

Council survey for business levy

Gosford Council has sent a survey to business property owners on the Peninsula after the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce declined council help with further consultations.

A letter and survey has been mailed to the owners of the 390 business properties affected at Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

The survey closed on Friday, April 29, and council officers have recommended the results be provided at council's meeting of May 10.

The Chamber told Council that it had "already consulted extensively and that further meetings would not be beneficial to the project".

The council resolved in December to apply a business levy to commercial premises on the Peninsula to fund capital works, security, street cleaning and to employ a business development officer.

Since that date, the council has received "many objections", according to a staff report.

The council's finance committee recommended on March 21 that "assistance be provided to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to undertake additional public meetings with the Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong business property owners regarding the introduction of a special business rate".

However, the Chamber did not take up the offer.

A letter was received on April 13 from Chamber president Mr

Matthew Wales stating that "The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce executive has considered this matter and would like to thank Council for its offer of assistance to undertake those additional public meetings.

"It is the Chamber's view that we have already consulted extensively and that further meetings would not be beneficial to the project."

The letter stated: "In addition to the meetings already conducted, the Chamber has recently written to all businesses in the three Peninsula town centres (some 450 letters were delivered) inviting business proprietors and owners to contact the Chamber in relation to the Special Business Rate.

"Only two responses were received."

It stated that a public meeting was held last year and attended by 26 local business people "representing a large number of businesses".

The Chamber stated the public meeting was advertised by council for two consecutive weeks in the Express Advocate on November 10 and 17 and was widely advertised on local radio stations including SeaFM, 2GO and StarFM on November 16 and November 17 and through a number of media releases.

In addition, the Chamber stated it sent 150 personal invitations to both non-members and members of the Chamber, including councillors.

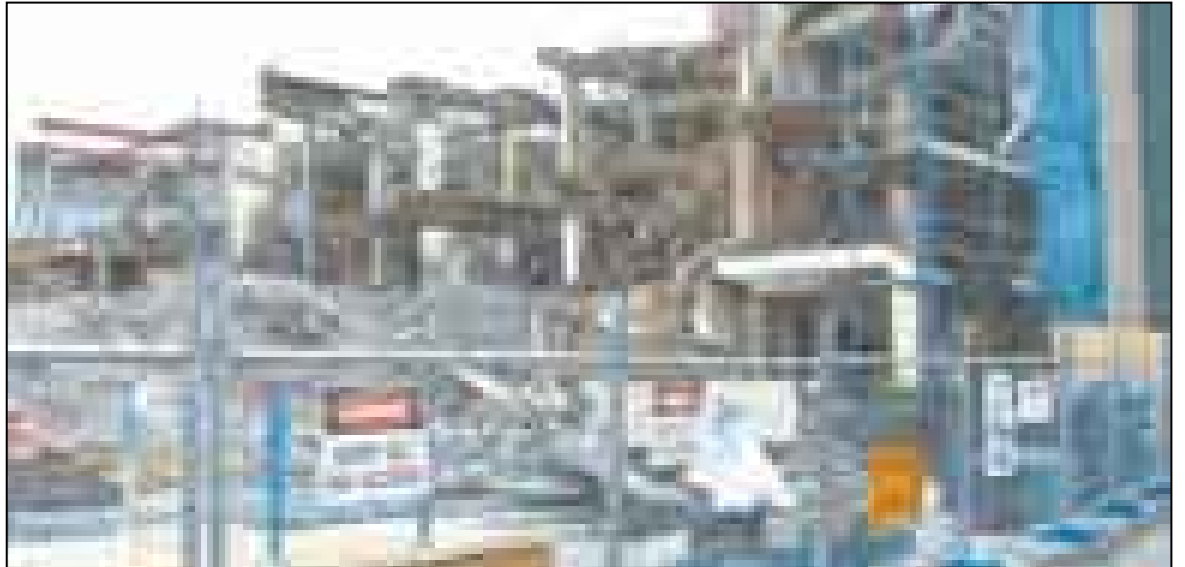
Other businesses had been contacted by phone and/or door knock.

Mr Wales wrote that, should council have further concern regarding the amount of the levy, the Chamber would support a formal letter being sent by council to the affected property owners seeking an indication of which option they prefer.

Accordingly, council then prepared a letter outlining the background of the proposed levy, the three funding options being considered and a survey to determine whether the levy was supported, and if so, which option.

Council's finance manager is currently preparing the submission to the Minister for Local Government to levy the rate on Peninsula commercial premises commencing this coming financial year.

Council agenda FS.57, May 3



The recent demolition of the old Ettalong Memorial Club

Planners support Ettalong rezoning

Gosford Council planners have recommended that council agree to rezone the old Ettalong Memorial Club site despite renewed opposition from the Central Coast Design Review Panel.

They are no longer recommending an "alternate development scenario", despite stating that it "would result in a development that fits more appropriately".

Among the reasons staff gave for now supporting the rezoning were:

- SEPP panel "requirements would likely render the development not viable".
- Objectors "have not offered any practical or viable alternatives to the exhibited plan"
- Objectors did "not address the question of what is the most

appropriate development and landuse outcome for the site".

The council received 23 submissions and four petitions about the proposal.

Four submissions were received which supported the draft plan, while 19 submissions were received objecting to the draft plan.

The petitions had a total of 370 signatories supporting the plan and 139 signatories objecting.

The main issues in the submissions supporting the plan were its economic and town centre improvement benefits.

One submission commented that the development would bring new retail and commercial business to the precinct.

It also stated that it would bring residential living into the heart of the town centre which would ensure the economic viability of

the town centre.

Objections to the plan included that spot rezonings should not be supported prior to adoption of the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy, and that the draft plan would result in the gross overdevelopment of the site.

Other objections included that traffic infrastructure would not be able to cope with the impact of the development, the draft plan would create a precedent in the town centre, and that the site should either be left as a carpark or be limited to three storeys in height.

The draft local environmental plan was exhibited for a six-week period, from February 9 to March 23.

Council agenda EP.34, May 3

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Officers attack submission p7
Panel calls for less bulk p7**

Parking

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has predicted parking problems with a new fish and chip shop in Hardys Bay.

The Trust newsletter has reported that Gosford Council has approved a proposal to put a food outlet where there was recently an architect's office and before that the Hardys Bay post office.

According to the newsletter: "Traffic and parking at the T-intersection of Killcare Rd with Araluen Dr are already difficult.

"The approved plan includes providing an area for just two customers' cars off the street".

Newsletter, April 23
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

Legal advice sought on Patonga store

Gosford Council is seeking legal advice about redevelopment of the Patonga Store site.

The council was told its heritage committee had received a letter from a local resident bringing "the committee's attention to the demolition of the heritage item Patonga Store".

Council's development

assessment unit had received a proposal to demolish the heritage-listed item and council was awaiting legal advice.

Most of the general store had been removed due to poor foundations, white ants and concrete cancer, leaving only the heritage listed façade standing.

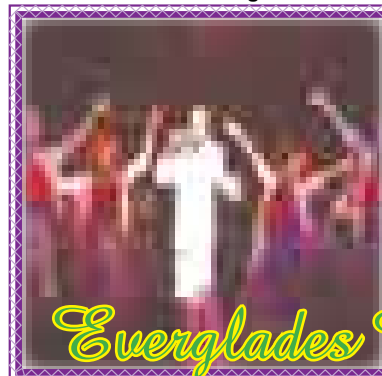
Council development assessment unit manager Mr Gary Lofts said that the issue was

a grey area.

Mr Lofts added that council was currently in discussion with its solicitor as to whether consent still exists if the heritage item is removed.

Heritage Committee members have planned to make individual site inspections.

Lyle Stone, April 30
Council agenda, EH/05/2, May 3



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Ms Marie Andrews and Ms Rachael McMinn

Rachael is selected for youth parliament

A young Woy Woy Peninsula resident has been selected to participate in the NSW Youth Parliament.

Rachael McMinn, daughter of local identities Liz and Ray McMinn, said she is "over the moon" about her selection.

Rachael, who is a Year 9 student at the Brisbane Water

Secondary College, said she loved public speaking and often addressed the school assembly.

Rachael will be part of a group of seven female high school students and one male.

Rachael, 16, is one of the youngest students in the State to be selected.

Rachael has chosen Aboriginal Affairs, Justice and Education

and Juvenile Justice as topics to be debated on in the Youth Parliament.

Rachael and other young students will soon be heading to a training camp at Richmond for the event.

A further training camp will be held for the young participants in June with the Youth Parliament being held in the NSW Parliament, Macquarie St in June and July this year.

In addition to being on the school's Student Representative Council, Rachael was also a member of the Central Coast Aboriginal Student Leadership Committee.

