



The new bike path being built on Brisbane Water Dr, Woy Woy

Mangroves investigated

Gosford Council is investigating reports of destruction of mangroves along Brisbane Water Dr, Woy Woy, during the construction of the new bike path.

At council's meeting of June

7, Cr Terri Latella requested an investigation and report regarding possible mangrove destruction.

Council's acting director of environmental planning Mr Garry Chestnut said he would investigate and advise Cr Latella.

Council agenda Q.75, June 7

Meeting opposes high rise plans

A public meeting attended by more than 120 people on Saturday passed motions opposing high rise in Ettalong and calling for public consultation with councillors.

The meeting passed a motion deploring high rise in Ettalong and demanding that a four-storey option be considered.

It also called for a public consultation forum with councillors which allowed residents to express their views on the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

The meeting asked that the

forum take place daytime on a weekend and not during school holidays.

Meeting organiser Mr Bryan Ellis called on residents to oppose recommendations for "consolidated growth" contained within the strategy.

He claimed that the strategy relied on infrastructure for which no provision had been made and which would lead to "excessive over-development".

A further public meeting would be held at Ettalong Progress Hall on Saturday, July 9.

Mark Snell, June 11

No action on business levy

Gosford Council has unanimously resolved to take no further action on the proposed Peninsula business levy.

The move followed a resurvey of business property owners on the Peninsula, which returned a figure of 97 per cent against the introduction of the proposed levy, with four votes in favour and 130 against.

One property owner was undecided.

The second letter and survey were forwarded to all business property owners who would be affected by the special rate on May 12.

A public meeting was also held at the Peninsula Theatre on Monday, May 23.

The vote at the public meeting

showed four votes in favour of the levy and 111 against.

A council report stated that "the comments and questions raised at the meeting were very critical of council and the proposal and the comments contained in the 130 No survey responses varied from outrage at the imposition of an additional levy, dissatisfaction with council, dissatisfaction with the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, and a combination of all three".

The report went on to state that "based on the second survey result, a submission to the Minister would not be appropriate".

At council's meeting of June 7, Cr Trevor Drake asked "How did council get it so wrong?"

Cr Drake said he saw the levy as a chance for the Peninsula to move forward adding that he could

see the advantages of the rate.

Cr Drake also asked if the levy could be revisited down the track, stating he did not want the Peninsula to be forgotten.

Cr Robert Bell sought advice on how council could conduct the process better in the future.

General manager Mr Peter Wilson suggested that next time council take a greater role in the process.

Umina anti-levy activist Mr Ed James was also present at the meeting to voice on placards his concerns over the proposed levy and the way the story had been approached by News Limited.

Mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks had Mr James removed from the public meeting for refusing to be silent and for displaying the placards.

Lyle Stone, Council agenda FS.69, June 7

Hale supports 'CBD high rise'

Gosford councillor and Ettalong Beach Memorial Club general manager Cr Peter Hale has come out in favour of "CBD high-rise" on the Peninsula.

However, he has expressed concern that this might be perceived as rendering Ettalong Beach a "mini Gold Coast".

In a press release to local media, he said he did not support "the blind, relentless construction of high-rises across Ettalong and The Peninsula".

"However, I believe that most CBDs need CBD high-rise," said Cr Hale.

Cr Hale said this high-rise could potentially improve local economic viability, generate employment and keep housing prices affordable.

It could also improve security, reduce traffic, keep pressure off rate rises and result in better urban design.

"Consider the extra people who, by their day-to-day living and recreational requirements, will spend money locally and render the CBDs economically viable," Cr

Hale said.

"Just look at the shops currently standing empty while other hard-working small businesses try to scrape together a living."

Cr Hale said residential developments would bring people into the town and create visible movement and activity making committing crime or indulging in other anti-social behavior harder to carry out without being witnessed.

"CBD residential developments actually reduce road traffic because residents are located next to shops and, in Ettalong's case, next to the school as well," Cr Hale said.

"The new Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Outrigger resort will, when those businesses mature, provide 300 jobs in the facility itself and at least 1200 service jobs.

"Every two new residences create one job in services or retail.

"Simple laws of economics suggest that the addition of housing stock will reduce the accelerating price of housing," said Cr Hale.

"This means our children and

grandchildren can hopefully live and work near us."

Cr Hale said centralised CBD high-rise development would reduce the pressure for continuous urban sprawl and reduce the need for gun barrel developments in the area.

"Whilst development of any kind must always be carefully considered, those who want Ettalong Beach and other CBDs in the area to remain like the quaint fishing villages of 20 years ago cannot then expect their leaders to be able to address concerns such as security, economic and infrastructure development and service provision unless they are prepared to pay far greater rates and taxes," Cr Hale said.

Cr Hale said he welcomed discussion about high-rise.

"It is always good to see open debate on the issue of high-rise development," said Mr Hale.

"However, rarely do I see some of the most important benefits of high rise development raised in the debate."

