disturb alligator weed should be erected and reworded so that both children and adults could understand it.

The group further stated that either children or their parents should be held accountable for any damage children caused to the site.

The draft plan aimed to improve the adjacent car park for use by patrons of the golf course, but reduce any impacts of its use on the lagoon system, while maintaining access from the car park to the reserve.

The bush regeneration group stated "The new gate into the wetland from the carpark needs to be kept locked as a safety measure for the volunteers, as drug users are entering here and leaving syringes."

The draft plan put the construction

of a single formal access track through the reserve as a high priority.

The group commented that it would like an actual walkway map made showing the main access points and the walkway.

The plan put identification of the causes of lack of new melaleuca growth and of eucalypt dieback as medium priority.

The group said that melaleuca recruitment should be a high priority.

The plan suggested investigation of options to remove the exotic pest fish gambusia holbrooki from the lagoon system.

The group commented that the options that had been suggested were unacceptably destructive of the environment.

The submission was signed by 12 of the group's volunteers

Council agenda P.12, February 22

Traffic calming work expected

Work on traffic calming devices at Pretty Beach is expected before the end of June.

Last year, Gosford Council installed a school pedestrian crossing at Pretty Beach, but planned calming devices had not been installed.

In November, Cr Terri Latella

requested a report on the status of the installation of the devices.

Director of engineering operations Mr Stephen Glen said the traffic calming device at Pretty Beach would be included in the 2004 to 2005 traffic facilities program.

**Council agenda Q.111,
February 22**

Funds for tsunami victims

The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula has raised \$3500 with a recent Tsunami car boot sale.

The money raised brought its total contributions to the victims of the tsunami disaster to almost \$5000.

The Lions Club will be holding

its next car boot sale on Sunday, February 27, between 8am and 1pm.

For further information and enquiries, call 4341 4151 or 4341 1379.

**Press release, February 14
Lions Club of Woy Woy**

New bus suffers electrical fault

The new Scenic Horizon Tour coach, reported on in the last edition of Peninsula News, recently suffered an electrical fault which damaged the bathroom.

No one was injured, but passengers

were evacuated at West Gosford when the hand dryer in the on board toilet caught fire, damaging one wall.

"The bus was immediately sent back to Brisbane for repairs," said part owner and operator Ms Kerry Eddy.

"There was only minor damage,

and we'll be flying to Brisbane to drive it back when it's repaired.

"It's a bit of bad luck, but it will soon be back and fully operational," Ms Eddy said.

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

Stuart Baumann, February 17

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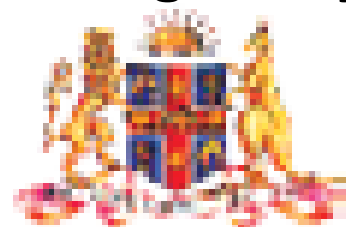
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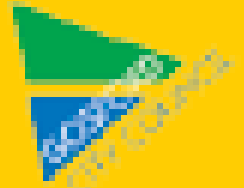
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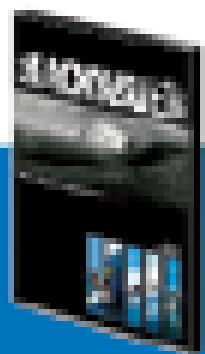
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Seniors idol competition

Kamah will judge the grand final of Seniors' Idol at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club during National Seniors Week in March.

Seniors' Idol will follow the format of the "Idol" competitions across the world.

Entrants must be over 55 and members or guests of Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Entry to the competition is free.

The event will be opened in the main area of the club by Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, at 2pm on Monday, March 14.

Heats will be held at 2pm Mondays to Thursdays and registration is essential.

Contestants will perform two

songs during each heat and three contestants each day will move forward to the grand final on the Friday evening at 6.30pm.

There are audience prizes of \$100 each day and contestants will win dinner for two to the value of \$100 and a bottle of McWilliams wine.

The grand prize is a trip for two to New Zealand including airfares and accommodation.

An array of seasoned performers will judge the heats, with Donnie Sutherland, the Central Coast's ambassador for Seniors Week, joining Kamahl on the judging seat.