Press release, April 27

Ms Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

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No action to be taken on trees

The organiser of a petition about large trees adjacent to a cyclepath in Umina Beach Reserve has been told that no work would be undertaken on the trees.

A petition with five signatures was originally sent to Gosford Council on February 22 with concerns about the state of

several large trees on the Beach Reserve at Umina which overhang the cycle path.

A council officer contacted the organiser of the petition and informed him that the subject trees had been inspected and that no work would be undertaken at this time.

Council agenda FS.53, April 26

Entries close soon for art competition

Entries for the art competition, sponsored by Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre, will close on May 7.

Entries will need to be presented to the centre for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, May 7. The winner will be judged during the following week and published

in edition 117 of Peninsula News on May 16.

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

Works on this theme may be in any medium.

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

Cec Bucello, April 29

New craft shop opens

A new craft shop has opened on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The opening of the store, Wild About Craft, represents the fulfilment of a five-year dream, according to owners Leanne and Bill Swanson.

Ms Swanson, who grew up in Woy Woy, taught crafts at Centralian College at Uluru, here the couple spent 10 years.

Mr Swanson is an antique and bottle collector, and has collected bottles from around the world.

Wild About Craft offers classes to cater for part-time hobbyists and professional craft makers, adults and children.

Classes cover mosaic patchwork, card making, cloth dolls, handbag making, quilting, beading, scrap booking, beginners sewing, folk art, paper tole and glass painting.

New classes start next week.

All tutors are locals and all the

art sold is made locally.

Jane at Beach Effects at the Ettalong Markets also now sells from the Wild About Craft store.

The craft store sells all the equipment needed for classes.

Wild About Craft sells Shabby Chick, country giftware, mostly made locally, including timber signs and caneware.

Wild about Craft is open seven days a week.

Cec Bucello, April 29

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Silt concern at Horsfield Bay

Residents of Horsfield Bay have written to Gosford Council with concerns over silt build-up in the area.

Council has received a petition, with 47 signatures, about inefficient silt traps and the blockage of a silt trap by a resident in the area.

The petitioners stated that silt traps were installed when an estate was extended from Woy Woy Rd to create Banyo Cl, Kunala Ln, Gabagong Rd, Goondi Cl and Monistir Rd in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The petition claimed council originally cleaned the silt traps.

Inefficient design, poor drainage

works and run off from Woy Woy Rd as well as uncontrolled urban siltation had all caused the Bay to continue to suffer from silt and rubble build-up.

According to the petitioners, three silt traps were located in Horsfield Bay, with council's legal access to the trap of Monistir Rd having been blocked by a local resident.

Residents asked why council allowed the resident to block access to the silt trap, why council no longer serviced the silt traps and what council was doing about the continued siltation of the bay.

Council agenda P.22, April 26



The site of the proposed development on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Events at Mary Mac's

Mary Mac's Place, part of St Vincent de Paul's in Woy Woy, will be holding several events next week as part of Volunteer Week.

The staff from Volunteering Central Coast will visit Mary Mac's kitchen for an orientation visit and for morning tea on Tuesday, May 10.

Volunteer Central Coast, a referral, information and training service, is one of the groups' sources of volunteers.

The group also gets volunteers from Centrelink, the parish and the local community.

An afternoon tea will be held for volunteers and friends of Mary Mac's at St John the Baptist Parish Hall in Woy Woy on Thursday, May 12.

Certificates of appreciation will be presented at 2.30pm by Fr John Hill.

The guest of honour for the event will be Centacare Broken Bay executive director Mr Jim Grainger.

Mary Mac's currently has 50 volunteers and 20 local businesses, groups and individuals who contribute to its expanding service.

The afternoon tea will begin at 2pm.

In March alone, volunteers at Mary Mac's Kitchen served over 700 meals to disadvantaged families and individuals in the local community with 38 per cent of those guests identified as being homeless.

Press release, April 27
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

Three-storey unit plan opposed

Concerned residents have filed a petition containing 279 signatures in opposition to planned redevelopment of the land on the corner of Blackwall and Bowden Rd, Woy Woy.

Residents are concerned that the proposed development will not be in keeping with the character of the area as it will house 50 units within a three-story structure.

Developer and former Gosford mayor Mr Kim Margin said he is hoping to begin construction in 2006.

"My family have owned the site

for 90 years, and we want to do justice to it," said Mr Margin.

"It's a residential zone, and we'd rather have homes there than factories."

The developers have committed half a million dollars to enhancement of the space, to ensure that the units meet environmental and architectural guidelines put in place by council.

Construction will be undertaken in a series of stages, with the first three units to be constructed early next year.

The development will be serviced by a single driveway,

which will not be connected to the already congested Blackwall Rd.

The development will require the relocation of a number of businesses, most of which require a site that is industrially-zoned.

Many of the affected business operators are concerned at the lack of industrially-zoned space on the Peninsula.

"The lack of industrial space on the Peninsula is ridiculous," one business operator said.

"Building more shops is not helpful to those of us who need the industrial space."

Stuart Baumann, April 28

Delegation visits the Peninsula

A delegation of nine members of the Edogawa City Assembly and one senior staff member from Gosford's sister city of Edogawa, Japan, have visited the Peninsula.

They recently visited the Peninsula Leisure Centre and Peninsula Community Centre and theatre as part of a two-day visit.

Gosford mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks said the visit was short but

very significant.

"The Japanese delegation is keen to learn more about our city and the visit will help forge newer and even stronger ties of mutual friendship between Gosford and Edogawa," said Mayor Brooks.

During the two-day visit, tourism in the local area was highlighted to the Edogawa delegation which visited sites including the Australian Reptile Park and the Gosford-Edogawa

Commemorative Garden.

They also visited the Central Coast Stadium, Gosford Council Chambers, the Erina Centre and Library, Papalya Child Care Centre and the Fire Control Centre at Kariong.

Gosford signed its Sister City Agreement with Edogawa in May 1988.

Press release, April 4
Cr Malcolm Brooks,
Gosford Council

Petition objects to deck

A petition has been lodged with Gosford Council objecting to a deck proposed by the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

The petition, with 19 signatures from residents of Brickwharf and North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, stated that the proposed deck on the waterfront side of the club appeared to be a beer garden.

It had tables, chairs and alcohol,

which they believed would create additional unwelcome noise.

The petitioners also stated that there was already a problem in the area, with people affected by alcohol ripping up letterboxes, vandalising fences, fighting, breaking bottles, depositing rubbish and using bad language.

The petitioners requested that council treat the issue as matters of urgency.

Council agenda P.24, April 26

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Rezoning rationale is to hide mistake

It is interesting to note the reasons Council staff have given for recommending that the rezoning of old Ettalong Beach Memorial Club site go ahead.

One of these reasons is that the public submissions do not support either proposal.

Further, the report states that public submissions have not offered practical or viable alternatives to the exhibited plan.

As one of the objectors to the rezoning, I was unaware that I needed to come up with an alternative to what was proposed.

However, the main aspects of the report that most strongly indicate the need to reject this rezoning proposal are that staff have already decided what the "preferred outcome" for this site is.

This "preferred outcome" appears to be based on two main factors: what will give a hefty-enough profit for the developer,

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referred to as "viability", and the need to "minimise the scale and bulk" of the existing Outrigger resort, referred to as "providing a transition", and "screening" the existing building.

Amongst the report's rhetoric, it is clear that a building, the Outrigger Resort, has already been approved by spot rezoning, and that this building is hideously incongruent with its surroundings.

The report's rationale appears to be that allowing more monstrosities to cluster around the existing one will diminish this incongruence.

As a former resident of Queensland's Gold Coast, I am well aware of both the physical and community disadvantages of high-rise buildings along a waterfront strip.

Further, the staff's "preferred outcome" overrides the preferred

outcome of the people who live here, and who already are short of the required amount of open space.

If the existing planning controls prevent the developer being able to reap the high profits desired, then the development should be refused.

As I said in my submission objecting to this proposal, if the existing building needs its scale and bulk diminished, then that building should not have been approved.

Further, trying to fix the mistake of its excessive scale and bulk by going outside planning controls to approve another oversized building is not a sensible solution.

Why not accept that the first spot rezoning should not have occurred, and stop approving more overdevelopment in the hope that no-one will notice that the first one was a mistake?

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Keep Ettalong's charm

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My husband and I moved to the Peninsula area from Sydney as commuters in 1998 and, after our working lives are over, we plan to retire here.

We were attracted by the one and two-storey building restrictions in Ettalong Beach Town Centre, Woy Woy and Umina.

These give the place a low-key "country" feel, distinct from "the big smoke", a holiday spot replete with wildlife that we love to return to each day from Sydney.

The recently built four-storey Ettalong Beach Hotel is stylistically in keeping with the existing "old world" charm of Ettalong - the streetscape, the markets, and motel (currently being enlarged) abutting the markets.

