

Peninsula loses \$1m in drainage funds

More than \$1 million is to be taken from Peninsula drainage works to be spent on trunk drainage at Terrigal.

Gosford Council has approved a revised transport and environment capital works programs for the year, spending money previously earmarked for the Peninsula elsewhere.

Roughly \$1 million dollars had been set aside for drainage work in the Woy Woy Peninsula catchment area.

This has now been reduced to \$5000.

The planned work is to be "deferred" and "rescheduled" after a water sensitive urban design study is completed.

Similarly, at Pretty Beach, \$100,000 set aside for trunk drainage works has been reduced to \$10,000.

The drainage works at Pretty Beach have also been deferred due to a catchment study.

Expenditure on drainage at Mullhall St in Wagstaffe has also

been reduced from \$100,000 to \$85,792 this year.

Of the money taken from Peninsula drainage projects, over \$900,000 will now be spent on trunk drainage at Terrigal.

The council also reallocated roads and transport funds.

Allocations of \$14,624 for Ocean Beach Rd and \$10,000 for a traffic management system at Pearl Beach have been withdrawn, while an expenditure of \$27,995 for urgent works, completed on Patonga Dr due to landslip, was approved.

The transport and environment elements of the capital works program were reviewed to identify the allocation of money necessary to complete each project or to stage ongoing projects.

The review also addressed proposed allocations to projects, which had emerged during the year and were considered to be high priority and to need immediate funding.

Council agenda EO.10, March 1



Roundabout plan for Perth St

A roundabout is to be considered for the intersection of Hobart Ave and Perth St, Umina, due to high traffic volume.

Council's traffic committee has recommended construction of the roundabout after officers stated that there was a high volume of traffic turning from Perth St into Hobart Ave.

The roundabout will now be considered for inclusion on the council's capital works program.

The officers noted that a roundabout would improve access to Hobart Ave and provide traffic calming benefits.

The roundabout would be

funded under a future capital works program.

Moves for a roundabout at the intersection started in May 2000 with a petition from local residents.

At the time, the traffic committee recommended that no action be taken.

Council officers recently inspected the site during discussions on upgrading the intersection of Mt Ettalong Rd and Hobart Ave.

Calypta Rd and Perth St were also inspected during the discussion.

Council decided that no action would be taken on the intersection of Mt Ettalong Rd and Hobart Ave,

or the intersection of Mt Ettalong Rd and Calypta Ave.

An inspection of the Mt Ettalong Rd and Hobart Ave intersection revealed that the area had been upgraded two years ago and officers advised the intersection was satisfactory.

At the same meeting, the traffic committee also recommended the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Brick Wharf Rd and Sonter Ave, Woy Woy.

The decision came at the request of resident Mr M Battye who said that existing chicanes did little to slow traffic.

Council agenda TR.04.240, March 1

Chance to comment on business levy

Peninsula business owners will be given a chance to comment on the Peninsula Business Levy at meetings to discuss Gosford Council's management plan.

Cr Terri Latella raised concerns at Gosford Council's February 22 meeting over a perceived lack of business consultation.

"I have received enough information from objectors to warrant a second meeting," Cr Latella said.

Business owners in Woy Woy, Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach will be able to have their say at several forums to take place

regarding the City Management Plan.

Council will inform all business owners on the Peninsula of the meetings.

The proposed levy will see businesses in the local area pay \$1400 and upwards a year in rates, for improvements, cleaning and security to the three major CBD's on the Peninsula.

Booker Bay and Blackwall will not be included in the levy, and documentation for the levy is expected to be on exhibition during May.

Lyle Stone, March 1

Funding for black spots

Ocean Beach Rd is to receive \$600,000 in funding for dedicated lanes for traffic turning right under Black Spot funding announced for the next financial year.

The project is expected to reduce the incidence of rear-end collisions and reduce stop-start traffic flow along the thoroughfare linking Woy Woy and Umina Beach.

Around \$100,000 will be set

aside for a pedestrian crossing at the Ocean View Rd and Picnic Pde intersection to make it safer for pedestrians to negotiate the busy intersection at the Ettalong Beach shopping centre.

The Minister for Roads and Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, announced the funding on March 3 as part of a \$44.5 million national Black Spot program.

Mr Lloyd welcomed the funding and acknowledged the co-operative

effort between Australian, state and local governments, in partnership with local communities, to reduce the national road toll.

"It is clear that more needs to be done by all Australians to reduce fatalities on our roads," Mr Lloyd said.

More information is available by telephoning 02 6274 7111.

**Press release, March 3
Mr Jim Lloyd, Minister for Roads**

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Ms Judith Kennedy at Central Coast Florists

Florist opens in Woy Woy

A new florist has opened in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Central Coast Florists manager Ms Judith Kennedy worked in the same premises for a period of seven years, six years ago.

Judith said: "It's like being back home."

"Woy Woy is a very friendly area and you get to know the regulars."

"A few of the old customers have come back."

The business opened at the end of January after the previous

owners moved to another building in Blackwall Rd.

The business is located in a laneway between two shops.

The laneway has been closed off at both ends and while not suitable for most businesses, seems to be ideal for a florist because it is an ideal breezeway for flowers.

Ms Kennedy is a qualified florist and has considerable experience in the business, which caters for all occasions including weddings and funerals.