**Press release, February 15
Louise Duff, Brilliant Logic**



Ms Jocelyn Maughan, Mr Robin Norbing and Ms Roslyn Strekfuss were pictured at The Gosford Regional Gallery for the launch of Ms Maughan's book "Genre" on February 8

Peninsula artists exhibit

Peninsula residents Ms Leila Desborough and Ms Jean Macarthur will join with four Central Coast artists exhibiting paintings in the "Six in the City" art exhibition at Gosford Art Centre during March.

Ms Desborough's artwork will be accompanied by artwork from other Central Coast residents including, Vivienne Heath, Noeline Millar, Joan Neilson and Lesley Rogers.

The works will be on show at the Gosford Art Centre, studio one, from March 18 to 21.

There is an opportunity to meet the artists on Saturday, March 19, from 11am to 4pm.

**Press release, February 15
Leila Desborough**



Selected works from the "Six in the City" exhibition

Book features Peninsula women

A book featuring many prominent Peninsula women will be launched at an International Women's Day celebration at the Gosford regional gallery on Sunday, March 6, from 1pm to 3pm.

The book "Significant women of the Central Coast" features Peninsula women including Ms Heather McKenzie, Ms Nora Clark, Ms Ailsa Aldous, Ms Madeline Anderson, Ms Marie Andrews, Ms Loraine Barlow, Ms Lyn Bockholt, Ms Ruth Collins and Ms Leah

Francis.

The book also features Ms Pat Gilroy, Ms Enid Harrison, Ms Pat Harrison, Ms Mary Hawthorne, Ms Mary Holstein, Ms Shirley Hotchkiss, Ms Fran Kendall, Ms Elsie Mills, Ms Gwen Morgan, Ms Kay McVicker, Ms Caroline Serventy and Ms Bev Thompson

Guest speaker will be ophthalmologist Ms Gabi Hollows.

The book will be launched by Ms Debra Schlenger and entertainment provided by Ms Kerry Patterson, multi-cultural dancers, performing

poet Ms Shirley Hotchkiss, singer Ms Lucy Bailes, harpist Ms Annette Benson and a short monologue of Coco Chanel and Gabriel Collette directed by Ms Dinah Shearing.

An art exhibition entitled "A Woman's World" will be displayed in the Gosford arts centre from 2pm to 5pm Friday, March 4, from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, March 5, and from 9am to 4pm on Sunday, March 6.

**Press release, February 16
Margaret Hardy, Multi Arts Confederation**

Art classes start

Art classes have started for the term at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, with several new classes available.

New classes operating include silverwork on Saturday from 1pm to 3pm and pottery on Thursday nights from 7pm-9pm.

Other art classes returning this year include patchwork, folk art, drawing, pastels, oil painting, silk painting and The Stitchery Circle.

Children's after school art classes are conducted on Wednesday from 4pm and also on Saturday from

9.30am to 11.30am.

For more information, contact 4360 1673.

**Newsletter, February 14
Multi Arts Confederation**

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Hymn sing-along

A sing-along will be conducted at the Ettalong Baptist Church on Sunday, March 13, at 2.30pm.

The event, entitled "Hymns that live", will feature song leader Mr George Tunks, soprano Ms Robyn Edwards and tenor Mr Alan Edwards.

An offering will be collected on the day.

For more information, contact 4332 8965.

**Press release, February 15
Ettalong Baptist Church**

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Waterfront DCP not final yet

In Gosford Council's meeting on Tuesday, February 8, councillors unanimously voted to pass a development application for a waterfront reserve property in Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

The approval sets a precedent for waterfront properties and reserves to extend two-storey dwellings at the previously relevant 10-metre building line setback with a single storey addition to the six metre building line.

Alternatively, single storey dwellings at the six metre building line can be extended with a second storey at the 10 metre building line.

With this new interpretation of DCP 155, Council overhauls its long-established practice of a general building line set back of 10 metres for two storey development applications and six metres for single storey applications.

Even though council staff confirmed that the current DCP has not changed and could

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always be interpreted in this way, developments in past years had to observe the six and 10 metre rule.

The deciding factor in the past was that the proposed dwelling looked "substantially" like a single or double storey house from its waterfront aspect.

The past and current definition is that "the building line should be taken from the foremost point of the building whether a patio, steps or supporting post".

