

Ferry agreement is recommended

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council proceed with an agreement with Fast Ships "to construct a wharf and ferry terminal at Ettalong", even though a ferry service may not be provided.

In a report to next Tuesday's council meeting, council staff have stated: "If Fast Ships builds the infrastructure and the project fails, council will have the asset of a wharf and terminal that could be used for the benefit of the public in providing alternative transport to the Sydney CBD."

Fast Ships has informed Gosford Council that it is prepared to execute documents relating to the construction of a wharf and ferry terminal at Ettalong, even though there is "nothing concrete to tell" at the moment, according to Fast Ships manager Mr Alf Salter.

Mr Salter said that Fast Ships was to meet with council in the near future regarding the issue, but he regarded executing the documents as a formality.

In the late 1990s, council considered proposals for the installation of infrastructure to allow a fast ferry service between the Central Coast and Circular Quay, according to the staff report to council.

Fast Ships was the successful party for the proposed ferry service.

Negotiations proceeded for about five years and during those negotiations approval was given for the construction of the wharf and terminal.

Council entered into negotiations with the Department of Lands and subsequently acquired a lease for the wharf site and compulsorily acquired the site for the terminal.

In 2002, council was advised of funding difficulties and negotiations were carried out with the State Government with respect to the Government providing \$4.3 million towards the cost of the wharf and

terminal.

Fast Ships were unable to provide a guarantee to provide the service as required by the State Government and the proposal for the council to construct the wharf and terminal with a grant did not proceed.

Fast Ships have since been negotiating privately seeking financial support, and now wished to proceed with the agreement that it would be responsible for the building of the wharf and terminal with costs being borne by Fast Ships.

The council report stated that lease documents had been prepared for the terminal and sub-lease documents for the wharf site.

A performance deed had also been prepared that requires agreement between council and the ferry operator.

The report stated that Fast Ships had not executed any documents, although there have been negotiations over a long period to get documents into a form satisfactory to the council and Fast Ships.

These documents had to be approved by the State Government because it was the owner of the land on which the wharf would be constructed.

"It is now up to the council to determine whether it wishes to proceed with the construction of the wharf and the ferry terminal," according to the report.

If council agrees that the proposal should proceed with Fast Ships, arrangements will be made for execution of the deed, lease and sub-lease.

Until these documents are executed, no work can be carried out on the site.

If council agrees that it wishes to proceed with the project, there is no financial impact for council as Fast Ships is responsible for the cost of the infrastructure.

**Council agenda FS.81, June 28
Lyle Stone, June 24**



The dek outside the Woy Woy Bowling Club, where work has recently been halted

\$1.1M fine threat over unauthorised deck

Gosford Council has threatened Woy Woy Holdings with a \$1.1 million fine for an unauthorised deck at the Woy Woy Bowling Club if it is not taken down, according to Woy Woy Holdings shareholder Mr Tony Altavilla.

Mr Altavilla labelled the fine "ridiculous" and said it was unfair, with only six of the club's neighbours complaining about the deck.

"There was an old deck there before," Mr Altavilla said.

"There used to be an old barbecue and entertainment area.

"We didn't have a development application, and didn't think we needed one."

Mr Altavilla said that no members of the club had complained about the deck.

"I don't think council want anyone to improve anything in this area," Mr Altavilla said.

"I built this voluntarily." He said club members wanted it.

Mr Altavilla said work had ceased on the deck, while the issue was being resolved with within council.

He said that after being served with a "notice of intention" from council, a development application for the deck was lodged.

Mr Altavilla added that council stated the DA was not acceptable, as the process of building the deck had already begun.

Club chairman Mr Ken Dixon said the Bowling Club operated at the site under a tenancy agreement with Woy Woy Holdings and made a monthly

rental payment.

Mr Dixon said that the Bowling Club had just come through a "very difficult financial situation" which resulted in it being placed under the control of an administrator and being forced to sell its property assets to Woy Woy Holdings Pty Ltd.

"The club's long term future is by no means assured and the provision of the deck by the landlord is seen as a step towards creating attractive facilities for members and guests to achieve improved trading results," Mr Dixon said.

"Our members are very keen to see the deck project proceed.

"It is our view that the operation of the deck will in no way be detrimental to the amenity and character of adjoining properties and surroundings.

"Indeed, it will fit comfortably with the range of buildings, grassed areas and bowling greens currently located on the site.

"The deck will provide an ideal viewing area for the bowling green and will add to the amenity of the

site."

Mr Dixon said he asked council to reconsider its intention to give an order over the development and allow Woy Woy Holdings to complete the deck project for the benefit of members and guests of the Bowling Club as well as local residents and others who use the adjacent surroundings for fishing, boating and other recreational purposes.

A petition in support of the deck project was sent to the council from Woy Woy Bowling Club members in support of a proposed deck.

The petition, with 194 signatures, stated that they believed the deck would add to the amenity of the site and provide benefits to Club members and visitors, as well as to local residents and users of adjoining recreational facilities comprising parks, waterways, boat ramps and car and trailer parking.

**Council agenda P.45, June 28
Stuart Baumann, Lyle Stone
Press release, May 27
Ken Dixon,
Woy Woy Bowling Club**

More time needed

The Peninsula needs more time to consider and discuss the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy and its alternatives.

This is our editorial opinion, just the second editorial written in the six-year history of Peninsula News.

We support the call for a community forum to discuss the strategy and the long-term future of the Peninsula.

Editorial

We also call for public consideration to be given to at least three alternatives: the council's own Gosford Vision 2025, the Equilibrium proposal, and The Noosa Plan.

Read the full editorial on page 4.

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Art competition winner chosen

This month's senior winner of the Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre (EBACC) art competition is Mr Geoff Rollings with his painting of the Woy Woy Channel.

Geoff lives in Copacabana and is a student at the centre.

He has only been painting since he retired five years ago and in 2003 received a highly commended award in the Waterford Prize art competition.

This month's competition again attracted a high standard of entries.

The competition's junior winner is Ebony Dicks, aged 11, of Umina.

Ebony won with her painting of Ettalong depicting the new structures.

"I love the new buildings", she said "and I love my area."

Both winners received a framed certificate from EBACC publicity officer, Mr Bob Penson. Additionally, Mr Rollings received a \$50 gift certificate from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club while Ebony received a \$25 gift voucher from Coopers of Umina.

The June senior and junior



Mr Geoff Rollings (right) is presented with his award by Bob Penson

competitions are currently open and entries should be presented to the EBACC for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, July 16.

The winners will be judged the following week and published in Peninsula News on July 25.

The competitions aim to

establish ongoing cultural heritage awareness of "The Peninsula Today".

Works on this theme may be in any medium.

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

Cec Bucello, June 25

Chance to win festival passes

Peninsula News is currently giving away 10 double passes, valued at \$60 each, to the 10th anniversary Boutique Wine Festival, in Sydney during July.

The three sessions for the wine festival will be held from Friday, July 15 to Sunday July 17.

The festival is organised by The Association of Australian Boutique Winemakers.

It features master classes and wine awards.

The Friday opening night will begin with the beats of DJ Renae Stanton.

The Saturday will feature winemakers and wine tasting.

It will also feature background

music provided by the Australian Youth Orchestra.

Sunday events will feature Huon Hooke with a special master class on chardonnay and Greg Johnstone will display six new release wines and Cowra Smokehouse Feta and Salmon pate.

To enter write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Boutique Wine Festival Competition, PO Box 532 Woy Woy 2256.

Entries close 5pm July 8 and winners will be announced in the next edition.

Entry to the competition is for people aged 18 and over.

Lyle Stone, June 25

Members honoured

Members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy will honour their founding members at Staples Lookout, Woy Woy Rd, on Sunday, July 3.

"This scenic view point was erected by the club with the financial support of the local community and opened to the public 50 years ago, on July 2, 1955," said club member Mr John Greenway.