The proposed rezoning of the War Memorial Club-Outrigger Resort has severely impacted on the charm of the town - but we can accept this development as it is to one side of the township, does not overpower the beach, and is more attractive than the concrete bunker it replaced.

We are not anti-development. However, the proposed nine,

seven and five storey development on Ettalong Beach by Tesrol Ettalong Property Ltd is completely out of character with the rest of the town - the reason residents and holiday makers were attracted to the town in the first place.

This development would completely obliterate the charming Ettalong town centre, and overshadow the town which is not for the few in their high-rise, but for everyone.

If the intention is to turn Ettalong into another Terrigal, we are completely opposed to this development application.

Ettalong is unique on the Coast for being a small and vibrant town, with a carefully preserved character, and loved for this by residents and visitors alike.

With additional permanent population, just getting to Ettalong on the F3 would be a nightmare.

We hope, for the above reasons, council will reject this development application - and preserve the unique character of Ettalong, Woy Woy and Umina.

Sue and Chris Moe, Bensville

Dismayed at strategies

I read with dismay the urban strategy plans for the Central Coast.

Fifty years ago I read a paper on livable cities by world famous Canadian town planner Lewis Mumford.

His major point was that cities of up to a million people provided everything a reasonable person could ask, over a million the quality of life went down.

For my first 45 years, I lived in Perth, a city of less than a million.

Since then I have travelled

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the world living several years in London and America. Mumford was right. The famous 'Brixton riots' shows what happens when people live in what I call termite cities.

When I came to Sydney, the writer Kylie Tennant suggested I buy a house in Hunters Hill.

A retired school inspector Donald Maclean had convinced the Council not to allow any buildings of more than two storeys.

We had our famous quarter acre block, the most used open space in Australia.

We chose to move to Pearl Beach, since we regarded the Central Coast as the ideal way to develop the whole of Australia.

We are a lucky country; not being overcrowded.

For my reasons and my solution for the nation you can read my book 'Saving Australia' in your regional library.

I will write in more detail to the council; including the grave dangers facing world cities from particulate pollution from vehicle exhausts.

Fortunately this can be prevented quite simply by particulate traps on all vehicles; as has now been done on all London buses.

Dr Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

Indemnity is non-existent

Forum

After seven years, Gosford Council still does not have adequate insurance arrangements for its footway leasing outdoor eating policy.

The current situation leaves ratepayers with a fiscally dangerous and unwelcome exposure.

Recent comments by council's director of development and health, Ms Colleen Worthy Jennings, fail to address the issue.

Our footpaths are put to many hundreds of illegal and non-complying uses every day, which

are not covered by Council's insurance policy.

This includes the presence of stock items for sale, advertising boards, tables and chairs.

The Footway Leasing Outdoor Eating Policy City of Gosford remains in limbo when it comes to compliance.

If there is any reader who can tell me why proper enforcement does not happen?

I don't like paying insurance for non-existent indemnity.

Edward James, Umina

Incredibly ugly Thanks for poem

The proposed nine-storey development for Ettalong is just too much and the design is incredibly ugly.

It looks to me like something out of Lego-Land.

If the village atmosphere of Ettalong is to be retained, then all new buildings should be lower in height and bulk than the Memorial Club building.

Otherwise a new mini Gold Coast is around the corner.

Surely we don't want that.

On the other hand we don't have much say in the matter.

Do we?

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Your paper is very informative on local issues. Thanks for that.

But I would like to express my thanks that you printed the poem written by Ms Angela Johnson (Edition 115).

My father was an Anzac, served in France.

He was a "lucky one". He came home.

For those that did not return, this poem was a grim reminder of the horror of all war/wars.

We will remember them, not only on Anzac Day but always.

Jacqueline Porter, Woy Woy

Saved by heroic efforts

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Vic Jefferies, in his letter about the Patonga Tavern, asks what will the Council's Heritage Committee do in relation to the matter.

Well, probably very little, as they are an advisory body, the creation of the late Beryl Strom who, along with her husband Allen, was responsible for saving much that is worthwhile on the Central Coast.

Councils and governments are driven by commerce, so you can put little faith in them to save

anything, particularly if it stands in the way of making money.

If you look at the things of wonder and beauty in the world, you will find they have been saved by the heroic efforts of individuals often fighting against impossible odds.


Yet they have won the unwinnable fight, only because they have been driven by the love of nature or perhaps by God.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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In Brief

Environment grant for Patonga

A project to restore the natural coastal and riparian environment of Patonga will receive \$23,909 in the current round of the Australian Government Envirofund.

The project will protect and restore the local environment, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said in the current round more than \$11.3 million of funding

had been approved for 710 projects across Australia.

Mr Lloyd said: "These projects are of great benefit to the environment and an inspiration to the local community.

"I look forward to seeing the results of your hard work."

For further information, visit the Envirofund website at www.nht.gov.au/Envirofund.

Press release, April 29
Jim Lloyd



The front of the Peninsula Leisure Centre

Nuisance order

A nuisance order has been issued by Gosford Council to a dog owner at 1C Lagoon St, Ettalong Beach, after a petition was sent to council on January 25.

A petition with nine signatures was sent to council complaining about the nuisance caused by the

barking of three Pomeranian dogs being kept at the property.

Council recently advised the petitioners that a nuisance order had been issued to the owner of the dogs in December and would remain in force for a period of six months.

Council agenda FS.53, April 26

Committee to advise

The installation of traffic calming devices in Ettalong will be considered by Gosford Council after its traffic committee provides a recommendation.

Gosford Council has advised petitioners that the issue of traffic calming devices, requested for Ocean View Rd and Booker Bay Rd, has been referred to the traffic committee.

A petition with 111 signatures had been sent to council on March 22 requesting traffic calming devices in front of the ambulance station and opposite the shop Memories of Booker Bay.

Council sent a letter to petitioners advising that the matter had been referred to the traffic committee.

Council agenda FS.53, April 26

House sold to pay rates

A house in Watkin Ave, Woy Woy, has been among four sold by Gosford Council for unpaid rates.

The other three houses were at Erina and Bar Point.

The houses were sold at public auction on Saturday, February 12.

The sale proceeds of \$467,000 will be used to meet outstanding rates and charges of roughly \$31,200, with the balance, after costs, paid to the former owners.

Council agenda FS.24, March 1

Musical tattoo

The Broken Bay Uniting Church mission support group will be holding a "Musical Tattoo" on May 14.

The support group raises money for missions both in Australia and overseas.

It has donated a tank of fuel for the Australian Outback Services, given support for the Outback Flying Padre and food for youth hostels.

The group has also given financial support for scripture in local schools.

The group has supported neighbouring countries such as the Solomon Islands and West Timor.

The group has sent hundreds of knitted rugs and knitted bandages for leprosy patients.

The night of Scottish music will begin at 7:30pm at the Uniting Church in Neptune St, Umina.

Supper will be provided and there will be prizes to be won.

Entry fee is \$12.50 per head. For further information, contact 4341 1024

Press Release, 23 April
Sue Webster, Broken Bay Mission Support Group

Gosford Council officers have recommended a "management framework" for the Peninsula Leisure Centre, which is expected to open in October.

The proposal will be considered by Council tomorrow night (Tuesday).

The framework includes an organisational structure, staffing positions, recommended operational budgets and marketing strategies, and is based on a business plan prepared by Stratcorp Consulting in September 2002.

The report recommends that implementation of the framework should start immediately.

This would include recruitment of staff, development of program schedules, the adoption of fees and charges schedules, the preparation of marketing programs, the development of maintenance programs as well as planning for the opening celebrations.

The report stated it would be necessary to liaise with the five resident sporting groups on programming issues, to enter into supplier agreements, prepare policies, procedures manuals and training programs;

The business plan considered the factors impacting on the financial performance of the centre and developed three scenarios for the first 10 years of operation.

Each scenario assumed the immediate and long-term uptake usage of the facilities would be lower, similar or higher than that experienced when comparable to other facilities.

Each scenario also included an allocation of \$700,000 for a major refurbishment of the centre after seven years.

Management plan for leisure centre

For the purpose of planning for operations at the centre, officers assumed a scenario where uptake of the facility was slightly lower than other comparable facilities.

The report stated that it was anticipated that operations for the coming financial year will result in a neutral financial outcome with no net cost to council from operations.

However, an allocation of \$195,000 had been included in the next draft recurrent budget which was adopted by council at its meeting on April 5, to provide for "one-off" commissioning costs of the new centre.

The business plan includes a schedule of opening hours for the various areas of the facility.

The centre will employ 50 staff, full-time, part-time or casual, including positions carried over from the old Woy Woy pool.

In setting fees and charges, the business plan provides a number of different membership and regular user passes, offering savings on single casual entry.