Press release, June 8
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

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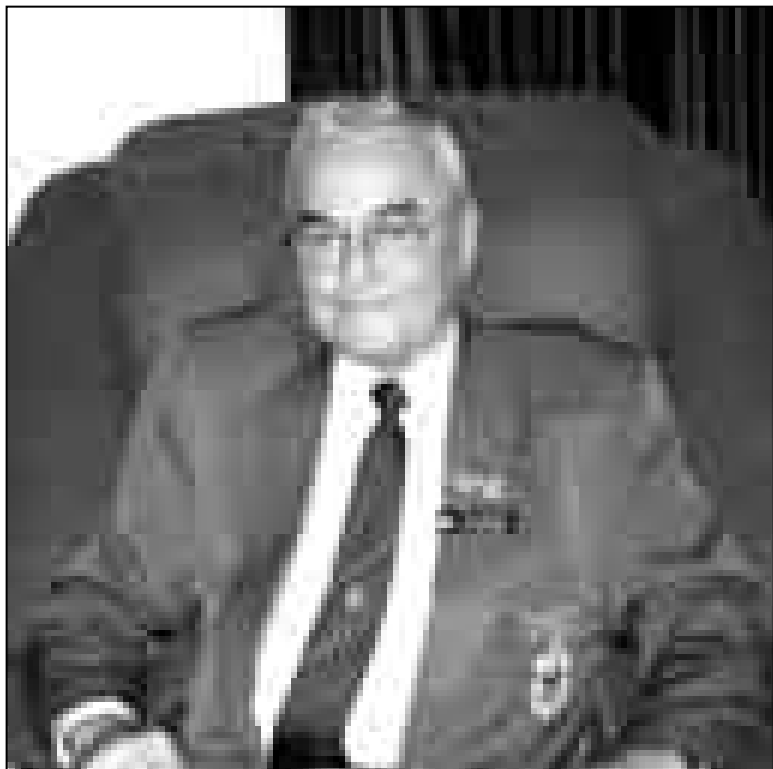
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Mr Bryce Maxwell Matthews, OAM

Resident receives OAM

Mr Bryce Maxwell Matthews, long time resident of Umina Beach, was honoured in the Queens Birthday Honours list, receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia.

Mr Matthews was awarded the medal "for service to veterans and their families through a range of ex-service organisations, and to the community, particularly through the scouting movement."

"I was amazed when I received the letter," said Mr Matthews.

"I was also very grateful for the honour."

Mr Matthews' impressive list of accomplishments included being president of the National Malay and Borneo Veterans Association, vice president of the Returned and Services League of Australia and leadership roles in the Scouting Australia movement.

Stuart Baumann, June 9

Annual meeting

Ettalong War Widows Guild Club will hold its annual general meeting on June 20 at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

The proceedings will begin at 11.30am, followed by a light lunch at noon and the meeting at 1pm.

Press release, May 17
Betty Johnston, Ettalong War Widows Guild Club

New outlet

Peninsula News is now available at the Bakehouse Gallery, 19 Bay St, Patonga.

The papers can be found in a display box at the doorway of the gallery.

Lyle Stone, June 6

Art competition closes this week

This month's Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre (EBACC) competition closes on Saturday, June 18.

The competition has a senior and a junior division and winners in both divisions will receive a framed certificate and a gift voucher.

The ongoing theme of the monthly competition is "The

Peninsula Today" and entries on this theme can be in any medium.

Entries should be presented to the EBACC at the corner of Maitland Bay Dve and Picnic Pde, Ettalong, between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday, June 18.

Further information is available from Mr Bob Penson on 4363 1327.

Cec Bucello, June 10

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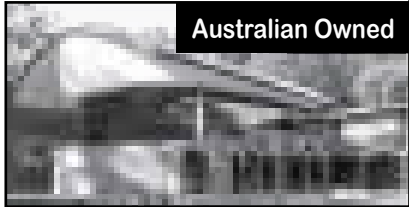
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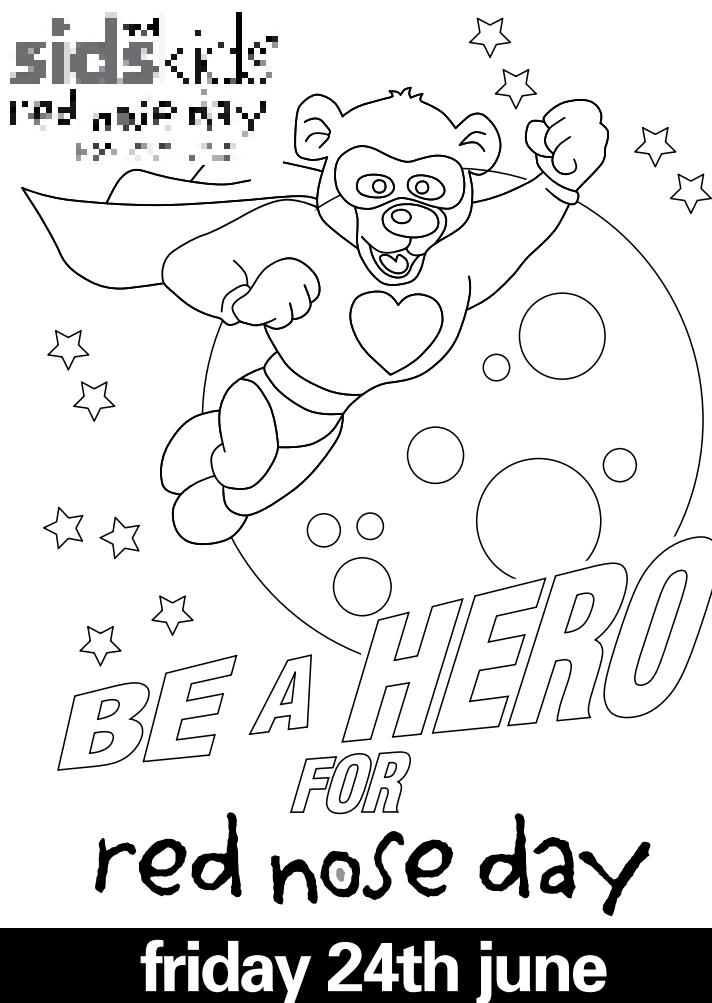
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Grant made for Ocean Beach Rd

The Roads and Traffic Authority has advised Gosford Council that \$700,000 will be spent on the Peninsula under the Federally-funded National Blackspot Program.