"With extensive views over Brisbane Waters and the Peninsula, it is a popular stopping place for visitors to the Central Coast."

Rotary International is celebrating a century of service and the Woy Woy club has been serving the local community since they were chartered on July 29, 1950.

The function will commence at 1pm with a BYO barbeque at the lookout.

Mr Greenway said the club would be honoured to have any of its previous members attend.

Further information can be obtained by contacting 0428 438 535 or 4343 1313.

Press release, June 24

John Greenway, Woy Woy Rotary Club

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Funding for childcare

Woy Woy Peninsula Child Care Centre will receive \$7182 and the Umina Child Care Centre \$5491 in Federal funding for childcare, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd said the funding, approved by the Minister for Family and Community Services, senator Ms Kay Patterson, would allow several child care centres on the Central Coast to continue providing high quality child care to families in the region.

"Nearly \$10 million will be provided Australia wide to help services health and safety issues

and provide resources for the repair and renovation of buildings and playgrounds," Mr Lloyd said.

"In some cases the funding will also be used to upgrade essential facilities such as bathrooms and kitchens.

"These improvements are vital to providing a safe and healthy environment for children in care and will go a long way to assuring parents in the Central Coast that the highest quality care is being provided to their children," Mr Lloyd said.

Press release June 15

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd

Funds used

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has used its funds raised through its many fundraising activities to purchase several items for the hospital, according to publicity officer Ms Margaret Whiting.

Ms Whiting said that the

auxiliary had raised sufficient funds to purchase electric beds, bedspreads, curtains for a six-bed ward in the general hospital and in a four-bed ward in the rehab centre.

Press release, June 20

Margaret Whiting, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Microbat trial recommended

Gosford Council will be asked sponsor the trial of a mosquito reduction program by mounting microbat nesting boxes in the Bouddi Peninsula and Pretty Beach school areas.

Council officers have recommended that council supply the necessary materials to a resident action group, who would construct 40 nesting boxes and keep a record of the trial.

The trial would be the first of its kind in NSW, and would last 12 months, with six-monthly reviews of the ongoing efficiency and effectiveness of the nesting boxes, according to a staff report.

At council's June 22 meeting, a petition with 383 signatures was tabled stating that there were excessive numbers of mosquitoes in the vicinity of Killcare and noted that a high proportion

of these mosquitoes were the salt marsh mosquito, a known carrier of diseases such as Ross River Fever and Barmah Forest disease.

The petition requested council's support in finding a solution to protect their health and lifestyle by controlling mosquito infestations with the use of eco-friendly controls.

An approach to council was made on May 17 by a resident action group which has been formed with the intention to trial a mosquito reduction program using microbat nesting boxes.

The report stated: "By encouraging microbats to roost at Killcare, they should reduce mosquito numbers as microbats are known to consume between 50 to 100 per cent of their total body weight in mosquitoes over a night."

Council Agenda NM.10, June 28



The ground floor layout of the proposed three storey development to be built on the corner of Blackwall and Bowden roads

Residents support three-storey plan

Woy Woy residents have shown their support for a development application for the corner of Bowden Rd and Blackwall Rd.

Gosford Council has received a petition with 402 signatures in support of a proposed residential development to build 50 units on the nine blocks of land with a 200 metre street frontage.

They stated they had no

objection to the three-storey component of the development.

The petitioners stated that the design offered a welcome change from the usual gun-barrel form of development and that the existing buildings on this site were old and inappropriate for the residential zone.

The petitioners also stated that the height of the buildings had generally been kept to the

height of the large box trees that surrounded the site, and that the development was in keeping with the streetscape and "related" to the large stand of tall trees opposite at the public school.

The petitioners added that a large central landscaped area had provided with car parking provided under the buildings.

Council agenda P.48, June 28

Pool fence will be 2.1m

Peninsula leisure centre project officer Mr Peter Hickman has stated that a 2.1 metre high fence will be constructed around the eastern boundary of the leisure centre, following concerns from local residents and Cr Jim Macfadyen.

Cr Macfadyen asked on May 3 if one of the conditions in relation to the leisure centre was that in Alpha St council agreed to the erection of a 2.1 metre fence on the boundary.

Cr Macfadyen also asked if council was aware that the local residents had been advised that the fence will only be 1.8 metres high.

"Are we renegeing on the

agreement with the local community or has there been a mistake made?" Cr Macfadyen asked.

The director of development and health Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings said that condition five of the consent in relation to the development application stipulated that a 1.8 metre high fence would be erected along the boundary on the northern side of Alpha Rd from Blackwall Rd to the western boundary of the rear car park and the southern side of Terry Ave from Blackwall Rd.

Ms Worthy Jennings added that the approved Construction Certificate plans showed a height of 2.1 metres along the eastern boundary.

Council agenda FS.78, June 28

PCYC asks for Men's Shed

The Umina PCYC has approached Gosford Council to build a shed on the site.

The proposed facility would be used by current not-for-profit programs such as the Alternative Learning Centre, as well as a new Men's Shed for its men's health support program.

The Umina PCYC is a charitable organisation that manages the council-owned site that has been zoned for community use.

Any structure being added to the location would be owned by the council at the end of the PCYC lease.

Representatives of the Umina PCYC have told council it would like to lodge a development application to construct a combined shed, meeting room and disability toilet facility adjacent to the premises of the PCYC building on the site at Osborne Ave.

A council report stated: "The building would be complimentary

to the existing facility and provide external access to amenities that could enable better usage of the whole site.

"Parking is suitable for this type of facility and the programs running within it."

Council officers have recommended approval for the submission of the development application and that council waive the fees for the application.

Council agenda CS.28, June 28

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High density highly detrimental

Cr Peter Hale is completely wrong in his advocacy for high-rise along Ettalong Beach.

The imposition of high density is highly detrimental.

High rise does not decrease road traffic. The increased number of people in the area who still have to use their cars for all sorts of reasons increases traffic congestion and air pollution.

This is plain to see in any high density area.

Security is not increased. As density increases, there is decreased participation in community affairs.

Far from keeping house prices affordable, an analysis of world

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cities shows that those with high density policies have the most unaffordable housing.

High density policies result in affordable family homes being torn down to make way for new costly units which are hostile to bringing up children.

This reduces housing choice. The environment is adversely impacted.

The increased use of air conditioners, lifts, clothes driers and artificial lighting in high rise results in still more greenhouse gas emissions.

There is more noise. Infrastructure is overstretched.

Overdevelopment with more concrete, tiles and bitumen results in less natural surface to absorb rain with the consequence of more polluted stormwater and more if it discharging into urban creeks.

Gardens and remnant bushland are destroyed which are a recreational and visual amenity, cool the city and are a haven for wildlife.

High rise will irrevocably destroy the natural beauty and lifestyle of the Central Coast.

It will be a tragedy if this wonderful area is sacrificed to the developer dollar.

Dr Tony Recsei, Warrawee President Save Our Suburbs

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Our future needs more attention

editorial

The character of the Peninsula will change substantially if Gosford Council adopts the draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

Will it be for the better or the worse?

The strategy promotes multi-storey development, three-storeys in medium density residential areas and up to six storeys or more in commercial areas, and has a 20-year outlook.

The document, which was prepared under a State-funded consultancy, arose out of the Government's planning policy for the region, Shaping the Central Coast, which designated the Peninsula for "compact city" urban redevelopment.

Only 28 community members were consulted during its preparation.

Residents have until July 6 to make their comments.

The recent residents' meeting opposing high rise on the Peninsula condemned the lack of public consultation about the strategy and called for a forum with councillors to discuss it.

It is clear that insufficient discussion of the draft strategy has occurred if Council expects to gain broad community support for the strategy.

Previous community objections to high-rise at Ettalong have been over-ridden by Gosford Council on the grounds that an alternative was not presented.

