

Council defers decision on lane application

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision regarding the lodgement of Tesrol's development application for Ettalong Beach, which will encroach onto a council-owned laneway off Memorial Ave.

A proposed application for the site seeks to close the laneway and to redevelop land fronting Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach, for a nine storey mixed commercial and residential development.

Because council is the owner of the laneway, it must consent to the lodgement of the development application.

If the development is approved, it would be necessary for the developer to make arrangements for council to close the road and then offer to purchase it from council.

Council's director of engineering operations Mr Stephen Glen advised that he needed to consider traffic movement before he could support the closure of the lane, thereby allowing council to give consent for the development.

A report by council officers stated that "accordingly, council should defer any consideration of the road closure until those reports are completed".

Mr Glen concurred with the recommendation on the proviso that council had the right to not proceed with the road closure.

Staff told the council, that being a public authority, it was in a different position to a private owner who could withhold consent to the lodgement of a development application.

The land and environment court had the functions and discretions of the council and may substitute its decision for that of the council.

The applicant could apply to the land and environment court for consent of the council to the lodgement of the application.

The report to council stated that "In this instance, council, by giving its consent to the lodgement of the development application, will avoid a legal challenge".

If council consents to the lodgement of the development application and has accepted the application, the decision to consent to the lodgement of the application cannot be rescinded.

The report went on to state that "approval of the lodgement of the development application will not fetter the council's discretion in determining the application".

The development, if approved, includes building under and above the existing lane, which must be closed before the development could progress.

Council has resolved that the developer acknowledge that development may only proceed if council approves closure of the lane way.

The developer must also lodge a separate application including the necessary traffic reports with respect to the closure and purchase of the laneway, and council has resolved that it cannot give its assurance that it will give its consent to the closure of the laneway.

Cr Peter Hale also asked council's acting director of engineering operations Mr Peter Hickman at council's meeting of May 24, if at the inspection of the laneway, a briefing could be held on the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan.

Mr Hickman said that a briefing on the foreshore plan could be held on site on June 14.

Council agenda FS.67, Q.66, May 24



The council's owned laneway off Memorial Ave

Dismay at shift from consultation

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has expressed its dismay at Gosford Council's apparent shift away from community consultation in significant decision-making.

Trust vice-president Mr Eric Tucker said this was particularly evident with the council's decision to go ahead with a restructure, despite community concern.

Under the restructure, the community services directorate and environmental planning directorate are integrated into the five remaining directorates.

The trust has 240 members from the Hardys Bay, Killcare and Wagstaffe Peninsula area and beyond.

Mr Tucker said members were concerned at the processes used by Gosford Council to dissolve the Community Services and Environmental Planning directorates.

"The debate on the axing of the Community Services and Environmental Planning Directorates, at the council meeting on May 24 highlighted a significant shift in the council's relationship with the community it represents," Mr Tucker said.

"It should always be remembered that the council and its employees are there to serve and meet the needs and expectations of the community.

"It is therefore crucial that there is always transparent and open communication with the community at large in all major changes to the approach and method of operation of the council.

"The council and the executive should therefore favour more, rather than less, transparency and communication."

Mr Tucker said the debate on

May 24 emphasised two areas of particular concern that have both short and long term ramifications for the council and the executive.

"They need to be able to work with and provide the services that the community has previously stated that they want and need," Mr Tucker said.

"Firstly, it is obvious that community consultation has fallen victim to the perceived need to fast-track important decisions on policy and structure.

"The meeting was told that the community should trust the elected councillors and the executive to carry out their wishes.

"It was inferred that community consultation slows up the management of council and in this instance there was no requirement to consult the public.

"Secondly, the community was asked to believe that there would be a full integration of the functions of the two axed directorates within the five newly-created directorates.

"An examination of the new organisation restructure does not give confidence that effective integration will result.

"For example, the separation of waste services from environment and planning into a department called city services gives no indication of how environmental policy, as outlined in the Sustainability Report 2004, will be integrated into decisions affecting the disposal of rubbish.

"Water and sewerage have a directorate of their own, although community services and the environment are not mentioned.

"More significantly, there is no mention of the environment in the environment and planning units."

Mr Tucker said the

organisational restructure appeared to be an ill-thought-out mish-mash of the new and the old.

"We are asked to rely on motherhood statements like 'the activities undertaken currently within the community and environmental directorate will not be reduced but aligned with other areas of council's operations to improve integration and achieve balanced sustainable outcomes'," Mr Tucker said.

"In the case of the environment, councillors at the meeting pointed out how vital this integration was.

"Who is to be the identifiable person with the vision to take on this role?

"How will conflicts of interest be dealt with?

"If efficiency and good management are to be the way of the future, is it too much to ask that the restructure of council will demonstrate to councillors and to the community how vital areas like environment and community services will be integrated on a daily basis into the operations of each of the five directorates which remain?

Mr Tucker also said it was stated "that the general manager was unable to cope and work efficiently interfacing with the seven directorate heads on a daily basis".