The announcement includes \$100,000 funding for Ocean View Rd to Picnic Parade, Ettalong, and \$600,000 for 3.5km of Ocean Beach Rd, from Woy Woy to Umina.

A report to council stated: "The grants received are those sought in the individual submissions lodged in respect of each project.

"They are intended to cover the full cost of each project although in the case of Ocean Beach Rd the treatment required at some major intersections may be beyond the scope of the grant.

"In the case of the Ocean Beach Rd project, a traffic management study recommending an integrated series of safety improvements is currently on public exhibition."

The report also stated that the grants offered were considered a good outcome for the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The total grant amount considerably exceeds the amount of Blackspot funding offered to Council in previous years.

The report stated: "The value of the grants offered and the terms on which they have been made available are most satisfactory and may well signal that council's recent approach to the Minister for Roads seeking critical infrastructure funding and a better working relationship with the RTA has been heeded."

Council agenda EO.20, June 7



The fluorescent ribbons on the Veron Rd site, used to delineate the various plant communities

Developer rethinks appeal

Lawyers for Providence Projects have successfully sought an adjournment of their Land and Environment Court appeal after two days of hearings.

Providence Projects lodged the appeal over Gosford Council's deemed refusal of its plans to build villas on the Catholic land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

Council subsequently formally refused the application on grounds of inadequate documentation, including absence of a species impact statement.

The adjournment until July 5 was sought so the applicant might consider its options, after a panel of four ecologists determined that

the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland on the site was more extensive than first recognised.

It is understood that recognition of this endangered ecological community on the site forced the developer to concede that the development as proposed was unsuitable for the site.

The options likely to be considered include amending the proposal so that it would not have such a significant impact on the vegetation on site, discontinuing the proceedings, or to carrying out a species impact statement.

If a modified proposal is submitted, it would have to be re-advertised and the community given the opportunity to make comments on the amended proposal.

The court convened on site on Thursday, June 2, for an inspection.

Fluorescent ribbons were used to delineate the various plant communities, as assessed by the developer's ecologist.

The hearing was then adjourned to Woy Woy Courthouse where evidence was taken from three objectors and four letters of support from neighbours were presented.

The hearing resumed the following day in the Land and Environment Court in Sydney, where a conference concluded between four ecologists engaged for the case: two by the applicant and one each by the Gosford Council and the court itself.

Mark Snell, June 9

Council reduces roads spending

Gosford Council is to spend about \$132,000 less than budget on Peninsula roadworks this year as part of a budget review.

The money will be spent on engineering projects outside the Peninsula.

The council identified about \$92,000 of extra expenditure on the Peninsula, but decided to reduce spending by \$224,000 on budgeted projects.

Council allocated an extra \$20,000 to drainage works at 240 Blackwall Rd, Blackwall, which was required to decommission redundant and dilapidated drainage works on a private property.

An additional \$7292 has been spent on the raised crossing in West St, Umina, beyond the original budget of \$25,000, bringing the total cost of the project to \$32,292.

An unbudgeted catch fence was

installed on Patonga Dr, Patonga, at a cost of \$65,000, to protect the area from land slips.

A saving of \$64,499 has been made in the reconstruction of Dunban Rd, Woy Woy, bringing the cost down from \$338,228 to \$273,729.

The allocation for safety improvements for the Ocean Beach Rd and Railway St intersection at Woy Woy has been reduced by \$100,000 from \$247,811 to \$197,811, with the site becoming a possible traffic signal site.

A saving of \$17,730 was also made in works conducted on the Blackwall Rd-Allfield Rd intersection at Woy Woy which cost \$166,878 where \$184,608 had been budgeted.

Allocation for an upgrade of Cowper Rd from Neera Rd to Tapestry Way has also been reduced by \$43,305, from \$65,366 to \$22,061.

Council agenda EO.21, June 7

Skate park wanted

Peninsula student George Margin recently presented a petition to Gosford councillor Chris Holstein for a skate park or at least some skate boarding facilities in Woy Woy.

George collected over 100 signatures from students at Woy Woy Public School.

He commented that he could have got more signatures but that lots of the kids "didn't have

signatures".

George said that Cr Holstein was very helpful and promised to write back with the skate boarding facilities plan and stated there might also be a chance to provide a mobile, temporary facility at the new leisure centre.

Cr Holstein personally presented the petition to mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks at council's meeting of June 7.

Press release, May 31
Kim Margin

Injured

A 19-year-old Woy Woy man was injured after a motor vehicle collision at Pearl Beach on May 31.

A Ford Laser in which the man was a passenger was being driven on Patonga Dr at about 2pm, when the driver apparently lost control.

The 19-year-old passenger from the Ford Laser suffered internal injuries and was taken to Gosford Hospital where he underwent surgery for a ruptured spleen.

Press release, June 1
Police Media

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What is the status of foreshore committee?

The credibility of both Council and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce was strongly called into question by the majority of speakers representing business and the community at the Peninsula Business Levy public meeting last week.

One speaker described the Council's actions as "corrupt", saying they required investigation by ICAC, and justified Council being sacked.