Cec Bucello, March 4

In Brief

Inspection

Gosford Council's traffic committee will inspect the intersection of Wards Hill Rd and the Scenic Rd, Killcare, following a request from local police to consider placing a concrete median island at the intersection.

Council agenda TR 05.034, March 1

Stall

Woy Woy hospital auxiliary will hold a trash and treasure stall in the hospital grounds behind the Blood Bank building on Kathleen St on Saturday, March 12, from 8am to 12pm.

Press release, February 28
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Book fair

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold its 29th Annual Easter Saturday Book Fair on March 26, 10am to 5pm.

The event will be held at the Diamond Rd Community Hall, Pearl Beach.

The event started 29 years ago as a card table full of books in front of the local shop.

Today the fair stocks fine arts, brick-a-brack, a large number of books, gourmet tea and lunch as well as raffles.

Press release, February 28
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Committee

The Taxi Golfers at Everglades Country Club recently elected its new committee.

The new officers include president Mal Quinton, vice-president: David Buck, secretary-treasurer Max Johnson, vice-captain Ron O'Keeffe and handicapper Gary Arnold

Bulletin, March 1
Everglades Country Club

Discussion

The Umina group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association is holding a meeting to discuss Breastfeeding after a Caesarean on Thursday, March 10.

The group will hold a meeting for new mothers to discuss "Is my baby getting enough?" on Monday, March 14.

Both meetings will be held at the Outside School Hours Care Cottage on McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Contact 4329 1484 for details.
Press release, March 1
Karina Ryan, Umina ABA Group

Raffle

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will sell Easter raffle tickets outside the Woy Woy office of Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews on March 17 and 18.

The auxiliary will also sell tickets outside Beach Books, Umina Beach, from March 21 to 24.

Press release, March 1
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Shave for a cure

Peninsula News is still looking for 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 Boulevard, 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 to the cause.

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

Peninsula News journalist, Lyle Stone, is among those who have volunteered to participate at Gnostic Mana.

Cec Bucello, March 5

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Art comp closing

Entries for the art competition sponsored by Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will close on March 12

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.

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Tribute paid to Umina resident

Local member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has paid a tribute in State Parliament to long-time Umina Beach resident, Mr Gordon Carter, who died in August last year.

Born in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy, on February 22, 1913, Mr Carter was a champion amateur golfer.

Mr Carter started his golfing career in his teens, working as a caddy on a number of golf courses in Victoria, including Huntingdale.

Mr Carter caddied for many distinguished people, including the Governor of Victoria and the proprietor of Myers Ltd.

In his hey day, Mr Carter played from a zero handicap and won numerous trophies throughout the State.

Ms Andrews said that some of Mr Carter's golfing feats were ones of which most professional golfers would be envious.

For example, he recorded a total of nine holes in one, two of which he scored in one weekend while participating in a competition.

In 1965, Mr Carter was invited by the Singapore Government to be the golf pro at Singapore's first international golf course.

Ms Andrews said that Mr Carter was so closely aligned to the sport that among the jobs he secured during his working life was that of a golf club maker at Slazenger's.

At that time Slazenger's was the largest manufacturer of golf clubs in Australia.

Mr Carter married Doris McNamara, a widow with two young children, Joan and Billy, in 1945.

Billy McNamara became a rugby league legend, playing first grade for St George and representing New South Wales and Australia in numerous matches.

In 2002, Mr Carter was honoured with a life membership certificate of the Australian Labor Party by Ms Marie Andrews.

Mr Carter was an active member of the ALP for more than 40 years. He assisted ALP candidates in Federal, State and local Government campaigns.

Ms Andrews said former federal member for Robertson Mr Barry Cohen, as well as Keith O'Connell, Paul Landa, Tony Doyle and she herself had all been beneficiaries of Mr Carter's support and hard work.

Mr Carter was a long-time member of the Umina-Ettalong Branch and in latter years joined the Peninsula Branch.

Sadly, Doris, Joan and Billy all predeceased Mr Carter, who died on August 25 last year.

Mr Carter is survived by their children Kerry, Jenny, Joanne, Kel, Elyse and Brooke and at least six grandchildren.

Press release, March 1
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats



Families enjoying the Ettalong foreshore

Foreshore plan details to be provided

Details of the Ettalong foreshore plan of management will be provided to Gosford councillors in the coming weeks.

The details will include plans for the area, a schedule of works and

also funding sources.

The move came after Cr Terri Latella requested that the director of community services Mr Phil Rowland provide a report on the status of the plan of management including detailed plans of projected works and draft plans attached to

those works.

Mr Rowland replied that a plan of management had been prepared which sets out a detailed schedule of works and that the details would be provided to council in a few weeks.

Council agenda Q.28, March 1

Funds for flood works

Several Peninsula waterways prone to flooding will soon receive much-needed funding, according to Cr Chris Holstein.

At the NSW Floodplain Management Authority annual meeting recently conducted on the South Coast, flood mitigation works were prioritised for over 200 projects including waterways in Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Pretty

Beach and Killcare.

The Gosford LGA was successful in receiving ranking for 22 of its projects.

Cr Holstein was Gosford Council's delegate to the meeting.

Cr Holstein said: "It is ironic that during this period of prolonged drought we continue to lobby and apply for flood mitigation funding, but its essential.