Concessions will be available for aquatics, for health and fitness and for both areas.

Concessions will be available for children 13 and under, for pensioners, families and school groups.

Swim school charges include pool entry and are based on a per school term structure.

Council officers have recommended that the schedule of fees and charges be adopted for the year coming financial year and be placed on public exhibition.

Their report recommends that a

briefing be given to the Council's Consultative Committee on the organisational structure, specific positions and recruitment process.

Officers would then liaise with Council's Organisation Development Unit on the timely appointment of staff.

There are five sporting clubs that will operate from the centre, including the Amateur Swimming Club, Pelicans Swimming Club, Water Polo Club, Woy Woy Basketball Association and Woy Woy Netball Association

Regular meetings are being held with representatives of these clubs about involvement in the opening celebrations and schedules for the centre's use.

It has also been recommended that council be provided with a monthly report on the financial performance of the new centre.

The centre includes three pools (leisure, program and 50m), reception areas, kiosk, creche, children's party room, retail outlet, gymnasium and aerobics areas and indoor basketball and netball courts.

The proposed fees and charges schedule and the staffing structure can be found in council's May 3 agenda at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Council agenda SF.16, May 3

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Health



Doug Rose, Linda Davidson, Ron Banks, Ray Benton

Donation to hospital

The Everglades Men's Bowlers have donated \$500 to Woy Woy Hospital.

The Men's Bowlers for many years have contributed moneys to a "wrong bias tin" for each bowl delivered on the wrong bias.

After several years, \$300 was

collected in funds, which was supplemented by the Men's Bowls committee by \$200.

Woy Woy Hospital executive officer and director of nursing, Ms Linda Davidson, received the cheque from senior vice-president Mr Ron Banks.

Ms Davidson stated the hospital would put the \$500 to good use in the purchase of much needed equipment for the benefit of the local community.

**Newsletter, April 28
Everglades Country Club**

Campaigner expands to natural health

A Umina resident known for her fight to save the rock pool environments of the Central Coast has expanded her business to offer natural health consulting.

Ms Jeannie Lawson has been known for her love of the ocean and whales as well as for the marine life of rock pools.

She is now offering consulting at the Gnostic Healing Sanctuary, Woy Woy, on Mondays, and The Neswell Room at MacMasters Beach on Thursdays.

Ms Lawson offers nutritional counselling, flower essences, past-life regression and shamanic drum healing.

A drum-making workshop will be held at the end of May, with an intensive workshop in flower essences scheduled for July.

Free talks on "the six stages of nutrition" will also be held at the Gnostic Healing Sanctuary on April 18 and May 9.

Through her business, Harmony Visions Health and Environmental Education Promotions, Ms Lawson

has operated an eco-tour business in whale watching and marine education, as well as teaching bush regeneration.

"To me, health and the environment go hand in hand.

"Looking after yourself and living more naturally puts you more in touch with the natural world, makes you more aware of how great a part the environment plays in our everyday lives," Ms Lawson said.

"I began studying natural therapies in the 1980s and specialise in naturopathic nutrition and flower essences.

"The health of our bodies depends on our emotional state and the foods we eat.

"The foods we eat depend on a healthy environment.

"As with the environment, I believe that education empowers people.

"If people can learn better ways of looking after themselves, then they can change their whole lives."

**Press release, April 11
Jeannie Lawson, Harmony Visions**

Women's workshop

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre and Central Coast Health Women's Health will present a workshop on menopause and urinary incontinence on May 18.

Women's health nurses, alternative therapists and medical

practitioners will share their expertise on menopause and incontinence.

They will also give an explanation of symptoms, and demystify these and offer suggestions to many women's health issues.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 18, from 9.30am

to 2pm.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

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

**Press release, April 26
Kate Bradfield,
Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

Hospital stall

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary street stall will be outside Flemings in West St, Umina, on Thursday, May 12.

The stall will run from 9am to 3.30pm.

Public relations officer Ms

Margaret Whitting said everyone should be there to support their local hospital.

**Press release, April 29
Margaret Whitting,
Woy Woy Auxiliary**

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Parenting course

A parenting course will be held by Uniting Care Burnside during May at the Child Abuse Prevention Service centre in Umina.

Ideas for Parents is a five-week course for parents of primary school aged children.

The course will run every Monday from May 9 to June 6, 10am to noon.

For more information or to book, contact 4343 1974.

**Press release, April 11
Child Abuse Prevention Service**

Raffle tickets

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will sell Mothers' Day raffle tickets over the next three weeks.

The tickets will be sold outside Beach Books, 327 West St, Umina, on May 5 and 6.

**Press release, April 15
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary**

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Panel calls for less bulk

The Central Coast Design Review (SEPP 65) Panel has recommended the bulk of the building proposed in the rezoning application for the old Ettalong Memorial Club site be substantially reduced.

The panel has told Gosford Council that it favours the "alternative development scenario" proposed by Council planners over the proposal before the council, but that even the alternative does not go far enough.

It has recommended that the alternative be "studied and pursued" but that its volume be reduced by at least 30 per cent.

It has called for substantial public open space to be provided at the corner of Ocean View Dr and Memorial Ave - "no less in size than the square across the street".

It told Gosford Council: "A rezoning application with significant land use change for the site and major implications for Ettalong should also be subject to and informed by background studies."

These studies should cover transport and traffic, infrastructure capacity, geotechnical and hydrogeology matters and "view

catchment".

A massing model should be prepared to allow the form and effect of the building to be more confidently assessed.

"Such a model should include the surrounding town centre at large, especially showing the intersection of Memorial Ave and Ocean View Rd as a whole," the panel stated.

The panel said that "more general envelopes should be provided for the site, with written minimum commitments".

"This would be better than specifying precise configurations" which were certain to need later amendment.

The panel said the design should be fully compliant with SEPP 65 provisions and review procedures, "independent of what other procedures and practices may be put in place in the meantime".

The panel reiterated its view that the proposal before council was "a gross over-development".

"The proposed floor space ratio of 1.7:1 is clearly too great.

"It has resulted in a building envelope that is excessive in bulk, height and scale."

Council agenda EP.34, May 3

Officers attack public submissions

Gosford Council officers have attacked deficiencies in submissions opposing a rezoning application for the old Ettalong Memorial Club site at the corner of Memorial Ave and Ocean View Rd.

Responding to a submission that the planned development would be a gross overdevelopment of the site, council officers argued that the submission did not consider the relationship of either of the development designs considered by council to the adjoining club and resort development.

They argued that the "development of either of the proposals when viewed in the context of this relationship commences a 'transition' between the club/resort and the Ettalong town centre".

The report argued that the transition would be improved if council adopted the recommendations of the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy relating to building heights/urban design controls for the Ettalong town centre.

Another submission commented that the rezoning should be refused and the remainder of the site should be restricted to the provision of Special Uses-Carparking and much needed open space in this centre.

The council planners rebutted this suggestion: "The preferred outcome for this site is for it not to be used as a carpark and a small area of open space but to

accommodate a development that provides a built relationship to the remainder of the town centre."

The staff report refuted a suggestion that it was improper for council officers to use public funds to hire a consultant to advance a developer's interests.

They claimed: "What Council (staff) sought to do was to advance some of the already developed options for future development in light of the unique circumstances of this site.

"General agreement between the consultant, Council (staff) and developers over the recommended height for a site does not indicate a lack of planning or any other improper action."

Several submissions supported DCP 159 which imposes a restriction of height to three storeys.

Council officers commented: "The character statements contained in DCP159 provide an urban design based height limit for development on the site that has as its basis the objective of protecting the pedestrian scale of the centre and the amenity of the Ettalong town centre's streets.

"These objectives can be met through higher, appropriately designed development," the officers claimed.

The Central Coast Design Review (SEPP 65) Panel opposed the rezoning as "a gross overdevelopment".

"The design is a poor response to the site and context of the Ettalong town centre."

The panel said open space at the intersection should be "substantially enlarged to provide a genuine town square for Ettalong".

The panel supported the continued investigation of the council planners' "alternative development scenario".

It said such a significant land use change with major implications should be informed by background studies addressing transport, infrastructure and other issues.

The Council planners commented that "the changes suggested by the Panel would appear to render the development economically unviable".

"In relation to compliance of the original building envelope with SEPP 65 itself, Council has previously considered the issues involved, and this will also need to be considered by DIPNR as part of their assessment of the application prior to gazettal."

The application proposes to rezone the land from Special Uses 5(a)-Club, Hotel/Motel and ancillary activities to General Business 3(a), and to remove the existing 1:1 floor space ratio control and the 2/3 storey height controls that apply to the site, to permit a mixed residential, commercial and retail development varying in height from two to seven storeys.

The development would be sited on the land where the previous four-storey Ettalong War Memorial Club building was located.

