

## Groups oppose council restructure

**Two environment groups based on the Peninsula are among an alliance calling on Gosford Council to abandon plans to remove its environment department.**

The groups are the Woy Woy-based Association for Environmental Education (Central Coast) and the Umina-based Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative (OCCI).

"We are alarmed by this move to get rid of the environment directorate - especially when it appears to be motivated by a desire to attract developers and to allow development applications to be processed faster," said Ms Jane Smith in a media release on behalf of the alliance.

Former Gosford councillor Mr Geoff Preece of Tascott said that council now seemed intent on disregarding advice about council's management structure.

"It was only four years ago that council embarked on a management structure audit by an independent consultant, KPMG.

"At that time, Environment and Development were in a combined directorate and this presented an obvious conflict of interest.

"One of the key recommendations and outcomes of that process was the creation of a separate environmental planning unit.

"This was identified by staff, councillors and the community as a priority and reflected the increased community expectations and legislative responsibilities for the environment."

Mr Preece said that there had been examples of environmental issues on the Peninsula that had been handled well recently.

This was a sign that the current environmental structure was working, he said.

He feared that this would not continue under the revised structure.

Ettymalong Creek Landcare convenor Mr Bryan Ellis said: "The process is the important issue. Will it become too easy for development applications?

"Developers don't want to come to a place that's been devastated. They sell views, and without the environmental safeguards that will suffer."

Mr Ellis said he was also

concerned that the item was put forward so late in the meeting after most people, including he himself, had left.

Cr Terri Latella said that the reshuffle would mean the environment would suffer.

"Sustainability will suffer: Issues such as waste, water and energy."

"With things such as the sustainability document, we won't be taking it to the next step. I can't see it happening, unless there is that separate department."

The item was not on the agenda for the meeting, and not available on council's website until after the meeting and was put forward as a late Mayoral Minute.

Three councillors were absent from the meeting including Cr Terri Latella, Cr Robert Bell and Cr Trevor Drake.

The report followed recommendations from a series of workshops held with councillors and the general manager Mr Peter Wilson.

Under the new structure, council's seven directorates will be merged into five new directorates.

Acting general manager Mr Nic Pasternatsky said that in rationalising the number of directorates within the current organisation, the restructure aimed to improve cooperation and integration and build on the synergy between various areas.

Implementation of the new organisation structure would proceed immediately.

Mr Pasternatsky defended the way the decision was made.

"Due process was followed in the review of Council's organisation structure," he said

"When a new council is elected they have an opportunity to review the organisation structure.

"The councillors who have been elected by the community have the knowledge and understanding of the roles and functions of the organisation structure and have been provided expert advice by the general manager, directors and staff to assist in determining the most appropriate structure for council at this stage.

"There is no requirement for council's organisation restructure to go to the community."

**Lyle Stone and Stuart Baumann, press releases, May 13 Council agenda MM.4, May 10**



## Council plans for Ettalong foreshore

**Gosford Council has started planning for works on Ettalong Beach foreshore, estimated to cost more than \$1.6 million.**

Gosford architects Andrews Neil have been appointed to draw up landscape plans for the Town Beach area.

A presentation prepared for the Peninsula Business Rate Levy showed dune "revegetation" for "improved views" and to "maximise views to beach", "improved beach access" and "improved footpath/cycleway".

The presentation suggested existing vegetation would be removed.

A committee of stakeholders met on Monday, May 9, to discuss issues relating to the Ettalong Beach foreshore plan, according to Council's manager of recreation services Mr Peter Hickman.

Mr Hickman said that no detailed plans for the foreshore were being considered, although a landscape plan was considered at the last meeting

"There were a number of problems being looked at with the plan, before it goes out for community consultation," Mr Hickman said.

Mr Hickman also suggested that there were a number of studies that would need to be conducted before any detailed plans were produced.

Mr Hickman said that funding for the foreshore design would come from funds secured with the

approval of the Outrigger Resort development, understood to be \$300,000.

Money remaining in the "financial strategy" fund for Ettalong CBD improvement, believed to be about \$260,000, would also be used.

Funds would also come from Section 94 funding, which has \$1 million earmarked for the Ettalong foreshore plan and another \$1 million for beaches generally.

Up to a further \$600,000 funding would also be provided from the proposed Peninsula business levy, if option 3 was selected and the levy approved.

Mr Hickman said the committee was also looking at grants to help fund the foreshore design.

Mr Hickman further commented that any plans for the foreshore would need to be agreed to by the Department of Lands.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said he believed options for the foreshore were still being considered by council.

"The early stages of working drawings are being undertaken," Mr Wales said.

"The plans will be accompanied by a full review of environmental factors when they go to public exhibition."

In relation to a timeframe for the project Mr Wales commented that there were a number of sensitive issues that still needed to be considered.

"The public exhibition is still at least several months away," Mr

Wales said.

"Everybody is really frustrated that it has taken this long."

Gosford councillor and Ettalong Club general manager Mr Peter Hale said that the committee of stakeholders included representatives from the Ettalong Memorial Club, several council departments, interested councillors, the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee and representatives of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Cr Hale said that consultants, Andrews Neil, had been hired by council as the landscape architect for the foreshore.

Dunecare coordinator Mr Michael Gillian confirmed that he had been approached by the consultants for his views.

However, he was critical of the process by which the project was being undertaken.

He said he had been told that a copy of the consultants' brief was not available because it had not been prepared by the council, even though the consultant was being paid by the council.

He said the process was inappropriate.

He said the beach was a community asset, and attention should be given to ensuring that all members of the community had equal opportunity to help formulate both the guidelines for the consultant and feedback about his design.

**Lyle Stone and Stuart Baumann, May 11**



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Art competition winners Daniel Russell and Alison Sproule

## Art competition winners announced

This month there are two winners of the Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre (EBACC) art competition, a senior and a junior winner.

The senior winner is Alison Sproule with her pastel painting of a kookaburra which she labelled "A Bushman's Clock"

This month's competition attracted the highest standard of entries for any month to date and Alison was pleased to have been selected from such a high quality range of entries.

Ms Sproule has been painting for 10 years and started as a student of EBACC.

"EBACC is such a wonderful place, I want to tell everyone about it".

"It's only \$9 a week for two hour lessons and the tutors are excellent", she said.

The competition's first junior winner is Daniel Russell, aged 9 of Umina.

Daniel submitted a waterbased oil painting on canvas of a dolphin in Broken Bay.

He was inspired by a recent visit to Nelsons Bay where he braved the cold water to swim with dolphins on a boom net while on a dolphin watch cruise.

Both winners received a framed certificate from EBACC president Ms Thelma Brown.

Additionally, Ms Sproule received a \$50 gift certificate from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club while Daniel received a \$25 gift voucher from Coopers of Umina.

The May senior and junior competitions are currently open and entries should be presented to the EBACC for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, June 18.

The winners will be judged the following week and published in Peninsula News on June 27.

The competitions aim 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, May 16

## In Brief

### Hazard lines

Gosford Council has requested photogrammetric data from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources for a study on the coastal hazard lines at Killcare-Putty Beach Embayment.

The request was revealed in a report of the coastal estuary management committee on March 24.

Council agenda CE.003, May 3

### Everglades

The Everglades Country Club's Thursday Mufti Triples bowlers have raised \$234.55 for the Woy Woy Hospital.

The Everglades Club Golf Championships start on May 31.

The event is run for four days.

Everglades golfer Ms Heather Burrett scored a 63 nett to win the Goodwill Plate on April 7 and the Division Two medal for the month in the medal rounds.

Division One was won by Bubs Rickett with a 68 nett and Patti Beattie won Division Three with a 67 nett.

Bulletin, May 3  
Everglades Country Club

## Rotary has racing night

The Rotary Club of Umina is to hold a racing night on Saturday, May 28 from 7pm at the Gosford Race Club Function Centre.

Races are played on television sets throughout the function centre.

The horses have been renamed and the race called again by well-known commentators.

The participants buy Funny Money with which to bet.

At the end of the races, whatever has been won or is left over can be used to purchase items at a charity auction.

There will also be wine tasting and the opportunity to buy the wine.

For more information or to book, contact 4369 2275 during business hours.