"As sure as night follows day, rain will come and with it the potential for flooding, property damage and risk to life."

Press release, February 25
Cr Chris Holstein

Hardware store manager Mr Noel Annand has undertaken to walk 100km to raise funds for the NSW Cancer Council at the Relay for Life to be held at Rogers Park from April 2 to 3.

The 100km walk is expected to take 14 hours and Mr Annand is seeking sponsorship of \$100 for gold, \$50 for silver and \$20 for bronze sponsorship.

Campbell's Home Hardware in total has registered five teams of 15 members each, including Mr Annand, for the event and has also donated a number of items to assist with the fundraising.

One of the company's major efforts is to have a raffle with prizes valued in excess of \$2000.

First prize is a custom cubbyhouse valued at \$1900, built by Shane Price, using materials donated by Campbell's.

Second prize is bed and

breakfast for two at Legends Hotel on the Gold Coast.

Third prize is a \$100 gift voucher from the Ettalong Memorial Club.

The tickets are available from Home Hardware, Woy Woy, and from Pine and Ply Warehouse in Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

Further information regarding the Relay for Life will be announced at information nights held at Everglades Country Club on Monday's March 14 and 28, at 7pm.

Cec Bucello, March 4

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Unbroken lines for Dunban Rd

A plan for unbroken centrelines and edge lines on Dunban Rd between Ocean Beach Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, has been endorsed by Gosford Council's traffic committee.

The road will have double unbroken centrelines and edge lines for its entire length.

The traffic committee also commented on the need for regulatory signposting during the recent upgrading of the road.

Council agenda TR.05.026,
March 1

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Enjoy a healthy spectacle

Margaret Lund writes that the Peninsula Surf Clubs have missed an opportunity to educate our visitors about the value of the natural environment (Peninsula News, February 21).

I would agree that our dunes are precious and need to be preserved but why not try to work with the community rather than being so high and mighty about it.

If you ask the surf clubs, they have information on the dunes as well from leading environmentalists which might surprise you.

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They may not be the vandals you think they are.

But then again their findings may not agree with yours either, but you will never find out if you do not ask.

I am somewhat confused at the statistics Mr Norm Harris used in his letter in the same edition.

What point is he actually trying to make, has someone got these statistics wrong?

Does it really matter what the

crowd or money generated is?

It is more important that we, the general public, get the opportunity to see and enjoy a great healthy event, that our local children are supported in their events and that the shops and businesses get some increase in their takings.

The traffic will not be any worse than your average Saturday on the Peninsula when the people who generally commute everyday get out there in their vehicles.

Let's just enjoy this healthy spectacle.

Liam Campbell, Umina

What service?

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offer any help.

What can be done to encourage, or even oblige, at least one outlet to restore this important service?

Should not "our" NRMA be able to use its influence? Or is this just another device to get elderly citizens off the roads?

Marion Jones, Woy Woy

Promotion was over the top

There is no doubt in my mind that the first weekend of the Surf Lifesaving Championships at Ocean Beach Umina was a tremendous success on the beachfront for the Nippers.

And in the car parks for licence holders, as Gosford Council had approved the use of our surf club

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parking amenity for the event to use for various stalls, selling food and clothing.

The other side of the coin: Umina CBD business had been encouraged by the print media to stock up for expected big returns.

They were let down badly by over-the-top promotion.

Phone calls over the last few days to council, councillors, entrepreneurs and business operators has exposed what may be seen as a lack of care by council and the Chamber.

The resulting damage remains to be picked up at the expense of the CBD business community in Umina.

Edward James, Umina

Gosford Cr Jim Macfadyen has attempted to explain why councillors voted in favour of the original Multiplex plan for the Ettalong Leagues Club.

He claimed this was because it offered more open space than the amended plan and the amended plan "just looked like overdevelopment of the site, so council went with the original plan". (Peninsula News, January 27)

The original plan, that readers will recall the State Governments Design Review Panel described as a gross overdevelopment of the site, was "unworkable and should not be given further consideration".

Who do you believe? The panel or the councillor?

I believe that both are right and that we have a choice of a gross over-development or one that just looks like over-development.

What I find most galling is Cr Macfadyen's claim that the plans would be put on show "and that ultimately the public would make a decision on the plans".

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According to council's website and a newspaper advertisement, the plans have been on "show" since February 9 in council libraries.

The plans may be at Gosford, Erina and Woy Woy libraries but they are not at Umina Library - the closest library to Ettalong.

If I didn't know better I would have to conclude that something smells about this whole complex issue.

Bryan Ellis, Woy Woy

Working together is the answer

I refer to the letter by Mr Bryan Ellis of Umina (Peninsula News, January 24) in relation to the proposed rezoning of the Ettalong Beach Club land and his concerns regarding the proposed building heights.

Quite incorrectly, Mr Ellis states that Mr Brett Newbold, planning consultant for Gosford Council, was the one responsible for setting the three storey height limit for Ettalong Beach which was embodied in the character statement urban design framework (UDF) some years ago.

It is my understanding that the provision that buildings should appear more than three storeys in height in Ettalong Beach was actually a decision of council's after the public consultation phase of the UDF was concluded.

Heights in the CBD were not actually part of the Newbold brief nor were they discussed in detail at

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the community meetings.