Council agenda EP.34, May 3

Petition supports Ettalong rezoning

A group of Ettalong Beach residents and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce have come out in support of the rezoning application for the old Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club site.

Gosford Council has received a petition with 369 signatures from the Chamber and residents of the Ettalong area supporting the rezoning of the old site on the corner of Memorial Ave and Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach.

The petition stated that, on the basis of the plans exhibited, the Chamber supports the proposed

building envelope and considers the proposal to be crucial to the long-term revitalisation of the Ettalong Beach town centre.

The petition further states that the proposed massing of the building is also considered to be reasonable and provides an important interface with the existing Outrigger Resort building.

The petitioners have encouraged council to support the rezoning proposal and to forward the proposal to the Minister for his concurrence.

Council agenda P.26, April 26

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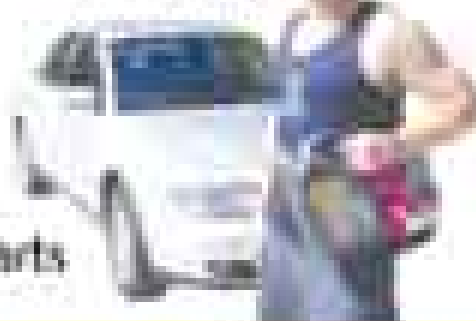
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Mission month at community church

The community church at Hardys Bay is having a mission month.

Various speakers will share their experience of the Christian work that they are involved with locally and around the world.

The event will start on Sunday, May 8, and runs for five weeks.

Christian mission involves proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to people of all nations.

Jessica Demeny will speak on May 8.

For the last few years, Jessica has worked with Interserve in Pune, India.

Ms Demeny teaches students who are studying the bible at Union Bible Seminary.

David Freeman will be the guest speaker on May 15.

Mr Freeman was born in South Africa, and spent over a decade there while his parents were working there.

Mr Freeman now teaches at St Andrews Cathedral School in Sydney and will share his experiences growing up in South Africa.

Sam Collins and Jacqueline Bohr will speak on May 22.

Both speakers are Religious Education Ministries teachers at Brisbane Waters Secondary College at Umina and Woy Woy Campus.

Magnus Linder will be speaking on May 29.

Magnus Linder is the NSW

director of Overseas Mission Fellowship which places people in teaching and engineering roles in countries throughout South East Asia.

The speech on June 5 will be made by Kathleen Flentje.

Ms Flentje is planning to work in Eastern Europe and is currently training at Southern Cross Bible College in Sydney.

The focus on Christian world mission starts at 9:30am on May 8.

Hardys Bay Community Church is located at 114 Araluen Dr in Hardys Bay.

For more information, contact 4360 1293.

**Press release, April 26
Mike Littlefair**



Vandals struck again on Friday night at Umina, destroying a roadside bin and using the pieces to damage an automatic teller in the adjacent Westpac bank wall. Bottles were smashed and scattered about the scene.

Photograph by Ed James.

Scouts look for work

Umina Scout Group will be out and about during the week of May 8 to 15 looking for jobs.

Scout Job Week is an annual event which has run in NSW for over 55 years.

Jobs can be for the individual or if a local business can provide a worthwhile project that will involve the whole group then it can be booked in at the scout group.

The funds raised are used by the scouts to update equipment such as tents, canoes and abseiling gear and to help fund

scout activities such as annual camps and jamborees.

The scout troop is also busy preparing for the Regional Rally in mid-May which is held in the State Forest just north of Raymond Terrace.

The group will be holding a family night and its annual meeting on Monday, May 9, from 7.30pm at their scout hall in Carawa St, Umina Beach.

Children aged 8 to 14 years and their parents or guardians have been invited to attend.

The cubs and scouts will be

showcasing some of their craft and cooking talents and toasting marshmallows throughout the evening.

The scout group is wanting local residents to become involved with the group.

The Umina Cub Pack has welcomed a new cub leader and has a program of activities planned, including camps, hikes and a Cub Fun Day.

For further information, contact 4341 7713 or 0411 017 648.

**Press release, April 26
Rhonda Bluff, Umina Scouts**

Flood study review completed

A ground study and review of the Middle Creek Flood Study for Pearl Beach has been completed.

The review indicated that a new calibration of the existing flood

model would provide some benefit, according to a report prepared by Gosford Council staff.

The consultant, Coffey's Water Studies, was reported to be investigating the possibility of calibrating the existing model with the data already in hand or with data which might be easily

acquired.

The report to the council's flood management committee stated that models of blockage scenarios would be prepared.

The project is expected to cost \$42,470 with \$21,698 having already been spent.

Council agenda FM.003, May 3

Doorknockers wanted

The Salvation Army is calling for volunteers for the National Red Shield Appeal Doorknock on the weekend of May 28 and 29.

A target of \$70,600 has been set for the Peninsula.

This year The Salvation Army celebrates its 125th anniversary in Australia.

It is also the 40th anniversary of the Red Shield Appeal.

The Salvos hope to reach a

national doorknock goal of \$6 million to maintain services in the year ahead.

People wishing to volunteer or to make donations can contact 13 32 30 or visit www.salvos.org.au/home.

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**Press Release, April 28
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What's on

What's on in and 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, Umina Public School **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

DAILY EVENTS

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 Playgroup for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island families. \$2.50 per family, **BFC Toastmasters**, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842; Seniors Day 12 noon **EBWMC**. **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 Playgroup for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island families. \$2.50 per family, **BFC Toastmasters**, **EBWMC**, 7pm enq: 4341 6842. **Combined Pensioners** association afternoon tea, **ESCC**, enq: 4341 3222.
Every Tuesday **The Web**, **TWYS**, Drop in centre 12-18yrs 9am-3pm **Empire Bay Scrabble Club** 12.30-3.30pm Shirley 4369 2034 **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**, 11am; Come in Spinner, 12 noon; Club **Bingo**, 2pm; Mystery members, 5pm. **WWLC**. **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**, **Judo**, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3. **PCC** - **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6pm John the

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

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.

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 - details 4342 0850 **War Widows Veterans Club**, friendship day, **MOW**, 11am, enq: 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 Probuss Club** **ECC** 9.30am, visitors welcome.
Third Wednesday of every month **Woy Woy VIEW CLUB** - luncheon and guest speaker, 10.30am, Everglades Country Club, 4342 0805 **War Widows Veterans Club**, luncheon and guest speaker, 10.30am, enq: 4341 2379
Last Wednesday of every month Monthly meditation group, **PWHC**

Every Wednesday **The Web**, 9am - 7pm **Young Women's Group** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS** **Counselling** by appointment, **PCC** **Rock'n'Roll Dance Class** **EBMC** 7pm **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 9.30am and 7.30pm, enq: 4341 0721, 7pm **Oil Painting**, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, Girls' **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924 **PCC**. **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**, **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** 9am - 12 midday. **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, **BFC** Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm, Umina Probuss, **ECC**, 10am.

Every Thursday

Counselling; by appointment, **PCC** **Free entertainment** 6.30 pm **Senior Snooker** 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am. **EMBC**. **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**, 9am-7pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS** **Tai Chi**, **PBPH** 9.30am, enq: 4341 1243. **Ladies 18 hole golf** **ECC** **Tai Chi**-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, **ESCC** **Judo** all ages \$3, 5.30pm: Enq: 4342 4121. **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721. **PCC** **Line Dancing** 9.30am, **Social Darts CU**, 7.30pm, \$3, **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** **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.

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month 2pm Peninsula Twins Club Free. **BFC** **RSL** Sub branch **EBWMC**, 2.30pm. **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, 7.30pm **PLAYGROUP**, 10am for Mums and pre-schoolers, Umina Uniting Church., **Bingo** 11.30am \$3 - food prizes, raffles, tea & coffee **UCH** Enq: 4343 1664 **Lollipop Music Playgroup** **BFC** 9.30am \$4. Enq: 43 431929. **The Web**, 12.30-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, **TWYS** 2-9:30pm **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** 12 noon; **Kindy Gymnastics** beginners 9.30am, advanced 10.30am, **Pilates Classes**, 11am to 12noon, enq: 4344 7909 **PCC** **Painting** - 9am **ESCC** **Peninsula Pastimes** Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), enq: 4343 1237 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall

Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303. **Hardys Bay Community Church**, **indoor bowls**, **canasta**, **scrabble**, **morning tea** 10am, enq 4363 1968. **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior) **PCYC** **Kids Club** (Primary), 4.40-6pm, **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 Assoc** Aust meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Enq: 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 **Ex-Navalmen's Assoc**, Central Coast Sub-Section, **WWLC** 10am. **Third Saturday of every month** Umina **Bushcare** 9am, Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301 **Market Day**, 9am Sydney 2000 Park, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina **UCH** **Last Saturday every month** **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**, **Activities** for 12-18yrs old, 4.30-9.30pm **TWYS** **Cash Housie** St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626. **Cabaret** dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; **ECC** **Old Time & New Vogue** **Dancing**; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156 **Snooker** 8.30am **EBWMC** **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, **WWLC** 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721 **Al-anon/Alateen** family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month **Car boot markets**, Hardys Bay RSL, noon-4pm, \$10 site fees, Enq: 4360 1072 **Blackwall Mountain Bushcare**, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Road and Memorial Avenue Enq: 4342 6995 **Second Sunday of every month** Umina **Bushcare** 9am **BWSC**, Enq: 4341 9301 **Buffalo Lodge**, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm. **Troubadour Acoustic Music Club**, 2pm **CWAHWW** Enq: 4342 9099 **Third Sunday of every month** **Bushcare** Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9-11am Enq: 43692486 **Vietnam Vets**, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC** **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** Old time/ New Vogue, 1pm, **ESCC** **Burrawong 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

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**, Meet at St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Road Umina 1-30pm Enq 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: 4344 3486 **NSW Transport Authorities** **Retired Employees**, 2.30pm, **EBWMC** **Fourth Monday of every month** **Play readings** at Woy Woy P. S. Enq: 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. **UBSF**. Free. Enq: 43 203741 **3Cs**-Craft, Coffee & Conversation. 12.30pm **BFC**. \$2. Enq: 43 431929 **Yoga WH** 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854. **Bowls** **EMBC** 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358. **Free Bingo**, **WWLC** 11am. **Dancing** - 9am; **Indoor Bowls**- 9am; **Mahjong** - 1pm; **Fitness** 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm; **ESCC** **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm (Junior), 5.00pm (Senior) **PCYC** **Child and Parents Support Service** (CAPS), coffee & chat, 10am, Enq: 4343 1911 **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** **PCC**. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721 **Fairhaven Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **CU** **Evening Bowls** 6pm Enq 4341 9656, **Card Club** 500 1pm **Punters choice** 12.45pm **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 **Gentle Exercise**, 9.30am **PCC** **Craft group**, 1pm **BFC**

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, 3 May **Scrap booking**, 10am **PWHC**
Friday, 6 May **Cultural Laboratory**, 8pm Peninsula Theatre Enq: 4323 3233
Saturday, 7 May **Pen News/EBACC art comp.** closes
Sunday, 8 May **Mission month** commences, 9.30am **Hardys Bay Community Church**, 114 Araluen Dve Enq: 4360 1293 **Scout Job Week** commences, Enq: 4341 7713
Monday, 9 May **Parenting course**, CAPS Umina Enq: 4343 1974
Tuesday, 10 May **Scrap booking**, 10am **PWHC**
Wednesday, 11 May **Bowen Therapy** **PWHC**, 10am. **World War II Veterans** outing & BBQ Community Hall Ettalong Beach Retirement Centre 11am 4322 5645
Thursday, 12 May **Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary stall**, West St Umina, (Flemings) 9am **Brisbane Water Secondary College** **Open Day**, 3.30pm Umina Campus **Workshop** - Bringing up Children with a Second Language - 9.30am **BFC** **Mary Mac's Volunteers** and friends' **afternoon tea**, 2pm St John the Baptist Parish Hall, Woy Woy
Saturday, 14 May **Musical Tattoo**, 7.30pm Uniting Church, Neptune St Umina Enq: 4341 1024
Wednesday, 18 May **Menopause and Urinary Incontinence** **PWHC**, 10am
Thursday, 19 May **Domestic Violence** 9.30am **PWHC**
Tuesday, 24 May **Discussion** - The Da Vinci Code - Woy Woy Library 10am Enq: 4341 3808
Saturday, 28 May **Salvation Army National Red Shield Appeal** Enq: 133230

Tickets sell for Laboratory

Tickets have gone on sale for the Peninsula's first "Cultural Laboratory" at 8pm on May 6.

Layock Street Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said the program would be an exciting mix of film, drama, poetry, music and indigenous culture.

The program will include a seven-minute black and white film from Peter Rowson, winner of QuickFlicks 2004, drama by Mad Cow Theatre who will present a series of improvisations with three

to four actors, and the Central Coast Poetry Society will present poems from the publication "Suburb of the Mind".

Brackets and Jam members will present experimental and interactive music and members of the indigenous culture will present an open piece, possibly consisting of dance, story telling, with an element of surprise.

Ms Kelly said the event aimed to offer a safe open space where new and experimental ideas could be explored

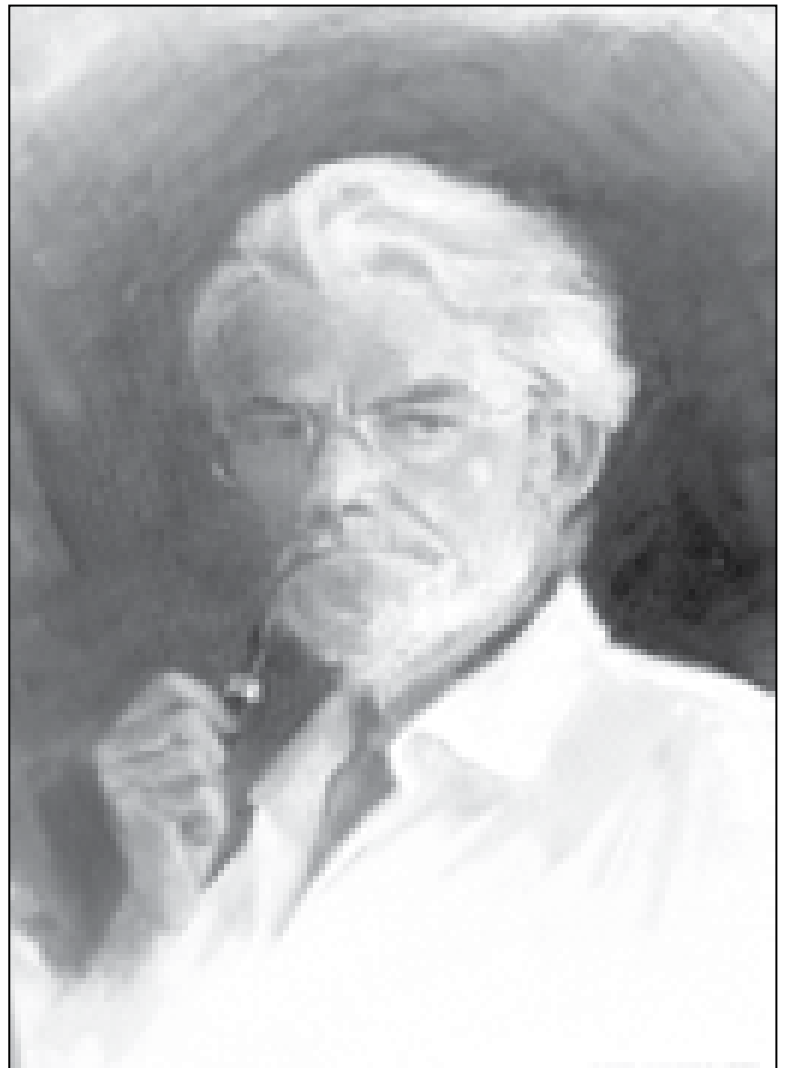
Ms Kelly said the Laboratory helped "different artists from different art forms and cultures meet and interact by observing, presenting and talking about themselves".

Cost for the event is \$10 adults and \$7 concession.

No children are allowed into the event as there may be adult content.

To book a seat, contact 4323 3233.

Press release, April 27
Lisa Kelly, Layock Street Theatre



A self-portrait by Mr Tom Hockey

Save the Children

Woy Woy Branch

Annual luncheon

Held at St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Road, Umina Beach

Tuesday 17 May - 12 Noon

Entrance \$10 inc. lunch & lucky door prizes

Guest Speaker: Rev Lizbeth Parton

Subject: A touch of Sweden

Contact: Nola 4324 4389 or May 4341 1104

Da Vinci Code Talk

Historian and theologian Dr Frank Mobbs will discuss the Da Vinci Code at the Woy Woy Library this month.

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown is a thriller that has been on the best seller lists around the world.

It explores the possible marriage between Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalen, a secret the Vatican has alleged to have suppressed

for centuries.

The discussion will be held on Tuesday, May 24, in the Spike Milligan room of the Woy Woy Library.

The talk will run from 10am until noon, and bookings are essential.

To book a seat contact 4341 3808.

Press release, April 28
Julie Hirst, Woy Woy Library

Holstein steps down

Cr Chris Holstein stood down as chairperson of the Spikefest Committee at its annual meeting on April 18, making way for newly-elected chairperson Ms Nina Angelo.

