

Medium density housing encouraged in strategy

Gosford Council will decide tomorrow (Tuesday, April 5) whether to adopt its draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy, which would encourage further medium density development on the Peninsula.

If adopted, the strategy will be placed on public exhibition for six weeks and public comment will be sought.

The strategy proposes changes to planning controls that are designed "to improve development potential for amalgamated lots, and to develop design templates to encourage alternative development types that provide quality design and cater for the future housing needs of the Peninsula".

However, the principal consultant for the strategy, Mr Brett Newbold, has predicted that, even with the proposed changes, population targets will not be met over the next 20 years.

In a report to Council about the strategy, Council staff have rejected the prediction, claiming "this position does not recognise that economic conditions will change over time to encourage amalgamation".

They stated that population growth from 1991 to 2001 "has aligned with Council's forecasts".

The strategy proposes "increasing the potential for town centre development" to encourage urban renewal of the centres.

It proposes "increased public transport use ... to relieve local traffic congestion".

It recommends new development types, such as garden apartments with basement car parking.

It claims such developments are economically viable, provide space for onsite drainage and replanting of vegetation, and improve urban

design outcomes by providing vehicle access using existing rear laneways.

The strategy proposes a review of existing zonings, the preparation of revised development controls and a review of existing developer contribution plans that cover the Peninsula.

It also recommends "complementary transport and drainage projects".

The strategy aims to address "poor urban design of residential flat buildings, urban decay of commercial centres, inappropriate drainage methods, use of laneways, loss of substantial vegetation and road congestion".

It suggests possible "demographic futures, employment opportunities and development potential".

The strategy was prepared with funding of \$95,000 from the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources, as part of a plan to implement the "Shaping the Central Coast" project.

This followed concern expressed by the community during the preparation of "Shaping the Central Coast" about the nature of existing development and how the future development planned for the Peninsula could be sustainably accommodated.

The funding provided council with the opportunity to prepare the first comprehensive land use plan for the Woy Woy Peninsula since the early 1990's.

Existing State level strategic planning and work such as the Peninsula Economic Vision, the Urban Design Framework and Contributions Plan 31C were considered by the consultant in formulating the strategy.

Council agenda EP.27, April 5



A gate has been recommended across Nagari Rd, Woy Woy, to prevent the dumping of rubbish

Gate recommended near sewage plant

A gate across Nagari Rd, Woy Woy, near the entrance to Gosford Council's sewage treatment facility has been recommended by council staff.

The gate would be locked between the hours of 5pm and 7am seven days a week.

The purpose of the proposed gate was to prevent the dumping of household waste and abandoned cars along the isolated section of Nagari Rd between the last commercial premises and the Woy Woy solid waste disposal depot.

The proposal was advertised for a period of 28 days and letters were sent to affected property owners, with one letter received from the owner of Lot 155.

The owner of the property stated that he was not prepared to co-operate with any such proposal unless council addressed his concerns and provided reasonable compensation for such a significant nuisance."

The owner of the property detailed a list of 14 requests including extended curb and guttering, turning facilities, suitable signage and compensation of \$200 per week.

Council staff reported that there was no requirement for articulated

vehicle turning movements at the proposed site and stated the request for \$200 per week compensation was "inappropriate".

The owner of the property also requested the gate have remote operating controls (such as a proximity reader) as well as manual key over-ride operation mode, for the owner, his invitees and emergency services.

Council officers stated the provision of remote operating controls was not considered warranted due to the high cost of installation and maintenance.

The estimated additional cost to install a remote controlled gate was in the order of \$15,000 to \$20,000 on a base gate cost of \$20,000.

The NSW Rural Fire Service and National Parks and Wildlife Service would need remote control devices for each of its vehicles that required access to this area, which was not deemed practical.

Council officers stated that the delay in presenting the report to council was in part created by the need to investigate the concerns of the owner of Lot 155.

A council report stated that the favoured location to construct a gate was adjacent to the access to council's sewer treatment facility.

The gate construction would

consist of galvanised frame and steel mesh with several rows of barbed wire on top of the structure similar to the gate at the entry to the sewer treatment facility.

The gates would most likely consist of double hung (twin) inward opening gates, governed by the constraints posed by the cut face on one side and the fill embankment on the other.

Pedestrian and bicycle access would be provided on the eastern side of Nagari Rd.

This would be achieved by widening a small section of the road pavement and the installation of several bollards to prevent vehicular access.

The report also stated that the traffic committee should consider the installation of No Parking signs for 15 metres on either side of the gate.

Appropriate lighting and approach warning signs were also recommended by the officers to ensure that drivers are aware of the existence of the gate.

The estimated cost to construct a manual operating gate and associated works was \$20,000 and the cost to provide an automated gate is in the order of \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Council agenda EO.12, April 5

Calming devices requested

Residents of Booker Bay have requested Gosford Council place traffic calming devices in front of the ambulance station.

Council received 111 signatures in a petition recently stating that over the past few months Ocean View Rd and Booker Bay Rd have become a speedway for some

motorists.

The petitioners said that several near misses had been witnessed as movie patrons and the general public attempted to cross the road.

The petitioners stated that they were concerned that with the further development of the Ettalong area the problem would become increasingly worse.

Council agenda P.20, March 22

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The volunteer run kiosk, outside Woy Woy Hospital

Auxiliary operates hospital kiosk

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has taken over the operation of the hospital kiosk, and is seeking more volunteers to help.