It certainly did not form part of the document that went on public exhibition that I viewed.

Regardless, times change and the needs of the community alter.

Mr Ellis asks the question as to how urban design principles can vary from low-rise to high-rise.

Easily. Council regularly amends the Gosford planning scheme ordinance to accommodate the needs of a growing city.

In fact, the planning scheme has been amended over 300 times since its inception in 1968, probably a very good reason for a major overhaul.

As to the supposed unanimous opposition to the continued over-development and population increases that accompany over-development, I have no doubt that

many residents have concerns as I do that infrastructure should be in place to accommodate any shift in the rate of development so that if it has to happen, the effects are minimised and our quality of life is maintained.

However, I take offence from Mr Ellis' inference that the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is somehow engaged in the manipulation of the public consultation process at the behest of developers.

Everyone has the right to their opinion, and generally I respect that of Mr Ellis.

But such inferences from Mr Ellis are not helpful.

They do nothing to either promote constructive debate over the urban form or our town centres or encourage dialogue as to how services and infrastructure can be provided to meet the increasing demand of both those who live on the Peninsula and those who want to move here.

Closing the gates and erecting "go home" signs will not solve the problem.

Making sure we work together as a collective is the only solution.

I am sure that Mr Ellis would not want the right for his own children to live here taken away just because we haven't planned for the future.

Matthew Wales, Umina
 Peninsula Chamber president

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Contribution was development condition

I refer to my letter in Peninsula News (February 21) under the heading "Courageous foreshore decision".

I am informed by the Ettalong War Memorial Club that the contribution of \$300,000 was a condition of the development approval granted by Gosford Council in 1998.

I understand payment of the levy is due shortly and the amount was specified to be used for Ettalong foreshore upgrade purposes.

Michael Gillian, Ettalong Beach

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Businesses sponsor suicide awareness

Businesses at Ettalong have joined together in suicide prevention awareness for a "Rockalong to Ettalong" event to be staged from March 18 to 20.

A free family sausage sizzle will be held on Friday, March 18, at the Ettalong Markets at 7.30pm, followed by a screening of the Elvis film "Jailhouse Rock" at Cinema

Paradiso at 9pm.

A five-hour dance exhibition will be held on Saturday, March 19, starting at 10am at the open air markets, which will feature swing, belly, folk, and rock and roll dancing.

A community safety display will also be on show during this time.

The display will combine professional representatives to raise awareness of the high suicide

rate on the Coast, especially amongst males aged 25-40.

A rock and roll dance with the band Jukebox Jive will be held on Sunday, March 20, at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Entry for adults is \$6 and \$3 for children.

For more information, contact 0412 133 163.

Press release, February 25
Ettalong Markets



Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

New CEO at hospital

Mr Steve Atkins has been appointed new chief executive officer of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

Mr Atkins' career has been in health care management, initially in Newcastle.

Prior to joining Nova Health, owners of the hospital, he worked for nine years in senior management for Health Care of Australia, a Mayne Nickless company in Melbourne.

Mr Atkins succeeds Mr Graham McGuinness who retired as CEO

of the hospital for over 10 years.

Mr McGuinness was involved with the public float of Nova Health in 2002 that purchased Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, which had been locally owned and operated.

The company purchased three other NSW hospitals and five in Victoria at the time.

Mr McGuinness subsequently became responsible for the operations of the company's NSW hospitals.

Newsletter, February 27
Central Coast Business Review

Liberal concerns over Hillview land

The State Liberal representative for Peats, Ms Debra Wales, has raised concerns over the controversial aged care facility at Hillview Rd, Woy Woy, after the matter had its first hearing in the Land and Environment Court recently.

"The applicant, Mr Zavolokin, has stated that he is setting new standards for aged housing which meets or exceeds the new State Government planning rules.

"I'm sure he sincerely believes this," said Mrs Wales.

"But the truth is that this is a commercial decision for him.

"He does not live here and does not appreciate the sensitive and historical value of the sand plain forest that he hopes to bulldoze to make way for his 41 self care units.

"The development may indeed look wonderful and provide all the mod cons that older people want including a swimming pool, club house, underground car parking and security gating.

"But this doesn't change the fact that the fully vegetated land represents an important part of what is left of our unique sand plain forest and wildlife corridors."

Ms Wales said it was a pity that the applicant did not pursue further

negotiations with Gosford Council.

"Sometimes these things are not about the money but rather what is right for the community," Ms Wales said.

"While retirement accommodation meets a substantial need in the community, it should not be as a result of backdoor medium density housing in our Residential 2(a) areas.

"The community clearly does not support this approach to residential accommodation."

Press release, February 23
Debra Wales

Clinics

Beachside Family Centre has become the host to monthly immunisation clinics for Aboriginal children up to five years old.

A weekly early childhood clinic will be held for Aboriginal families on Thursday mornings.

For further information, contact 4343 1929.

Press release, March 1
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

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Council pays for soil tests

Gosford Council has resolved to help the Killcare-based Walsingham community preschool by paying for soil contamination tests.

The proposed site for the school has been used as a dump site by council for nearly a quarter of a century.

Douglas Partners have been employed to investigate and report

on the possible soil contamination of the site.

A request was recently made by the preschool, asking that council extend its offer of financial support to also cover the cost of the report in view of council's former usage of the site.