Cr Holstein did not seek re-election and said it was time for the committee to move on with greater community control and direction, with the next major Spikefest event being planned for next year.

Cr Holstein said that council's support for the initial two years

had laid the foundation for the festival to grow.

The festival committee expects to seek major sponsorship from the corporate sector this year.

Several "carry over" events are planned for this year including continued programs with the council, Woy Woy library and the Comedy Gala Evening.

However, the committee has agreed to focus on next year to enable a full program.

Cr Holstein remains a member of the committee.

Press Release, April 27
Spikefest Committee

Posthumous art show

Tom Hockey, a long time resident of Woy Woy who died on November 19, will have some of his art works displayed at an art show at the Erina Regional Gallery.

Tom was a self-employed commercial artist until he retired to concentrate on producing fine art from his studio in Orange Grove.

Mr Hockey designed the logo for the Edogawa Garden's in Caroline Bay during his time as a commercial artist.

Elsie Mills, his partner of 30 years, will be holding the Retrospective Art Show at the Erina Regional Gallery in May, for which a date is yet to be confirmed.

Many of Mr Hockey's paintings will be on sale with a select few of his paintings available for sale.

For more information, call 4341 1895.

Press Release, April 27
Elsie Mills

Bob Dylan Tribute Concert

Peninsula Theatre

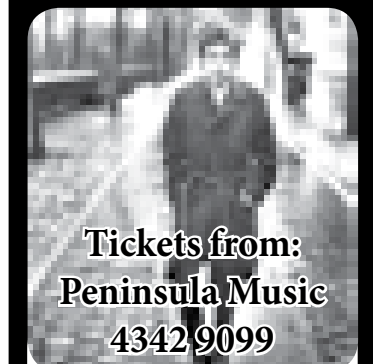
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Website - www.ccbdma.org

★ WHAT'S ON ★

The Cultural Laboratory

2.00PM - 8.00PM

A night of experimental and interactive music and drama, featuring improvisations with three to four actors, and the Central Coast Poetry Society will present poems from the publication "Suburb of the Mind".

Friday 6th May 8pm

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News



The northwest facing wall of Blackwall Mountain

Council approved funding for rock slide sites

Gosford Council has resolved to approve funding to prevent damage from rock slides near roads at two locations on the Peninsula.

The locations include Memorial

Ave at Blackwall, Mt Ettalong Rd in southern Umina and Patonga Dr.

Council resolved that funding of \$25,000 would be allocated to immediate slope stabilisation

works at Memorial Ave.

The cost of a rock safety catch fence on Mt Ettalong Rd, including its design, was \$65,000, which council has now approved.

Council agenda EO.13, April 5

Seniors day at club

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club is preparing for its first Seniors' Day on Tuesday, May 10.

The special day has been organised to provide affordable, tailored entertainment to meet the tastes of the more mature members of the Peninsula community, according to club publicity officer Ms Janine Ryan.

"We decided to create a day that was specifically planned for seniors, especially residents of local retirement villages," said Ettalong Beach Club general manager Mr Peter Hale.

"We are in the process of liaising with retirement villages and individuals to deal with any mobility issues attendees may have.

"We want to provide a good value, hassle-free and enjoyable

day for seniors," said Mr Hale.

Seniors' Day will be held on the second Tuesday of every month from midday to 4pm, starting Tuesday, May 10.

Ms Ryan said seniors were encouraged to come to the club for lunch and take advantage of the club's daily specials or a group meal deal.

From 2pm seniors can join the new Seniors' Idol heats.

The grand final will be held at the end of the year.

Ms Ryan said there would be audience prizes to be won and special guest artists including singers, magicians and comedians.

To make a group booking or to discuss any mobility issues, telephone 4385 2696.

Press release, April 27
Janine Ryan, Brilliant Logic

Barbecue

The Society of World War II Veterans will hold a barbecue for World War II Diggers on the Peninsula.

The event will take place in the community hall at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on May 11, at 11am.

Members are advised that this will replace the regular meeting for May.

For more information, contact 4322 5645.

Press Release, April 27
Horrie Young

Proposals requested

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust requested local residents to make submissions on the proposal for a Pretty Beach ramp before submission closure last Friday.

The newsletter stated that anyone who went boating in the area should respond to the proposal, stating the area wanted "The best boat ramp possible".

The newsletter also stated that \$200,000 had been allocated to the works, but that it had taken two frustrating years just to get to DA stage.

Newsletter, April 23
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

Turn sign considered

Gosford Council's traffic committee will consider a request for a No Left Turn sign in Blackwall Rd at Terry Ave, Woy Woy.

The committee's recommendations will go to a later council meeting.

Council has received a petition

with 56 signatures concerned over the increased volume of traffic in their streets since the installation of the traffic lights at the intersection of Blackwall Rd and Allfield Rd, Woy Woy.

The petitioners requested that council place a No Left Turn sign in Blackwall Rd at Terry Ave.

Council agenda FS.53, April 26

Peninsula in the News

Here is a summary of news items about the Peninsula appearing in other news media over the last two weeks.

Thursday, April 21

Thousands of dollars and man-hours are being wasted trying to fix a faulty speed camera on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

This is the view of resident Graeme Woodford who said the road outside his home was dug up nine times in 16 months for speed camera maintenance by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Express Advocate

a 40-6 thrashing of Terrigal at Duffys Rd Oval recently.

Express Advocate

Thursday, April 28

One of the remaining survivors of the sinking of HMAS Armidale in World War II, Lionel Clarke of Woy Woy, has died, aged 87.

In 1942 Mr Clarke survived Japanese torpedoes and bullets, then eight days at sea while injured among sharks and sea snakes.

The Sun Weekly

Wednesday, April 27

Ian Glen calls himself the "bureaucratic terrorist" having spent too many years of his life lobbying government departments to compensate him for serious health problems that he blamed on his military service.

Express Advocate

A male prostitute from Ettalong Beach will stand trial on charges of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a Central Coast teenager.

Gosford magistrate Mr Gary Cocks ordered the man to stand trial on charges of take and detain in company with the intent to obtain an advantage - sexual gratification, occasioning actually bodily harm; aggravated sexual assault in company; and robbery in company.

Express Advocate

The costs of owning a million-dollar weekender at Pearl Beach continued to stack up for Sydney businessman Mr Anthony Tauszik after the Land and Environment Court fined him \$25,000 for cutting down two large Norfolk Island pine trees.

Gosford Council took Tauszik to court after he removed the pines at the front of his \$1.3 million weekender without development consent in June 2002.

Express Advocate

Woy Woy coach Warwick Wright was a shattered man after his side had prepared so well for their clash with Jim Beam Cup premiers Sydney Bulls only to stumble at Woy Woy Oval.

Express Advocate

Umina Bunnies first division coach Nathan Johnson said his side couldn't travel any better after

Friday, April 29

Sydney rock oyster prices have remained steady on the Central Coast despite the fall in Hawkesbury River oyster stocks from the QX parasite.

Woy Woy Fisherman's Wharf owner Merv Clayton said a dozen medium-sized Sydney rock oysters was \$10.90.

Express Advocate

Umina Beach driver Gerald Schofield proved he still "had it" with an impressive performance in the international Rally of Canberra.

Schofield, 50, finished sixth overall in the gruelling two-day event, his first major rally in a new car.

Express Advocate

Killcare Surf Club has had success at the national championship, winning medals in beach sprints over many seasons with John Annand in the 70's through to Steve Munnery.

The club has also dominated beach relay events.

Express Advocate

Three Central Coast lifesavers have been earmarked as future leaders of their clubs after participating in an extensive training program.

Lauren Bagnall, of Killcare was among 30 surf lifesavers from throughout the country that were chosen to take part in Surf Life Saving Australia's national leadership program.

Express Advocate

Nagari Rd gate approved

Gosford Council has approved the installation of a gate across Nagari Rd, Woy Woy, near the entrance to Gosford Council's sewage treatment facility.

It is hoped the gate will reduce the dumping of household waste and abandoned cars along the road to the Woy Woy tip.

The gate will be made of galvanised frame and steel mesh with several rows of barbed wire on top and is estimated to cost

\$20,000.

Gosford Council has resolved to prepare a report to the traffic committee requesting the installation of appropriate signs to regulate parking near the gate.

The estimated cost to construct the gate was \$20,000.

The owner of Lot 155, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Emergency Services will also be provided with keys to the gate to allow after hours access.

Council agenda EO.12, April 5

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Bringing up children with a second language

A workshop on bringing up children to speak two languages will be conducted at the Beachside Family Centre on May 13.

The workshop will look at how family languages can be passed on to children while still ensuring they learn the English they need for school.

The workshop will provide information and discussion about raising children to have a second language.