"May we recommend that, rather than undertaking a massive reorganisation of the entire Gosford City Council executive and staff, it may have been more prudent to have provided additional immediate support to the general manager, possibly an assistant general manager," Mr Tucker said.

**Press release, May 27
Eric Tucker,
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**

Levy survey to be discussed

The proposed Peninsula Business Levy survey results and the meeting from May 23 will be discussed at Gosford Council's meeting on June 7, according to council's director of finance and corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky.

The question of when the survey results and the outcome of

the meeting would be discussed was raised by Cr Chris Holstein at council's meeting of May 24.

Cr Holstein had asked whether the meeting and its outcomes would be part of the report detailed to council regarding the survey.

Mr Pasternatsky stated that the survey would close on Friday, May 27 and that the report would come back to council on June 7.

Council agenda Q.60, May 24

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The new entrance to the Ettalong Beach Club Resort

Opening for club reception

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club is getting ready to celebrate the opening of the club's permanent entry and reception.

With development of the old club site almost clear of the entry area, it is finally safe for members and guests to enter the club the way

they were meant to, according to Ettalong Beach Club general manager Mr Peter Hale.

"We are certain that the opening of our impressive permanent entry will make a big difference to our membership, who have let us know how much they have been anticipating it," said Mr Hale.

"As long as there are no delays, we are anticipating that permanent entry will open for members and guests on Friday, June 10."

The club is giving away over \$500,000 worth of prizes during June through a scratchie promotion.

Every household on the Peninsula will receive a scratchie later in the month, with every scratchie winning a prize.

The opening of the Club's permanent entry will coincide with the opening of the Outrigger Resort Ettalong Beach, which is expected to open on Monday, June 14.

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Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

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To enter, simply send your name and phone number on the back of an envelope to Health and Beauty Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2250.

The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre will host the event from June 17 to 19.

The Good Health and Beauty Show and Natural Health Care Expo will be presented by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) and The Complementary Healthcare Council of Australia to help educate Australians to take an active role in their own healthcare.

For more information contact Mikala Robertson or Dina Moss on 9967 9399.

Press release, May 23
Dina Moss

Equipment grants

Four groups on the Peninsula have been awarded grants under the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants program.

The groups are the St John Ambulance Cadets, Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre, the Peninsula Swans Australian Rules Football Club and the Umina Campus P and C Bushcare Group.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd announced the local grants as part of almost \$33,300 in funding allocated to Central Coast groups.

St John Ambulance Australia Brisbane Water Cadet Division received \$1636 for a data projector.

Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre received \$2271.80 for a portable air conditioner.

The Umina Campus P & C Bushcare Group received \$834.55 for two waders, one wheelbarrow, eight sets of cutting equipment, 10 sets of digging equipment and eight pairs of gloves.

The Peninsula Swans Australian Rules Football Club received \$982.45 for two gazebos, line marking equipment and a barbecue.

"This funding will help make dedicated volunteers' valuable work easier, safer and more enjoyable," Mr Lloyd said.

Press release, May 20
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Resident recognised at Parliament House

Woy Woy resident Ms Beverly Thompson has been recognised in the NSW Government's Public Housing Seniors Achievement Awards held at Parliament House in Sydney.

She was presented with her award by NSW Housing Minister Mr Joe Tripodi and Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, recently.

Ms Andrews praised the efforts of her local housing stalwart.

"Bev's motto in life is 'to help and be there for others' and she has certainly lived up to this motto," Ms Andrews said.

"Since 1970 Beverly has fostered 140 children. This is a remarkable achievement of humanity."

Ms Thompson is a sole parent with two grown children of her own and adopted Shelley, who suffers from borderline Downs Syndrome, when she was a baby.

As well as being a dedicated foster parent, Ms Thompson volunteers with Meals on Wheels and is a tireless worker for the elderly, providing friendship, support, meals and gifts to others.

Ms Thompson volunteers for the Pioneer Dog Training School every week, and fundraises for the elderly and the RSPCA.

Thirty-three years ago Ms Thompson also set up the South Woy Woy Kariong Physical Culture Club and has taught young girls ever since.

Ms Thompson is also setting up the Footprints Hall of Fame history exhibition at an old school in Point Claire, which will open soon.

The awards were open to all public housing residents aged 60 years of age and people with a lifelong disability over the age of 50 years.

Fifty nominations were received from across the state and two seniors were recognised in each of the department's four divisions.

Mr Tripodi said he was delighted to present Beverly with her award.

"With seniors representing 17 per cent of the public housing tenants, the NSW Government has officially recognised the talent, wisdom and achievements of our senior public housing residents such as Beverly Thompson," Mr Tripodi said.

"Many of the senior achievers that were recognised at the ceremony have faced their own challenges in life, yet work selflessly and tirelessly for their friends, neighbours and community."

Press release, May 23
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

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Traffic strategy is on display

A traffic management strategy for Ocean Beach Rd developed by ARUP is currently on display.

The strategy includes marked traffic lanes along the entire length of Ocean Beach Rd, a bike lane along the entire length of the road, four new major intersection treatments and all other streets have either right turn bays or a central median to create a left-in, left-out turning arrangement.