She got rousing applause from the packed theatre.

Other business owners stated forcefully that the Chamber of Commerce did not represent their views, and instead represented the financial agendas of particular members and their associates.

In your last edition, Council's recreation services manager Mr Peter Hickman was reported as saying that a planning committee of "stakeholders" was meeting to discuss issues about the implementation of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management.

Cr Peter Hale was reported as saying this committee included council staff, "interested councillors", representatives from the Ettalong Beach Heritage committee, the Ettalong Memorial Club and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Given the context of the levy meeting, and that levy money would be spent on the foreshore, these statements raise several questions.

First, what is the status of this committee, and by what process was it established, eg is it appointed by Council or made up of self-nominated members?

Second, who are the individuals on this committee, what is their expertise and whose interests do they represent? It is important that members of the community know who are the "interested councillors", who is representing the Ettalong Beach Heritage committee, the Ettalong Club and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce so that they can make their views known to committee

members and can question the committee members' views.

Third, where are the community and environmental representatives on this so-called stakeholders' committee?

There are several environmental groups that have a stake in this area.

These include the dunecare volunteer group that works on the Peninsula dunes to remove weeds and maintain existing vegetation that stops the dunes being washed away.

There is also the Peninsula environment group that represents several local bushcare groups.

There are additional regional environmental groups that have a stake in what happens here, including Central Coast's Australian Conservation Foundation and Central Coast Environment Network.

Fourth, what independent expertise on dune protection is being used by this committee?

This expertise would increase the possibility that these plans will not put at risk the dune barrier that protects our lives and homes from the high seas and rising tides of inevitable climate changes.

It would help ensure that the large amount of public money (as much as \$2 million) to be spent on the foreshore is not wasted, by the works being undermined by further loss of beach and foreshore erosion.

If a private individual damages dune vegetation, they are subject to a fine of \$1.1 million.

However Council and narrow business interests are proposing to "improve views and access" directly in front of the newly-built Ettalong Beach Club.

This will destroy a significant area of dune vegetation and dune.

It appears that Councillors past and present, individual Council staff and vested business interests have decided to sacrifice this dune to gain financial benefit for those vested interests, and/or in the hope of improving economic viability for Ettalong Beach CBD.

Finally, I'd like to nominate myself and several other community and environmental representatives to this "stakeholders' planning committee".

Given my long and varied involvement in community activities, including Peninsula environmental groups, my being a dunecare volunteer, and my background in community development work, I think I'm in a key position to represent these community and environmental interests.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Condemn sterile high-rise visions

Recent approval by Gosford Council to seek Minister Craig Knowles' approval for the rezoning of the old Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club raises the spectre of further high-rise developments on the Peninsula.

Peninsula residents, protective of their desire to retain a "local village/community" atmosphere and preserve their quality of life (high priorities recognized in the recent Gosford Vision 2025 exercise), want council to appreciate there is a large majority against high-rise development on the Peninsula.

Residents support progress and sustainable development.

They do not support the discredited sterile vision that the only path to future progress is high-rise development.

Forum

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Such development will forever spoil the unique qualities of the area which we all want to protect and only benefit developers with no long-term commitment to the area.

What great improvements to the vitality of Gosford CBD have the many high-rise apartments in Gosford brought?

The recent petition against re-zoning and further high-rise

developments, signed by over 1000 Peninsula residents, sends a clear message to council from the community to 'say no' to high-rise.

Councillors, who were voted in on election platforms similar to Central Coast First - "we believe in genuine community consultation", can know with confidence they have majority community support to make a stand against further high-rise.

Time now councillors, to condemn sterile high-rise visions and open your eyes to a vision of specialised medical facilities built around Gosford Hospital, a Central Coast University at Ourimbah, Tafe colleges and low-rise quality developments which will draw tourists to an unspoilt area.

Councillors can then truly say they have brought real jobs and progress to the Central Coast.

Michael Gillian, Ettalong Beach

Looking after the environment

As we celebrate World Environment Day on June 5, I wonder what our environment will be like when my grandchildren are my age.

Governments seem to make decisions that allow human greed to control what happens to the environment.

I find being in a group that helps to look after the environment very rewarding. There are several groups here that meet regularly to remove weeds so that native plants can grow.

Each bushcare site has different plants, birds and animals, and different group members, so the educational and social aspects are important.

Groups work at Melaleuca Wetlands, Burrawang Reserve and Blackwall Mountain in Woy Woy, on the Umina and Ocean Beach dunes, Umina Campus and Ettymalong Creek in Umina, as well as on the beach and at the Arboretum at Pearl Beach.

If others would also like to join a Peninsula bushcare group, phone 4341 9301 for more information, or phone Gosford Council's bushcare officers on 4325 8169.

Fay Jones, Umina



Fay Jones' granddaughter Jazmin Jones is pictured planting a banksia seedling as part of a Peninsula bushcare project

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Groups join for live band night

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team and the Umina Beach Police and Community Youth Centre (PCYC) have joined to hold a live band night.

The event will be held at the PCYC in Osborne Ave, Umina, on Friday, July 1, from 6pm to 10pm.

The six local bands which will take part in the concert include For the Moment, Bright Yellow, Vetna, What Tomorrow Holds, My After Thought and Something between the Lines.

"These bands are well known amongst young people and organisers are hoping for great turn out of their supporters," said Peninsula Drug Action Team representative Ms Carolyn Carter.