Press release, May 3  
Geoff Melville,  
Rotary Club of Umina

## You can't escape our Ed

Gosford mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks, deputy mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen and general manager Mr Peter Wilson left on Wednesday for a visit to Gosford's Japanese sister city, Edogawa, the day after an event-filled council meeting.

If they thought they had left the troubles of Gosford behind, they were mistaken.

Umina activist Mr Ed James said the three had "hightailed" it for Japan, leaving no-one to deal with his concerns about the proposed Peninsula Special Business Rate.

Not to be defeated, Mr James forwarded his letter to the councillors and general manager through the Edogawa website ([www.city.edogawa.tokyo.jp](http://www.city.edogawa.tokyo.jp)).

The following day Mr James received a reply from Noriko Yatagawa in the Cultural Affairs Section of Edogawa City Office.

"Urgent messege you sent yesterday was handed to Mayor Brooks, Deputy Mayor Macfadgen and General Manager yesterday night."

Ed James, May 13

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## Building heights

**Building heights in Umina, Ettalong and Woy Woy could exceed height guidelines if the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy is adopted.**

Heights of four storeys in Umina, five storeys in Ettalong and six storeys in Woy Woy are recommended "average" heights, not height limits as implied in Peninsula News on April 18.

Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy, April 15

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# New survey on business rate

**Gosford Council has resolved to resurvey 340 Peninsula business property owners over the proposed Special Business Rate, amid concerns over the validity of most of the previous survey results.**

It was also revealed that a meeting will take place in the near future on the Peninsula regarding the proposed rate.

A council report stated that out of the 279 surveys returned only 130 were eligible, with 18 in favour of the proposal and 111 against. One recipient was undecided.

From the ineligible responses, 124 were in favour of the proposed rate.

Reasons for ineligibility included survey forms appearing in a different format and not sent back to council in a council supplied return paid envelope.

Another 25 surveys, submitted with petitions, were deemed ineligible because they were from residents who did not own businesses in the relevant areas.

Of the 18 eligible responses in favour of the rate, nine people voted for Option One, two people for Option Two, four people for Option Three, and three property owners did not indicate a preference.

Option One is the least expensive of the three options.

A council report stated that "the comments contained in the 111 eligible 'no' responses varied from outrage at the imposition of an additional levy, dissatisfaction with council, dissatisfaction with the Chamber of Commerce, and a combination of all three."

The report also stated that two petitions were received with 105 and 65 signatures respectively which were against the introduction of the levy.

Of the 170 signatories on the petitions, 12 names appeared on both petitions and there were a number of property owners included who had already received a survey form and "presumably

indicated a 'no' vote".

There were 378 properties on the Peninsula liable to pay the rate, according to the council report.

General manager Mr Peter Wilson told the May 10 council meeting that the new survey would be undertaken over the next two weeks.

Mr Wilson also stated that a meeting over the levy would be conducted on the Peninsula, as it would be "appropriate".

A report on the response from the new survey would be returned to council on June 7.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said "The chamber are disappointed this is going out yet again for survey but we understand council's position. It has to be done."

Mr Wales said there if there was any question over the validity of the results it needed to be addressed and rectified.

"Most importantly the chamber takes the view that if there is not support for the levy then so be it," Mr Wales said.

"Obviously there has to be broad support but the bottom line remains that somebody will have to pay to get the things done that were to be covered by the levy.

"Ultimately, the chamber will be going back to the council if the levy is unsuccessful and demanding that the necessary funds to improve street cleaning, maintenance, security, promotions and street upgrades be budgeted from the council's general revenue.

"And not providing the funds is simply not an option."

Mr Wales said the money had to come from somewhere otherwise businesses would continue to struggle, main streets would continue to lack the maintenance and businesses would continue to struggle with security issues, vandalism and anti social behaviour.

**Lyle Stone, May 10  
Council agenda FS.57, May 10**



# Comment wanted on Ocean Beach Rd strategy

**A draft traffic management strategy, developed for Ocean Beach Rd, has gone on display.**

Senior transport engineer Mr John Hanlon with consultants Arup Transport Planning said the strategy, produced by Arup for Gosford Council, identifies strategies to improve traffic movement, safety and facilities for all road users now and into the future.

Gosford Council is seeking

comment from the community on the draft report, which will be on public exhibition between May 16 and June 10.

The draft strategy can be viewed at Woy Woy and Umina libraries, Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy South Public School, Woy Woy Community Centre and at the council's administration building in Gosford.

The strategy can also be viewed on council's web page at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au).

Comments from any interested parties should be submitted before Wednesday, June 15, by email, fax or letter.

Letters should be sent to Mr Keith Dawson at Gosford City Council, PO Box 21, Gosford NSW, 2250.

Mr Dawson can be contacted on 4325 8853 or by fax on 4323 2528 or at the email address [keith.dawson@gosford.nsw.gov.au](mailto:keith.dawson@gosford.nsw.gov.au).

**Press release, May 9  
Arup Transport Planning**

# Information day for strategy

**Gosford Council will hold an information day about its draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy on Thursday, May 26, at the Peninsula Community Centre.**

Council used funds from the NSW Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR) to prepared the draft strategy for the Peninsula.

According to a council press release, the strategy identifies new directions for future residential and town centre development on the Peninsula, based on best practice urban design, environmental and economic policies.

It claims the strategy addresses many issues raised by residents, council and the State Government and looks to the future taking into account the triple bottom line, economic, social and

environmental factors for the next 20 years.

"Council encourages members of the community to come along to the information day and be involved in the planning process for the future of their local area," said council's integrated planning manager Mr Michael Leavey.

"This is an excellent opportunity for residents to communicate with council officers, ask questions and learn more about the urban directions strategy for the Peninsula," said Mr Leavey.

The purpose of the information day is to display to the community the strategic recommendations made in the report and the proposed new planning direction for the area.

The day also provides the community with the opportunity to consult with council officers and provide feedback on the draft

strategy.

The draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy is on public display from May 25 to July 6.

Copies of the draft are available from council's administration building in Gosford, council libraries, customer services centres and at the information day.

Council has invited submissions on the draft which will be accepted at any time until close of business on Friday, July 8.

The information day will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre, MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy, and can be attended at anytime between 1.30pm to 4pm and 6.30pm to 9pm.

For more information please contact council's senior landuse planner Mr Brian McCourt on 4325 8260.

**Press release, May 10  
Breearna Sharp, Gosford Council**

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## Nature at work

Volunteers from the Peninsula Dune Care group recently did their annual clean up by pruning the vegetation at Town Beach, in front of the Ettalong Club.

Many passers by stopped and commented.

Many were surprised that this area was so neglected by the council.

Some wondered if there was an ulterior motive.

It is now possible to get down the walkways to the beach and it is more comfortable to walk along the footpath without getting scratched.

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It is interesting to observe the red warning tape around the holes appearing in the ground near the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and also near Lance Webb Reserve. These are sure signs that nature is at work, eroding the land mistakenly cleared of vegetation, in order that people may have their view of the water.

Surely a stable dune should take precedence over every other consideration.

Future generations would certainly think so.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

## Aboriginal program funding cut back

It is with regret that I have to write to your paper and inform the community that anticipated funding for Aboriginal programs at Brisbane Water Secondary College has been severely cut back.

We will now only receive one third of State Government funds, meaning that our recently advertised position as Aboriginal Education Worker will not be funded.

We have also been offered less than five per cent of our request for Federal Government funding, meaning that initiatives such as our Homework Centre cannot proceed as planned.

With Education Week upon

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us and Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day following shortly, it is an unfortunate situation regarding the funding of programs to support learning and achievement by our students.

However, despite these setbacks, Brisbane Water Secondary College is committed to ongoing improvement of students' abilities and results as they progress through secondary school.

We will continue to offer the widest range of programs and opportunities for our students so that they can achieve quality outcomes.

David Beattie

Principal, Woy Woy Senior Campus

## Mangroves go for pathway

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removed for the continued over-development of the Peninsula, one must call into question the reason.

Even when trees are marked for retention on a development site, they mysteriously get chopped down.

Then the council officers say: "Sorry, there was bad communication" or "We asked for it to be kept".

Sorry is not good enough.

Gosford Council rightly takes a person to court over the illegal removal of a tree, yet removes remnant multi-stemmed banksias when constructing an unwanted roundabout.

It removes and mutilates mangroves while constructing a pathway.