The strategy proposes traffic lights or roundabouts at the intersections with Dunban and McMasters Rds.

Roundabouts are also proposed for the intersections with Railway St, Woy Woy, and Wellington St, Umina.

Bus stop locations have been rationalised.

According to ARUP's proposal, the resultant strategy "provides a much safer road environment for all users with turning lane provisions at intersections and numerous pedestrians' facilities".

A road safety review was also undertaken along the entire route.

The review identified a range of potential road safety hazards, including unprotected hazards, incorrect or inadequate signage, poor delineation, a poorly located pedestrian refuge and inadequate right turn treatments.

The report states that "some of these items have been addressed by the strategy and others can be dealt with as individual items".

The report stated that, with Ocean Beach Rd being a major arterial road on the Peninsula, traffic delays and safety, especially for pedestrians, was a concern.

"Delays to traffic are of particular concern for access to the road from side streets", the report stated.

The ARUP report states that the purpose of the study was to develop a traffic management strategy for the entire length of Ocean Beach Rd that took account of the anticipated population growth on the Peninsula and accommodated all road users.

The report states that Ocean

Beach Rd is typically 12.8m between kerbs, although there are some sections that are slightly narrower.

The strategy proposed a road cross-section with two 3.4m traffic lanes, in addition to 1.5 metre wide bike lanes and a central three metre wide turning lane or median area as appropriate.

Trafalgar Ave will still provide a parallel off-road bike route.

The report states that many of the pedestrian crossing facilities and improved turning lanes will aid bike movements across Ocean Beach Rd.

On-street parking has been prohibited in the strategy.

The report also states that the northern section of Ocean Beach Rd between Railway St and Rawson Rd contains a high proportion of commercial land use and hence parking activity occurs on street.

The strategy described in this section would remove all of this on-street car parking, which "may affect the businesses in this area".

The report suggests that given that the Victoria Rd-Paton St intersection had already been addressed, the existing traffic arrangements that allow on-street car parking could be retained.

Arup was appointed by council to undertake the traffic management study for Ocean Beach Rd between Railway St, Woy Woy and West St, Umina.

The study developed a 'traffic management plan' for Ocean Beach Rd identifying strategies to improve traffic movement, safety and facilities for vulnerable road users now and into the future.

The plan addresses capacity issues and provides cost effective recommendations.

The report was prepared by John Hanlon, Joanna Lau and Ernest Wong on behalf of ARUP.

The strategy is on exhibition for public comment until June 10.

For further information, contact Mr Keith Dawson on 4325 8853.

Traffic Management Strategy, May 2005 Gosford Council



Train tracks along Brisbane Water Drive

Warning of noisy night trackwork

RailCorp has warned of possible "noisy" night trackworks on the Peninsula in coming weeks.

Local residents have been advised that essential rail maintenance and upgrading works have been scheduled in the area, with some work taking place at the Rawson Rd and Koolewong level crossings.

Other rail work will take place along the Woy Woy track.

Track works at Woy Woy will include tamping, rerailing, resleepering, track adjustment, overhead wire works, removal of noxious weed and vegetation management, fibre optic cable installations and rail grinding.

RailCorp has stated that minor traffic delays may occur at level crossings while work is carried out though traffic controllers would assist with traffic flow.

The corporation noted that rail

grinding and track tamping were noisy activities which may occur at night.

The works will be conducted from 2am on Saturday, June 11 through to 2am on Tuesday, June 14.

Buses will replace trains in both directions during the weekend.

For more information on these works, contact 9847 8583 from 8am to 5pm.

Press release, May 24 RailCorp

Petitions against levy

Two petitions have been received by Gosford Council from both commercial property owners and business operators on the Peninsula.

A petition with 105 signatures was sent from owners of commercial properties and business operators in the Woy Woy area objecting to the introduction of a Special Business

Rate.

The petitioners stated that the proposed rate was directly on the owners of commercial property, yet it has been promoted and variously identified as a Special Business Rate. The petition also claimed that vacant commercial property was to be rated.

A separate petition with 65 signatures was lodged by Ocean Beach Dry Cleaners and

Laundrette, Umina, on behalf of businesses in the Umina CBD also wanting to register their objection to the proposed levy.

The petitioners stated that even though the levy was against the property owners, in nearly all cases the levy would be passed onto the tenants, most who already pay council rates and feel the proposed levy is unjust.

Council agenda P.37, P.38, May 24

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Excited at Tesrol prospect

I think the Ettalong Beach Resort is just fantastic and I really like the look of the proposed new Tesrol building on the old carpark site.

I have lived here for many years and watched Ettalong Beach go from a vibrant tourist town in the 60s and 70s to a dumpy town centre struggling to do business in the 1990s largely because nobody

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wanted to invest in the real estate.

Well, now things have changed and I for one am excited over the prospect of people enjoying our town and the beach as a result of all the new investment.

Why do you think we got a bank back in town? Because they know it has a future.