A recent council report stated that "soil contamination is prevalent on sites that have historic industrial or commercial use or where the land has been reclaimed through the use of fill material."

The report stated: "The proposed site was used by council for some years as a stockpile of road construction materials and would therefore be susceptible to soil contamination."

Council has contributed \$9725 towards the soil contamination report.

Council agenda NM.5, March 1

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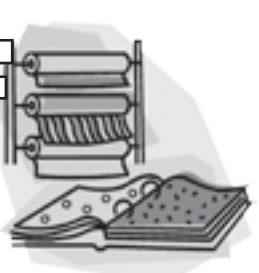


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News



Disgruntled residents erected a sign protesting against the siting of the new ferry shelter

Work stops on ferry shelter

Work on a ferry shelter near Wagstaffe that began last month has been stopped after an outcry from local residents.

The original intention was for the shed to be constructed on the wharf, but the plan was rejected by locals because it would restrict access to the commercial wharf.

The area where the shelter was being constructed was a popular

place for recreational activities, and local residents have now complained that the shelter was constructed without sufficient consultation.

President of the Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association Ms Robyn Warburton said that the concrete slab for the shelter is bigger than expected.

"We thought we were doing the right thing," said Ms Warburton.

"We wanted to provide an

amenity, not cause trouble.

"We didn't inquire as to the size of the shelter, and construction began more quickly than we anticipated."

Mr Warren Croft, also a member of the progress association explained how, at a recent meeting, it was decided to stop work on the shelter.

"The concept of a ferry shelter had been endorsed by the progress association, but not in its current location," said Mr Croft.

"When the wharf is extended next year, we will look at including the shelter in the new construction; the question now is what to do with the slab that has already been laid."

If removal is necessary, the area can be fully repaired according to Gosford Council's director of engineering operations, Mr Stephen Glen.

Stuart Baumann, March 4

Intersection to close

Gosford Council has resolved to permanently close Burge Rd at its intersection with Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The council recently advertised the permanent closure of Burge Rd at the intersection.

It received two letters in favour of the closure and one letter opposed to the closure.

Six telephone calls were also received, three opposed, two in favour and one commenting on a lack of parking in Blackwall Rd.

Concerns were raised about several other issues associated with the operation of the leisure centre.

One complaint raised concerns over possible traffic congestion around the leisure centre as a result of major events.

The location of the bus stop on the eastern side of Blackwall Rd also raised concerns, though council had opted to move the bus stop roughly 50 metres south of its present location.

Other issues raised included the possibility of northbound vehicles queued at the pedestrian signals blocking the right turn into the leisure centre or queued vehicles waiting to turn right into the leisure centre overflowing into the southbound traffic lane on Blackwall Rd.

Council has resolved to develop a traffic management plan for

major events at the Peninsula leisure centre, to allay concerns of residents.

Keep Clear road markings will be provided on Blackwall Rd at the entry to the leisure centre.

Council officers will also monitor the usage of the right turn storage bay in Blackwall Rd at the centre.

Council agenda TR.04.235, March 1

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Report on excavation

A supplementary report will be presented to Gosford Council on Tuesday, March 8, over possible illegal excavation works in Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay.

The report, to be prepared by council's development assessment unit manager Mr Gary Lofts, will include what actions are proposed and what actions have been taken on the illegal excavations.

Cr Jim Macfadyen requested the report after the Bay Progress Association wrote to council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson and mayor Mr Malcolm Brooks with concerns over the matter.

Council agenda Q.32, March 1

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Activities for Seniors' Week

A range of activities will be held on the Peninsula during Seniors' Week, organised by the Hop and Go Committee and Gosford Council.

Events include concerts, wildlife tours, seminars and discount movies.

Seniors' Week is an annual event which provides a program of events for seniors.

This year it will run from March 13 to 20.

The annual barbecue and concert at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club will be held by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, with two sessions this year.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service will be holding a "tag-a-long" 4WD tour, and will include a short bushwalk to Rocky Ponds.

There will be an environmental bus tour, which will visit the dunecare work in Umina, and the Woy Woy

Environment Centre.

Ms Rosemary Block, of the State Library of New South Wales, will conduct a seminar on oral history entitled "I wish I'd asked my grandmother".

Cinema Paradiso is offering "buy one get one free" movie tickets on the Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as free tea and coffee.

Woy Woy library will be giving an introductory lesson in accessing the internet for seniors called "Lets Get the Hang of This Thing!"

There will be the opportunity to try indoor bowls at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre.

"Morning tea with the birds" is a bus trip to Somersby Falls in Brisbane Water National Park.

The most expensive activities are priced at under \$20, while most are free.

For more details, contact 4325 8222.

**Pamphlet, February 14
Gosford Council**



Acoustic duo Us Not Them

Time out from tour

Blues guitarist Ash Grunwald took the time on his busy national tour to visit Ettalong Beach Memorial Club last week, to promote his new Live at the Corner album released earlier this month.

Ash Grunwald entertained an attentive crowd in the function room of the Ettalong Beach Club for several hours with two sets.

The dreadlocked musician has been playing and touring the country on and off for several years with his unique style of blues.

He uses powerful gospel vocals, plays acoustic and slide guitar, and also uses a stomp box and sampler for his sets.