Given this, the council should facilitate public awareness and discussion about alternatives to the draft strategy.

At least three alternatives exist which should be considered.

The first is Gosford Council's own Gosford Vision 2025. The preparation of this strategy is only half complete, but already it is evident that "village-style communities" is a strong theme.

Unlike the draft Peninsula strategy, which rules out possibilities of zoning changes and road widening, Vision 2025 has used a process which is based on the future residents would like to see eventuate.

It also has the advantage of

engaging in wide consultation and survey, as well as providing four day-long workshops to develop its themes.

The second alternative is a 50-year plan by local community group Equilibrium Community Ecology, "A Spacious Peninsula". (The Peninsula News Editor is chairman of this group)

It splits the area into 10 suburbs each with their own shops, offices and neighbourhood centre.

While the draft strategy mentions proposals prepared by supporters of high-rise, it does not mention this 27-page proposal, which was specially submitted for consideration with the strategy.

It deserves the opportunity to be considered by the public.

The third alternative is The Noosa Plan.

New Outrigger Resort manager Mr Nicolas Bottiglieri has received publicity for suggesting that Ettalong should become like Noosa Heads.

This alternative is particularly relevant, because Noosa has also recently been through a similar planning exercise.

The process was designed to engender community support and stands in contrast to the process here.

In Noosa, there was extensive media advertising with at least 14 information sessions. The council received 827 unique submissions about it, all from a population of about 39,000 – not much larger than the Peninsula.

Noosa has a "highly-successful system of community governance" with five on-going "community sector boards ... to consciously shape Noosa's future".

The Noosa planning strategy has a population cap, based on carrying capacity and infrastructure, and a building height limit of four storeys.

Peninsula residents are right to call for more consultation, for more information and for more opportunities to discuss the alternatives before any long-term strategy is adopted.

We need to take this exercise seriously. Our future is at stake.

Mark Snell, editor

Council staff cover up foreshore plans

Gosford Councillor Peter Hale has agreed that the group implementing the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management was a "vested interests committee".

He made the statement during a Council site inspection of the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

The first stage of this implementation is occurring in the area that is in front of the Ettalong Beach Club, where Cr Hale is the general manager.

He said that the Ettalong Club had a deed of agreement with Council for \$300,000. He said he was on this committee representing the Ettalong Club, not as a councillor, to make sure that the plans included what the club wanted.

Minutes before his statement, Council staff had categorically stated that the group implementing the plan was a "working group within Council", made up only of Council staff and interested councillors.

They refuted the statement previously made by recreation services manager Mr Peter Hickman, that the planning group was a "stakeholders planning committee".

However further questions from community members revealed that three key members of the local business community were

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representing business interests on this committee.

No-one was able to answer the questions of why there were no community and environmental representatives on this committee, and no independent consultants providing expertise on dune protection.

At this point, the site inspection was hastily ended by deputy mayor Cr McFadyen.

A brief provided to a landscape architect firm by the "vested interests committee" for public land directly in front of the Ettalong Club includes a four metre cycleway and retaining wall.

These structures would destroy dunes and dune vegetation.

This brief contradicts the plan's stated priority to protect the dunes.

The brief also creates improved views and improved access directly in front of the newly-built Ettalong Club.

A Council officer at this meeting conceded that the current plans were a departure from the Council-endorsed plan of management, and so would need to go back to Council for approval.

Six months ago, a request by a community member to Council's general manager for information about the process being used to implement this plan was denied.

The response said that it "was not possible to provide an outline of the implementation process" and that "public consultation would occur at the appropriate times as funding and priorities allow".

It became clear at the on-site meeting that Council staff were not using accepted governance standards, and that community and environmental interests deliberately have been excluded.

Ongoing attempts have been made by Council staff to conceal the control of this process by vested interests.

Such a process is occurring in a climate where, at the time community input is allowed, the staff culture and procedure is to rebut, ignore or override this input.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Real democracy needed

The Peninsula community is now being confronted with the next cycle of development.

Residents will try to imagine the Peninsula, not as it is but how it will be in the future, both short-term and long-term.

Whatever the outcome, progress, economic return, growth, infrastructure and technology will continue to be the main topics of discussion.

How refreshing it is to read the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin Mission Statement which has a much more

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democratic approach to change. Can we accept democratic participation?

The next cycle of Peninsula development should include real democratic participation, not tokenistic democratic participation as witnessed this year.

Norman Harris, Umina

The Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin Mission Statement can be viewed at the Peninsula News Offices, or you can find more information online at www.oneidanation.org

Common sense

Just finished reading the council minutes and saw where they voted unanimously not to proceed with the business levy.

What a victory for common sense, truth and the powers of goodness and light.

Also read where they were vitally interested in how much the debacle cost council. Seems council suddenly chose to distance

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itself completely from the debacle.

There is a great story or number of stories in this disgraceful episode particularly in the discrepancy between the "voting" numbers after council had a recount and reassessment of the chambers propaganda and misinformation, to put it mildly.

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Meeting to oppose over-development

Residents opposing "gross over-development" of the Peninsula will hold another public meeting at 2pm on Saturday, July 9, at Ettalong Progress Hall.

The meeting follows a similar meeting held two weeks ago at the hall.

"Reasonable development does not sacrifice the quality of life of the residents of the Peninsula," said meeting organiser Mr Bryan Ellis.

"Residents should know that their councillors are asking the State Government to abandon the principles of orderly coastal development as set out in State Environmental Planning Policy 71," he said.

"This Coastal Protection Policy recommends that development on sensitive coastal sites be restricted to three storeys with some height increase further away from the shoreline.

"Our council is recommending that the Minister for Planning approve a development that his own Design Review Panel has called a gross over-development of the site that should be reduced in height, bulk and scale by 30 per cent."

Mr Ellis said that, in one

week, more than 1000 residents had signed a petition asking the Minister to reject gross over-development and to apply reasonable standards to development at Ettalong.

Mr Ellis said his position was not anti-development, but he was opposed to gross over-development.

"We want progress that people can live with and still have suburbs that we can recognise," he said.

Mr Ellis quoted the Outrigger Resort manager: "As Mr Bottiglieri puts it, people come to Ettalong Beach and fall in love with the place."

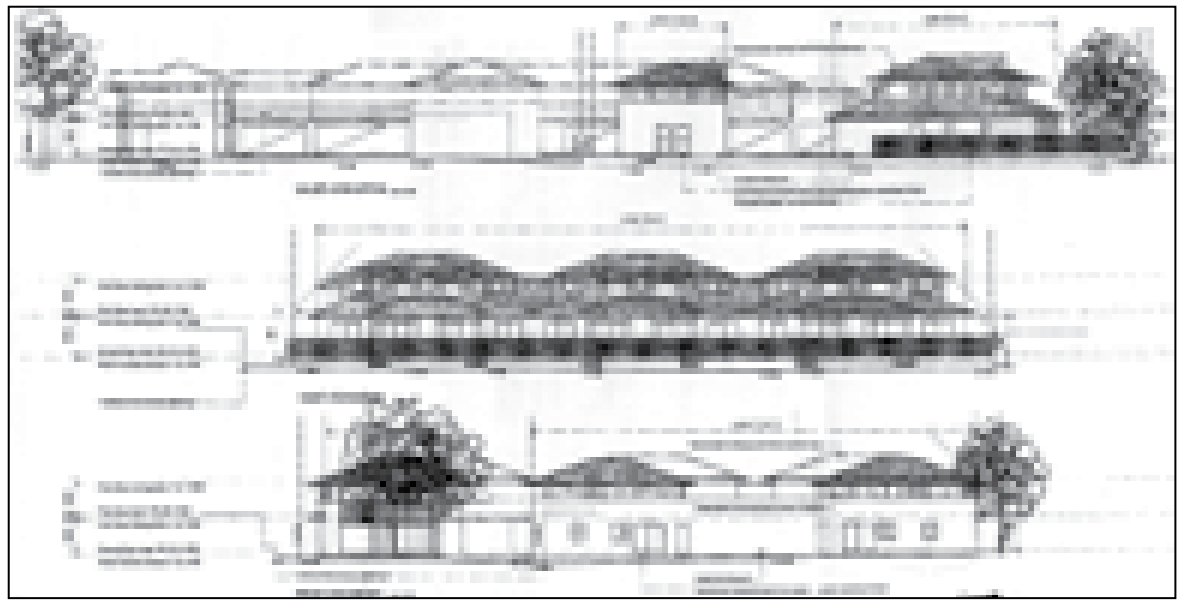
Mr Ellis said he agreed with Mr Bottiglieri's statement: "It's divine with its lovely little meandering streets and shops. It's a real village feeling and that's what people find very appealing."