J Galway, Woy Woy

Levy meeting set good example

What a refreshing change to see ratepayers actually involve themselves in the decision-making process of local government.

I refer to a meeting which took place on Monday, May 23, at the Peninsula Theatre dealing with what appears to be a burdensome imposition on the community, through a special business rate, which must by its very definition be passed onto all residents.

What had me bewildered was the numerical lack of representation from the Chamber of Commerce compared to local business operators.

While it was just on the off chance that I happened to be visiting in the area and was invited

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to this meeting, I was extremely impressed with the participation of the community at a local level.

It is unfortunate that this has not yet spread to my own local government area, Penrith.

Perhaps we should organise some meetings and invite speakers such as those who attended this meeting to fervently oppose another tax without proper representation on the people of NSW.

Samuel Adams made the statement "No taxation without representation".

It is as true today as it was in 1776.

Tom Collins, Emu Plains

Aboriginal funding is up by 140%

I refer to the letter "Aboriginal program funding cut back" (Forum, May 16) about funding for Aboriginal programs at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Since then the total allocations to date have been confirmed, and a major increase means the College is able to extend its support to indigenous students.

This year, the College has received a total of \$33,600 in state funding specifically for Aboriginal

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programs, an increase of \$19,600 or 140 per cent over last year.

It will enable the College to reinforce the programs and support it offers Aboriginal students to ensure they have every possible opportunity to reach their full potential at the College.

This approach is applied to all students at the College and its success is seen throughout the

teaching and learning programs and in the students' outcomes.

As for federal funding, the application process is still to be completed, but the community can be sure that any additional monies will reinforce the excellent Aboriginal support already in place.

Maree Roberts,
Deputy Regional Director
NSW Department of Education
and Training

Cycleway missing from map

The Gosford City Cycleways map recently distributed through libraries is quite informative, but has a very important omission.

It does not include a cycleway which has more bikes per 0.5 km at any given time than any other area.

For those who have not already guessed the location, I give you the footpaths of West St, Umina.

This is in spite of signs which

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prohibit the riding of bicycles by anyone at any time. There are 23 of them installed by the RTA - two at each end of the street, one at the pedestrian crossing in middle and two on all side streets.

Council claims it is for the police to control and police say it's a job for council rangers.

If we can't have control over bikes on footpaths where they are

prohibited, then please let us have the obstacle course we have for a footpath, cleared of all tables and chairs, advertising signs (visual pollution) and goods for sale.

Then install plenty of speed humps to slow the bikes down, as the aforementioned items are now doing.

It may then be possible for shoppers to shop locally.

Dean Hartigan, Umina

Public meeting about Peninsula 'progress'

Peninsula residents have responded loudly to our petition calling for no more high-rises in Ettalong as shown in the Peninsula News on May 16.

As of Saturday, May 21, we have collected more than 1000 signatures calling on the Minister for Planning Mr Craig Knowles to not allow the rezoning of the old Ettalong Club site that would enable Multiplex to build a seven-storey block of residential units.

Residents are dismayed that such a gross overdevelopment of the site could even be considered, let alone encouraged by our council.

Many locals encouraged us to go even further and call for a halt to all unit and villa development on the Peninsula.

Unfortunately for most, the Peninsula Urban 'Developers' Strategy, now on public exhibition, is calling for more of the same,

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only denser. But it will be prettier.

This further densification of the suburbs coupled with high-rise in the town centres will quickly make the Peninsula unliveable.

The State Government budget released last week shows that once again Gosford and the Peninsula will not get the infrastructure necessary to accommodate the growing population.

The fast train link to Sydney and Newcastle promised 10 years ago

has fallen off the tracks despite the State going into massive debt to provide infrastructure in other parts of the state.

The new plan for Ocean Beach Rd is a further indication that the local roads simply can't cope with the present volume of vehicles in peak times.

Improvements will be swamped in the coming years making it faster to walk from Umina to Woy Woy station where you will be lucky to get a seat on the slow moving trains.

As a result of public anger at this Council's version of Progress, residents have decided to hold a public meeting at Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, at 2pm on Saturday, June 11.

For further information, contact Bryan Ellis on 4342 2251.

Bryan Ellis, Woy Woy

PENINSULA PROJECT GROUP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Peninsula Project was developed by the Premier's Department of NSW to develop and implement effective and efficient whole of government and whole of community solutions to address the issues facing young people and older people in the Peninsula area.

Expressions of interest are invited from community members interested in participating on a working group that will be responsible for encouraging the activities created through the Project to continue. This group will comprise of 10 community members and will also include members of State Agencies. Members will receive training and support.

Applications should include your claim for the position together with any other supporting information.

Prior involvement in the Peninsula Project's activities will be highly regarded however not essential.

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Police are appealing for help to locate a man who has been missing from his Woy Woy home since January this year.

John Edward French was believed to have left his home on or about January 12.

His destination was not known.

Inquiries by detectives from the Brisbane Water Local Area Command concluded that Mr French was a quiet person who lived alone and kept to himself.

Mr French was also an enthusiastic member of a model boat club, but members have not seen or heard from him since early January.