Director for development and health Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings argued, on the site inspection in Burge Rd, that this definition relates only to a single or double storey portion of a dwelling, meaning that for the single-storey part a different "foremost point" should be taken.

It seems to be unclear to council staff, how many "foremost points" a building can have.

The new interpretation will be incorporated as an amendment into the DCP.

A discussion paper (DH10) is currently on public exhibition.

Council staff explained that the new DCP will only clarify council's building line policy. Council invites public comment.

The reinterpretation of DCP 155 will have the potential for more building activity on our foreshores and will eliminate advantages like better views for single storey buildings.

Cr Terri Latella, of the Greens party, supporting this change in policy, defended her decision on Tuesday, saying that she feels that she has to support council staff.

Is this the new green policy? Cr Vicki Scott made the application to support the application, ignoring nine separate inconsistencies with the DCP.

All of the long-standing councillors kept to themselves after an engaged speech from Karin Solondz.

No questions were asked. The new DCP is not finalized yet.

Norbert Solondz, Woy Woy

Flexibility needed in '20 kindy' policy

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Bob Carr's 20 children per kindergarten class policy is commendable, but not if it disadvantages the interests of the primary school as a whole.

Primary school principals are being directed by the Department to form 20 children per kindergarten class, irrespective of whether it will disadvantage the interests of the other children in the school.

In some instances, schools are being forced to form large composite classes in every other class in the school, to accommodate 20 only in the kindergarten class.

Last year primary school principals proposed class lists to the Department, which they considered to be in the best interest of the school.

The Department, presumably

under Bob Carr's direction, overruled schools and directed the "20 kindy" policy be implemented, without any additional resources being provided.

The public education system survives because of the support of parents, both in respect of fundraising and other activities.

To pit parent against parent for the sake of blindly following Government ideology, risks tearing apart the glue that binds public education.

Bob Carr must consider the interests of the school as a whole and allow each school to make a determination on appropriate classes, based on the resources made available to them.

Warren Cross, Wagstaffe

Courageous foreshore decision

I understand the Ettalong War Memorial Club has agreed to contribute \$300,000 dollars to help fund the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management.

This plan deals with the foreshore at Ettalong which is community land.

To expedite development, I

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understand the club has offered to pay consultants to prepare design plans for approval by council.

It is hard to envisage how these plans can be seen to be independent when they have been formulated by the club's own consultants.

Surely there has to be a clear

conflict of interest for council in supporting such a process.

It is also interesting to consider the commercial factors considered by the directors of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club in agreeing to contribute \$300,000 to a council project on public land, especially in the light of the financial challenges the club faces.

Last year profit was down 36 per cent at \$1.1 million in advance of the introduction of increased taxes on gaming machine revenues and the impact of no-smoking requirements.

The contribution of \$300,000 also far exceeds the amount shown in the club's accounts for the year ended June 30, 2004, as paid by the club to community development and support - \$124,860.

Clearly the directors are making a very courageous commercial decision to expend member funds in making this contribution to Gosford Council.

Michael Gillian, Ettalong Beach

Event management questions unanswered

The Express Advocate has published what would appear to be disparate statistics for the NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships which will be held at Umina and Ocean Beaches between February 25 and March 6.

On December 17, the paper reported "9000 people are expected to visit the Central Coast and inject \$15 million into the economy."

This information differs from the edition of February 11, which stated that \$8 million will be generated from an estimated 8000 competitors and 24,000 spectators.

What are the true facts?

What will be the financial benefit to the area, \$15 million or \$8 million?

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce President Mathew Wales considers that an increase of four to five times normal trade can be expected, whereas Ocean Beach kiosk owner Bob Bailey expects his business to triple

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food and drink supplies during the event.

It can be anticipated that the Umina shopping district will increase trade during the event. However not all businesses will share the same experience.

The question is still management. With reported variations so large in these attendance figures, how can other aspects of the event's management be trusted?

For instance, if \$15 million is to be spent by 9000 people, this means each person will be spending \$1666. If it is \$15 million to be spent by 30,000 people, this means each person will be spending \$500.

Also, although the financial profits have been highlighted, what are the traffic implications? If most attendees are travelling by car, this would be around 10000 additional cars in the area.