Is this a policy of do as I say not as I do?

Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Marke Slade told me this, what I suppose you would call a ghost story, and I believe it to be true.

Marke was a resident of Woy Woy, but spent most of his time wandering and working at odd jobs in the Sydney area.

Now and then he would return to Woy Woy to visit family and friends.

On one occasion, he and a mate arrived at Patonga to visit a mutual friend.

They found their friend had gone away.

As it was late and being no transport at the village of Patonga, they decided to kip for the night in a derelict house, thought to be haunted.

Though it was a warm summer's night, they found the air in the house unbearably cold.

They put on jackets and settled down on an old mattress for the

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night.

Marke told me that the hair on the back of his neck froze when they awoke to an eerie sobbing and moaning sound.

His mate got up to investigate. "Probably cats", he said.

He was gone for a while so Marke stated to rise, when suddenly his friend appeared, his face contorted with rage and fear.

"I'm going to kill you, you bastard," he screamed and he leapt on Marke, his hands on his throat.

Luckily Marke was a strong and fit man, for he managed to hold the man from choking him to death.

They wrestled into the front room and gathering momentum in their struggle.

They burst through the rickety front door of the house.

Outside his friend fell heavily and lay still.

Marke shook him and said: "Are you all right? You went berserk in there."

All his friend said was "I dunno what happened. It's all blank."

There were no drugs and his friend had no history of mental illness.

Marke was convinced that his mate had been controlled by a malevolent spirit residing in the house.

Well, the house has gone now, so let's hope the evil that lived there has gone with it.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

## The safety you have when you're not having safety

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the last 20 years.

I hope that one or more of your socially conscious readers will contact Mr Church giving him exact details of the number of deaths.

Premier Bob Carr was "persuaded" to head a local organisation to reduce the number of similar deaths occurring on the Central Coast when they reached epidemic proportions a few years ago.

In view of this, I am grimly amused to be told by one of Workcover's inspectors that neither the road nor the railway line is considered either a place of work or safety.

I received a letter from Mr Jon

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Further to reporting the disgraceful state and danger to pedestrians from the road and railways intersection on Rawson Rd, I have received a letter on behalf of the recently-appointed replacement NSW Minister for the Central Coast, Mr Grant McBride.

His executive assistant Mr Chris Church, an efficient intelligent humane sounding man, expressed horror at my poor memory of 10 or more being killed at this point in

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PCYC (Police & Community Youth Club), Umina is seeking 'Expressions of Interest' from groups interested in the hire of space at the Club which has undergone a recent re-furbishment.

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- Pool tables, Table Tennis and Air Hockey
- Full Gymnasium (newly re-vamped) and Boxing facilities
- Main Hall - 'PUMP' Dance Party venue
- Café seating area, Canteen facility, Activity spaces for hire
- Outdoor Fitness Course

Although the Centre is hired as a bare wall facility, more than 200 chairs and 20 tables can also be provided at no extra cost.

Should you wish to book our facilities to provide information or services to the community, your organisation will be offered a very competitive rate of hire.

If you would like to make a temporary booking, lodge an Expression of Interest or require further information, please don't hesitate to call the Club Manager, Tim Keogh on 4344 7851.

## Treasurer for 30 years

Ruth Collins has been re-elected as treasurer of the South Woy Woy Progress association for the 30th time.

When asked about her memories of her 30 years in the position, Ms Collins had much to say.

"When I started, the progress association was a strong force.

"We worked hard to better the area of Woy Woy," Ms Collins said.

"There was no hospital, meals on wheels, youth centre, care for the aged, or paramedics, and footpaths were almost non-existent."

Ms Collins said that some of the fights had been long-lived.

"The rail crossing and the upgrade of Woy Woy Rd is still an ongoing problem so I guess I will have to stay a while longer," Ms Collins said.

Ms Collins said that as treasurer she had the pleasure of handing over a lot of money to a lot of worthy charities.

Ms Collins also stated that Peninsula Aged Care and the Community Aged Care had been very important to the progress association.

"All the members past and present can be proud of their involvement," Ms Collins said.

"Progress funds have supported people from the very young to the frail aged, and the volunteer fire

brigade.

"They have bought toys, beds and paintings for the hospitals and generally tried to make life in Woy Woy better.

"For the future, I have one wish and that is that more people will take a greater interest in their community."

Ms Collins joined the progress association in 1972, firstly becoming the assistant secretary and then assistant treasurer.

In 1975, she was elected to the position of treasurer, which she still holds today.

As treasurer, she is involved in all functions of the progress association whose aims and objectives are to improve conditions for the residents in Woy Woy.

This position led to her becoming involved as secretary in the Meals on Wheels Committee.

Ruth has also been a committee and board member of the Woy Woy Community Aged Care for 17 years.

She is still a director and helps the residents with crafts, at the kiosk and with other activities.

She also takes an active interest in the running of the facility.

As a member of the building committee, she is looking towards the future comfort of the residents, but has no plans for her own retirement.

**Press release, April 28  
Heather McKenzie, South Woy Woy Progress Association**



The old Ettalong Beach Memorial Club Site, behind the new club and Outrigger Resort

## Rezoning to proceed

**Gosford Council has approved plans to rezone the old Ettalong Beach Memorial Club site, following its meeting of May 10.**

Local resident Mark Ellis spoke against the application on the night, claiming that the Ettalong area was on its way to becoming a Gold Coast.

Mr Ellis also stated that although councils report had stated that no public submissions had offered

any better suggestions, he didn't believe it should be up to the public to design the plans.

"These objections are real, but have been dismissed," Mr Ellis said.

He said that council should let the community have a say on the matter.

Cr Craig Doyle responded saying that in relation to height, the decision was out of council's hands.

Cr Doyle said that council had, on a previous matter, gone to court over height in Ettalong and the court had decided the height limit in the area could be nine stories.

Cr Peter Hale did not vote on the matter as the applicant, Multiplex, was involved with the development of Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, of which Cr Hale is the general manager.

**Council agenda EP.34, May 3**

## PCYC hires its space

The Umina Police and Community Youth Club is seeking expressions of interest from groups interested in hiring space at the club.

The club is looking to increase the level of both youth and general community activities within the centre, according to coordinator Mr Tim Keogh.

The spaces available for hire include a meeting room, classroom, and two activity rooms, one of which can possibly be used as a stage area.

The two activity rooms can combine to form a hall or auditorium.

The meeting room and classroom are 25 and 45 square metres respectively.

The activity room which can also be used as a stage area is 80

square metres in area, while the other activity room is 140 square metres.

The facility currently includes pool tables, table tennis and air hockey, a recently-revamped gymnasium and boxing facilities.

The facilities also include a main hall, currently being used as the Pump Dance Party venue, a café seating area, canteen facility, and an outdoor fitness course.

Although the Centre is hired as a bare wall facility, more than 200 chairs and 20 tables can also be provided at no extra cost.

Any organisation wishing to book the facilities to provide information or services to the community would be offered a competitive rate of hire.

For further information, contact 4344 7851.

**Press release, May 11  
Tim Keogh, Umina PCYC**

## Fence height questioned

**Concerns have been raised by Alpha St residents over the fence size on their boundary of the Peninsula Leisure Centre.**

Cr Jim Macfadyen asked the director of development and health Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings, at Gosford Council's meeting of May 3, if one of the conditions was that

the fence would be 2.1 metres high.

Cr Macfadyen stated that local residents were recently told that the fence would be only 1.8 metres high, and asked if council was reneging on its agreement with the local community, or if a mistake had been made.

Cr Macfadyen asked that the matter be inspected and resolved

as per the condition.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said she would investigate the matter and advise accordingly.

**Council agenda Q.56, May 3**

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# Health



Doctors and theatre staff nurse Kim Robertson, nurse Trish Richards, ambulance driver Bill Pittaway, Dr Steven Woodford, Dr Kishore Prahdan, nurse Julie Alstrom and Mr. Jim Dowling

## Hospital celebrates 1000th heart bypass

**Davistown resident Mr Jim Dowling is the 1000th patient to undergo heart bypass surgery at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.**

The 75-year-old celebrated his recovery with surgeons, medical specialists, hospital staff and guests at a function at the hospital on May 11.