"We'd love it if more people came to help," said Ms Marie Jackman.

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every four weeks, from 9:30am until 2pm.

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The kiosk supplies food for hospital staff and guests, with all the profits being donated back to the hospital.

It also sells newspapers, magazines and hand-made gifts.

For more information or to volunteer, call the kiosk on 4344 8435

Stuart Baumann, March 31

Donation for Mary Mac's

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy has received \$2000 from Centrelink to help feed disadvantaged people at Woy Woy.

Centrelink area manager Mr Kevin Parsons said staff raised the money for the Ross Divett Foundation, a trust through which Centrelink employees contribute to charities and the Australian community.

"Centrelink staff currently donate more than \$1000 each fortnight to the foundation through direct payroll deductions, with additional money also contributed through fundraising activities," Mr Parsons said.

"The foundation gave \$52,335 to 15 different organisations across Australia, including a \$2000 donation to Mary Mac's Place."

A project of St John the Baptist

Parish, Mary Mac's Place was established in 1994 and is supported by CentaCare and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

It provides support to homeless, transient and socially disadvantaged men, women and children by providing freshly cooked meals five days a week in a warm social environment.

Mary Mac's Place project officer Ms Robyn Schacht said the money would be used to purchase a new stove.

"We were really excited by the prospect of a larger, safer and easier to clean stove," Robyn said.

"It will be a real boon for our service as it will allow space for two volunteers to serve from the stove simultaneously."

Press release, March 21
Billy Radovic, Centrelink Media

Rail service interrupted

Woy Woy rail commuters will experience interrupted services on the weekend of April 9 and 10.

Track upgrade work will take place on the Central Coast line between Newcastle and Fassifern between Monday, April 4, and Friday, April 15.

It will include rail resurfacing, track reconditioning and adjustments to overhead wiring.

A few trains will operate during

peak periods on weekdays, but buses will replace the majority of trains during this time.

On the weekend of April 9 and 10, buses will replace trains from Woy Woy station for travel between Newcastle and Hornsby.

Passengers are advised to pick up a trackwork timetable booklet, visit www.cityrail.info or call the Transport Infoline on 131 500 for more information.

Press Release, April 1
CityRail

Correction

In edition 113 it was incorrectly stated that Mr Brian McGowan of Woy Woy Little Theatre shaved his hair as part of the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure".

The participant was in fact Barry McKeowen of Woy Woy Little Theatre.

It was also stated that Sharna from Gold De Locks shaved Lyle Stone's hair as part of the event. The business is in fact spelt Gold De Lox.

Lyle Stone, April 1

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Vision calls for simpler planning

The Peninsula Vision economic development strategy has recommended traditional zoning structures be replaced.

Strategic objectives and simplified planning controls should take their place under a Peninsula strategic plan such as the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy, currently being considered by Gosford Council.

The Vision strategy was written by consultants in November 2002, adopted by Gosford Council last August but published just last month.

It suggests that planning should be limited to a number of "precincts" such as commercial centres, housing and open space "reducing the complexity of planning controls and subsequently the time and cost of obtaining development approvals".

It suggests that planning controls relating to home-based businesses be reviewed to ensure they are not unduly restrictive and that planning controls be updated to foster desirable short stay accommodation.

The strategy supports "a sensible increase" in building density in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

It suggests "opening up village centres to the water".

"Well-planned and designed waterfront development provides an opportunity to create a genuinely unique environment not found elsewhere on the Central Coast."

The Vision document urged a

reduction in "red tape" to establish a small business in town centres.

It also asked that parking requirements for new developments not be set at levels which "present an artificial barrier to business establishment".

"Urban planning can play an important role in both facilitating and acting as a barrier to desired economic outcomes," the Vision strategy states.

"It is vital that strategic and forward-thinking planning be implemented on the Peninsula to establish a framework and direction capable of enhancing the quality of life for the community in the future.

"While extensive work has been carried out over many years in investigating and preparing town planning strategies for the Peninsula, no clear accepted urban planning strategy or 'vision' yet exists for the area.

"Urban planning strategies should be incorporated into a broader strategic vision for the Peninsula that incorporates a strong focus on economic initiatives and contributes to enhancing the economic health and long term viability of the area.

"This reinforces the need for planning on the Peninsula to integrate with state and regional planning strategies to ensure the desired future role and character of the area is appropriately articulated and represented."

Peninsula Vision, November 2002



Owner Mr Robert Osborne near the facade of the former Patonga General Store

Patonga store plans thwarted

White ants, concrete cancer and poor foundations have thwarted plans to retain the structure of Patonga General Store, during redevelopment of the site as a tavern.

The structural issues with the heritage building have halted progress, and caused the demolition of most of the building.

Owner Mr Robert Osborne said he had retained as much of the original building materials as possible, including the original windows and would incorporate them, along with traditionally-styled materials, into the new construction.

The facade of the building, which dated from 1912, suffered from weak spots and poor foundations, he said.

The remaining structure had visible signs of concrete cancer and the walls had no footings or reinforcement.

The original floors were built on a sand base, also without reinforcement.

Piers consisted of kerosene tins filled with concrete placed on the sand.

The main wall is structurally unsound and, according to Mr Osborne, will need to be pulled down and rebuilt.