"We want to give these guys an opportunity to perform for their peers, and also provide our local youth with an exciting night of entertainment."

"We are also lucky to have the services of students, who are studying the two unit entertainment subject at Brisbane Water Secondary College, supplying the

know-how for the sound and light for the evening.

"If this night is a success, we will look at organising more later in the year."

The night will be supervised by PCYC staff and volunteers along the same lines as for the regular PCYC dance parties.

Entry to the event will be \$5 at the door, and the canteen will be open, selling hot dogs, drinks and snack food.

**Press release, June 8
Carolyn Carter, Umina PCYC**



Afro Moses will be performing at the Ettalong Beach Club

Funds raised for helicopter

The inaugural April Fool's Day Ball was held recently by the local Umina Westpac branch to raise funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter.

The event was held on May 1 in the ballroom of the Terrigal Crown Plaza with the theme Hooray for Hollywood.

Local Westpac organiser Ms Jenny Irving said the event would be held annually and become the major fundraiser for the Westpac rescue helicopter.

She said it received the generous support of the peninsular business community.

"A huge thanks and round of applause must firstly go to Steve Atkins, CEO of, whose band of merry

She said doctors from Brisbane Waters Private Hospital attended the ball in strong numbers and participated in the auction on the night with vigor and enthusiasm," Ms Irving said.

Peninsula businesses supporting

the event included Linda Dierikx, The Ocean Beach Hotel, B and M Quality Meats Umina, Subway Umina, South Street Fruit Shop, Carnival Cuts, Radford's Chemist, Umina Beach Flowers and Gifts.

Ms Irving said that more than \$22,000 was raised on the night.

Ms Irving said preparations were already underway for next year's ball.

**Press release, May 19
Julie Cerulli, Westpac Umina beach**

Afro at Ettalong

Afro Moses and his six piece band Moses O'Jah will be appearing at the Ettalong Beach Club on Saturday, June 25.

Earth Central promoter Ylenna Zajec said the event would be a night of afro beats, funk, reggae, jazz, raga, hip hop and percussion.

Afro Moses is a singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist and teacher of music.

Afro Moses was born in Ghana, West Africa, and soon became a teenage star being labelled as "The African James Brown".

Afro Moses caught the eye of a promoter called Kwabeina Sarfo Maanu who took him straight to Europe.

Kwabina was also responsible for taking Youssou N'Dour from Senegal to Europe and he also promoted and toured with reggae legend Bob Marley.

Afro Moses became based in Denmark and soon created his band Moses O'Jah.

Afro Moses has received many International awards from best song, to best album and best live act.

Afro Moses was also twice voted as Ghana's best international music ambassador for 2000 and 2002.

Afro Moses has also shared the stage with Ziggy Marley and Angelique Kidjo.

"Along with his band, Moses O'Jah, you can expect a highly visual and energetic show that will leave you wanting more," Ms Zajec said.

Doors to the event open at 7.30pm.

Tickets to Afro Moses cost \$20 and are available at the door.

To book, contact 4343 0111.

For more information visit www.afromoses.com

**Press release, June 6
Ylenna Zajec, Earth Central Productions**

Magnolias at Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre will be performing Steel Magnolias, a play written by Robert Harling.

The play tells the story of six soft-hearted "magnolias" with steely dispositions who gather regularly at Truvey's Beauty Salon, to chat with, counsel, criticise and comfort one another.

This new production features Mary Middleton as M'Lynn and Amanda Benson as Truvey, and is directed by Margaret McGowan.

Ms Middleton is a breast cancer

survivor.

In 1998, it was doubtful she would ever perform again but within a very short time she was back on stage.

Ms Benson runs Kids Drama and Discovery at Umina PCYC, a program designed for children to discover and explore acting skills while having fun and gaining self-confidence.

Ms McGowan has been involved with theatre for young people at The Entrance Youtheatre and GMS Juniors.

For 10 years, Ms McGowan wrote theatre reviews for the local press followed by 10 years doing the same as presenter with community radio 2CCC-FM.

The show opens at the Peninsula Theatre on July 1.

For more information, contact the booking office from June 20 on 4344 4737 between 10am and 2pm weekdays.

**Press Release, May 19, April 12
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

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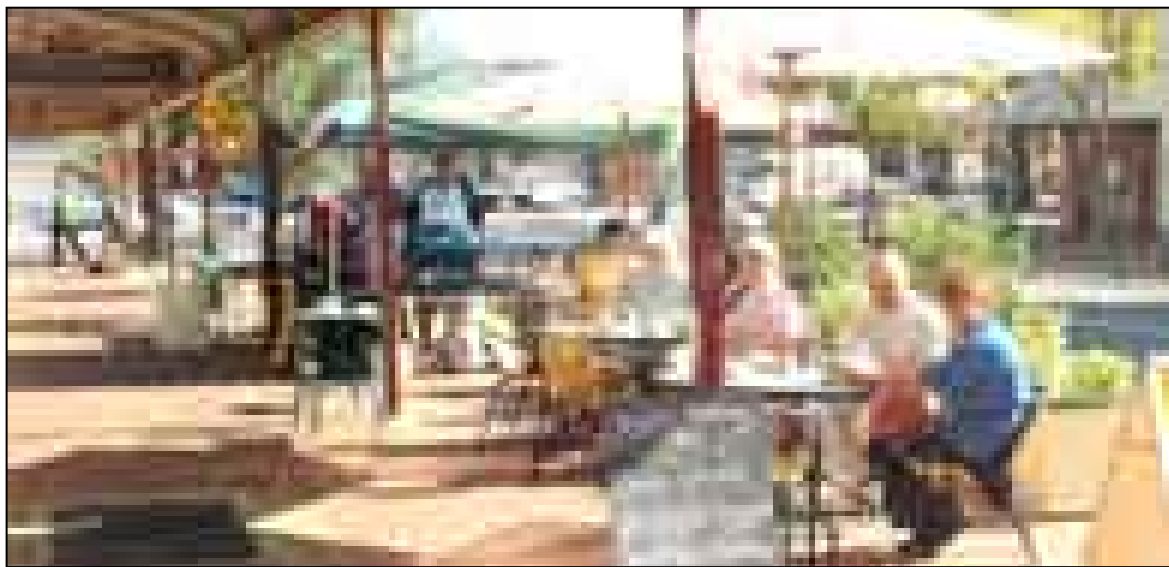
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More than \$4000 has been raised for The Cancer Council in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea events held on the Peninsula.