Mr Dowling, his cardiac surgeon Dr John Brereton, cardiologist Dr Tony Kull and hospital CEO Mr Steve Atkins were all present on the day.

Other guests included the Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, Point Clare ambulance officers and hospital staff.

Mr Dowling praised the level of care he received since he was told by heart surgeon Dr John Brereton that he needed the life-saving operation.

Mr Dowling said for him the decision to go ahead with the operation was easy.

"The fact that the surgical team here had performed so many open heart operations gave me a lot of confidence," Mr Dowling said.

"Patients like me don't have to travel outside the Central Coast for the highest level of treatment and care.

"We don't need the added stress of having to cope with Sydney."

Cardiologist Dr Tony Kull explained that Mr Dowling had no symptoms of heart disease.

However he had a positive result following a routine stress test.

An angiogram was performed and four blockages were identified.

Heart surgeon Dr John Brereton, who performed the operation, said Mr Dowling had recovered well, but needed to be careful of his diet and to maintain regular exercise.

"Bypass surgery has been successfully performed at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital for almost nine years by surgeons from Royal North Shore and Westmead Hospitals in Sydney," Dr Brereton said.

Hospital CEO Mr Steve Atkins paid tribute to the staff, cardiologists and surgeons who established and maintain the hospitals position as one of the leading heart care facilities in NSW.

"In the past year we've also reached other milestones: 8882 cardiac catheterizations, an increase of 35 per cent in vascular

angioplasty procedures, and an increase in coronary step down beds from 12 to 16 beds."

Mr Atkins said the hospital was rated as the best private hospital nationally by HCF Australia in 2002 and has been in the top five private hospitals for the three consecutive years," Mr Atkins said.

He said Brisbane Water Private Hospital was the only hospital on the Central Coast able to provide the entire range of cardiac services.

This is backed up by a 24-hour on-call service for people requiring urgent cardiac assessment.

The available specialists include cardiologists, interventional radiologists, cardio-vascular surgeons and highly-trained nursing staff with cardiac and critical care experience.

In keeping with the high level of surgery, the six-bed intensive care unit is supported with full-time intensive care staff specialists.

The hospital is also supported by five Central Coast cardiologists, five cardiothoracic surgeons from Royal North Shore and Westmead Hospitals and a panel of Sydney's leading cardiac anaesthetists and perfusionists.

**Press release, May 10  
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital**

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## Biggest Morning Tea events are planned

**The Peninsula will host events for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, May 26.**

Campbell's Building Materials in Woy Woy has invited its customers to attend its event at its store.

The company's newsletter stated that breakfast for the morning tea would include sausages, bacon, eggs and "endless cups of tea and coffee".

The group also stated that fundraising activities would occur in the lead-up to the event as well as on the day.

The newsletter reports that the firm is involved in fund raising projects for the NSW Cancer Council.

"This day is another opportunity to raise funds for the fight against this insidious disease."

Empire Bay Estate Agency will also be supporting the NSW

Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on May 26.

In addition to the agency's raffle, with prizes donated by Empire Bay businesses, one of the local residents, Trish Skehan, will be showing video clips of old movies.

The morning tea will run from 10am to noon.

For more information, contact 4369 2275.

Everglades Country Club will hold its morning tea for members and guests from 10am.

Club secretary manager Mr Wayne Dean said: "Come along, enjoy morning tea at Everglades, and help raise funds for cancer research."

**Press releases, May 8 and 10  
Campbell's Building Materials  
Geoff Melville,  
Empire Bay Estate Agency  
Wayne Dean,  
Everglades Country Club**

## Law workshop at health centre

**The Women's Legal Resource Centre in conjunction with the Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be holding a legal information workshop on domestic violence protection and compensation.**

The workshop will cover legal issues such as domestic violence, restraining orders and protection,

as well as compensation for victims of crime.

The workshop will be held at the health centre, 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on Thursday, May 19, from 10am to 12.30pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the centre on 4342 5905.

**Press release, May 10**

## Wigs wanted by Wigwam

**Gosford Council's customer service centre at Woy Woy is now accepting wigs, in good condition, as a donation to the Wigwam charity.**

The Wigwam charity is a local non-profit organisation assisting cancer patients who have lost hair due to treatment.

The group has set up a wig library for patients who can borrow a wig for as long as they need.

A professional volunteer hairdresser is also available to assist with fitting the wigs.

At present, the Wigwam is

struggling to keep up with the demand.

For more information or if you are in need of the service, contact 4320 2587.

**Press release, May 3  
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council**

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# New ice cream business

**A business selling ice creams, salads and juices has opened in Umina.**

After living in Umina for more than two years, Walter and Elizabeth Panczyna opened for business as Gemini's Gelati in late March.

Gemini's Gelati also sell sorbets, frozen yogurt, fruit salads, other salads, freshly squeezed juices and smoothies, as well as ice creams.

It also sells hot beverages and both hot and cold snacks.

As an introductory offer free vitamin supplements are offered with all smoothies.

The business trades from 8.30 am to 6pm and will extend its hours in summer.

According to the owners, response from the general public has been good especially with the smoothies, fresh juices and ice cream.

"Australians love to try new things," Ms Panczyna said.

"Particularly the young people.

"It's been really encouraging and we are looking forward to the warmer weather".

Cec Bucello, May 13

# Creek study adopted

**Gosford Council has resolved to adopt the draft Mudflat Creek study for Hardys Bay.**

It will now move ahead with the floodplain risk management study and plan.

Mr Richard Dewar of Webb, McKeown and Associates presented an assessment report on public submissions generated by the recent public exhibition of the draft flood study between January and February at the meeting of April 7.

Only two submissions were made.

They raised several issues including reliability of input data, overland flow through front yards of the properties situated on the northwestern side of Fraser Rd and the approach used for publicising the study.

Ann Bowe of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust informed the committee of her experience and advised that only the flood affected residents took interest in the study.

Ms Bowe also requested that the whole of the catchment area of the Mudflat Creek be considered in the next stage of the floodplain risk management process for Mudflat Creek.

She was told that the flood studies were required only to address main stream flooding and

not full catchment issues.

Director of environmental planning Ms Louise Gee advised that separate catchment audits were being undertaken by the environmental planning directorate to address issues such as sedimentation, erosion and water quality.

Mr Dewar informed the committee that availability of comprehensive and reliable data for such studies was almost impossible to find.

He acknowledged the need for a further investigation into the overland flow at the next stage, for example during the Mudflat Creek floodplain risk management study and plan.

It was moved that residents of Killcare, affected by the flood planning level be invited individually, as well as through advertising in media, to express their interest in joining the committee as temporary members for the duration of the Mudflat Creek floodplain risk management study and plan.

Properties identified to be affected by the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) will have this recorded on their s149 certificates and letters will be sent to the property owners explaining the need for the encoding and the nature and extent of restriction to development on their properties.

Council agenda FM.001, May 3



The St John the Baptist Church in Woy Woy

# No objection to church plans

**Gosford Council's environmental heritage committee has stated it has no objection to architects drawing for changes to the St John the Baptist Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.**

Architect drawings were tabled at a recent heritage committee meeting on proposed changes

of use to the Church and the replacement of other existing buildings.

A report from the committee stated that "there could be other planning issues to the development".

"However; the committee had no objection to the proposal as presented."

Council agenda EH.3, May 3

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# News



The Woy Woy Library on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

## New library opening hours

**Gosford Council has extended its library opening hours on the Peninsula.**

The new opening hours came into effect on Monday, May 9.

"Council has recognised the community need for improved access to our local libraries," said council's director of community services Mr Phil Rowland.

"Increasing the opening hours encourages and enhances community education and

learning and responds directly to community feedback that officers have received."

Improvements to the previous hours include Woy Woy and Umina Beach libraries being open from 9.30am until 6pm Monday to Friday, with Woy Woy Library being open until 8pm on Thursdays, 2pm on Saturdays and from 1pm to 4pm on Sundays.

Umina Beach Library will be open until 8pm on Tuesdays and 4pm on Saturdays.

Copies of the new hours are available at all libraries and on the Council's web site at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au).

**Press release, May 6  
Breearna Sharp, Gosford Council**

## Annual luncheon

**The Woy Woy branch of Save the Children Australia will hold its annual luncheon on May 17.**

The event will be held at the St Andrews Church hall, Umina Beach, starting at noon and will include guest speaker Rev Lizbeth Parton.