Ash Grunwald has previously performed at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, and has appeared at numerous festivals around Australia, including a packed audience at the Woodford Folk Festival in Queensland.

His studio album I Don't Believe has been played regularly on Triple J and was nominated for an Aria in the blues and roots category.

Last month saw Mr Grunwald take out the Album of the Year award for "I Don't Believe" at the Australian Blues Music Awards.

He will head off to Europe in July for festival appearances in Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany and Spain.

Lyle Stone, March 4

CD launch at acoustic music club

WoyWoy Troubador Acoustic Music Club will this month feature acoustic duo Us Not Them, performing their new CD The Riderless Horse.

The duo, Jason and Cloe Roweth, will perform at 8pm on Friday, March 11, at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

Troubador Acoustic Music Club representative Ms Marilyn Russell said: "Us Not Them combine strong original songs and contemporary comment with old-style ballads and thoughtful arrangements of

our beautiful, but lesser known, Australian collected material."

Ms Russell said their striking, distinctly Australian mix of folk with older country and blues is dynamic and captivating.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 concession or \$7 for members at the door, which includes dinner.

Floor spots are available. For more information, contact 4342 9099.

**Press release, February 24
Troubadour Folk Club**

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Auditions at school

Auditions are being held for the play "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, at Woy Woy Public School.

Organisers are currently searching for seven females, aged 20 to 60 years of age, for auditions on March 8 and 10.

The production will run from July 1 to 17 at the Peninsula Theatre. Auditions begin at 7.30pm. For further information, contact 4384 1532.

**Press release, February 22
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

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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:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre
CU, Club Umina, Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach 4341 2618
CWAHWW, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy
EBACC, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Maitland Bay Ave & 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
Toasters, E B W M C, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842, Umina TPI, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.
Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.
Pearl Beach Craft group, PBPH, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.
Stroke recovery group, MOW, 11.30am.
Killcare SLSC, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966
Third Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, UCH 7pm.
Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch, MOW 10am, enq: 4342 1790.
Fourth Tuesday of every month
Toasters, E B W M C, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.
Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.

Every Tuesday

K 2 6 Unleashed, Umina Uniting Church, 3.45-5.30pm
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

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Simply send us details of your group's events and activities by fax, email, or post, or drop in to our office.

Our contact details and deadline dates are shown on page two.

Woy Group 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379 1132
Tai-Chi classes WH 10.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705
Rotary Club of Woy Woy 6pm ECC
Competition Darts, EMBC, 7pm,
Scrabble, Empire Bay Community Progress Hall 12pm, enq:4369 3195.
Folk Art 9.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 12 noon, **Silk Painting** 1pm EBACC
Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30 am (Except Jan).
Adult tap dancing EPH 7pm, enq: 4342 3925.
Sports bar raffle EBWMC
Sahaja yoga meditation C W A H W W , 1 0 : 3 0 a m Free enq: 4328 1409.
Ettalong Chess Club, 1pm

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month
 Older women's network, WWLC, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079
 Seniors Shopping day, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, enq: 43412 4206
 CWA social day, CWAHWW, 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192
 Ettalong Ratepayers and Citizens Progress Association, EPH, 7.30pm.
Second Wednesday of every month
 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

Kids entertainment Yrs 7 -12, Umina Uniting Church, 7.30 - 9.00pm
PLAYGROUP, Umina Uniting Church, 10am - 12noon for Mums and pre-schoolers.
Bingo - 11.30am - 1.30 pm, \$3 - food prizes, raffles, tea & coffee, Children welcome **UCH** 6 Sydney Ave. (opp Shell) 4343 1664
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 ESSC

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
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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.

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.
 Ettymalong **Creek Landcare** group, Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.
Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.
Dancing Old time/ New Vogue, 1pm, ESSC
 Burrawong Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dve playgroup, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.
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 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
Second Monday of every month:
Save the Children, Meeting At St Andrews Church Hall Ocean Beach Road Umina Beach At 1-30pm Enq Contact Nola 4324 4389
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
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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

Wednesday, 9 March

Healthy Hand and Nail care, PWHC, 10am - 12noon, ring for bookings

Thursday, 10 March

Woy Woy Aged Care Auxiliary will hold Stalls with jams, cakes and goods at 8am
Recipie Swap, PWHC, 10am - 12noon, ring for bookings
The Umina Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association is holding a meeting to discuss Breastfeeding after a Ceasarean. Call Heidi on 4329 1484 for details.

Monday, 14 March

The Umina Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association is holding a meeting for new mothers to discuss "Is my baby getting enough?" Call Heidi on 4329 1484 for details.

Tuesday, 15 March

Make your own greeting cards, PWHC, 10am - 12noon, ring for bookings

Wednesday, 16 March

Chocolate Makeing, PWHC, 10am - 12noon, ring for bookings

Money for tsunami victims

Umina Public School students have raised \$1175 recently to go towards aiding tsunami victims in South East Asia.

The money will be forwarded to School Aid, the body responsible for organising this Australia-wide appeal.

Gold coin donations raised \$826 and, with the raffle, an additional \$349 was raised.

The four raffle prize-winners, who each won a \$25 gift voucher, were

Mitchell White, Lenae Kemp, Jordyn Mitchell and Erin Player.

The proceeds will be used, along with money from schools across Australia, to assist in the rebuilding of schools and childrens' lives across the tsunami-affected areas.