Ettalong Beach Hut Café, one of last year's top 10 fund raisers on the Central Coast, raised a total of \$2103.80 for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

"All of this was achieved by a small 25-seater cafe and the help of volunteers, Ettalong businesses together with our loyal customers making the whole effort a great success and a lot of fun," said Andy and Jo Walker of Ettalong Beach Hut Café.

"This is the third time we have held the morning tea.

"In that time, we have lost at least three of our valued customers and friends to this disease."

Campbell's Home Hardware raised \$2150 on the day.

Staff cooked 10kgs of sausages, 10kgs of bacon and 12 dozen eggs. They distributed 13 dozen bread rolls and large quantities of tea and coffee.

The Ettalong Baptist Church was also scheduled to hold two more morning teas on June 9 and 10.

Money is still coming in from the earlier Relay for Life event.

Ben and Jake Fuller and Catherine and Rachel Elgood were the youngest members in one of the teams for Relay of Life.

Ben was 11 and Jake nine, while Catherine and Rachel Elgood were both aged five.

They walked around the oval, helped with the selling of toffee apples, raffle tickets, and lent their hobby horses for the group's overnight theme.

Press release, May 30
Ettalong Beach Hut Café,
Campbell's, Jenny Hargraves

Men's support centre planned

A Men's Shed is to be established as a men's support centre at the Umina PCYC.

The shed will also be host to multipurpose workshops.

Men's Shed project coordinator Mr Derek Morrison said many men today were socially isolated due to unemployment, separation, divorce or death of a spouse or partner.

He said that many of these men no longer felt they had a recognised purpose due to this isolation.

"The Peninsula has many men experiencing a sense of being disengaged from living a meaningful life," Mr Morrison said.

"Day to day contact with other men has proven to be effective in establishing a renewed enthusiasm for life, providing an environment where men can meet and establish a sense of belonging whilst engaging in meaningful

activity," he said.

"A proposal to build a Men's Shed on the Peninsula, sharing the site occupied by the PCYC, is an exciting opportunity to provide a much-needed service to men in our community."

Mr Morrison said the mission of the Men's Shed would be to provide a space where men felt comfortable and safe.

Gosford Council owned the land and Cr Chris Holstein was seeking council's support for the project.

The shed had been funded for construction and now awaits council approval.

Cr Holstein and Mr Morrison were calling for interested individuals and groups who wished to embrace the concept and form a community working group.

A date and time for the forum has yet to be advised.

For more information or to register, contact 4342 3959.

Press release, June 1
Derek Morrison

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Project worker starts at court

The Central Coast Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme now has a family project worker available on Mondays at Woy Woy Children's Court.

The worker is available to support parents, grandparents and carers of adolescent children through the Apprehended Violence Order court process at Woy Woy's Children's Court.

The scheme, in conjunction with Gosford Family Support Services, also offers Moving On groups for

the parents, grandparents and carers who have experienced abuse from adolescent children in their care.

The daytime groups run for seven weeks during the school term at Gosford and Toukley.

It is possible that they will be extended to the Peninsula area later in the year.

Some topics covered in these groups include: What is parent abuse, myths and facts; Self-esteem; anger; grief and loss; and boundary setting.

For more information on either the court support or the groups, contact 4350 3064.

Press release, May 31
Kathy Godfrey, Wyong Court

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News



The Woy Woy Leagues Club may merge with Woy Woy Bowling Club, according to club chairman Mr Ken Dixon

Bowling club considers merger

Woy Woy Bowling Club has appointed a new secretary-manager to manage the operations of the club, and is considering a possible merger with Woy Woy Leagues Club, according to club chairman Mr Ken Dixon.

The club has decided to recruit Mr Thomas Dunne, who has wide experience in the catering, hotel and club industries.

Mr Dunne commenced duties on Monday, May 23.

Mr Dixon said that currently the club was trading profitably, but patronage and financial performance needed to improve to ensure long-term growth and ongoing survival.

Mr Dixon added that the landlord, Woy Woy Holdings,

had no immediate intention to redevelop the site and would like to see the bowling club trading profitably on the site.

Mr Dixon further added that the priority of the board was to ensure that the bowling club remained open as a viable community facility and that bowling facilities continued to be available.

The Woy Woy Leagues Club has been providing management services to the Bowling Club since January, on a cost-recovery basis.

During this period, the club's board has been reviewing the trading operations of the club and keeping a close watch on the club's overall finances.

This work has been undertaken with the assistance of independent advice from Clubs NSW.