Topics will include myths about bilingualism, how we learn one or two languages, why bilingualism can be a plus, how to support bilingualism at home, video case studies of bilingual families and hints for dealing with professionals

The workshop will be conducted by Dr Liz Ellis, lecturer in Linguistics at the University of

New England in Armidale.

Dr Ellis is an experienced presenter and qualified teacher who has given radio interviews and parent workshops on many language issues.

Dr Ellis is also a parent and a speaker of Spanish.

The workshop will be held on Friday, May 13, at the Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Beach Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

The course will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Entry cost to the workshop is \$4 and child care is available at the cost of a gold coin.

Child Care bookings are essential and can be made by contacting 4343 1929.

**Press release, April 26
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre**

Petition over barking dog

A barking dog in Ettalong Beach has led to 10 residents petitioning Gosford Council to resolve the problem.

The residents of Schnapper Rd, Ettalong, complained about the barking dog at 1/12 Schnapper Rd, claiming that the barking occurs in the early hours of the

morning.

The residents claimed that attempts had been made by several residents to bring about a solution but to no avail.

The petitioners requested council's intervention to resolve the issue.

Council agenda P.25, April 26



Catafalque Party outside Senior Campus ceremony

Campuses observe Anzac Day

Both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College observed Anzac Day, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

The college was represented at the dawn service in Woy Woy by captains Kate Kennedy and Alex Brown, and Year 12 student Alex Beaton.

Mr Lewis said Kate and Alex Beaton then returned for the commemoration service following the march.

They delivered addresses on the meaning and significance of the occasion to a large and appreciative gathering.

The Umina campus held a ceremony which was led by captains Daniel Friend and Elky Roberts at the school on April 26.

Former teacher Mr Ray O'Donoghue, now the commander

of training at Williamtown Air Base, address the assembly on the significance of Anzac.

A ceremony was led at the senior campus by college vice captain Max Harwood.

The ceremony featured addresses by Ashleigh Steward, Sam Sultana, Tyler Bennison, Kate Kennedy and Alison Smith.

Mr Lewis said that with the on-stage screen showing moving

images of conflict and mateship, Year 10 and 11 music students provided backing for Amy Price and Aimee Smith to sing "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda".

A catafalque party was formed by Ben Cain, Cameron Black, Robert Woodger, Nigel Fairbairn, and Stephen Fleming, all in full service uniform.

**Press release, April 27
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

BRISBANE WATER SECONDARY COLLEGE

Open Day
Thursday 12th May

Umina Campus
Time: 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus will be opening its doors to the community on Thursday May 12 to allow everyone to visit the campus.

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9. Closing 4.45pm, - 5.00pm

Maintained during holidays

Umina Public School, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus and Ettalong Public School all received maintenance during the April school holidays, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews

At Umina Public School, trip hazards were repaired at a cost of \$9213.

Glass repairs took place in the hall at the secondary college at a cost of \$7817.94 and stormwater repairs were conducted at Ettalong Public School at a value of \$4000.

"This is part of NSW government spending of more than \$5.2 million on maintenance and capital works in public schools across NSW during the April school holidays," Ms Andrews said.

**Press release, April 20
Ms Marie Andrews,
Member for Peats**

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Fit-out starts at leisure centre

The fit-out of the Peninsula Leisure Centre has started, according to Gosford Council's manager of recreation services, Mr Peter Hickman.

He said the building shell had generally been finished with all roofs and walls complete and glazing in most areas completed.

"The tiling of the main pool is complete and this makes the 51.2m long eight-lane pool look very large and impressive," Mr Hickman said.

"Tiling has also started on the change rooms and amenities."

Colours for lane ropes and water polo ropes had recently been selected with the colours being red, yellow and blue, the same as the predominant primary colours that theme the centre.

Mr Hickman said set out of the anchors for ropes would allow for a full sized water polo court and a smaller 25m polo court.

"The moveable bulkhead will separate water polo from lane swimmers and Learn to Swim classes," Mr Hickman said.

"The aerobics room and the gym are now taking shape up with the load bearing and framed walls finished."

Mr Hickman said the timber floor of the court area would start to be laid as the interior acoustic lining of the walls was finished.

The timber to be used is mountain ash, a native hardwood timber.

The new gym will have a complete range of cardio equipment including treadmills, bikes and rowing machines, according to Mr Hickman.

There will also be extensive free weights and pin-loaded equipment.

Work has started on Blackwall Rd with the aim of completing the improvements to the road system at the same time as the leisure centre opens.

Plans to involve the community and stakeholder groups in the opening of the facility are also being considered by council, he said.

Press release, April 22
Peter Hickman, Gosford Council



Claim about ramp danger

Secretary of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Fishing Club Ms Lisa Loudon has claimed the boat ramp in Lions' Park, Woy Woy, has become dangerous.

Users of the boat ramps near the Lions Park on North Burge Rd were finding it difficult to compete with the recreational users of the park's facilities, she said.

Families who visited the park

often parked in areas reserved for boat-towing vehicles.

She said they frequently allowed children to swim around the ramp, despite no swimming signs being posted in the area.

"When you tell the kids to get out of the way, you often get a mouthful of abuse," Ms Loudon said.

"It doesn't help that many of the other boat ramps on the Peninsula are useless for certain types of

boats.

"The sheer lack of maintenance at the other ramps is causing the overuse of the Lions' Park ramps," Ms Loudon said.

"The single boat ramp on the right should be incorporated into the double boat ramp on the left to make a triple ramp and increase the access to parking there, rather than have it split as it currently is."

Stuart Baumann, April 28

Returned from tournament

Umina soccer player Kirby Litterick has recently returned from a successful tournament representing NSW Metropolitan at the Under-14 Friendship Games.

The team was undefeated in the tournament scoring 25 goals for, with only two against.

Kirby's mother, Jo Litterick, said it had been a long journey since Kirby played with under-6s at Southern Ettalong United Soccer Club.

Kirby currently plays soccer for the North-West Sydney Koalas in the NSW Women's Super League and attends Narrabeen Sports High School, taking part in their Targeted Sports Program.

Last year Kirby was named Soccer Player of the Year at both Koalas and Narrabeen Sports.

To achieve this level of success,



she travels to Sydney for training and games five times a week while still maintaining her studies.

Ms Litterick said Kirby was currently enrolled in the local 4-4-2 program, coached by Tony Gallagher, who has been invaluable in his support of Kirby, with his coaching expertise and financial assistance.

Press release, April 25
Jo Litterick

Gymnasium equipment tender decided

The company TFG will provide gymnasium equipment to the Peninsula Leisure Centre for the next four years.

TFG was recommended by Gosford Council staff over nine other companies who provided tenders for the equipment.

The decision on the mix of equipment was based on the advice given and visits to several gymnasiums, both private and in similar leisure centres.

Tenders were called for a schedule of equipment to meet the needs of the gymnasium.

The gymnasium will be in an area of about 300 square metres in the north-eastern corner of the leisure centre.

The equipment includes three types of apparatus: cardiovascular, pin loaded and free weights.

A matrix was prepared with price, quality of equipment offered, service and maintenance plans, referees reports and common selection criteria weighted.

An assessment panel consisted of staff with expertise and experience in the equipment and its use.

On the basis of the scoring TFG

ranked highest, and was within the budget of \$100,000 per year.

The council staff report stated that the TFG equipment was well regarded within the industry.

The tender specified that the equipment be leased for a four-year period.

After four years a new tender would be entered so that new

equipment would be provided.

The budget for the lease of the equipment was derived from the fees and charges for use of the facilities within the leisure centre.

The business plan, adopted by council, has an allocation of \$100,000 per year for equipment lease.

Council agenda CS.15, April 26

Kirra wins six medals

Paralympic hopeful Kirra O'Cass has won six medals at the Junior Nationals held from April 8 to 15.

The 19-year-old achieved gold in her main event, the 50m Butterfly.

She also won gold in the 200m Individual Medley, the 50m Freestyle, the 50m Backstroke and the Four by 50m Freestyle Relay, as well as silver in the

Four by 50m Medley.

"I'm extremely happy with the results," said Kirra.

She said she is hopeful of going to the Paralympic Games at Beijing in 2008.

"Going to the Paralympics is a dream of mine," she said.

"I'm training hard for it, and hope to get noticed at the Telstra Nationals in a couple of years."

Stuart Baumann, April 27

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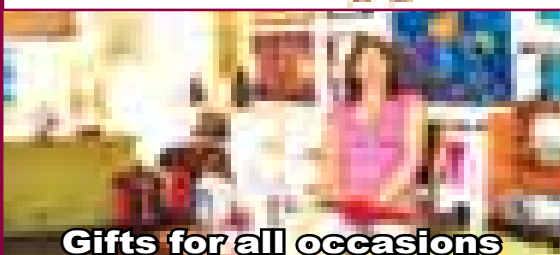
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