Entry is \$10 and includes lunch and the chance at a lucky door prize.

For more information, contact 4324 4389 or 4341 1104.

**Press Release, April 18  
Save the Children Australia**

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## Seniors Day was a success

**The Seniors' Day, held on May 10 at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club was a success, according to club general manager Mr Peter Hale.**

"We had about 60 people turn up for lunch and stay for the entertainment, including our new Senior's Idol," said Mr Hale.

"The audience was very enthusiastic.

"They were out for a day of fun and our entertainment hit the mark."

"We expect the event to grow as it gains momentum," Mr Hale said.

"We have already taken bookings for next month's event."

"The new Senior Idol competition

began yesterday and was a huge hit," added Mr Hale.

"John Bardetta of St Hubert's Island was the winner of heat one of the contest.

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

The day will be held on the second Tuesday of every month from 1pm to 4pm, to provide affordable, tailored entertainment to meet the tastes of the more mature members of our community.

The next Seniors Day on Tuesday, June 14.

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

**Press release, May 11  
Janine Ryan, Brilliant Logic**

## Restaurant moves to Kincumber

**A Hardys Bay restaurant will reopen at Kincumber on June 1.**

Restaurateurs Brian and Jo Lizotte said they had finally found their dream location for their restaurant, Lizotte's on the Bay.

Lizotte's will be leaving Hardy's Bay RSL Club.

"We offer our heartfelt gratitude to Hardy's Bay RSL Club for their support during the past five and a half years," Mr Lizotte said.

Lizotte's Restaurant at Kincumber will still be led by head chef Mr Jon Juanengo.

The Lizottes will operate two

restaurants, the other being Yum Yum Eatery in Hardys Bay.

They will offer a courtesy bus for customers of both restaurants.

Lizotte's Restaurant at Kincumber will offer dinner shows, marketed as "Live@Lizotte's".

The monthly dinner shows will feature local, national and international artists.

Diesel is scheduled for July 21 and 22, the dinner show costing \$95.

Musician Iota will be performing on August 26 and Vince Jones on September 16.

**Press release, May 2  
Nicki Freeburn, Niche Events**

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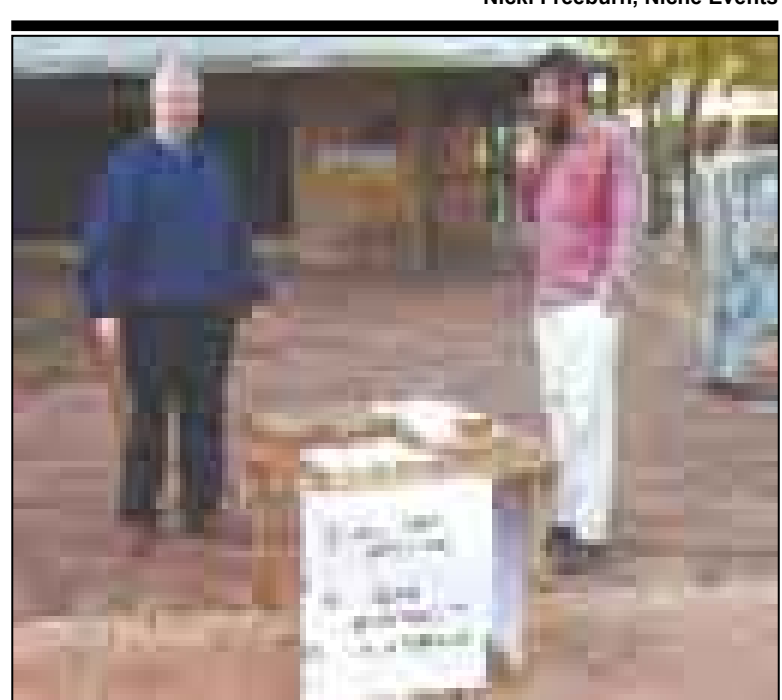
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Peninsula residents and environmentalists Michael Gillian, Bryan and Mark Ellis collect signatures calling for "No more highrises in Ettalong". On the morning of May 14, 300 signatures had been collected, according to Mr Gillian.

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# Students in stage production

**Brisbane Water Secondary College students are taking part in the coming stage production Blood Brothers at the Laycock St Theatre.**

Blood Brothers tells the story of twin brothers who are born into a large working class family and what happens when their mother decides to have one of them adopted.

Blood Brothers looks at the differences and conflicts of their upbringings, their relationships with each other and with their real and adopted mothers.

The students are undertaking a Certificate III in Live Production, Theatre and Events.

Brenda Logan and Rosemary Pearsons have been taking a role as mentors.

The college is currently one of only three Central Coast schools delivering the certificate which is new to the Board of Studies Curriculum.

Laycock St marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said every year the intake of students increased.

The students have an opportunity to experience producing, directing, designing

and operations with the Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Students learn how to operate sound, lighting and vision equipment, produce sets and props and navigate their way around a theatre.

The course is in its third year and two students, Daniel Williams and Cameron Veacock, have been awarded the Entertainment Industry Student of the Year Award.

Another former student is currently attending NIDA and freelancing within the industry.

Students participate in projects that include the Umina Beach Folk Festival, Central Coast Eisteddfod Group, the ArtStart Fashion Parade and Battle of the Bands, as well as Woy Woy Little Theatre.

The students have manufactured props for the Ritz Dance Company and regularly participate in school concerts at both the Woy Woy and Umina campuses.

"I think this kind of program brings new life to the cultural scene on the Coast and ensures a growing level of expertise and involvement with youth and in schools," said Ms Kelly.

Press release, May  
Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre



The 'Other' Band: Fred Lubke, Frank Russel, Cec Bucello, Jack 'Daniel' Ruhan, Max 'Dolphin' Harwood and Marilyn Russell

# Bob Dylan showcase

**The Troubadour Folk Club recently presented a showcase of some of Bob Dylan's songs.**

The guest performers included Duncan Chalmers, Jason and Chloe Roweth, Earlwood Greg, Chris Fraser and The Other Band.

The Other Band was formed specially for the concert, bringing together musicians from very different backgrounds including Marilyn and Frank Russell, Cec

Bucello, Fred Lubke, Jack McPhee and Max Harwood.

Marilyn, Frank and Cec perform as the Usual Suspects, playing a range of original contemporary and folk music.

Fred Luke comes from a background of heavy rock and metal and is currently teaching guitar at Peninsula Music.

Jack McPhee, disguised as

Daniel Ruhan, is a guitarist from local high school band Project - B.

Percussionist Max Dolphin Harwood was the vocalist percussionist also from Project - B.

The concert was held on Mothers' Day and dedicated to Peninsula mothers.

Lyle Stone, May 10

# Scholarships presented

**Two students from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music were presented with scholarships at a free performance by Conservatorium players in the Pearl Beach Community Hall on May 14.**

Pearl Beach Progress Association secretary Ms Penny Carle said both scholarships reflected the wish of the Pearl Beach community to foster a love of music amongst young people on the Central Coast.

The inaugural Irvine Piano Scholarship follows on from the Irvine family's gift to the people of Pearl Beach of a concert grade piano in memory of their parents, Alex and Helen Irvine, who were among the earliest Pearl Beach settlers.

Their son, Dr John Irvine, still lives at Pearl Beach.

The second scholarship, for musical excellence, has been donated by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and is not restricted to a particular instrument.

Saturday's concert is a precursor to the Annual Pearl Beach Chamber Music Festival on the June long weekend.

Press release, May 9  
Penny Carle, Pearl Beach Progress Association

# Art show opens

**The Erina Regional Gallery opened a retrospective art show featuring the works of long-time Peninsula resident Tom Hockey on Saturday.**

Mr Hockey lived in Woy Woy for many years until his death last November.

He spent much of his career as a commercial artist until he retired to his Orange Grove studio to concentrate on fine arts.

Many of his paintings feature spectacular views of the Peninsula, which so often inspired him.

The exhibition will run until May 22, and is being held by Elsie Mills, his partner of 30 years.

Many of Mr Hockey's paintings are on display, with a select few available for purchase.

For more information, call 4341 1895.