Mr Dixon said two of the options

included a merger.

Mr Dixon said a merger may be possible with the Woy Woy Leagues Club whose management now had a reasonable understanding of the issues facing the club and could provide some degree of certainty for the future of the club.

He said that it may prove to be the best opportunity for the long term future of the club.

A possible merger with another club was also on table, Mr Dixon added.

"We will work through the various issues before any recommendations are put to members on a merger," Mr Dixon said.

Press release, May 27
Ken Dixon,
Woy Woy Bowling Club

Views sought on Australia Day

Community views are being sought about Australia Day activities on the Peninsula.

A survey is currently being undertaken for the Woy Woy Australia Day Committee about whether celebrations should be held on Australian Day itself or on the previous night.

This year, Australia Day celebrations were held on the night before Australia Day, where in previous years, the celebrations had been held on the day itself.

The change to the night before came about because there were already two major celebrations happening in Gosford on the day and the night time celebration avoided competing with them, according to committee member

Mr Cec Bucello.

The night-time event was cooler and activities such as fireworks could take place.

"It is understood, however, that there may be some people on the Peninsula that may still want the event to be held on the day itself."

Readers may complete a survey form on this page and return it before June 25 for consideration at the next Australia Day Committee meeting.

Additional committee members are being sought by the committee to help share the work of organising the event.

Anyone willing to help should indicate accordingly on the survey form.

Cec Bucello, June 6

Australia Day Celebrations

I would like to see Australia Day Celebrations held on:

Australia Day

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Concern over foreshore plan

Gosford Council's Environment Protection Advisory Committee has expressed its concern over the apparent lack of information about and public consultation for the Ettalong Beach reconstruction.

But a move to stop work on Ettalong Beach Foreshore Reserve until a report had been undertaken was averted by a senior council officer.

The acting director of environmental planning Mr Garry Chestnut advised that he would consult with the director of engineering operations Mr Stephen Glen on the project's management.

Mr Chestnut said he would request Mr Glen to provide a report and presentation to the committee at the next available committee meeting.

The committee planned to reconvene on June 21.

Council agenda EA.010, June 7

Residents discuss units proposal

Residents of Nowack Ave and McEvoy Ave, Umina, have held a meeting to discuss their concerns over a development application for a 12-unit residential flat in their neighbourhood.

Nowack Ave resident Mr Kevin Regan said the 26 residents were concerned that the development is a significant deviation from the character of the area.

Mr Regan raised concerns about the drainage in streets where no stormwater system was currently available and the fact that the ground level of new developments were required to be built up higher than ground levels for the existing houses.

"It means increased numbers of

residents, garbage bins, traffic and noise," Mr Regan said.

"All the vehicles from this development will travel out of the single access driveway into Nowack Ave.

Mr Regan said the residents were worried that the size of the proposed buildings would not be in keeping with the rest of the suburb.

He said Gosford Council's design guideline for the area stated that the desired character was that "buildings should be surrounded by garden courtyards".

"This development is just too big for the garden suburb of Umina," said Mr Regan.

Press release, June 8
Kevin Regan

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Raffle for first swimmers

The Community Chest has approached Gosford Council for the opportunity to raise funds for several organisations on the Peninsula, during the opening stage of the aquatic area at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The Community Chest hopes to raise funds through a raffle of 100 opportunities to be First in the Pool, receive a framed certificate signed by the mayor and benefit from a one-year free pass to the pool.

The major prize would be a lifetime pass to the aquatic area.

Organisations to benefit from the raffle would include Woy Woy Early Intervention, Woy Woy Community Aged Care, The Webb Youth Foundation, the disability

support unit at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus and Peninsula Before, After and Vacation Care.

The raffle would require no resources from council.

Council is currently in the process of building the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Practical completion is due shortly and, after this, the facility will open as areas become staffed and available.

It is expected that the aquatic area will be available as the first stage.

A council report stated: "The proposal has merit in that it will raise the profile and public awareness that the facility is open for business.

"The opportunity for free positive publicity should not be missed."

Council agenda EO.22, June 7

Red Shield Appeal exceeds target

Donations to the recent Salvation Army Doorknock Appeal from Peninsula residents have amounted to **\$33,056.**

This was \$1256 more than the target amount of \$31,800.

"It is an excellent result," said Central Coast Red Shield Appeal chairman Mr Tony Sansom.

"It's a record amount.
 "The people of the Peninsula can be proud of the significant contribution they made this year."

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal helps fund many Salvation Army projects, ranging from counselling to helping the homeless.

"All money raised on the Central Coast stays on the Central Coast," said Mr Sansom.

The Red Shield Appeal continues until June 30.

To donate, contact 4325 5614, visit www.salvos.org.au or write to PO Box 324 The Entrance 2261.

Stuart Baumann, June 10

Public Notices

The Troubadour Acoustic Music Club
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Conference held

Brisbane Water Secondary College held its annual learning conference for teachers last week, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Two days were filled with presentations and workshops, on topics such as motivating and engaging students, teaching boys and gifted and talented students, and teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

They considered developing quality assessment tasks, developing intellectual quality in teaching, using technology in learning and dealing with disengaged students.

Teachers from the college were joined for the conference by teachers from local primary schools as well as from a range of other high schools across the Coast.

A number of parents also

attended.

While the teachers were improving their classroom skills, support staff also engaged in a number of workshops aimed at improving their service to students, teachers and visitors to the college.

These workshops included use of technology, customer service, and managing time and stress.