Mr Ellis said: "From my interaction with the community in the past month, this is all the reasonable people of the Peninsula are asking.

"Reasonable development that does not destroy our way of life or the Peninsula lifestyle.

"In contrast, your council, led by Cr Hale, is asking us to accept gross over-development."

**Press release, June 22
Bryan Ellis**



Residents object to 12-unit proposal

Residents of Nowack and McEvoy Ave, Umina Beach, have criticised the proposed construction of 12-unit residential flat buildings in their street.

Gosford Council has received a petition with 105 signatures from residents objecting to the development application for several reasons.

The residents stated that a single driveway vehicle access for the complex only into Nowack Ave would impact on residents.

The residents stated the building provided a lack of privacy for adjoining residents and there had been concerns about the character of the site.

Other concerns listed by residents include increased noise and general activity caused by the

addition of a second storey and increased local vehicle traffic.

Residents have also claimed that storm water from the proposed development would impact on surrounding properties.

The petitioners have asked for an on-site inspection by councillors with residents to discuss their concerns.

Council agenda P.46, June 28

Women's profiles are wanted

The Multi Arts Confederation is seeking new profiles of Peninsula women for an update to the book "Significant Women of the Central Coast, Women who have made a difference".

Some of the women from the Peninsula who were included in the first edition included Ms Heather McKenzie, Ms Nora Clark, Ms Ailsa Aldous, Ms Madeline Anderson, Ms Marie Andrews, Ms Loraine Barlow, Ms Lyn Bockholt, Ms Ruth Collins and Ms Leah Francis.

The book also featured Ms Pat Gilroy, Ms Enid Harrison, Ms Pat Harrison, Ms Mary Hawthorne, Ms Mary Holstein, Ms Shirley Hotchkiss, Ms Fran Kendall, Ms Elsie Mills, Ms Gwen Morgan, Ms Kay McVicker, Ms Caroline Serventy and Ms Bev Thompson.

Women who have or are involved in the arts, business, education, environment, government, health, history, indigenous, multicultural, media, medicine, religion, social welfare, sport and other fields of life are eligible.

The first edition, which featured 108 women, was released in March and is available for sale from the Gosford Regional Gallery, Brisbane Water Historical Museum and from the Confederation.

The new profiles will be compiled for display on International Women's Day next March and will then be co-ordinated for a new book to be printed soon after.

Nomination forms are available by contacting 4369 4534.

**Press release, June 15
Margaret Hardy, Multi Arts Confederation**

State Government funding may be used to put a suspension bridge across the mouth of the Woy Woy bays to join the Koolewong cycleway on Brisbane Water Dr with the Peninsula's cycleway network.

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, Mr Craig Knowles, recently announced a \$237,800 grant to the Gosford for a shared pedestrian and cycle path along the Woy Woy foreshore, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

She said the bike path would cross the entrance to the Woy Woy bays on a separate pedestrian/cycleway bridge constructed next to the existing bridge.

Elecorate officer Ms Suzanne

King said: "It is still in the early concept and design phase and will be implemented as one of the last parts of the upgrade project."

Ms King said one concept being discussed was a suspension bridge.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews recently welcomed the announcement by

"This grant will allow council to construct an extension of the foreshore cycle path from Brick Wharf Rd," Ms Andrews said.

"It will continue along the Woy Woy foreshore adjacent to Brisbane Water to provide a scenic link to the new Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Currently work is being carried out to complete the cycleway along Brisbane Water Dr at Koolewong, which will link to the

new section just announced.

"Existing sections of the route are very well used by pedestrians and cyclists for local transport trips as well as recreational activities," Ms Andrews said.

The funding will be supported dollar for dollar by Gosford Council.

"I congratulate the council on its successful application and its enthusiasm for a healthy infrastructure program such as this," Ms Andrews said.

**Press release, June 23
Ms Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

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Health

After hours medical service to continue

The Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service will continue to operate as an after-hours general practice service from Woy Woy Hospital.

However, there will be a few changes, according to local GP and the current chairman of the service, Dr Paul Duff

The after hours service, which has been operating for 33 years, came to crisis point last November because of doctor shortages in the area.

Rather than close the service down, the GPs of the Peninsula rallied and in cooperation with the newly formed Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Service came up with a plan to keep the service alive.

"It has really been an extraordinary six months," said Dr Duff.

"At our annual general meeting last November, there was unanimous and vehement agreement that we local GPs just could not stretch ourselves any further.

"We were having trouble meeting commitments to our regular daytime patients.

"The burden of also providing what was, in effect, an all-night general practice was just getting beyond us," Dr Duff said.

The Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service was formed back in 1972 by the GPs who provided the medical staffing of Woy Woy Hospital, a role they still play today.

"This was back in the days before Medicare when the number of specialists on the Central Coast could be counted on one hand, the number of people on the Peninsula was only a fraction of



what it is today and the local GPs ran the Woy Woy Hospital," Dr Duff said.

"The after hours service was set up as a way of coordinating those GPs into providing a true overnight casualty department for their hospital.

"It was a miracle that three decades later, in spite of the total transformation of the provision of medical care in Australia which had occurred, that this type of GP after hours service was still being offered.

"It was, and still is, a unique service."

But by last November the strain had become too great, according to Dr Duff.

"We have, on average, been losing the equivalent of one full time GP per year on the Peninsula for the last 10 years," Dr Duff said.

"Whole practices, my own included, have closed under the pressure and there is no let up in sight.

"The average GP age here is now in the mid-50s with no young

blood coming in and many more retirements only a year or two away.

"Little wonder that by the time of our AGM there was open discussion about withdrawing from Woy Woy Hospital completely in order to keep our own practices going.

"It is a resounding testament to the commitment of those GPs and NSCCH to their local community that they took the path they did."

Rather than just walk away, the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service organised a forum to discuss ways to preserve the service.

In February, representatives of the State and Federal Departments of Health, the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service, the Central Coast Division of General Practice, the Hunter Urban Division of General Practice, the Bridges After Hours Medical Service, the Maitland After Hours Medical Service, the Northside After Hours Medical Service and of the local

federal member

Mr Jim Lloyd accepted an invitation to meet with the Peninsula GPs and discuss options to keep the service alive.

"It was a turning point from which the local GPs gained some heart and new hope," said Dr Duff.

"Since then we have been continuing our negotiations with the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service and we are pleased to be able to announce that after hours GP services will still be available at Woy Woy Hospital, but with some changes commencing June 13."

"It is important that people realise that this is an after hours service.

"During the day on weekdays Woy Woy Hospital has no doctors on site," said Dr Duff.

"During these hours Peninsula patients should see their usual GP or attend Gosford Hospital."

Between 7pm and 11pm weekdays, 12:30am to 11pm Saturdays and from 8am to 11pm Sundays and public holidays the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service will continue as it always has, seeing anyone who presents to the front door of Woy Woy Hospital.

After 11pm the doors of Woy Woy Hospital will close to the public and Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service will become a telephone advisory and home visit service.