Press release, May 13  
Elsie Mills



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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 Chp 9, 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** **EBWMBC**  
**Sahaja yoga meditation**  
**CWAHWW**, 10 : 30 a m  
 Free enq: 4328 1409.  
**Playgroup** 10-12pm Kids 0-5yrs, \$2/visit Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Ph: Juhel 4342 4362

### 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 **Probus 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**, 9 a m - 7 p m  
**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 Probus, **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**  
**Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market **BBQ**, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome, Enq: 4341 4151 or 4341 1379  
**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, **EMBC**  
**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

**Sunday, 15 May**  
**Schizophrenia Awareness Week**  
**National Families Week**  
**Law Week**  
**Education Week**  
**Wednesday, 18 May**  
**Menopause and Urinary Incontinence PWHC**, 10am Enq: 4341 3808  
**Thursday, 19 May**  
**Domestic Violence** 9.30am **PWHC** Enq: 43 425905  
**Free Legal Advice**, **PWHC** Enq: 43 425905  
**Monday, 23 May**  
**Micro & Home Business Week**  
**Tuesday, 24 May**  
 Discussion - The Da Vinci Code - Woy Woy Library 10am Enq: 4341 3808  
**Cancer Information and Support Group**, **PWHC**, 10am Enq: 43 425905  
**Thursday, 26 May**  
**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**, Enq 1300 656 585  
**National Sorry Day**  
**Thursday, 26 May**  
**National Reconciliation Week**  
**Working With Energy**, **PWHC** 10am Enq: 43 425905  
**Saturday, 28 May**  
**Salvation Army National Red Shield Appeal** Enq: 133230  
**Tuesday, 31 May**  
**World No Tobacco Day**  
**Tuesday, 7 June**  
**Glass Painting**, **PWHC** 10am Enq: 43 425905  
**Tuesday, 14 June**  
**Glass Painting**, **PWHC** 10am Enq: 43 425905  
**Saturday, 30 June**  
**Free Legal Advice**, **PWHC** Enq: 43 425905

## Recision motion is essential

The news that Gosford Council has axed the Environment Planning Directorate on Tuesday May 10, apparently by means of a late Mayoral Minute and without warning, must come as a shock to Central Coast citizens.

It has been reported that this was not on the meeting's agenda and not on the website either.

While three councillors were absent from the meeting, the others voted for it.

The community is entitled to a detailed explanation why this restructure is taking place and why it was decided in a non-

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transparent way.

According to one councillor, this has been done "to make the area more attractive to developers".

Hard to believe. The unit was introduced only three years ago after a Management Structure Audit by KPMG.

A 1950s Gold Coast style development is highly undesirable for the Central Coast. This is 2005, the Green revolution is in full swing, Gosford Councillors.

There is some waking up to be done here it seems.

A recision motion is essential to save the Coast, and this council.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

## Time for our own university

News of substantial cutbacks at Newcastle University and the clear consequences for the Ourimbah campus, once again raises the obvious question: Why has the Central Coast not got its own university?

With a population of 300,000, the Central Coast is one of the few regional areas of its size, to not to have its own university.

Universities such as the University of Central Queensland, University of Wollongong and James Cook at Townsville have shown how successful a well-run regional university can be.

The large number of overseas

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students attending these universities pumps significant export dollars into these regional economies.

Education services are now Queensland's second largest export earner.

The Ourimbah campus of Newcastle University offers an extremely limited range of courses and will always be in the shadow of its big brother.

Time to let go of the apron strings and have a university of which we can be proud.

Surely our Federal Members can see how beneficial such a

long overdue development would be for the Central Coast.

Southern Cross University, for example, has a base population in the Lismore area and surrounds, of less than 100,000.

The Central Coast can and should go it alone.

If we can afford a football stadium of our own, surely our kids' futures dictate that a university should engender the same passion.

The alternative is to watch high-rise upon high-rise being built on the sole justification that the only employment we can generate for our kids is making beds or pouring cappuccinos.

Warren Cross, Wagstaffe

## Soft drink takeover

John Collins raises concerns that Gosford Council is replacing the Australian flag with Coca Cola logos.

I feel it may be part of a more sinister plot.

With the NSW Government handing over the State's underground water supply to Coca Cola, all they need is to buy state power and they are sitting pretty.

So not only the council will be flying their logo, the state will as well.

What next? Canberra of course.

Also most of the population are addicted to the beverage, with the exception of Arabs like Gadaffi and we "true blues".

So it will be a Coca Cola world, with a few places allocated to its rival Pepsi, like Outer Mongolia.

And a few survivors, as Schweppes, Dr Pepper and the Russki's carbonated dental polish.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

## Autumn at Ettalong

From the blaze of summer  
The sunlight has softened  
To burnish the water  
Of the bay.

A seagull dips a foot  
In the cooling sea  
And runs from the swirling surf  
Of the bay.

The breeze ripples the ocean  
Flecked topaz by sunshine.  
Waves caress the rocks  
Of the bay.

I sit on the sand,  
My dog beside me,  
Cradled in the glow  
Of the bay.

Jill Neville, Ettalong Beach  
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## Far worse off under 'new' structure

I've been involved in observing and participating in Gosford Council processes for 16 years.

In most of those years, I observed staff employed for their environmental expertise being disregarded, having their honest reports tampered with and having constant pressure to ease up on developers.

Most of these staff eventually succumbed and resigned their integrity basically meant that they could not put up with the extent of the inappropriate interference.

Their morale was extremely low.

About four years ago, the councillors of the time, and I was one, decided to look at the structure of council and employed an external consultancy to do the review.

After extensive staff and community consultation and many in-depth meetings with councillors, a new structure was proposed and eventually adopted with some minor changes about two years ago.

The Environmental Planning Directorate came into being and the staff concerned with these

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issues was for the first time placed together.

The staff was now able to do their job credibly and the inappropriate pressure of previous times was abated.

Stability and cohesiveness in the section was at an all time high.

What has happened now is that a whirlwind review of the structure has taken place instigated by mayor Malcolm Brooks and general manager Peter Wilson.

The process included a few meetings of councillors and a very small amount of consultation with staff (who had two weeks to respond to a memo) and absolutely no consultation with council's main clients, being the community.

A late Mayoral Minute was put up last Tuesday night.

It was not on the advertised agenda, some councillors were away, there was no discussion and it was passed.

The Mayoral Minute announced a new structure effectively wiping out the Environmental Planning Directorate as a cohesive, well-

functioning unit.

It will disperse the staff throughout council and ends up returning to the dysfunctional modes of previous times.

Just about all that is left is the title of Environmental Planning Directorate.

The extreme haste and lack of consultation in a major upheaval of this nature is an absolute disgrace and makes a mockery of democratic processes.

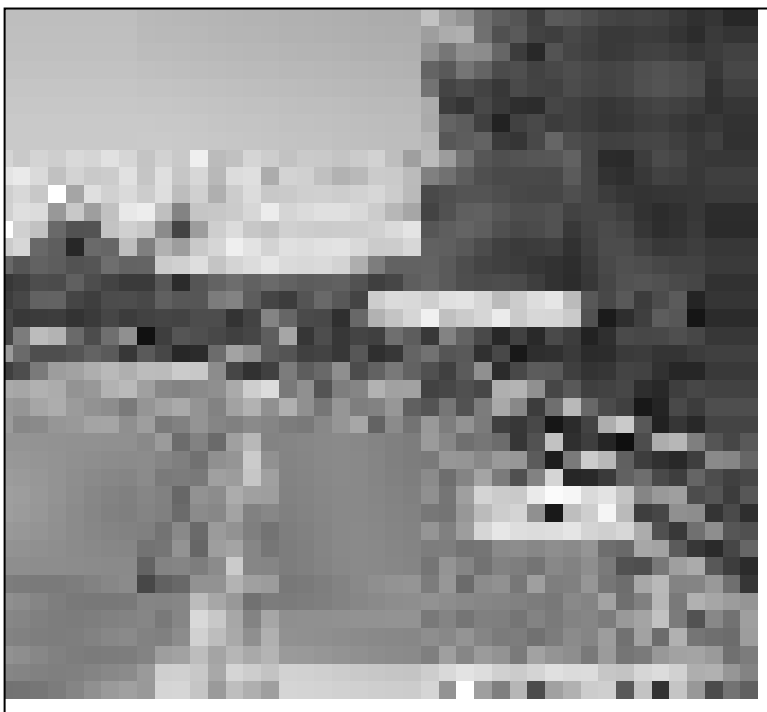
The staff and community have been treated with extreme contempt.