Mr Osborne said he had been asked to provide a new engineer's

report.

"We had no idea of how structurally unsound the building was until we started to renovate," Mr Osborne said.

"The timbers were all badly affected by white ants. The hardwood beams had a large nest in them.

"Our intention was and still is to rebuild the entire heritage portion and restore it back to its original glory."

Mr Osborne said the awning will look the same as the awning on the new building, both of which fit the original heritage style.

"The awning will feature a shiplap timber ceiling; the original fireplace which was not part of the heritage section also needs to be dismantled but will be rebuilt using original materials."

Mr Osborne said all of the large Norfolk pines would also be retained, providing ideal shade for the proposed tavern outdoor area.

Stuart Baumann, Cec Bucello, April 1

Finance business siting opposed

A recommendation has been made that Gosford Council decline a draft local environment plan for a section of Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, to allow a financial planning business.

Council officers recommended the refusal for several reasons including an adverse impact on the residential facilities of the area, increased traffic, and a lack of strategic basis of commercial businesses in residential areas.

A rezoning application was

received in September 2003 from the applicant proposing to create an enabling clause for Lot 41A Ocean Beach Rd to allow the use of the site for a financial planning business which would otherwise only be allowed within a 3(a), 3(b) or 3(c) zone

The land is currently zoned 2(b) Residential under the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance (GPSO).

Council officers stated that the use of the site primarily as a financial planning business

could result in some undesirable impacts.

These include setting an undesirable precedent for establishing commercial businesses in residential zones, which could contribute to the decreased economic viability of the Woy Woy town centre through the provision of cheap alternative commercial land.

Additionally the use would have different traffic, parking and amenity characteristics compared to the adjoining residential areas.

Council agenda EP.19, April 5

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Thanks for crossing support

Gosford Council staff have now found a way to ameliorate (their words) the (Claytons) frequent flooding of several shops in Umina, without having to downgrade the pedestrian crossing in West St, Umina.

May I please thank those who helped achieve this welcome outcome.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews must be thanked for her fast response to our call for help, as she did in 2000 when the crossing was about to be relocated and downgraded.

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Thanks to 1010 good citizens who signed a petition requesting retention of the raised crossing, and to staff of shops who had petitions on counters. Well done.

Those who door-knocked with the petition must be thanked, as should seven business managers who signed a statement denying problems with flooding.

Cr Terri Latella, chair of the disabled access committee, thank you for your site inspection and updates on council response to our concerns.

Mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks and

other councillors, who found time to acknowledge our correspondence, thank you all.

Not to forget letters, emails, and phone calls of support.

Last but not least, thank you Peninsula News for your support, the only media to print a single word, without which our cause may have been lost.

Dean Hartigan, Umina

Editor's note: Peninsula News has neither supported nor opposed this campaign. We see it as our role to provide space for news and discussion of all items of interest and concern occurring on the Peninsula.

Vision at what cost?

The Peninsula Vision has been documented, has the costing?

One person's dream, many shopkeepers' nightmare, or is it slush funding jobs for the politically motivated boys and girls?

What is the audited projected cost of the Vision?

How many shops will be levied?

What will be the exact costs of "wages" management?

What will be the projected wages

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of ancillary staff? Car, petrol, paper, office rent and so on?

Before a cent is spent on the project what are the time frames for commencement and completion?

What if anything are the estimated costs for possible "blow outs" of costs?

Have these variables been identified and factored in to initial estimates?

Brian Smith, Tascott

Pleased to retain crossing

Well over 1000 people will be extremely pleased with the assistance of Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, provided to the local citizens in their efforts to save the raised West St pedestrian crossing.

Gosford Council received two petitions directly challenging the published council agenda reports that the important raised crossing was a contributing factor in shop flooding.

The first had over 1000

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signatures.

The second, specifically called for by Cr Chris Holstein, chair of the Gosford Traffic Committee, had several signatures from business operators.

Council planning has now grasped the idea of correctly placing tactile ground surface indicators, aids for the many visually-impaired who enjoy shopping in the Umina strip shopping centre.

Most of us are familiar with the

"hazard type," a series of raised dots, which are intended to mark the parallel edge of train platforms, stairs and gutters, while the twin ribs type help the visually impaired to cross the road safely and squarely.

The Chamber of Commerce president had pushed hard for the removal of the important raised pedestrian crossing located on the desire line across West St from the public carpark lane in West St, Umina.

Edward James, Umina

Garden of Adin

Just recently Adin Sonter's brick home in Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, was demolished.

Who was Adin Sonter? He was one of the most successful businessmen of Woy Woy.

Adin came to Woy Woy in the 1930s and leased 20 acres from the Cox Estate at Woy Woy.

From a very shaky start, and a lot of hard work clearing the land, he then planted crops of flowering bulbs.

By 1948, he had developed a state-of-the-art packing shed, walls of sweet peas and had grown just about every flowering bulb you could think of, including gladioli, hyacinths, ixias, freesias and sparaxis.

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He despatched over 40,000 bunches of flowers over the same time frame.

Adin supplied Coles with flowers as well as the other major stores and florists.

Over 27 people were employed by Adin Sonter during the boom period.

Later on, because of health reasons, Adin retired and sold the estate to Petersen Constructions.

The company developed the area as a housing estate in the 1960s.