A sign at the hospital front door will advise on how to either call the on-call GP or attend Gosford Hospital.

"We did this so that the doctor on call will have some chance of sleeping in their own bed between busy days at their own surgeries seeing their own patients," said Dr

Duff.

"So you will be able to speak to a GP at any time overnight and if a home visit is medically necessary this can be arranged after consulting with the doctor."

To cover costs the use of the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service phone number will attract a fee which will be added to the caller's phone bill.

This will only happen after an introductory message which explains the service, gives its operating hours and outlines the costs involved with continuing the call and in arranging a home visit

"Security is such a big issue these days," said Dr Duff.

"Doctors doing home visits have been assaulted and even murdered for money and drugs.

"We have no choice but to involve a security guard in any house calls.

"This is a cost that we will have to pass on to the patient, so unfortunately it will also be impossible to bulk bill any home visits."

In spite of these changes Dr Duff said he was very pleased with the outcome.

"Our service still complies with the best practice of any service from Sydney to Newcastle," Dr Duff said.

"In terms of hours, availability and cost, you will find nothing better.

"At the same time, we continue to provide medical care to the inpatients of Woy Woy Hospital and all of this without a single cent of Federal Government funding outside Medicare."

**Press release, June 7
Kerrie Jackson, Woy Woy Hospital**

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Adult day care turns 30

Ettalong Baptist Adult Daycare recently celebrated its 30th birthday.

The Adult Day Care service was started in 1975.

The group was originally formed as an outreach for the elderly, lonely people in the community and also for those who were recuperating from illness.

This was run by 12 of the church's congregation.

Two of the volunteers, Rima Keetman and Jan Rose, still working for the daycare group.

The centre started with four clients.

By Christmas 1983, the centre had 31 clients and 25 helpers.

The service's volunteers offer beauty treatment for women and haircuts for men.

Others come every month and play piano for a sing-along and dancing.

By 1989 the centre got the use of the Health Commission bus to pick up clients.

The centre currently has 25 clients and 13 volunteers.

Some of the centre's clients



Pictured are Hazel Vippond (20 years service); Jan Baker (six years); Rina Keetman (30 years); Jan Rose (30 years); Barbera Willis (seven years)

come through Baptist Community Services, Flexi care.

They are brought by their carers and taken home in a taxi.

Participants at the centre have had varied outings including picnics to Patonga, Old Sydney Town.

They have seen Oklahoma at Henry Kendall High School, have gone to Woy Woy South school for Grandma's Day, and have gone to Hammond Park to see the horses.

The centres Happy Days newsletter is published every two months.

The Central Coast Area Health Service give the volunteers training.

The clients have made cloth dolls for injured children and now knit and crochet rugs for the homeless.

The group also sponsored a child in Peru.

The current coordinators are

Jan Baker and Jan Rose.

Jan Rose won last year's Gosford Council Australia Day award for her service to seniors.

Rina Keetman and Jan Rose have also won Premier's awards.

**Press release, May 27
Ettalong Baptist Adult Day Care**

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Ettalong foreshore, looking towards the Outrigger Resort

Foreshore report finally available

Gosford Council staff have finally published a report prepared over two months ago in answer to a question asked by Cr Terri Latella almost four months ago.

Cr Latella asked, on March 1, for a report on the status of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management, including detailed plans of projected works and draft plans attached to those works.

The report says that former director of community services Mr Phil Rowland stated in a reply on April 13 that council had adopted a Plan of Management for the Ettalong Foreshore in 2003.

"The Plan of Management provides a general outline of

development of the foreshore that will require further design and consultation before works can be undertaken.

"The plan recognises the conflicting values imposed by the fragility of the dune system and the need for public access to the beach," according to Mr Rowland.

"The Plan of Management has a schedule of works outlined in the included action plan.

"Funds totalling \$280,000 are available for work on the beach and foreshore adjacent to the CBD area and an amount of \$300,000 is due from the Ettalong War Memorial Club through a Deed of Agreement originating from the approval for redevelopment of the Club site.

"To date some preliminary discussions have taken place with some stakeholders in the process but no detailed plans have been commissioned to take to the public as yet."

Mr Rowland said other improvements identified in the Plan of Management along the foreshore have adequate funding identified through Contributions Plan 31C.

The next step was to prepare detailed designs in line with the concept envisaged in the Plan of Management and to seek a response from the community.

Mr Rowland said that no works would proceed without community consultation and approval.

Council agenda FS.78, June 28

Erosion warning with sea level rise

Properties within 90m of the current dune "vegetation limit" at Ocean Beach, Umina, are in danger of being eroded if sea levels rise by 90cm.

This is the implication of a report finding released last month by the Tasmanian Government, which looked at coastal vulnerability to climate change and sea level rise.

The report found that sandy shorelines backed by low-lying sandy plains, like the beach at Umina, were the most vulnerable to sea level rise and could expect shoreline recession.

The report's author, geoscientist Mr Chris Sharples, cited "the Bruun Rule, which states that horizontal shoreline recession due to sea level rise is most commonly in the range of 50 to 100 times the amount of sea level rise".

Mr Sharples said that the actual recession could be "much greater or much less than this".

A better prediction could only be made by "a detailed site-specific assessment and modelling exercise".

The rule gave "a basis to define a precautionary vulnerability envelope".

"This type of approach has been taken in the Western Australian State Coastal Planning Policy, which uses a multiplier of 100

times sea-level rise to define setback lines," he said.

"One possibility for applying such a precautionary vulnerability zone would be that proponents wishing to develop within such a defined zone would need to undertake sufficient site-specific assessments of recession vulnerability at their site as to demonstrate that their development is in fact not at risk, or that their development can be designed in such a way as to cope with any recession hazard."

A sea level rise of 90cm has been acknowledged in the draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy as the projected potential sea level rise which could apply to the Peninsula over the next 100 years.

The figure, which comes from the scientific Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is also used in the Tasmanian report.

The draft Peninsula strategy suggests that minimum floor levels in low-lying areas could be raised by a metre, but it does not address the possibility of shoreline recession.

The report, Indicative Mapping of Tasmanian Coastal Vulnerability to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise, is available from the Tasmanian Government website www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au.

Mark Snell, June 20

Ettalong may get walking track

The Ettalong Beach foreshore may be one possible location for a walking track following the relocation of funds from a similar project.

A \$15,000 community development grant, allocated to the creation of an accessible

walking track on Kincumba Mountain, was recently deemed "insufficient" for the project by Gosford Council's disability access committee at its meeting of May 3.

The committee resolved that alternatives that create an accessible bushwalk with the available funds should be sought.

Some suggestions from the committee included a walk at Ettalong Beach foreshore, a walk upgrade at Rumbalara, a rainforest walk at Illya Ave or a mangrove boardwalk at West Gosford.

Further information regarding appropriate projects and their costing will now be sought and brought back to the committee for its consideration.

Council agenda DA.006, June 28

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Lodgement considered

Gosford Council officers have recommended approval for Tesrol to lodge a development application for a nine-storey development in Ettalong.

The approval is required because the development will encroach on a council-owned laneway off Memorial Ave.

Council considered this item at its meeting held on May 24, and resolved that to defer the item for inspection on June 14.

The lodgement approval will now be considered on Tuesday night, June 28.

At the council meeting following a site inspection on June 14, council again resolved to defer the matter to a strategy and policy

workshop to be held on June 21 to allow further information to be provided to councillors.

The developer plans to redevelop land fronting Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach, on the location of the temporary Ettalong Beach Club car park.

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

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

Council agenda FS.67, June 14
Council agenda FS.75, June 28



Erosion on the Ettalong foreshore

Committee takes environmental input

Environmental representation had been included in the stakeholder committee for stage one of the Ettalong Foreshore Plan of Management, according to Gosford Council's recreation services manager Mr Peter Hickman

"Cr Terri Latella is on the committee, as is the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources," Mr Hickman told Peninsula News.