Democracy should involve more than just getting elected and doing whatever you like and there are a great many ways that can involve the community and the staff in finding constructive solutions to perceived problems.

What will most likely happen now and has already started are resignations from key professional people in Gosford Council who have been treated abysmally by this process.

Council and the community will be far worse off under this "new"/old system.

Geoff Preece, Tascott



Vegetation facing the Esplanade near the Outrigger Resort, subject to works under the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management. Plans to remove vegetation to "improve views" threaten dune stability according to letter writer Margaret Lund.

## Erosion takes its toll

Residents of the Peninsula, other than beach walkers, may not be aware of the increasing erosion on the foreshore at Ettalong.

There is an abundance of security tape, warning of subsidence all along the Lance Webb Reserve and next to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

Despite the efforts of Gosford Council to stop the advancing water, a viewing platform hangs over the beach, trees have been uprooted and sand and rocks have been gouged out either side of the drain.

The huge boulders and groins

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put in place by the council to prevent nature having its way have failed.

The safest area is the well-vegetated dune in front of the new club/resort.

This vegetation has a major job in stabilising the dune.

This is the only part of The Esplanade where sand is not blowing across the road until you reach Kourang St.

All the other parts where vegetation has been removed for views or recreation are showing signs of wear and erosion.

It is vital that council, in implementing the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management, recognises the vital role the existing vegetation plays.

It ensures that sand drops and builds up the dune.

Monies available for the plan must surely then give priority to protecting the foreshore from erosion.

We must avoid creating erosion problems similar to those that exist at Wamberal Beach and other Northern Suburbs beaches.

We must vegetate not desecrate if we are to maintain our beaches.

Margaret Lund,  
Woy Woy Bay

## Education



Students at Empire Bay Public School with Paramount Chief of Tanna, Mr Tom Numake accepting books donated by the school

## Books donated to Pacific island

**Empire Bay Public School has donated books to a small Pacific island, after it was struck by a severe storm.**

The school had heard that students in Tanna, an island in Vanuatu, were saddened by the loss of school resources including books after a devastating storm ripped the roofs of their

classrooms.

Students at Empire Bay Public School have decided to donate used reading materials including hundreds of books to help support the education of the students in Tanna.

Ms Karen Barclay and Ms Pam Terrill, members of the Brisbane Water Soroptimist International group, are helping to coordinate the program to support the

donations by Central Coast schools.

Ms Terrill accepted the donation of used school books from the Empire Bay public school student leaders on Tuesday, May 3.

Paramount Chief of Tanna, Mr Tom Numake, was also present to receive the gifts.

**Press release, May 3  
Empire Bay Public School**

## Success in debating

**Both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College have experienced success in debating competitions in recent weeks.**

Competing against Gosford High School, senior campus students Sarah Harvey, Alex Beaton, Daniel Stone and Tom Steele took the negative stand in debating that The Great Australian Dream is Just That.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said all speakers performed strongly, listening closely when Gosford spoke and attacking strongly when it was their turn.

"In the end, the college students were declared the winners, which was a great effort against a team which won the Premier's Challenge and came second in the State competition last year," Mr Lewis said.

They now go on in the competition to debate against Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College.

The middle school campus also had success in arguing the affirmative case against Kincumber High School that "Quality has been lost in the media".

Mr Lewis said the team of Sean Heartmanni, Regan Mitchell, Michael Labone, Brooke Egan, and Dianne Herr is a mixture of Year 8 and 9 students and were debating against Year 10 students from Kincumber which made their win all the more meritorious.

Having won this debate, they moved on to debate Gosford High School, taking the negative stand that "Media promotes the Selfish Society".

**Press release, May 11  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College**

## Waste-free days at St John's

**St John the Baptist School Woy Woy is participating in The Schools Environmental Awareness Program organised by Gosford Council.**

The program's theme is 'Lets get it sorted', with St Johns looking at ways it can manage its waste.

Students will learn how to

recycle waste and will participate in waste-free lunch days, debates on environmental issues and tree planting days.

Family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley said she hoped St John could make a contribution to creating a cleaner environment.

**Press release, May 10  
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

## Walking safely

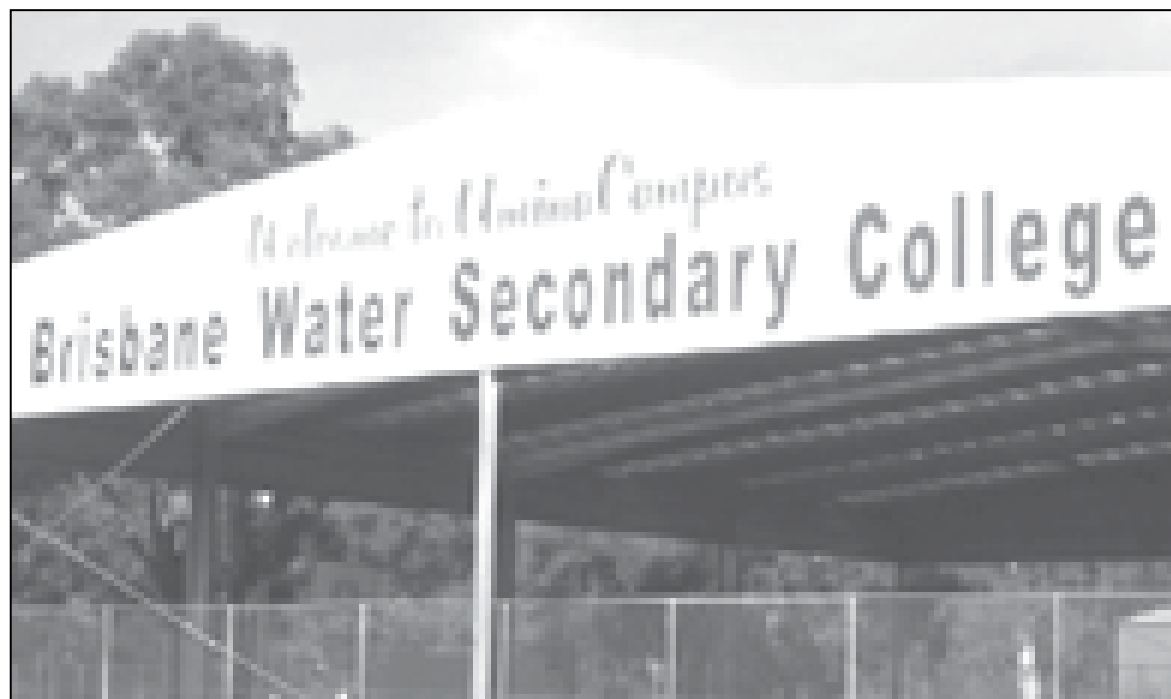
**Walk Safely to School Day was held last week at Pretty Beach Public School.**

The annual awareness day was organised by the Pedestrian Council of Australia and was an opportunity for parents to reinforce

road safety rules with their children

All students who participated in the event received a sticker from the pedestrian council.

**Newsletter, May 3  
Pretty Beach Public School**



Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina's new sign

## Radio station sponsors sign

**Travellers on Veron Rd at Umina will be left in no doubt as to which school they are passing if they look across the playing fields at the large roof over a new set of basketball courts.**

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said that thanks to local radio station Sea FM, and in particular Mr Graeme Cox, a new sign on the roof proudly announces the Umina Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"Sea FM and the college were

very pleased to be entering into this joint project on the Peninsula," Mr Lewis said.

**Press release, May 11  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College**

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# Fun morning for families

**National Families Week will be celebrated on the Peninsula with a Family Fun Morning at Beachside Family Centre.**

Free activities for children under five years will be provided at the centre in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

There will be a clown with games and animal balloons, face-painting, story-telling, puppet theatre, bubble blowing, play dough and drawing.

A range of fun outdoor play equipment will also be on site.

An Aboriginal artist will involve the pre-schoolers in a community reconciliation painting to be included in the Naidoc Week exhibition at the Gosford Regional Art Gallery.

There will also be stalls manned by services for families on the Peninsula with pamphlets and a range of parenting information. A parenting session will be held

by Uniting Care Burnside on the challenges of parenting under five year olds.