The school had aimed to raise at least \$1000 on the day.

Principal Mr John Blair thanked contributors for their generosity.

**Newsletter, February 22
Umina Public School**



School captains and vice-captains Mitchell Manson, Aaron Bull, Sophie Stratton and Anna Tonkin

Annual meeting

Empire Bay Public School is holding the annual meeting for its parents' and citizens' association tonight at 7.30pm in the school grounds.

All committee positions will be vacated, with nominations wanted for president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and representatives for sub-regional and regional council.

All are welcome to come on the night and join the schools P&C Association.

A small fee 50c goes towards affiliation fees.

As a member, participants receive a copy of the P&C quarterly journal, can vote on decisions at meetings and be a parent representative on various committees.

Information about these positions are available by contacting 4368 3826.

**Newsletter, February 23
Empire Bay Public School**

Supported playgroup at school centre

A new supported playgroup for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families is being opened at Beachside Family Centre on Tuesday, March 22, in Umina Public School.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families will be welcome to come along between 12.30 and 2pm for a free sausage sizzle, outdoor activities including painting and a chance to look around Beachside

Family Centre and to meet the workers at the centre.

The launch is also an opportunity to celebrate the completion of a mural by local artist Ms Kylie Cassidy and some of the Umina Public School children.

The Supported Playgroup will operate every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1pm to 2.30pm starting April 12.

**Press release, March 1
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre**

School ground is painted

The ground near the front gates of Pretty Beach Public School has been painted in bright colours.

It was painted by Ms Sherry McCourt, Ms Joanne Smith and their families recently.

A representative for the school said children had been playing on the painted house, hopscotch, snake and circles since the ground was painted.

**Newsletter, February 24
Pretty Beach Public School**

St John Primary School captains and vice-captains were presented to the school community at a mass to mark the start of the new school year on Thursday, February, 17.

The school captains are Mitchell Manson and Anna Tonkin and the vice-captains Aaron Bull and Sophie

Stratton.

School captains and vice captains are voted in by the students of year six.

The roles of the school captains are to act as ambassadors for the school, often in a wide variety of ways, both internally and externally.

The captains will help lead Monday morning assemblies with the morning prayer, birthday wishes, talk about

the values of the week and lead the singing of the national anthem.

They will also contribute articles to the weekly school newsletter about student events within the school, speak at parent workshops and be involved in the kindergarten orientation.

**Press release, February 21
Beth Riley**

Pretty Beach retains its classification

Pretty Beach Public School retained its P4 classification for the remainder of the year.

The classification means the principal's position remains that of a non-teaching principal and there will be no reduction to resources for the school.

An official review will take place in April for the classification of the school for next year.

After a meeting with the regional director Mr John Mather, Mr Potter, t

The school was allocated an extra teacher day and teacher's aide time each week for term one, following a meeting between regional director Mr John Mather, education director Mr Frank Potter and P and C representatives, Mr David Abrahams and Mr Warren Cross.

Mrs Sherry McCourt has been offered the teaching day position and will be working with year 1 and 2 students and their classes for the

remainder of the term.

Further representations were made to the department on the school's behalf by Mr Potter for the appointment of an additional teacher based on anticipated numbers.

The school received its enrolment and entitlement report recently and have been allocated another permanent teacher.

The new teacher will be appointed in the near future.

This will mean most classes have smaller numbers in them and there will be a reduced number of composites throughout the school.

**Newsletter, February 24
Pretty Beach Public School**

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Iron men spread the word

Iron men Daniel Shade from Avoca Beach and Cronulla's Nathan Smith have addressed more than 250 Year 5 and Year 6 students from the Umina Public School.

The 11 and 12 year olds had an excursion to the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships at Ocean Beach at Umina, which has attracted almost 9000 competitors over the last two weekends.

"It's all about spreading the surf lifesaving word to the youngsters of NSW and we were more than happy to host the kids from Umina and give them the chance to meet the stars and watch them in action," said Darren Jameson, director of youth, development and membership for Surf Life Saving NSW.

Press release, March 4
Ian Hanson, Hanson Sports Media



The nearly completed roof of the Regional Lesiure Centre

Pool roof is almost finished

The construction of the Regional Leisure Centre is now 60 per cent complete, according to Gosford Council's recreation manager, Mr Peter Hickman.

He said that, with the roof now almost complete, construction should remain on schedule as wet weather would not affect the building program to any great extent.

"From the road you will see that the pools area is almost complete, with the final finishing stages scheduled to begin in mid-March.

"The finishing stages include the roof and ceiling finishes, glazing, walls and plant areas.

"Inside the pool hall itself, it will look expansive with a white finish to the ceiling and large air conditioning ducting.

"The seating to this area will be a striking yellow colour."

Mr Hickman said the entry hall, kitchen, kiosk, play room and change rooms are also almost complete, with the finishing work scheduled for April.

The staff areas, aerobics room and gym, basketball and netball courts are currently being roofed and lined.

Mr Hickman said external works were continuing with the majority of the main internal road completed.

"Sealing will be done later along with the front and rear car parks.

"This part of the project is way ahead of schedule," Mr Hickman said.

"The colour palette selected for the centre is bright and bold, with modern fittings and furniture that will give the state-of-the-art centre a striking look."