The called the estate The Garden of Adin and the street entrance to it Sonter Ave.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Appeal raises \$2000

On behalf of the Lions Members and Clubs of Lions District 201N3, I wish to record our sincere thanks to the people of the Woy Woy district for their support of the Lions Tsunami Appeal.

The Peninsula area has contributed more than \$2000 of the total.

More donations were made from the Peninsula by direct deposit into a Lions Disaster account.

Lions Australia is forwarding donations through the international charitable arm of Lions known as the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

LCIF has a 30-year history of

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disaster relief and has pledged initially US\$5 million to assist in the recovery.

An important factor to note is that LCIF does not use any donated funds to cover operational or administrative expenses.

Administration expenses of Lions are paid for from Lions Members' subscriptions.

Lions say thank you to the citizens of the Woy Woy area for helping us achieve our goal.

Keith Parry
District Governor N3
Lions Australia

Slovak dancing

Thank you to the people of the Peninsula for supporting the Slovakian National Folk Dance and Music Group's concert on Saturday, February 12, at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The audience enjoyed the mix of international music with Slovak folk songs and also the dancing by brother and sister Ivan Nincak and Lucia Nincakova.

The concert was organised by the Gosford Sister City Association and supported by Gosford Council.

The concert was attended by Mr Hacek from the Slovak Embassy.

Margaret Hardy
Chairperson, Sister City
Committee

It's best to question

Obviously those of us who would like to preserve and enjoy the quiet beauty of this area, have no say in, or control over, the large money-driven developments which will drastically change the nature of the Peninsula.

The best and probably the only thing we can do is to question statements made about the developments.

We are told that the building of a huge conglomerate behind the massive eyesore that is the Outrigger Resort will make the problem disappear.

This is obviously a load of rubbish as the proposed development will no doubt have its own unique severe visual impact.

Incidentally has any consideration been given to the traffic problems which will follow all these large developments? Probably not.

William Maynard, Woy Woy

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Council funds action group

A community action group in Umina has been funded by Gosford Council to plan activities for families with children under eight years of age.

Ms Debbie Notara, a representative of the Umina Community Action Group, said the group was for community members who had not previously had been involved in the way their community developed.

Ms Notara said the aim of the group was for community members to join together with other residents and have input into the planning of resources and activities in their local area for families with children under 8 years of age.

"This funding will promote a stronger community by training a

group of interested residents to gain community development skills and decide on a specific project to take part in to help their community grow," Ms Notara said.

The Umina Community Action Group will receive \$4450.

Public information forum will be held at the Beachside Family Centre in Umina on Wednesday, April 6, from 10am to 11.30am and from 7pm to 8.30pm.

They will explain the process for those community members interested in being involved.

Free child care for babies and preschoolers is available.

For child care bookings and more information contact 4343 1929.

**Press release, March 21
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**



The soon to be reconstructed Gallipoli Ave, Woy Woy

Fire brigade members wanted

Empire Bay Rural Fire Brigade is seeking more fire fighters.

The brigade has invited members of the local community to consider becoming members of the fire brigade.

Both men and women aged over 16 years are eligible.

Volunteers can help the brigade in a variety of ways, not only as an active fire fighter.

Empire Bay Rural Fire Brigade

Station is now fully qualified in and equipped with breathing apparatus which means that the qualified members can now enter structure fires, affect rescue and execute associated fire fighting activities.

Anyone interested should contact 0418 419 846 or attend a weekly training night on Tuesdays from 7.30pm at the fire station on Shelly Beach Rd.

**Newsletter, March 28
Empire Bay News**

Lane changes

Parking will no longer be provided in a laneway opposite Harold St, Umina Beach, in the near future.

The request was made to Gosford Council from a resident in the area whose property can only be accessed by the laneway, which is next to a playground.

People have been parking in the laneway and blocking access into and out of the property, Gosford Council's traffic committee has been told.

The committee has recommended No Parking signs for the lane.

**Council agenda TR.05.027,
March 1**

Almost \$10,000 raised

Members of the Umina Beach branch of the Red Cross have collected almost \$10,000 in donations for the Boxing Day Tsunami disaster.

The Umina Branch said residents of the Peninsula and adjoining

areas showed overwhelming support for the Tsunami appeal.

The amount of \$9458.85 was collected, and forwarded to the group's head office in Sydney.

**Press release, March 4
Marion Anderson, Umina Beach Red Cross**

Council wins its own tender

Gosford Council's own construction operations section has been awarded the job for the reconstruction of Gallipoli Ave, Woy Woy.

Tenders for the work closed on January 18 with submissions from three tenderers being received by Gosford Council.

The other two tenderers were Coastal Asphalt from Woy Woy Bay and Central Coast Asphalt from Saratoga.

The tenders were assessed based on price, financial capacity and resources, contract program

previous experience and performance, quality of work, subcontractors and environmental management, and occupational health and safety.

Council officers stated that the tender by the council's own construction operations section presented the most positive benefits to council.

Tenders were called for the reconstruction of Gallipoli Ave for road realignment, minor drainage work, kerb and gutter, concrete footpaths and landscaping works.

Two options were suggested to determine the extent of work that could be done with current available council funding.

Part A would include Trafalgar Ave to Springwood St, a distance of roughly 350 metres or Part B which would extend the work to Memorial Ave, a distance of roughly 700 metres.

The council accepted a staff recommendation to proceed with Part A at a cost of \$ 279,944.