Norm Harris, Umina

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Janet Porter, Woy Woy

Hundreds use public reserve

In reply to the ill-mannered assumptions of Peter Chapman (Peninsula News, February 7), I would like to write that there are no Betsy Trotwoods of the Dicken's novel "David Copperfield" who call out "Get off my green" near this public reserve.

That is excepting complaints about those cars who park over driveways to the roadway.

There are hundreds of walkers

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with or without dogs, joggers of all ages, school groups exercising and picnic-goers, fisherfolk and, I am afraid, there are opportunistic garden thieves.

More and more we allow our reserves and parks to be paved, tarred, denuded of trees and grass to be used by special interest groups at the expense of fauna and natural surroundings, which offer tranquillity to the eyes.

Enid Harrison, Woy Woy

Parliamentary call costs

Prime Minister John Howard not very long ago said we do not need a bill of rights because we have a democratic government.

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Students earn high

Several Brisbane Water Senior College students have received UAI scores in the high 90s, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

A large number of students also earned marks in individual courses in excess of 90 putting them in the highest band of students across the state.

Students who performed outstandingly were Emma Hamilton, Shireen Streeton, Rachel Pratt, Lauren Collins, Lana Hebden, Samantha Travers, Gerard Koen, Josh Myers, James Manning, Kahlee Moulton and Tammie Patman.

Several students in all course groupings had achieved substantial improvements when compared to their performance at the School Certificate two years earlier.

Mr Lewis said impressive

improvements were made in the areas of personal development, health and physical education, the social sciences, maths, and creative arts.

In a number of courses, students' average scores exceeded the state average.

Improvements were made across a wide range of individual courses.

Mr Lewis said these results were a very pleasing vindication of the college's move to create an environment where student learning outcomes could be improved.

"This environment together with the great commitment of staff and the sharp focus they are applying to the needs of senior students is certainly now paying dividends," Mr Lewis said.

**Press release, February 16
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



Tears and cheers at school start

About 40 children started kindergarten at St John the Baptist Primary, Woy Woy, on February 1.

Parents and Friends publicity officer Ms Beth Riley said the children were all very excited about finally going to big school.

She said they felt very familiar in the school surroundings after spending six weeks at the school last year in a program called Early

Birds.

"This is a program which breaks the children into the school surroundings and routine ready for the in year to come," Ms Riley said.

"All the children were allocated a sixth class student as their buddy to look after them at morning tea and lunch for the first few weeks at school."

The school community also welcomed the new kindy families

with a "Tears and Cheers Morning Tea".

Ms Riley said there were more tears from parents and grandparents than the children starting school.

There will be an information evening on Wednesday, May 4, at 7.30pm at the school for parents who are interested in enrolling their children in St John the Baptist.

**Press release, February 13
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

Playgroup at school

St John the Baptist Primary School at Woy Woy is running a playgroup for children aged up to six years old.

Called Little Angels Playgroup, it is affiliated with the Playgroup Association of NSW and is held on a Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30am in the school grounds.

It is an opportunity for young children and their mothers to get together on a social and educational basis.

For more information, contact 4341 0884.

**Press release, February 13
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

Day off due to surf carnival

A student-free day planned for Friday, February 25, has been approved due to the large impact of the NSW Surf Life Saving Carnival, according to Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair.

The regional director Mr John Mather has endorsed the change of routine in recognition of the impact that the surf carnival will have on the school.

"Normal lessons will not be provided and school canteen will be closed on that day and teachers will be involved with professional learning activities including the upgrade of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and quality teaching strategies," Mr Blair said.

"Student who are not attending the surf carnival and are not able to be supervised at home will be provided with supervision at

school."

Buses will run as normal, however there are restrictions to traffic and road closures due to the expected attendance of 30,000 spectators.

Mr Blair said parents who normally drive their children to and from school should expect significantly changed traffic

conditions.

Mr Blair added that the student-free day normally held on the first day of term two would not occur, with students and teachers starting the term on the same day, Tuesday, April 26.

**Newsletter, February 15
John Blair, Umina Public School**

Prayers for the tsunami victims

The children at St John the Baptist School participated in a prayer service to remember the victims of the Boxing Day Tsunami on Friday, February 4, raising \$370 for charity group Caritas Australia.