Council's engineering operations section is coordinating the roadworks outside the leisure centre.

Kerb and gutter works in Alpha

Rd and Welcome St are well underway.

Alpha Rd is narrower to encourage traffic through the internal roads and along Welcome St.

The crossing works for Alpha Lane have also been completed.

Gosford Council will be considering the staffing of the new facility in April.

A business plan was adopted by council some time ago that gave an indication of the staffing needed for the centre including lifeguards, swimming teachers and coaches, gym staff, reception people, kiosk and kitchen staff.

When council approves the structure, advertisements will appear in the local press.

Work on the acoustic fence will commence in April.

The acoustic fence will be inside the boundary fences.

Planting of shrubs, trees and turf will start in May.

Press release, February 28
Peter Hickman, Gosford Council

Friendly golf with Swampies

The Swampies golf group at Everglades Country Club is currently looking for new members.

Group member Mr Bob Hamilton said any golfer who was beginning to find that 18 holes was a bit of a struggle might like to consider having a game with the Swampies.

"We are a friendly bunch and I am sure that anyone who has a few

spare hours on a Tuesday morning would enjoy the company," Mr Hamilton said.

"We hit off at 7am and golf is finished by 9:30am. Add another hour for post mortems and you can be home before 11am leaving the rest of Tuesday free for those other tasks."

Bulletin, March 1
Bob Hamilton,
Everglades Country Club



Winning team: Fay Cross, Judy King, Ella Coggins and Gai Jackson (skip)

Everglades winners

Everglades Ladies Bowls members have won another major district event.

The team of Gai Jackson (skip), Ella Coggins, Judy King and Fay Cross won the prestigious James Wall Shield against Halekulani, by 10 shots after three days of competition.

The Everglades team also scored well ahead in the semi-final.

This is the second district event won this year by Everglades, with Sue O'Connor, Goldie Edwards and Judy King winning the district triples.

Both teams now compete in the zone play-offs.

Bulletin, March 1
Iris Bate,
Everglades Country Club

State player at college

Brisbane Water Secondary College has recently gained another NSW representative, this time in cricket.

The new representative is Alex Brown, who is an all-rounder in all senses.

Not only does this describe his role in cricket, but also life in general.

Apart from being a NSW Cricket representative, Alex is also a talented rugby league player.

He is the Woy Woy Under-17s captain and member of the college's Rugby League Sport Academy.

Alex is also a school captain.

Alex has just returned from two weeks of cricket and training in Melbourne and Tasmania and resumed school on March 1.

Alex has also been selected in an all-schools representative cricket team that will tour the United Kingdom in the near future.

Press release, February 28
Matt Marker, BWSC Sport Academy

Irrigation system is completed

The installation of the Everglades golf course irrigation system has been completed and the entire course can now be irrigated automatically, according to Everglades men's golfing president Mr Ian Elliott.

Mr Elliott said that, although the irrigation system was complete, there were still some minor works to be completed such as the returfing of trenches.

Mr Elliott also stated that although the club was now able to irrigate overnight there would still be a need at different times for the water to be turned on during the day. "Completion of the system will enable us to move forward and deliver the type of conditions we all want," Mr Elliott said.

"The rear of the teeing area is to be mounded and planted out with native grasses and the board

has approved the installation of a further two gates in the protective screen."

Mr Elliott stated that weeds on some of the greens were being sprayed with Tuppensan to address the problem.

Mr Elliott added that the first and 18th fairways had been treated with gypsum in an effort to correct some chemical imbalances in the soil.

Mr Elliott also commented on the new amenities block on the 13th tee which was nearing completion.

"Funded jointly by the board and the golf committee, we now have facilities such as these available at a number of places around the course which should enable all members to have a comfortable round without the need 'to visit the trees'."

Bulletin, March 1
Ian Elliott,
Everglades Country Club



The Masters competition underway at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships on March 4

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Pump dance parties resume

The Umina Police and Community Youth Club has welcomed back its popular Pump dance parties.

Around 107 young people attended the event last month.

"It was really quite good," said Mr Tim Keogh, manager of the Umina PCYC.

"There were no problems at all and we had an excellent time."

The club had to suspend the dance parties while the buildings underwent modifications to comply with public entertainment licensing requirements.

"We had to have a few things fixed, like re-hinging the exit doors and things like that," said Mr Keogh.

The dance parties are held every two weeks, and the next one will be held on Friday, March 18.

For more information and inquiries, contact the club on 4344 7851.

Stuart Baumann, March 3

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Large turnout at junior champs

The NSW Junior Lifesaving Championships were held recently at Umina and Ocean Beach with a large turnout.

More than 4000 young lifesavers from 89 clubs competed in 113 events over the weekend.

Several important awards were handed out over the weekend including

this year's Junior Lifesavers of the Year, Mitch Garth of North Steyne and Marikki Watego of Cudgen Headland.

Cronulla managed to top the scoreboard, marking its eighth straight Junior Life Saving Championship title.

The collaborative dune protection plan was also a success.

Dunecare group coordinator Mr Michael

Gillian said he was very pleased with the way the event was handled

"NSW Surf Life Saving deserves credit for their efforts and I am optimistic that the local Surf Clubs will see this as an opportunity to provide ongoing environmental protection."

Stuart Baumann, March 3

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