Council agenda FS.30, March 22

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Burrawang Reserve bushcare members and Clean Up Australia Day volunteers at Burrawang Reserve

Community cleans up Burrawang surrounds

At least eight community members gathered at Nambucca Drive playground on March 6 to help clean up Woy Woy's Burrawang Reserve as part of Clean Up Australia Day.

They cleaned up the playground and other areas adjacent to the reserve, with much litter collected along Railway St.

With wheelbarrows to carry the heavier items, they also cleared metal and plastic rubbish from the reserve.

"Especially since Council removed the burnout cars last year, the reserve is slowly returning to a more natural state," said clean-up coordinator Mr Jim Morrison.

"It provides a haven for native plants and animals, including threatened species, as well as a passive recreation area for humans."

Mr Morrison said the weather was good, volunteers were enthusiastic, and "we probably had our best cleanup ever".

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Gosford Council is investigating the benefits of using air to clean water pipes, with a pilot program at Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay and Horsfield Bay.

Council and contractors will be working in these areas throughout April.

The decision to pilot "air scouring" to clean water pipes has resulted from an extensive investigation into a range of options.

Council corporate relations officer Ms Breeama Sharp said this option, although, relatively expensive, minimised the disruption to water supply for customers and used 75 per cent less water than other cleaning methods.

The water used in the process

would be recycled back into drinking water through the Somersby water treatment plant.

Water and sewage director Mr Rod Williams said: "By piloting this cleaning method in a controlled area, we will be able to assess the impact on our customers, the impact on the environment, and the overall effectiveness of this process for Gosford City local conditions, including the impact on the operations of the water system.

"We have been monitoring water quality in the area leading up to this pilot so that we can measure the impact of cleaning the pipes on overall water quality," he said.

"The results from this pilot will be used to further develop council's long term water main

cleaning strategy during drought conditions."

"This technology has been used by a variety of water authorities and councils throughout Australia as it minimises the risk of damaging pipes during the cleaning process and on average achieves a 50 per cent reduction in dirty water incidents."

To minimise interruption to the water supply, pipes will be cleaned in stages.

Customers will be notified by letter the day before work commences in their street. For further information, call contact 4325 8222.

Press release, April 1
Breeama Sharp, Gosford Council

Funding urged for rock slide prevention

Gosford Council officers have recommended funding to correct possible rock slides near public roads at several locations on the Peninsula, with some funds already committed to the projects.

The three locations include Memorial Ave at Blackwall, Mt Ettalong Rd in southern Umina and Patonga Dr.

A rockfall hazard was found in Memorial Ave on the southern face of Blackwall Mountain between the intersections of Barrenjoey Rd and Lurline St.

A geotechnical consultant was appointed to assess the condition of the area and the risks posed to the area.

The consultant was also asked to recommend appropriate remedial action, if required.

The consultant also strongly recommended that the most cost-effective measure over the long term was, "to move the road about 4.5m away from the cutting to create a drop zone for small to moderate size blocks of rock, coupled with some bolting of large masses of rock and the removal of three angophoras".

Rock bolting and tree removal works in the area were completed in January last year.

Ongoing monitoring of the face for further deterioration continued with assistance from the geotechnical consultant which led to further measures being undertaken on the rock face in January.

Council staff are currently developing project details for the recommended Memorial Ave road realignment, including structural plans for a required retaining wall and service relocation designs.

A preliminary estimate for the design and construction of the work is \$670,000.

Funding assistance for the work was declined by the RTA and the Department Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR).

Council officers have recommended that a further report be made to council once project details have been finalised and costed.

Council officers have recommended that funding be allocated to immediate slope stabilisation works at Memorial Ave worth \$25,000.

In another incident, a letter was received in April 2003 with a geotechnical report from a resident describing a potential rockfall hazard near a house at number 139 Mount Ettalong Rd, Umina.

The hazard identified was a slippage of the fill embankment on the northern side of Patonga Dr, near the lookout at the southern end of Umina Beach.

The embankment is constructed mainly of large boulders.

The report noted that the embankment showed some signs of failure and advised that further failure could result in several tonnes of rock sliding into the lower lying house.

Upon receiving this advice a second geotechnical consultant was engaged by council to assess the area and, if required, to recommend remedial works.

The report concluded that, "The overall risk of slope instability for the road reserve above Lot 4 ... is assessed to be high" and "remedial works should be carried out."

The report recommended the erection of a rock safety catch fence in the road reserve along the boundary of Lot 4 near the bottom of the road fill embankment.

A structural engineer completed the detailed design of the rock safety catch fence in February.

Council's preliminary estimate for the construction of the fence,

including its design, is \$65,000.

A council report on the matter stated that in view of the high priority of this project the work would be undertaken as soon as it could be scheduled, with funding to be provided in the next budget review.

In a third incident, residents informed council staff of concerns at rocks and debris falling onto Patonga Dr from the overlying slope on the north side.

The section of Patonga Dr was narrow and provided the only vehicular access to Patonga.

In response, a geotechnical consultant was engaged to assess the area and provide a report.

The report was completed in June last year and identified 18 individual hazards.

It recommended immediate remedial works to address 10 of those hazards, including rock scaling, tree removal and shotcreting.

Ongoing monitoring, including the use of precise survey to detect rock movement, was recommended for the remaining hazards.