Mr Hickman also stated that he felt having a dune care representative on the committee would not have been appropriate.

"It is more of a bush care group,

who deal with maintenance, where as this is about development.

"There are also councillors on the committee, which I would have thought is fair community representation."

Mr Hickman added that the foreshore design from the Ettalong Plan of Management was the proposed design, though it might not go ahead as detailed in the document depending on funding, or revised plans.

However, Cr Latella said she hasn't been part of the committee in the past, as it took quite a long time to find out which department was in charge of the foreshore plan.

She said it was only a month

ago that she actually found out which department it was.

Cr Latella said she then made the committee aware that she wanted to be a part of it, and that she would also like to have a member of the community on board as well.

She said with the last committee meeting she was only made aware at the last minute, and so didn't attend.

She said that the committee is now aware of her interests in the matter.

Cr Latella also said she would be happy to take calls to keep the community informed because there had been a lack of transparency on the issue.

Lyle Stone, June 22

Scout group holds open day

Umina Scout Group is holding an open day on Sunday, July 3, from 10am to 2pm for anyone interested in joining the group or Scouting in the local area.

Scout leader Mr Darren Watson said the group currently had two sections open and was always looking for new members.

The sections are Scouts for boys and girls aged 10 to 15 years old and Cubs aged 8 to 10 years

old.

Mr Watson said the group would soon to be starting Joeys for boys and girls aged 6 to 7 years old.

He said the Scouts group also had places for adults who wished to become leaders in those sections.

The open day will be held at the Scout Hall, Carawa St, Umina.

Press release, June 21
Darren Watson, Umina Scout Group

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Many events listed 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, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866
EMBC, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087
EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong
ESSC, 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
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 **WWCH**, Woy Woy Community Hall, cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd.
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 & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**,
Senior's Idol, 1 - 4pm **EBWMC**,
Toastmasters, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842;
 Seniors Day 12 noon **EBWMC**.
Get Together afternoon tea, **ESSC**, enq: 4341 3222.
Pearl Beach Craft group, **PBPH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.
Stroke recovery group, **MOW**, 11.30am.
Third Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, **UCH** 7pm.
 Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, **MOW** 10am, enq: 4342 1790.
Fourth Tuesday of every month
 Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**
Toastmasters, **EBWMC**, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.
Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, **ESSC**, enq: 4341 3222.
Every Tuesday
The Web, **TWYS**, Drop in centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm
Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-12.45pm Shirley 4369 2034
Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm **PCC** enq: 4342 4121.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am.**Kindy Gym** 10am, **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**
ESSC - Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm;
School for Seniors, **Judo**, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm, **PCC**.
Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379 1132
Tai-Chi classes **WH** 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705

- Rotary Club of Woy Woy** 6pm **ECC**
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 6pm, enq: 4342 3925.
Gym Sessions 8am-12noon **PCYC**.
Alternative Learning Centre 8am-4pm **PCYC**.
Gym Circuit 9:15am-10:15am **PCYC**.
School Sport 1pm-2:45pm **PCYC**.
Junior Boxing 4pm-5pm **PCYC**.
Senior Boxing 6pm-8pm **PCYC**.
Gym Circuit 6pm-7pm **PCYC**. **Sports bar raffle** EBWMCB
Sahaja yoga meditation
CWAHWW, 10:30am enq: 4328 1409.
Computers, 9am, **ESSC**
Playgroup 10-12pm Kids 0-5yrs, 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 & Citizens Progress Association, **EPH**, 7.30pm.
Second Wednesday of every Month
Woy Woy VIEW CLUB - friendship Day - **MOW** - 11am - details 4342 0805, BYO Plate
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: 4344 2599.
Kids drama & 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 & guest speaker, 10.30am, Everglades Country Club, 4342 0805
Every Wednesday
St John's Ambulance; Woy Woy Aged Care, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.
 Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare enq: 4360 2161.
The Web, 12pm - 6pm, **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESSC** **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 6763, 7pm
Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, Girls' **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924**PCC**.
 Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.
 Brisbane Waters **Scrabble** Club, **MOW** 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.
 Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples bowls, 1pm. **ECC**
Seniors fitness **EPH** 9am, enq: 4385 2080.
Indoor Bowls - 9am; **Fitness** - 1pm
Leatherwork-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am.
Scrabble 1pm **ESSC**.
Social Darts, 7.15pm **EMBC**,
Gym Sessions 8am-12noon **PCYC**.
Alternative Learning Centre 8am-4pm **PCYC**.
School Sport 1pm-2:45pm (Includes **Self Defence** for Young Women 1pm-2pm) **PCYC**.
Gym Circuit 6pm-7pm **PCYC**.
Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), **PCYC**
Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup **WH** (ex sch hols). 10.00 - 12pm, enq: 4360 1145.
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 12.15 - 2.30pm, 6.30 - 8.30pm St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.
Handicraft **CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

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 & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, **BFC**
 Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm, Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.
Every Thursday
Creative Writing group meet every Thursday from 11am to 1pm in the CWA building in Woy Woy. Enq 4369 1187 for more details.
Counselling; by appointment, **PCC**
Free entertainment 6.30 pm
Senior Snooker 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **Members Badge Draw**, **EMBC**.
Drumming, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2-3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.
Scrabble, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd, 12.30pm. **Bingo**, 9.30 - 11.30, **EBWMC**
The Web, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS**
 Ladies 18 hole **golf** **ECC**
Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm;
Judo 12 noon, **ESSC**
Cards all ages, 5.30pm:Enq: 43424121.
PCC
Line Dancing 9.30am, **Social Darts** **CU**, 7.30pm,
Stitchery Circle 9.30am, **EBACC**
St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.
Children's story time, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan).
Gym Sessions 8am-12noon **PCYC**.
Alternative Learning Centre 8am-4pm,
Gym Circuit 9am-10am, 6pm-7pm,
School Sport 1pm-2:45pm **PCYC**.
 Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851
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, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**
AI-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, **WWCH** enq. 4341 6763

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 & preschoolers, Umina Uniting Church.
Bingo 11.30am, food prizes, raffles, tea & coffee **UCH** Enq:4343 1664
Lollipop Music Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.
The Web, 2pm-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; Free Entertainment 7.30 - 11.30pm, **Kindy Gymnastics** beginners 9.30am, advanced 10.30am,
Pilates Classes, 11am to 12noon, enq: 4344 7909 **PCC**
Painting - 9am **ESSC**
Alternative Learning Centre 8am-