Police and Mr French's family

hold grave concerns for his welfare.

Mr French's family have told police it is out-of-character for him to disappear.

Police are keen to hear from any members of the public who might have spoken with Mr French over the past few months.

In particular, police would like to hear from any person who might have had civil or legal dealings with Mr French in the months leading up to his disappearance, or since January.

Anybody with information should contact Gosford Police Station on 4323 5599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, May 26
Police Media



Water slides under construction at the leisure centre

Leisure centre almost finished

Construction of the Peninsula Leisure Centre is now in its final stages.

The internal fit-out continuing and landscaping and carpark construction works have commenced, according to Gosford Council's recreation services manager Mr Peter Hickman.

Mr Hickman said interior works were progressing well with the final wall panel on the eastern side of the courts being filled in after the final timber delivery for the courts floor.

"The mountain ash sprung court floor is currently being laid and will provide excellent playing conditions," Mr Hickman said.

"The courts will be marked for basketball, netball and volleyball."

Mr Hickman said there was also a retractable dividing net that could be lowered to separate the two courts.

Because of the natural light from the skylights, the courts will

require no artificial lighting during the day.

Mr Hickman said tiling of the pools and surrounds would be continuing for several weeks.

"The final touches are being made to the facilities in the leisure pool with the construction of the slide," Mr Hickman said.

"The bathrooms and change rooms are being completed.

"The aerobics room and the gym have been completed and council has accepted a tender for supply of the gym equipment.

"The builders are now supervising the project from the gymnasium and the site sheds that have been at the western end of the site have been removed so that work on the carparks can commence."

Mr Hickman said landscaping was expected to start in early June and would take three weeks to complete.

"This involves extensive

planting, outdoor furniture, signage and the planting of many large palms," Mr Hickman said.

Mr Hickman said the acoustic fence was being constructed on the southern side of the leisure centre and when this was finished the fence on the northern side would be built.

The fence is being constructed using a blue corrugated steel sheeting.

"The extensive roadworks are now largely completed," Mr Hickman said.

"Work continues on the Blackwall Rd improvements with progress on schedule to be finished before the opening of the centre.

"The public telephone will be relocated along Blackwall Rd near the bicycle path that is now being constructed on the northern side of the site."

Press release, May 20
Peter Hickman, Gosford Council

Petition about barking dogs

Gosford Council has received a petition concerning barking dogs in Umina.

A petition, with 11 signatures, was received by council from residents of Cambridge St, Umina, with concerns over four dogs in the street.

The petitioners stated that

the dogs barked and howled constantly day and night.

They also claimed that the dogs were chained up and one appeared to be trapped in an outside toilet.

The petitioners requested council's support in resolving the problem.

Council agenda P.36, May 24

Bus zones changed

Gosford Council's road safety and traffic unit have arranged for the relocation of a bus zone in West St, Umina, and associated changes to parking restrictions.

Busways recently asked that council's traffic committee consider changes to parking restrictions in part of Umina Beach as a result of

the erection of a new street light pole.

Due to the placement of a new street light pole Busways drivers were experiencing difficulty exiting the bus zone in West St between Fyffe Lane and South St.

Gosford Council has also agreed for the bus zone on the northern side of Ocean View Rd between Karingi St and Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach, to be extended by seven metres.

Busways recently requested the extension to accommodate more buses.

Currently there is a bus zone on the northern side of Ocean View Rd opposite the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The bus zone is 21 metres

long, which Busways stated was adequate for one bus.

The company claimed that there were many occasions each day where one route bus waited for another bus on a separate route, to allow passengers to interconnect.

At these times, two buses needed to be accommodated within the zone.

Busways requested that the zone be extended by seven metres, requiring the removal of one parking space.

Council's traffic committee recommended that the bus zone be extended by seven metres.

Council agenda TR 05.068, TR 05.074, May 24



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Bins removed from foreshore

Local residents have raised concerns over the removal of bins from the Ettalong foreshore.

These metal "swing bins" are placed by council for the convenience of beach-users during the warmer months.

A council staff member said the bins are phased out around Easter or Anzac Day, and completely removed in late May for maintenance and repainting.

They are re-introduced around October in preparation for the peak of the swimming period.

The staff member said that when the bins were put back, care was taken to reposition them in such a way that they did not interfere with the dunes or their vegetation.

During the colder months, beach users were encouraged to use the plastic rubbish bins that were available all year round.

Stuart Baumann, May 27

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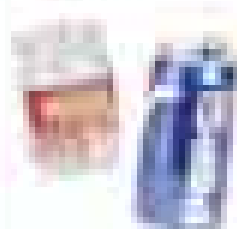
'Let's get it sorted' 

Waste/Recycling grants

Applications are now open for the 2005
'Let's get it sorted' Waste/Recycling grants

What are the grants for?

The aim of the 2005 Waste/Recycling Grants is to support innovative local waste management programs that develop or widen the Gosford community's knowledge, skills and commitment to waste avoidance and resource recovery.



Who can apply for a grant?