Council's construction operations section completed the remedial works in November last year at a final cost of \$24,000.

The asset management unit is undertaking ongoing monitoring, including detailed survey, until further notice.

Council agenda EO.13, April 5

Clean up involved 30 people

Roughly 30 people attended the Empire Bay Clean up Australia Day event recently.

Almost a truckload of rubbish was collected, a lot of it coming from Empire Bay Dr.

Local resident thanked Mr John Lorimer who used his truck and his two offiders who also helped on the day.

The group picked up from

collectors and also cleaned up along Empire Bay Dr.

Many other locals walked around the waterfront and streets cleaning.

Participants from the Peninsula Christian Church were also thanked for their help.

Empire Bay School also help a clean up day event at the school with all children involved.

Newsletter, March 28
Empire Bay News

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Pearl Beach has heritage weekend

A heritage weekend will be held at Pearl Beach on April 16 and 17.

The weekend, organised by Pearl Beach Progress Association, will include displays of maps, photographs, family stories, early records, news items, art, poetry, memorabilia and other information relating to the heritage of the area.

Part of the event's purpose is to gather photographic records of the houses of Pearl Beach, 80 years on from the time of the first residential land grants being released.

A computer will be available on the day to scan photos and documents for the association's records.

Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Lynne Lillico said the association wanted to hear from people with information they are prepared to share.

The association is seeking records of all kinds to build up a comprehensive archive for present and future generations to consult and enjoy.

Another member of the association, Ms Kay Williams, said she hoped the event would

be an occasion that would recall memories and encourage their preservation.

"We hope the event might bring back to Pearl Beach all those who have a former association with the village and that they will enjoy reminiscing as well as enjoying the village as it currently is," Ms Williams said.

A children's competition to draw a Pearl Beach cottage will also be held on the Sunday morning.

Entries must be in by noon and will be judged at 2pm.

The event will be opened on the Saturday at 2.30pm by ABC Four Corners journalist Mr Chris Masters.

Entry to the event is free though donations are appreciated for further research and the gathering of additional historical information.

The event will be held from 10am to 4pm on both days at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

For further information, contact 4344 4811.

**Press release, March 29
Lynne Lillico, Kay Williams, Pearl Beach Progress Association**



Pearl Beach from the Mount Ettalong Lookout

Exploring the coastal environment

A series of events entitled "Sand to Sea", that explore the coastal environment of the Killcare area will be presented by the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

The series of events will start on Saturday, April 9, and finish on Sunday, April 24, coinciding with the school holidays.

Organisations involved in presenting and supporting activities will include Rumbalara Environment Education Centre, Community Environment Network, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives, Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre, Finland Aquarium of Tuggerah and the Association of Environmental Education.

The program will be managed by Mark Attwooll from Rumbalara.

Editor of the Killcare, Wagstaffe Trust newsletter Ms Jeannette Thiering said the activities would be different from past years in that a timetable of guided walks, competitions, talks and displays

would be available.

Events will include a photo shoot, a whale rescue workshop, talks on fish harvesting and fish, bird watching, bushwalking and bush taming and an octopus discussion.

Most events are free.

Every day at the Maitland Bay information centre, there will also be continuous displays including photographs, shell collections and computer images.

For more information about the activities contact 4360 2178 or 4360 1801.

**Press release, March 29
Jeannette Thiering, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**

Visual Appeal

of Ettalong



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The old Woy Woy Council Chambers building, now the Woy Woy Library

The battle to save Woy Woy Council Chambers

I really agree with the current mayor of Parramatta when she said: "I've yet to see a good old building replaced by a better one."

Well, it's pretty obvious that most Australians want to preserve the best of our built heritage, so count me in as well.

Newly elected to Gosford Shire Council in 1977, I was very impressed with a newspaper article about the efforts in preserving the built heritage of the Blue Mountains.

So, I thought, let's look at the Woy Woy Peninsula.

A tour was arranged with representatives of the Brisbane Water Historical Society and the Gosford Heritage Group.

We looked at all the historic buildings which included many former boarding and guest houses.

But the stand-outs for me were the Woy Woy Hotel and the publicly-owned Woy Woy Council Chambers, now a municipal library.

But, lo, the building was under threat.

In May 1974 approval was given by council to a developer to develop land where the old picture show palace was located, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

They wanted to incorporate the council buildings in the shopping complex and the old council chambers were to be demolished.

My dreams were shattered. But never say die, and so a long drawn out battle began to save the buildings.

My only ally in the council was Cr Joan Mort, but others were soon drawn to the camp to fight the good

Former Councillor Keith Whitfield recalls the fight to save Woy Woy Council Chambers

fight.

Stormy public meetings were held.

At one meeting, the chairman lost control and a near riot occurred, shouting matches and fistcuffs threatened.

The developers started to get alarmed at these events and more support was being gathered to retain the buildings.

Also there was a move, in wraps at the time, to develop a big shopping centre at George St, Woy Woy.

The Heritage Council of NSW thought a compromise could be

organised so that the buildings could be preserved.

The Royal Institute of Architects believed that the building was one of the two buildings in Woy Woy of historical significance.

So it went on, individuals and organisations lending their support.

Beryl Strom of the Historic Research Group was tireless in her efforts.

The state member Mr Keith O'Connell and the Minister of Planning and Environment Mr Paul Landa made the conservation of Woy Woy's history a reality.