This will be followed by an opportunity to have a mini-facial or hand massage while your child is being supervised by child carers.

"The Family Fun Day is a joint community effort with many services, volunteers, and high school students from Brisbane Water Senior Campus offering to run activities.

"It wouldn't happen without their assistance," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"One of the aims of Beachside Family Centre is to run community events so that parents and carers of young children have access to information and activities and a chance to meet other families in their community."

For more information, contact 4343 1929.

**Press release, May 11  
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**



Some of the displays erected for the Open Day

# St John's competes at East Gosford

**St John the Baptist Primary School participated in the Central Coast Combined Catholic Schools Cross Country carnival held at Hylton Moore Oval, East Gosford, on the Thursday, May 5.**

Fifty students competed on the day, which also doubled as a trial for the Central Coast team to compete at the Broken Bay

Diocese Cross Country carnival.

Students from St Johns were successful with 20 out of the 50 qualifying for the Central Coast team.

Family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley said all the children who competed displayed great sportsmanship with the school finishing in fifth position in the overall point score for the carnival.

**Press release, May 10  
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

**Year 6 students from Peninsula primary schools and their parents were treated to an open day at the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus recently.**

Student council representatives lead the groups of prospective year 7 students on a tour of the school campus and its facilities on May 12.

# Open day at college

Parents and students were also invited to view a showcase featuring displays by school departments, such as computer room activities, cooking and catering and the gym club.

The event was designed to teach the students about the school, its classes and its extra-curricular activities in a non-intimidating fashion.

There were also examples of student work on display.

Teachers also said they were pleasantly surprised at the large number of parents and children who came to the open day.

"The level of interest from the prospective students was cause for encouragement," one teacher remarked.

"It was also pleasing to see the school pride shown by student leaders."

**Stuart Baumann and Cec Bucello, May 13**



Nathan Meade, member of the Brisbane Water Secondary College gymnastic club, tumbling while other members look on

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 Gosford City Council is seeking comment from the community on the draft report. It will be on public exhibition between 16th May and 10th June 2005 on the Gosford City Council web page (www.gosford.nsw.gov.au), and at:

- Council Administration Building, Gosford
- Woy Woy Library
- Umina Library
- Everglades Country Club
- Woy Woy South Public School
- Woy Woy Community Centre

Comments from any interested parties should be submitted before Wednesday 15th June 2005 by e-mail, fax or letter to:

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## Students to play in AFL final

Roger's Park hosted 37 boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 at St John the Baptist Primary School, Woy Woy, playing AFL football in the Paul Kelly Cup on Tuesday May 10.

Family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley said all the children enjoyed the day greatly and 16 of them will be participating in the final

for the Central Coast region on Wednesday, May 18, at Tumbi Umbi.

"Geoff Smith helped train the team each Tuesday last term and Mr Alan Waud from the AFL helped pick the team that will attend the final next week," Ms Riley said.

Press release, May 10  
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist

## Annual golf charity day

The Everglades Country Club's annual charity day has raised \$1500 from its major raffle.

Combined with the competition fees and money from the Three Putt Tin, the total was close to \$2000.

The charity to benefit this year was Gosford Hospital's burns unit.

The evening presentation and raffle draw saw record numbers attending, with 75 people at the newly-opened Star Room at the club.

Raffle winners on the night were

Val Foster, Toni Gillard and S Muleman from Bensville

The event saw 63 women and 107 men hitting off.

Trophy for the day went to Division One Ladies winner Fay Spence, Division Two Ladies winner Anne Roser, Ladies Two-Ball winners Lyn Fry and Anne Roser and Mixed Two-Ball winners Peter and Fay Spence.

Fay won the event last year on her birthday as well!

Bulletin, May 3  
Donna Mitchell,  
Everglades Country Club

## PCYC gym is revamped

The Umina PCYC has recently revamped its gym.

The gym includes weights, boxing, circuit box, general circuit, and a Rocking Gym on Thursday Nights.

The gym is open Monday through to Saturday.

The cost to join the PCYC is \$5 for under-18s and \$10 for over-18s.

A single gym session for under-

18s is \$5 and \$10 for a weekly gym session.

For over-18s a single gym session costs \$7 and \$15 for a weekly session.

The gym does not have contracts

For more information, contact 4344 7851.

Press release, April 18  
Tim Keogh, Umina PCYC



## Freshwater fishing day

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Fishing Club had a freshwater fishing day at Mt Penang Gardens, Kariong, recently.

The biggest fish was caught by weighmaster John Loudon with a 68cm Murray cod.

Murray cod were also caught by Katrina Lane, Shane Loudon and Les Lewis.

Other fish were also caught on the day included a silver perch by David Hurst plus a silver perch and a yellow belly by Todd Loudon.

Club secretary Lisa Loudon said the rest of the group had plenty of practice.

The early morning start saw a heavy fog move in but it did not affect the fishing, Ms Loudon said.

"The Mount Penang Gardens

was a great spot for a day out, close to home and everybody had a go, even the kids and the elderly," Ms Loudon said.

"At lunch time, the group returned to the clubhouse for a barbecue and refreshments and a lot of talk about the one that got away."

Press release, May 3  
Lisa Loudon,  
Ettalong Beach War Memorial  
Fishing Club

## New shirts

The Everglades Men's Bowlers have worn sponsored shirts for the first time in a representative game.

The newly designed and sponsored pennant shirts were organised by a small sub-committee, led by Mr Jim Jukes.

The major sponsor of the shirts was J and B Meats of Umina.

Newsletter, April 28  
Everglades Country Club

## Little athletics

Some 138 children in Woy Woy have signed up to Little Athletics for the current season.

The sport is assisted by McDonalds.

Owner and operator of McDonalds Woy Woy Mr John Ursino said he was pleased that the partnership was having such

a positive impact on the sport in Woy Woy.

"This is a fantastic achievement for Little Athletics Woy Woy and we are proud to have been able to assist them in achieving this result this year."

Press release, April 26  
Kristine Easterman,  
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## Pool management is approved

The proposed management framework for the Peninsula Leisure Centre has been approved by Gosford Council at its meeting of May 3.

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.

Council agenda SF.16, May 3

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## Cross country run in brilliant sunshine



**Students from both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College competed in the college cross country run last week.**

They "made full use of the beautiful local environment", according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Beginning at the park on Brickwharf Rd, students made their way along the shore all the way to Burge Rd before returning for a full 4km distance.

"In brilliant sunshine, 300 students tackled the beautiful course which was a threefold increase on the previous year," Mr Lewis said.

"Along the way, students were complimented by several members of the public on their fitness and agility."

Age division winners on the day included Michael Connelly, Ashleigh Edwards, Jason Hayward, Renee Mainwaring, Dylan Farrell, Jodie Berrigan, David Mainwaring, Holly Speerin, Chris Blair, Jessica Gehrels, David Laing and Cassie Deige.

College students will now go on to compete in the zone event on Friday, May 20.

Press release, May 11  
Pat Lewis,

Brisbane Water Secondary College



Peninsula Village staff members Pat Ireland, Agatha Richter, and Bree Thomas congratulate Sr Judy Paget (centre right) on her 50 years of nursing

## Fifty years of nursing

**International Nurses Day was celebrated at Peninsula Village on May 12 with Sr Judy Paget celebrating 50 years of nursing.**

Sr Paget commenced her training in 1955 at Concord Repatriation Hospital in Sydney where she attended war injuries incurred initially from the Second World War and Korea and eventually from Vietnam as well.

Sr Paget headed the intensive care unit for 18 years and was head

supervisor for 10 years.

Sr Paget moved to the Central Coast and commenced working at the Peninsula Village in 1996 where she is now the weekend supervisor at the centre, responsible for running the centre for the entire weekend.

Peninsula Village manager Ms Terri Parker presented Sr Paget with a plaque and staff gave their own gifts.

"Sr Paget has been instrumental in making the village a wonderful place for

our patients to live," Ms Parker said

Sr Paget said that she was grateful to the Peninsula Village for giving her an opportunity to let her continue working as a nurse when other Central Coast institutions said she was too old.

Financial controller Mr Glen Scorer said that Sr Paget was a wonderful asset to the organisation and her age helped her empathize with the residents.

Cec Bucello, May 13

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