The total funds to be offered for the 2005 Waste/Recycling Grants would be allocated as follows:

- \$5,000 to educational institutions such as pre-schools, primary schools, high schools, TAFE and university
- \$5,000 to community-based organisations such as Scouts, Girl Guides, Lions Club and Rotary
- \$5,000 to businesses



What kinds of projects would receive a grant?

Some examples of the types of projects we may like to fund include:

- steel can recycling awareness
- community recycling education project for tourist population
- scouts/guides recycling collection scheme
- plastic bag reduction project
- reuse scheme such as Scrap Store for craft materials, furniture exchange
- bicycle refurbishment and reuse
- community composting education such as waste-wise gardening



How do I apply for a grant?

Get a copy of the grants guidelines and application form from SITA Environmental Solutions - ph 4324 8133 or Gosford City Council - ph 4325 8841 or go to our website - www.gosford.nsw.gov.au and follow the links.

Applications close
17 June 2005



Showroom planned for old Mobil site

A two-storey showroom is being planned for the old Mobil fuel station site on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Bowden Rd.

The proposed development will occupy numbers 177 to 181 on Blackwall Rd, with the building itself covering an area of 973.6 square metres, on a site of 2163.56 square metres.

The plan has been put forward by Longhill Planning on behalf of Rebel Investment Nominees Pty. Ltd.

The proposed structure is a mixed showroom and warehouse, and will have some two-storey sections.

It will feature a coloured steel roof and textured masonry walls, with large glass feature windows.

No existing trees on the site will be removed, and the plans submitted show more will be added.

A new footpath is proposed for the northern and eastern sides of the development.

The proposed development will include parking for up to 24 cars and will have new access points onto Blackwall Rd and Bowden Rd.

Some local residents have already lodged objections, raising concerns that the land is zoned 2A (residential) but the proposed development will put it to industrial or commercial use.

Lyle Stone, Stuart Baumann
May 27

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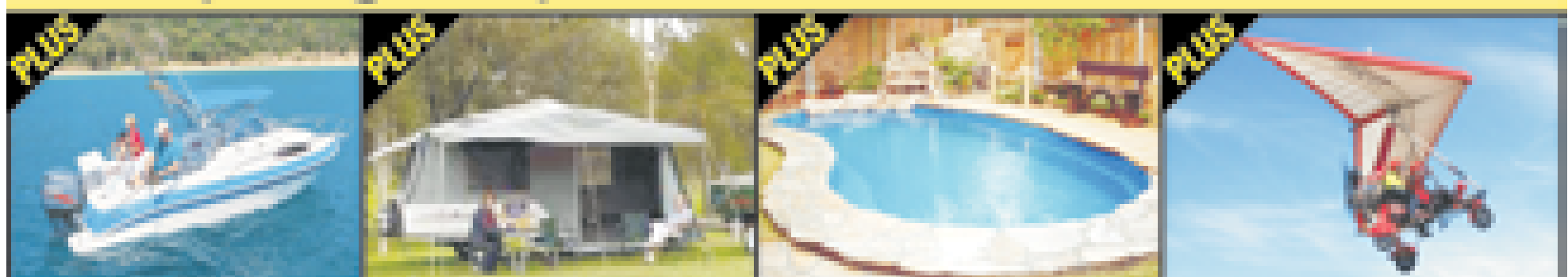
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What's on

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 C W A H W W , 1 0 : 3 0 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**
AI-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, **ESSC**, 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
AI-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**
 Ettalong **Creek Landcare** group, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.
Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm.
Dancing Old time/ New Vogue, 1pm, **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.
AI-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

Tuesday, 31 May
World No Tobacco Day
Friday, June 3
Acoustic Blues on the Central Coast. Enjoy a special concert at the Peninsula Theatre featuring Jim Conway, Don Hopkins, Rob Grosser and Earlwood Greg. Tickets are selling fast. Call Peninsula Music for more info. on 4342 9099.
Saturday, June 4
Kid's Day
Sunday, June 5
Urban Excentrics launch their new cd at the Troubadour Acoustic Music Club - 1.30pm, CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Urban Excentrics feature two double basses, an excellent guitarist, a beautiful voice, banjo, mandolin and lots more. See attachment 4 and the photograph for more information or visit our website: www.ccbdma.org
World Environment Day
Tuesday, 7 June
Glass Painting, PWHC From 10am Enquiries: 43 425905
Monday, 13 June
Queen's Birthday public holiday long weekend.
Tuesday, 14 June
Glass Painting, PWHC From 10am Enquiries: 43 425905
Tuesday, 21 June
Winter Solstice
Friday, 24 June
Red Nose Day Support research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and buy a Red Nose Day product from local participating retailers.
Saturday, 30 June
Free Legal Advice, PWHC Enq: 43 425905

Glass painting class planned

A glass painting class has been planned for the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.

Health education worker Ms Kate Bradfield said the session has been designed to assist people to develop their creative skills, find relaxation, improve their self-esteem and find enjoyment in seeing their painting come to life.