An Interim Conservation Order was placed on the building on October 12, 1979.

Later, Woy Woy was graced with two shopping centers. One large, one small.

Keith Whitfield, March 29

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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 Dve & Picnic Pde, Ettalong 4341 6344
- EBWMC**, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341 1166
- ECC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866
- EMBC**, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087
- EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong
- ESCC**, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr. Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 3222
- MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.
- PBPH**, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach
- PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333
- PCYC**, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851
- PWHC**, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 5905
- TWYS**, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684
- UMBSC**, Umina Beach Surf Club
- 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
- WWLT**, Woy Woy Little Theatre
- WWVC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd Woy Woy,

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, EBWMC, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842, Umina TPI, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.
Combined Pensioners Assoc afternoon tea, **ESCC**, enq: 4341 3222.
Pearl Beach Craft group, **PBPH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.
Stroke recovery group, **MOW**, 11.30am.
Killcare SLSC, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966
Third Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp 9, UCH 7pm.
Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch, **MOW** 10am, enq: 4342 1790.
Fourth Tuesday of every month
Toasters, EBWMC, 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;

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.

Discussion Group, 11am, **Rumikin** or **cards**, 1pm, **School for Seniors**, **PCC**
Judo, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3, enq: 4342 4121, **PCC**.
Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy Group 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379 1132
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
WWVC, 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
WWVC, luncheon and guest speaker, 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
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, **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-12noon. **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**
Social Darts **EMBC**, 7pm
Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **PCC**
Girls' BJP School of Physical Culture, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs **PCC** enq: 4344 4924.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), **PCYC**
St John's Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care 7pm, enq: 4341 3341.
Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup **WH** (ex sch hols). 9.30-12pm, enq: 4360 2065.
Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm **CU**
Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade 7.30pm Stanley

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, **ESCC**, 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; **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** **PCC**. 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, St 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, Ettalong Baptist Church enq: Shane 0412 606 128.

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month
 The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Call 4340 4160
Second Saturday of every month
 Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.
 Pretty Beach Bushcare group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.
 Save our Suburbs, Woy Woy South Progress Hall, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251
 The Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, **WWLC** 10am.
Third Saturday of every month
 Umina P&C Bushcare meets 9-11am, Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301
 Umina P&C Bushcare meets 9-11am Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301
Last Saturday every month
 Saturday Supper Dance, Masonic Hall, Woy Woy 8pm, Enq: 0407 207 918
 Wagstaffe Bushcare group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.
 Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am
Every Saturday
The Web, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy, 4341 9333, 4.30pm-9.30pm
Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626.
Snooker **EBWMC** 8.30am
Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; **ECC**
Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, **EBWMC** Enq: 4341 2156
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, **WWLC** 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721
Activities 12-18 yrs old, **TWYS** 4.30-9.30pm;
Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy public Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

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, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 43422251.
Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm.
Dancing Oldtime/NewVogue, 1pm, **ESSC**

Burrabung Bushland reserve bushcare group, Nambucca Dve playground, 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 or by appointment 4379 1102
Talent Quest, **EBWMC**, 12noon-3pm, enq. 0414 435 848.

MONDAY

First Monday of every month
 Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 4342 1722
 Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587
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
Playreadings 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

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Bowls **EMBC** 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.
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 Child and Parents **Support Service** (CAPS), coffee & chat, 10am, Enq: 4343 1911
Brisbane Water Bridge Club **PCC**. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721
Fairhaven Cash Housie **CU** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am
Evening Bowls 6pm Enq 4341 9656, **Card Club** 500 1pm **EBWMC**
Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333
Patchwork & Quilting, 9am, **Pottery** 10am & 1pm **EBACC**
Children's Story Time ; Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am
Punters choice 12.45pm **EBWMC**
Gentle Exercise, 9.30am **PCC**
Craft group, 1pm Beachside Family Centre, Umina PS

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday, 7 April
Peninsula Women's Health Care Centre, Credit & Debt, 10am - 12 pm. Call 4342 5905 for bookings.
Friday, 8 April
Troubadour Accoustic Music Club, CWA Hall, Gael Mor, entry \$9 inc supper
Saturday, 9 April
Youth Week, Markets, Bands, Food, Outlets, Carnival, Skateboard and BMX Comp. Skate Park Umina Oval, To register for comp. call 0409 155 674. Stall Holders call. 0425 346 183.
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 Entry \$9 inc Supper.
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College survey shows strong student support

A survey of Year 7 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus at the end of last year has shown strong support for the school.

Publishing the results, principal Mr Frank Gasper said there were 180 respondents to the survey and the results were encouraging, showing a positive response to every question asked.

The numbers of students who felt they were supported at school and had someone to whom they could go to seek help was between 74 and 81 per cent.

Mr Gasper said a high degree of rapport between staff and students was evident in answers relating to

teacher expenditure and rewards for achievement of personal bests, with 78 and 85 per cent of students agreeing in each case.

There were 83 per cent of students who agreed that unique leadership opportunities were available to them, and 76 per cent said they were proud to attend Brisbane Water Secondary College.

There were 82 per cent who stated they had enjoyed their first year of high school.

A clear majority of students even indicated they looked forward to coming to school each day.

Newsletter, March 15
Frank Gasper,
BWSC Umina Campus



Brisbane Water Secondary College Cattle Team at Maitland Show

College cattle win at Easter show

Brisbane Water Secondary College cattle have excelled in the ring at the Royal Easter Show, winning several awards.