- 4pm, **Gym Sessions** 8am-12noon,
Gym Circuit 9:15am-10:15am **PCYC**.
Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm,
Youth Group 7pm, 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, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**
Kids Club (Primary) .4-6pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm **WWCH**, enq. 4341 6763,
Computers, 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESSC**
- 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 P & C **Bushcare** 9am, Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301
 Market Day, 9am Sydney 2000 Park, Umina **UCH**
Last Saturday every month
 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**
Gym Sessions 9am-12noon, **Drama & Discovery** 9am-11am **PCYC**.
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, **WWLC** 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721, **WWCH**
AI-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.
- SUNDAY**
First Sunday of every month
 Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Enq: 4342 6995
Second Sunday of every month
 Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am **BWSC**, Enq: 4341 9301
 Buffalo **Lodge**, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, Buffalo **Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm.
 Troubadour **Acoustic Music** Club, 2pm **CWAHWW** Enq: 4342 9099
Third Sunday of every month
Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9-11am Enq: 43692486
Vietnam Vets, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC**
 Ettymalong **Creek Landcare** group, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 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, **ESSC**
 Burrawang Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dr playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.
Last Sunday of every month
Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market BBQ, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome, Enq: 4341 4151
Every Sunday
 Coast Community **Church Services** 9am & 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, **Trivia**, 1pm, **Jazz** on the Tallow Beach Terrace, 12pm - 4pm, **Junior Talent Quest 2** - 4pm **EBWMC**, 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 Rd 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
Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, **CWAHWW**, 1pm.
Carers support group, Group room, health service building, Woy Woy Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.
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: Liz Poole on 43 203741
3Cs-Craft, Coffee&Conversation. 12.30pm **BFC**. Enq: 43 431929
Yoga **WH** 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854 (ex school holidays).
Bowls **EMBC** 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.
Computers, 1pm, 2pm, **ESSC**
Night Bowls, 7.30 - 9.30pm, **EBWMC**, **Dancing** - 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Mahjong** - 1pm; **Fitness** 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm; **ESSC**.
Alternative Learning Centre 8am-4pm, **Gym Sessions** 8am-12noon, **Tiny Tots** 9:15am-10:00am, **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9.00am, **Kindy Gym** 10am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**
Brisbane Water Bridge Club **PCC**. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721
 Fairhaven **Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **CU**
 Evening **Bowls** 6pm Enq 4341 9656, **Line Dancing Classes**, 7pm, **EMBC**,
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 (except Jan)
Gentle Exercise, 9.30am **PCC**
Craft group, 1pm **BFC**
- EVENT CALENDAR**
Thursday 30 June
Free Legal Advice, PWHC, Enq. 4342 5905
Friday 1 July
Live Band **Night**, 6pm, **PCYC**
Jason Martin, Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, enq. 4341 2322
Saturday 2 July
Mark Lee, Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, enq. 4341 2322
Market Day, Umina Uniting Church, Ocean Beach Rd, 8.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 9 July
Trivia **Night**, Ettalong Girl Guides, 6pm, Woy Woy Public School, Enq. 4369 2965,
Public Meeting to discuss over-development, **EPH**, 1pm.
Sunday 10 July
Fellowship of the Strings, 1.30pm

Arts & Entertainment

Second book for Lacey

Pearl Beach resident Stephen Lacey has published his second novel, Sandstone.

Mr Lacey was born and raised in Umina and now lives in a fibro house, which he is renovating in Pearl Beach.

Drawing on his family background, Stephen Lacey researched the period from 1931 to 1950, and in Sandstone has written an Australian family saga.

The story is set in post war Australia where Jack and Ruth are running away from their past in the city, and chasing the Australian dream on the coast, which in 1951 is largely based around owning their own home.

"Sandstone took around two years to write.

"Much of that time was spent researching the period over which the novel is set, 1930 to 1951," Mr Lacey said.

"I used many historic source books on politics, social structure, and building methods and materials of the time.

"I also looked at many old family photographs for inspiration when building character and a sense of place.

"A lot of the research involved telephoning my family several times a day to ask pertinent and often uncomfortable questions.

"Not all of the family are happy with the way they are portrayed in Sandstone.

"I often strolled around the streets of Point Clare (where the novel is ostensibly set), trying to recall how the village had looked to me as a child in the 1960s and imagining how it might have looked a decade before that.

"The idea for the novel came from a desire to record the struggle of my grandparents, although it must be stressed, Sandstone is a work of fiction"

Stephen Lacey was born in 1963 at Gosford.

Mr Lacey was encouraged by the poet Robert Adamson to write poems, and his first appeared in Southerly and later, Westerly, Cordite, Ulitarra and Quadrant while he was still studying at Sydney University.

In 2000, Mr Lacey gained first prize in the Max Harris Literary Awards for his Boatshed series and he has twice won the Henry Kendall Poetry Competition.

Mr Lacey's first novel, The Tin Moon, was published in May 2002.

A freelance journalist, Stephen Lacey is a commentator on architecture and design.

The book was published on June 15 by Hachette Livre Australia.

**Press release, June 15
Jaki Arthur, Hachette
Livre Australia**



Fellowship of the Strings at the St Albans Folk Festival

Strings to play at folk club

Fellowship of the Strings will be playing at the Troubadour Folk Club at the Woy Woy CWA Hall on July 10.

The Fellowship of the Strings is a collaboration of five musicians living on the Central Coast - Jan Couchman, Ingrid and Tahlia Racz, Jackie Luke and Greg Wison.

Accomplished harpist Jan Couchman is the inspiration behind the group which features the melding of many strings, including harps, dulcimer, and guitar, with vocals.

The voices of Ingrid and Tahlia

Racz move from traditional ballad, to contemporary pop.

Harmonies and instrumentals are provided by Jackie Luke on hammered dulcimer and Greg Wilson on harp and whistle.

The Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club meets at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy across from the Wharf on the second Sunday of each month at 1.30 pm.

Members and general public are most welcome.

For more information on both these events, see the club's website at www.ccbdma.org.

Cec Bucello, June 24

Junior actor to meet author

Woy Woy Little Theatre junior member Mitchell Vangelatos, best known for his role as Christopher Robin in Winnie the Pooh, has won a competition to meet Harry Potter author JK Rowling.

Mitchell will fly to Scotland on July 13 to take part in a Hogwarts Banquet at Edinburgh Castle as part of the new Harry Potter book launch.

Mitchell and 70 other children from around the world will also get to attend the author's one and only press conference as reporters.

Their job will be to interview JK Rowling and write for their respective newspapers.

**Press release, June 21
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

Writing workshops

The Central Coast Fellowship of Australian Writers will present two free writing workshops for school students during national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Week, on Thursday, July 14, at the Woy Woy Library.

The workshops will be a chance for participants to meet an aboriginal story teller, and write their own story.

These workshops are for young people who enjoy writing and are keen to learn more, especially about Aboriginal lore through story telling.

Central Coast FAW publicity officer Ms Myril Jones said two facilitators would work together to create an interesting and informative ambience that would encourage budding writers to express themselves.

"Writing materials will be supplied.

"Students just need to bring their ideas and be ready to have fun," Ms Jones said.

"The workshops are for young people who enjoy writing and are keen to learn more, especially about Aboriginal lore through story telling.

The two facilitators will be Deborah Westbury and Catherine Pross.

Deborah Westbury has had four collections of poetry published and teaches creative writing at University of NSW and various community groups and high schools.

Catherine Pross is a trainee teacher and Aboriginal storyteller who first heard the traditional stories as a child from her grandmother.

Ms Pross has now been involved in various story-telling engagements for many years.

The workshop will take place on June 14, from 10am until noon for students in Years 3 to 6 and from 1pm to 3pm for students in Years 7 to 9.

The workshops will take place in the Spike Milligan Room, Woy Woy library.

There are only 30 places available in each workshop.

For more information or to book, contact 4367 2253.

**Press release, June 14
Myril Jones, Central Coast FAW**

Market Day

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346 Ocean Beach Road

Saturday July 2

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Education



Sculptures for POEMS

Sculptures and a mural at Poems Park at the Umina PCYC were unveiled at a ceremony by Cr Vicki Scott last week.

The construction of the sculptures and the design of the mural was a combined effort by students of WorkWise Central

Coast as part of their studies in a Certificate II in General Education course and by participants from Response Employment and Training Disability Services.

The project was funded with the assistance of Gosford Council through a community cultural grant.

WorkWise manager Anne

Coshaw said the quality of the students work was very professional and the completed work would make a significant contribution to the local community.

**Press release, June 28
Anne Coshaw, Workwise**

Eating and leisure challenge

Students at the Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have recently participated in the Q4: Live Outside the Box Challenge.

The program involved the students keeping a log of their eating habits and leisure activities over a two-week period.

Eating a good breakfast of fruit, cereal and toast and eating more fruit and vegetables during the

day scored highly while soft drinks and sweets lowered the score, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Similarly, active leisure time pursuits of at least 60 minutes per day scored higher than watching TV and playing computer games.

After the two weeks challenge, scores were tallied and entered into the regional competition.

"College students showed that they are indeed learning to develop healthy eating and active

leisure time habits when they were placed second in the region," Mr Lewis said.