The children in Years 5 and 6 prepared the prayer service and organised children to carry frangipani flowers to decorate a prayer space within the grounds of the school. These flowers

represented the many people affected by the tragedy.

Each class also wrote a prayer for the tsunami victims

All Catholic schools were encouraged to pray for the victims of the tsunami and to make a contribution to Caritas Australia, one of the many charity organisations that are offering assistance to those in need.

**Press release, February 13
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

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Everglades wins Triples

Everglades Bowling Club won the Ladies District Triples bowls competition for the second year running.

Over four days of competition, Sue O'Connor, Goldie Edwards and Judy King staged a formidable

comeback to win by five shots.

Mrs Iris Bate, publicity officer for Everglades Country Club said, "We're very proud of them and hope to see them continue their wins at the Zone and State games."

**Bulletin, February 1
Everglades Country Club**

Looking forward to competing

Peninsula lifesaver Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith said she is looking forward to competing in both the Open Champion Lifesaver and Masters events at the upcoming NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

Ms Armstrong-Smith currently holds title of the State Open Female Champion Lifesaver, an event which she has won three times, and was Australian Female Champion in 2000.

And around all this she still has time to manage a family and teach maths at Central Coast Grammar

School.

"I'm excited that the event is finally coming to Umina.

"It's where I train and it feels good to be on your home beach," Ms Armstrong-Smith said.

She has been involved in surf lifesaving for more than 30 years, since she was four years old.

"It's going to be good fun, but some of those younger girls are looking a lot fitter this year," joked Ms Armstrong-Smith.

The events will be held at Umina Beach from February 25 to March 6.

Stuart Baumann, February 16



First and second: Bowls officials Roger Ford and John Mathers with runners up R. Austin, K. Herbert and W. Hesling of Munmorah Bowling Club and winners D. Thornton, A. Brooks and J. Edwards of The Entrance Bowling Club

Zone finals at Woy Woy

The Entrance has defeated Lake Mummurah 24-15 in the annual RSL Zone Five Central Coast Bowls Championship triples held at Woy Woy

Bowling Club over February 10 and 11.

Around 36 teams were entered from the Central Coast clubs and all games were played at Woy Woy Bowling Club.

Umina Beach Bowling Club was knocked out of the semi-finals, defeated by Lake Mummurah Bowling Club 25-10.

**Press release, February 14
Felix Seady**

Record entries in surf carnival

Both Umina and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving have entered over 200 competitors into the upcoming Telstra NSW Junior Surf Life Saving Championships.

Host clubs Umina and Ocean Beach are entering 120 and 90 competitors respectively in the event from February 25 to 27.

Entries for the event officially closed on February 4 with a record number of 3956 competitors set to come together on the Peninsula for

the event.

With 155 children aged from seven to 14 entered, Terrigal will be the second most represented club behind Cronulla with 193.

The 15 Central Coast clubs posted 4262 entries for 995 competitors, second only to the Sydney clubs with a total of 4306 entries and 1037 contestants.

The youngsters will perform in sprint, flags, surf and board races as well as the iron man and woman events.

The following week from March 3 to 6, the senior and Masters competitors will also converge on Ocean Beach for the NRMA Insurance 2005 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

Organisers expect the two carnivals will bring at least 14,000 competitors, spectators and officials to the area and have estimated an \$8 million boost to the Coast's economy.

**Press release, February 8
David Lyall, Hanson Sports Media**



Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club founders Mr Alan Murdoch and current president, Mr Lionel Browne

Fishing awards presented

Ettalong Hotel fishing club recently held its annual presentation night.

It was held at the Ettalong Hotel on Saturday, February 12, and awards were given in several categories to the most successful competitors of the last 12 months.

Recipients included "outside" club champions Mr Brad Walker and Ms Debra Hawkins, and "inside" champions Mr Garry Flanagan and Ms Heather Townend.

Overall champions were Mr

Garry Flanagan and Ms Debra Hawkins.

Clubman of the year was Mr Lionel Browne, and achievement award and best club worker winner was Mr Greg Hickey.

The club meets on the first Saturday of the month, with weigh-in at 3pm in the beer garden at Ettalong Hotel.

New members are always welcome and inquiries can be made of any committee members at the weigh-in.