"Competing in the open class against professional studs, the college team had the champion heavyweight steer and the third placegetter in a field of 80 animals," college principal Mr Pat Lewis said.

"Their Limousin stud heifer was placed second in its class."

Competing for the Hunter Region team, Year 11 student Samantha Hinton was placed second in the interschool parading.

Mr Lewis said the college was one of the most respected teams at the show, spending a whole week on site preparing their animals and learning from the professionals.

The college also did well in several other shows leading up to the Sydney Royal.

In February, the cattle team showed its prime Limousin cattle at the Maitland and Canberra

Shows.

At Maitland, they took out champion heavyweight steer while students Kristy Warren and Year 12 student Ashlee Austin were chosen to represent the Hunter region in parading in the Royal Easter Show.

There was more success at Canberra where the team won champion schools steer, champion Limousin heifer, and Ashlee won first place in the 17-to-25 years beef cattle judging.

March saw the team present eight animals at the Gresford Show, with every one earning a ribbon.

This included one animal which was the champion steer of the show and reserve champion on the hook.

Ashlee continued her outstanding form by winning the parader's competition.

"These shows have capped off an extremely busy term for the students but it is one which they and their teachers and farm assistants can be very proud of," Mr Lewis said.

Press release, March 30
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Major-minor pairs held

Ettalong Bowling Club recently hosted entrants from the Central Coast region and as far south as Dee Why for its annual Major-Minor Night Pairs tournaments.

The final was taken out by local pair Lindsay Adamson and Bob Penson, who shared in \$2000 prize money.

They had their hands full defeating Gordon Ricketts and Peter Morron who took home

\$1000 between them.

After five knockout lead-up games, the final was played in inclement conditions under lights on March 4.

The result was made more notable by the fact the Lindsay Adamson and Bob Penson only came together as last minute partners following the unfortunate and untimely passing on of Ettalong bowler Warren Roots.

Mr Penson, who has not yet played pennant bowls, acknowledged after the event that Warren would surely have been delighted that they obtained the win.

Press release, March 19
Bob Penson

Champions retain golf title

Reigning champions Brian Carmichael and Adrian Kerr successfully retained their title returning a score of 134 to fend off Neill Carmichael and Brendan James with 142 in men's golf at Everglades Country Club.

The "B" grade title was won by Mark Sampson and Greg MacFarlane with a score of 162, winning by five shots from Garry Uptin and Doug Mates.

Glenn Barlow and Peter Stubley on 124 narrowly defeated Craig

New and Bob Thompson on 126 for the "C" grade title.

In the nett events, Mark Nomchong and Tony Tully on 131 held off Kevin Dawkings and Ken O'Loughlin on 132.

Ray Jacobson and Trevor Cheetham grabbed the "B" grade on 139 by countback over Barry and Tim Lambert.

Jake Bevan and Jim Steele with 97 and three quarters proved to be too good for Ron Sleigh and Larry McLennan with 100 and one quarter.

Newsletter, April 1

Harmony Day was celebrated

Woy Woy Public School celebrated Harmony Day on March 21 to coincide with the United Nations International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Students were involved in classroom activities which celebrated the many cultures that make up Australia and demonstrated their rejection of racism and discrimination.

Relieving principal Mr Bob Newman said Harmony Day at the school provided an opportunity for the students to learn about the values of harmony, community diversity, goodwill, commitment and understanding.

Newsletter, March 17
Bob Newman,
Woy Woy Public School

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Karate club seeks members

Umina's Kempo Karate Club is looking for new members.

Classes are held at Umina Beach Community Hall with juniors from 7 years of age, Monday 5.30pm to 7pm, and seniors Monday 7pm to 8.30pm.

Kempo is a martial art aimed at

developing a practical form of street self defence.

Disciplines included in training encompass elements from boxing, kick boxing, jiu-jitsu, Aikido, Judo, Karate, grappling and weaponry.

Classes vary week to week but

generally consist of bag and mitt work, self defence practise, grappling, throws and so on.

The club currently has four black belt members: Neil Connolly, Barry Moulds, Ron Bell and Ricky Bell.

Kempo is described as "not as traditional" as other martial arts.

The style takes basic kicking techniques and moves from other styles but alters them to make the style "more adaptable to modern life".

Fitness although desirable is not a necessity and will come with training.

For further information, contact 4342 4769.

Press release, March 14
Kempo Karate Club

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Cr Chris Holstein and cancer sufferer Ms Pat Powell start the Relay for Life followed by cancer survivors and their carers

Crowd gathers at Relay for Life



Woy Woy judo club coach, Mr Danny Simmons (back right) and some of his club's relay team members, dressed as geisha girls and samurai

A Large crowds of relay team members, cancer survivors, carers and supporters gathered at Rogers Park on Saturday, April 2 to launch the Peninsula's first Relay for Life.

Organised by a Peninsula based committee, the Relay for Life aimed to raise \$50,000 on

behalf of the Cancer Council of NSW for cancer research.

The relay was launched by Cr Chris Holstein who also donated \$1000 on behalf of the Central Coast Community Chest.

Cancer sufferer, Ms Pat Powell told of her trials and tribulations with the disease and reminded everyone of why they were there.

Cec Bucello, April 2

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