Mr Lewis said participants agreed that the learning conference concept was an effective way to use the two school development days which schools are allowed each year.

"The conference was an enormous success and a further indication of the college's determination to provide our local community with the very best in public education," Mr Lewis said.

**Press release, June 8
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



Bruce Donaldson retires

Mr Bruce Donaldson has announced his retirement after 17 years as principal of Ettalong Public School.

P and C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said Mr Donaldson was well known in the local community for his dedication and commitment to making Ettalong school the best that it could be.

"Under his guidance, the school has gained a reputation for being a welcoming place where students are motivated and encouraged to work hard and reach their potential," Ms Pathirana said.

"Mr Donaldson has always led by example in promoting school and community pride. Mr Donaldson has initiated and been involved in completing many

projects to improve the physical environment of the school.

"Mr Donaldson has also supported the implementation of new and exciting programs in the areas of dance, music, art, sport and technology.

Ms Pathirana said one of the many testimonies to Mr Donaldson's leadership was being named Principal of the Year by the Parents and Citizens Association in 1999.

"The whole school community wishes to thank Mr Donaldson for his tireless effort in making our school so great," Ms Pathirana said.

Mr Donaldson's last day as principal of Ettalong Public School was on Thursday, June 2, after a day of celebration with his staff and students.

Bruce's previous schools include Gunnedah (63-65), Alberto Canada (66-67), Eastern Creek (68-69), Oxley Park-St Marys (70-72), Wilcannia (73), Chalmers Road SSP Strathfield (74-75), Nepean SSP Kingswood (76-81), Mainsbridge SSP Liverpool (82-88).

A family picnic day to acknowledge Mr Donaldson's achievements within Ettalong Public School, the community and his teaching career has been organised for Sunday, June 26, at Umina Beach Public Reserve.

The event will be held between 11am and 4pm, with all formalities between 2pm and 3 pm.

**Press release, May 28
Michelle Pathirana, Jenny
Jackson, Ettalong Public School**

Host family wanted

A Umina resident is seeking a host family for a Swedish exchange student.

Ms Rachel Perkins, state coordinator for the non-profit STS High School Foundation, is looking for a host for student Emma Bergquist.

Rachel said: "Emma is 16 years old and will arrive in Australia on July 5.

"She is really excited about spending a year in Australia and is waiting everyday to hear news of an Aussie family willing to host her.

"She can't wait to learn about life in Australia'.

Emma enjoys sailing, jogging, music shopping and aerobics.

Emma also sings and plays the guitar.

Host-families are not paid for hosting a student but Emma will have her own pocket-money to cover her activities, personal items and school needs.

Emma will attend the local high school.

If you would like to host Emma Bergquist in your family for a year and are willing to provide a bedroom and three meals a day, contact Ms Perkins on 4344 7570.

**Press release, June 2
Rachel Perkins, STS High School
Foundation**

New computer

Umina Public School has thanked a local radio station and retail store for providing them with a new computer recently.

Sea FM Radio recently made a broadcast from the Umina Public school grounds which resulted in the school receiving a

new computer from World Wide Appliances.

Principal Mr John Blair said the promotion was entertaining for the students and hopefully the stations' listeners.

"This new technology will be put to good use," Mr Blair said.

**Newsletter, May 31
John Blair, Umina Public School**

Fence is almost completed

Security fencing for Umina Public School is approaching completion, according to principal Mr John Blair.

Mr Blair said that access to the school during out of school hours would soon be limited.

Mr Blair said that a plan of the new school security fence

showing gates and lock numbers will be prepared so that people hiring the premises or employees entering or leaving the grounds would understand the new system of security.

Mr Blair said that the plan would be presented at the next P and C meeting and all community users

and hirers will be notified.

He said that it was anticipated that the initiative would see a marked reduction in the number of breaches of school security, theft and vandalism.

**Newsletter, June 7
John Blair, Umina Public School**

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Chicken pox outbreak

An outbreak of chicken pox has affected a small number of students and at least one parent at Umina Public School, according to principal Mr John Blair.

Mr Blair said there was little that the school could do about the outbreak of the viral infection, however it would appreciate if parents could notify the school office of any new cases.

**Newsletter, June 7
John Blair, Umina Public School**

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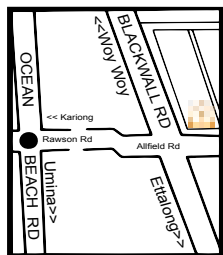
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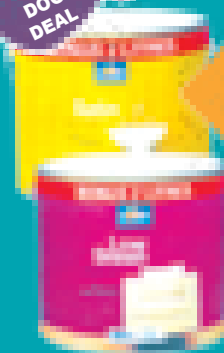
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Kayakers paddle to Middle Harbour



Enthusiasts from the Tea and Cake Kayakers group paddled from the Lions Park, Woy Woy, to Middle Harbour, Sydney, on Wednesday, June 8.

The group is mainly made up of retirees who meet regularly to go kayaking and enjoy the morning teas.

The group of six, aged between 54 and 68 departed at Woy Woy at 7.10am.

They arrived at 2.30pm, and averaged 7.1km per hour.

"It was excellent," said member Mr John Greenway.

"We had a couple of rough spots, like at the Hawkesbury River and at Crabtree Bay, but overall it was a great time.

"I was surprised by the lack of pollution.

"It really impressed me."

The groups meet on Thursdays and has more than 24 members.

For more information, contact John Greenway 4341 6004.

Stuart Baumann, June 9



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