Margaret Edwards from Tall

Poppy Creations will facilitate the group.

The workshop will be held over two Tuesdays, June 7 and 14, from 10am to noon.

A fee of \$10 to cover materials is payable the first week.

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

Press release, May 23
Kate Bradfield, PWHC

Sculptors work with students

Sculptors Marty Nuku and Sueanne Matthews worked with art students at Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus to produce sculpture for an exhibition recently.

The work was produced for Sculpture by the Bay 'Future Environments' which was held from April 22 to May 15.

Their work was entitled

Absence/Presence, and the pair said it reflected the simple pleasures of community life.

Students involved with the exhibition included Belinda Beasley, Christie Smith, Rachel Rowe, Kate Cunliffe, Sally Brooks, Nicole Pavitt, Brooke Ceaser, Kacy Hucker, Clint Alexander, Clare O'Hara and Beth Muller.

Newsletter, May 12
Campusnews@BWSC

Amanda wins jewellery medal

Umina resident Amanda Campbell has been awarded a TAFE NSW state medal for outstanding achievement in the jewellery trade.

Ms Campbell was presented with the medal on Friday, May 20.

The 23-year-old received one of only 57 medals, which were presented to Sydney Institute graduates.

Ms Campbell recently completed a three year Jewellery Trade Certificate III at Enmore Design Centre and secured first place in NSW with her outstanding jewellery.

Ms Campbell had to complete three pieces of jewellery for her final project, including an 18ct yellow and white gold shell brooch-pendant which she hand-carved the shape from wax.

The shell was set with white and champagne diamonds, hanging on a strand of peridot beads with Tahitian and South Sea pearls.

Ms Campbell said that her success would not have been possible without the guidance and support of her employer, Mr Russell Carr, of NV Designer Jewellery, East Gosford.

Mr Carr has also recently been the recipient of an award at the Jewellery Association of Australia Bi-annual Awards for a black and white diamond, mabé pearl pendant.

"I have been lucky to be doing



One of the award-winning pieces, an 18ct white gold shell

my apprenticeship under such a great jeweller," Ms Campbell said.

"I think it has really contributed to me achieving such a great result."

Of his apprentice, Russell Carr said: "This award is a credit to Amanda.

"From the beginning, I have observed her dedication and

commitment to her chosen trade.

"This combined with her natural ability and artistic flair is apparent by the quality of the jewellery that she produces.

"Amanda is a true asset and I am looking forward to our continued working relationship."

Press release, May 16
Rebecca Campbell

Music festival at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Music Festival will be held over the June long weekend at the Memorial Hall, Pearl Beach.

A line up highlight this year will be a cabaret act known as Black Tie.

The official opening will be performed by Sydney Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Donald Hazelwood, followed by the Omni String Quartet

Performances this year will include Heavenly Light Trio and

Concertante Ensemble along with the Sydney Trio led by Donald Hazelwood

The official opening and performances by the Omni String Quartet will begin at 3pm on June 11, followed by Black Tie performing at 7.30pm.

June 12 will see the Sydney Trio perform at 3pm followed by the Concertante Ensemble at 7.30pm.

The event will finish on June 13 with a performance by the Heavenly Light Trio at 11am.

All proceeds will be used for local Pearl Beach conservation projects.

Bookings can be made by contacting 4343 1455 or 4341 5053.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under the age of 12.

Press release, May 23
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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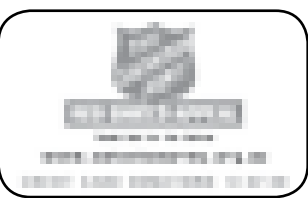
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Most successful pastry exhibitor

A Umina pastrycook has won several categories at this year's Port Macquarie Baking Show which was held at Port Macquarie Settlement City, on Wednesday, May 18.

At the show Bremen Patisserie completed in the novelty bread section, apprentice section, pasty and cake section. In this year's competition and also last year's competition, the patisserie won champion cake-pastry of the show trophy and most successful cake and pastry exhibitor.

The Patisserie has also won the first prize in categories including novelty bread, pasties, gateau (minimum three layers), novelty cake and wedding dake.

The Patisserie has also won second prize in the novelty cake category.

Bremen Patisserie also won third prize in categories including pasties, mud cake, mixed danish pastries (apprentice section) and large quiche (apprentice section). "Pasty cooking is an art," said proprietor Mr Ron Bruns. "Great pastry cooks are born not just made," he said. "For a perfect product, the cake or pastry must look and feel exactly right, smell fantastic, and of course taste great."

Press release, May 23
Ron Bruns

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Budget boost for school building

Several major school infrastructure projects were among those to either begin, or to continue, on the Peninsula, as a result of the State Budget.

Ongoing projects will include the Stage 2 upgrade of the Brisbane Water Secondary College, and \$3 million for the Woy Woy Transitional Care Unit.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said: "The upgrade at the Woy Woy campus includes a new science lab, upgrade of classrooms and a new cafeteria.

"It will also add a new movement studio and two new basketball courts to the school's facilities," she said.