Stuart Baumann, February 18

Life member

Ms Gloria Gray has been accepted as a life member of the Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

Mrs Gray was president of the Ladies Club and has held almost every executive position in the club, and was also a delegate to the Central Coast District WBA.

A representative of the club said Ms Gray was a hard working and popular member and deserved every accolade she received for her dedication and devotion to the club, adding that Ms Gray was a worthy recipient of the honour.

**Newsletter, February 7
Central Coast Bowls**

Auskick at St John's

The Auskick program was promoted recently at St John the Baptist school in Woy Woy.

Kindergarten children to Year 3 children were given half hour lessons on February 13 in Aussie Rules football.

The children were shown how

to kick and mark the ball and then were able to demonstrate their skills.

The Auskick program is designed to let children from five to nine years old experience the sport of AFL in a friendly, safe and fun environment.

The Woy Woy Peninsula

Swans run an Auskick Program on Thursdays at 4pm at Roger's Park, Woy Woy.

The cost for the season is \$50 and includes a back pack with goods including a CD and football.

**Press release, February 13
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

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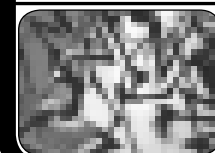
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Two local charities receive CDSE grants



President Brian Crawley and recipient representatives Joan Downs of Gosford City Family Support Services and Narelle Cambourn of Life Education Central Coast

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

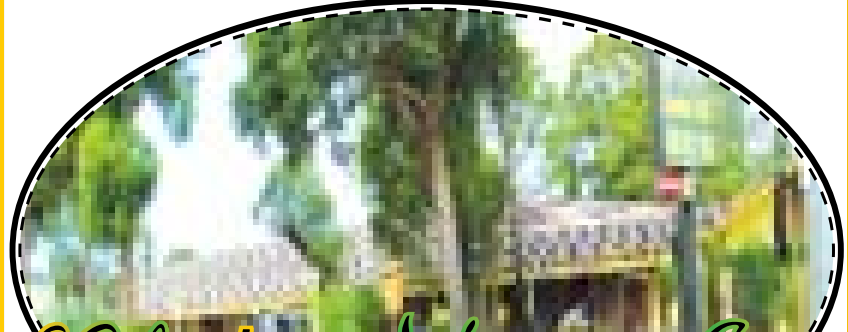
The club presented a \$10,000 cheque to Gosford City Family Support Services and a \$5000 cheque to Life Education at a morning tea on Monday, January 17.

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

The cheques were presented by Everglades club president Brian Crawley.

Bulletin, February 1
Brian Crawley, Everglades Country Club

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Ferry shelter

Work on a ferry shelter near Wagstaffe wharf is expected to be completed this month.

Located on the reserve adjacent to the car park, the site had been selected to provide minimum interference with the root system of trees in the reserve, according to Gosford Council's director of engineering operations, Mr Stephen Glen.

Council agenda Q.127, February 22

Survey held for crossing

Gosford Council has decided to conduct a detailed survey of resident opinion about the raised crossing in West St, Umina.

The survey comes after a petition was sent to council denying any problem with flooding, as claimed by council, as the reason for changing the crossing in West St.

Proposals to alleviate the flooding problem will be developed upon receipt of the detailed survey.

Council agenda P.79, December 14



(R to L) Front August Babe Adele, January Babe Roz, March Babe Penny, April Babe Carmel, June Babe Pip,
(R to L) Back February 06 Babe Gaye, May Babe Marianne, July Babe Monica, September Babe Rosemary, October Babe Leeanne

Naked nurses raise \$7000

The sale of a calendar depicting naked nursing staff from Brisbane Water Private Hospital has raised over \$7000 for breast cancer research.

The concept arose from a conversation between nurses during surgery in November last year and within one month sponsors were found and the calendar was on sale.

The first edition of the calendar sold

out and the reprint was delivered early February. The calendar covers a period of 15 months and all the photographs were taken on a Sunday in the operating theatre in Brisbane Water Private Hospital.

Participants in this project came from many different parts of the hospital including theatre nurses, day procedure nurses, and administration and ages range between 29 and 59.

January "babe" Ros O'Shea said:

"We never thought that it would be so popular.

"We've even had patients looking for calendar babes while staying at the hospital."

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Cec Bucello, February 3

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