Project costs will be announced once the tender has been awarded to ensure a competitive process.

Ms Andrews said a major upgrade would begin at Umina Public School.

"This upgrade consists of a new two-storey block of classrooms and toilets," she said.

Allocation for major road projects include \$100,000 for a wire rope barrier along Brisbane Water Dr.

Ms Andrews said the projects created jobs and were a vital investment in the future of the people in the local area.

Press release, May 24
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats



As part of Law Week 2005, police and court officers from Woy Woy court attended the Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus at Woy Woy to conduct an information session sponsored by Arive Alive

Umina hosts debating

Umina Public School hosted the first round of the Peninsula Debating Competition on Thursday, May 12.

Teams from Woy Woy South, Empire Bay, Ettalong, Pt Clare and Pretty Beach primary schools came to debate the topic "Homework Should Be Compulsory".

Umina argued in favour of the topic while Empire Bay argued the negative.

The Umina team of Holly Austine, Jack Walters, Olivia Brown and Samantha Ramsey came second by a smallest of margins.

Amanda Gaston and Erin Pearson were chairperson and time keeper.

Mr Mike Gearo, from Kip McGrath, adjudicated for the three debates.

Newsletter, May 17

Department to acquire laneway

Gosford Council has resolved to support the Department of Education's compulsory acquisition of a section of an unformed laneway adjacent to the Ettalong Beach Public School.

The approval was subject to all council's costs being met by the Department.

Council was recently told by the Department of Education and Training that it wanted to compulsorily acquire a section of unformed laneway which currently bisects the playground of the

Ettalong Beach Public School.

The area of laneway is between Lots 15 and 16 (fronting Karingi St) and Lots 28 and 29 (fronting Uligandi St).

The school owns further lots to the east which have been developed as a playground, school buildings and other facilities.

An inspection of the laneway by council showed that the laneway stopped at the boundary of Lots 14 and 27.

The laneway becomes a grassed area which is maintained by the Ettalong Beach Public

School and used as a playground.

A fence limits access from the laneway to the playground area of the school.

A report from by council officers stated that the "disposal of the laneway will not affect the amenity or access to nearby private properties".

The matter was also referred to the relevant directorates of council with no objections received.

Public comment will be sought by the department as part of the compulsory acquisition process.

Council agenda FS.68, May 24

Parenting challenge

The Beachside Family Centre will run a free course next month for parents facing the challenges of parenting.

Ideas for Parents is a group for mums and dads with school aged children up to eight years old.

The group discusses what is normal for this age group, building communication with children, increasing your child's self-esteem, making discipline work

and helping your children cope with change.

The course runs for five sessions on Wednesdays, 10am to noon, from June 1 to June 29.

Child Care available for a gold coin donation and bookings are essential.

For more information, contact 4343 1929.

Newsletter, May 17
Umina Public School

A call for enrolments

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is calling for enrolments in all years, to start in the 2006 school year.

An enrolment pack can be collected from the school between 9am to 1pm on school days or by contacting the school on 4341 0884.

Applications close tomorrow (Tuesday), May 31.

Press release, May 16

Money raised for safety houses

The Woy Woy Public School community has raised \$256.65 for the Peninsula Safety House program.

Peninsula Safety House representative Ms Brooke White said students were interested in an address from Constable Jaime Griffin.

"With 65 per cent of the school community walking or riding bikes to and from school, it was vital that we encourage this worthwhile program," Ms White said.

"With only six safety houses

servicing Woy Woy School, we are in urgent need of more so that all our children can feel safe not only traveling to and from school but at weekends."

If any parents or carers, who live close to the school, are interested in the safety house program, they can contact Brooke White on 4342 3266.

Newsletter, May 27
Namalata

School holds dinner dance

The St John the Baptist School annual fundraiser dinner dance will be held on Saturday, June 18, from 6pm at Ettalong Beach Club.

The cost is \$40 per head including dinner, raffles, a sport auction and entertainment.

Dress is casual and tickets can

be purchased by contacting Anella on 4341 4700 or 0408 054 959.

Participants can organise their own table in a group of 10 or buy individual tickets and be seated on the night.

Newsletter, May 18
The Ocean Breeze,
Ettalong Beach Club

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Peninsula celebrates Australia's biggest morning tea

Several organisations and businesses on the Peninsula took part in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Morning teas were held at Ettalong Public School; Everglades Country Club; National Australia Bank, Woy Woy; Pearses Chemmart Pharmacy, Umina; St George Bank, Woy Woy; Campbells Home Hardware; Soul Pattinson Pharmacy, Umina; and in a private home on St Huberts Island.

The largest and most successful morning tea was that held at Campbells Home Hardware where over \$2000 was raised.

Food was donated and cooked by Pine Solutions of Berkley Vale and Home Hardware proprietor Mark Campbell donated products to the value of \$500 for a raffle.



Australia's biggest morning tea celebrations at (top left) Campbells Home Hardware (top right) St George Bank branch Woy Woy and (Above) National Australia Bank branch Woy Woy

Cec Bucello, May 28

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