"For this success, they won \$550 worth of sporting equipment from Ross Hayward Sports for the school which should ensure that even more vigorous activities can take place at school."

**Press release, June 22
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

School fence installed

The installation of a fence at Umina Public School has been completed.

It has made a significant difference to the overall appearance and safety of the school and its resources, according to school principal Mr John Blair.

Mr Blair said the school gates would be locked at 6pm each night and, unless there was some involvement with organisations hiring the hall, all visitors should be off the premises by that time.

**Newsletter, June 21
Umina Public School**

HELP YOUR SCHOOL WITH HARRY POTTER!

Order the latest **HARRY POTTER** book (released 16th July) through either Umina Primary or BWSC - Umina Campus this week and pay only \$40 (RRP \$45).

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P&C workshop on Peninsula

The Central Coast Sub-regional Council of Parents' and Citizens' Associations will be running a series of workshops for parents, with part of the course to take place on the Peninsula.

Media liaison officer Ms Nina Berry said the aim of the workshops was to enable parents to make effective use of their P&C associations, and to enable them to work in constructive partnerships with their children's schools.

Participants will learn about the role of P&C associations in schools, how they run, the roles parents can play, legal obligations of P&Cs, how to run a canteen

and how to formulate a uniform policy.

There also will be time for parents to have their questions answered.

The first of these workshops was expected to take place on Wednesday, June 22, at Niagara Park Public School.

The second will take place at Woy Woy Public School, in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, on Thursday, July 21, from 9am to noon.

A third workshop will take place later in the year in the Wyong Shire.

**Press release, June 10
Nina Berry, Parents and Citizens associations**

Free TAFE modules

A free TAFE Outreach Course in Community Services will be held at the Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2.30pm commencing August 2 and finishing on September 20.

The course consists of two modules including Introduction to Community Welfare and Interpersonal Communication.

"This course is ideal for anyone who thinks they may want to work in a paid or voluntary capacity in a community-based welfare service," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"The modules are fully accredited with TAFE and will provide those who are successful

with advanced standing if they choose to continue with their studies at TAFE further down the track.

"Others may simply want to learn about the community welfare industry or improve their communication skills for their own personal situation.

"There are no exams with this course and the assessments are very manageable. "People shouldn't be concerned about their level of education already achieved as the information is presented in a very down to earth way."

Anyone interested should contact Beachside Family Centre on 4343 1929.

**Press release, June 16
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**

Green Up Clean Up

St John the Baptist Primary School will be participating in The Green Up Clean Up from 12pm and 3pm today, Monday, June 27.

The day will begin with a liturgy to Celebrate World Environment Day followed by a "Waste-Free Lunch" which includes lunch brought to school in recyclable containers.

The day will finish with a clean-up of the school environment.

The fundraising will be done by sponsorship which the children

are responsible for.

The children have the opportunity to receive prizes such as torches, basketballs, sunglasses, clock radios and CD Players.

The money raised from the Green Up Clean Up will go towards some of the Catholic schools in the west of NSW who are suffering from the effects of the drought.

**Press release, June 15
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

Guides host trivia night

The Ettalong Girl Guides will host a trivia night on July 9 at Woy Woy Public School.

The evening will begin at 6pm at the school on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

The event is for adults only and participants are required to bring their own nibbles.

Tickets are \$10 per person and tables seat eight people.

For bookings contact 4369 2965.

**Press release, June 5
Narelle Dougherty, Ettalong Girl Guides**

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College takes State bowls flag

After six consecutive years of winning a place in the state finals of the combined high schools lawn bowls competition, Brisbane Water Secondary College students have this year gone all the way and emerged as state champions.

"The team, consisting of Wade Hayward, Blake Butler and Kevin Smith, played five games during the two-day tournament to take the title," said college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"On the first day, they convincingly defeated Colyton High and Glen Innes High, and just pipped Hunter Sports High by one bowl.

"On the second day, an early

close tussle with Mullumbimby High ended in a comfortable win to put the team into the final against Heathcote High.

"In this game, Brisbane Water trailed by eight bowls half way through the game but came back to lead by three going into the last end.

"Despite an outstanding last bowl by the opposition, the Brisbane Water boys emerged winners.

"To top off a memorable campaign, Blake Butler was named as player of the tournament.

Coach was Craig White from the Umina campus."

Press release, June 22
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College



Athletics carnival held

Students from both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College recently engaged in a day and a half of athletics in the annual carnival at Umina campus and at McEvoy Oval.

"Competing in all track and field events in a tabloid arrangement, students enjoyed some impressive performances," according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"One of the highlights of the full-day event was the staff versus student relay.

"The students fielded two very strong teams including Paul Steel, Aku Uate, Tim Bovis, and Junior Qata but they were just pipped at the post by an extremely fleet footed staff team of young and fit PE teachers which included Nathan Ward, Mark Rae, John Cobham and Mr Osborne."

Student Age Champions decided on the day included Robert Cross and Rachel O'Sullivan for the 12 years, Jason Hayward and Cody Bovis for the 13 years, Jay Pilson

and Amanda Thorpe for the 14 years, Kevin Moore and Siobhan Stanton for the 15 years, Brendan Bahagiah and Kate Pursehouse for the 16 years and Aku Uate and Cassie Deige for the 17 years.

College students will now go on to compete in the Zone event on Monday, June 27.

Press release, June 23
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Principal praises literacy results

Brisbane Water Secondary College principal Mr Pat Lewis has praised the college's Year 7 and 8 students for improved results in State-wide literacy testing.

He said Year 8 results were better than State averages.

Mr Lewis said the results for the Years 7 and 8 students during Term 1 indicated impressive progress across all areas tested.

"As testing takes place very early in the year, there is little chance for student learning in Year 7 to influence test scores," Mr Lewis said.

"However, of most interest is the change in student achievement from Year 7 in one year to Year 8 in the next."

Results for this year have indicated increased numbers of Year 8 students achieving in the high band in each of the areas of writing, reading and language compared with their Year 7 results last year.

Mr Lewis added that the

proportion of students in the two highest bands was greater than the State-wide figures across all of these areas.

"This improvement has continued a trend since the formation of the college of increasing numbers of students in the higher bands and decreasing numbers in the lowest bands," Mr Lewis said.

"The middle school campus' most impressive result was in reading where almost half of all Year 8 students achieved in the high band compared with only one quarter when they were in Year 7.

"These results are a welcome reward for students and teachers who have put in a great deal of effort to establish sound basic skills for students to build on in their further study.

"This was a major goal in the formation in the formation of the college and it is indeed pleasing to see this being regularly achieved and improved on each year."

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

Fireworks night

Pretty Beach Public School held its annual Fireworks Night on Saturday, June 11, with acting principal Ms Vicki Redrup calling it another incredible night for the school.

"It was just amazing!

"Cathie Cross and her team of dedicated parents did a wonderful job to ensure there were no hiccups," Ms Redrup said.

Ms Redrup said rain began to fall around midday, though the quick action of parents who delivered tarps and poles resulted in only minimal damage from the rain.

Newsletter, June 16
Pretty Beach Public School

Tennis

A 5-day tennis camp will be held at Umina Tennis Courts from Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July inclusive from 9am to 3pm daily. Open to all ages, beginners to advanced. Racquets are provided. Cost \$70 for the week (Family discounts apply) or \$20 daily. Ph: Neil on 4341 0970

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3 sessions - 11.30am Mon 4th Wed 6th Fri 8th

Workshop 3 - Beginner guitar - \$27 - 2nd week of the holidays

3 sessions - 11.30am Mon 11th Wed 13th Fri 15th

These workshops are for beginners who have not played guitar before and want a kick start in learning guitar.

Workshop 4 - Intermediate guitar - \$45 (includes CD)

5 sessions - 10am Mon 4th Wed 6th Fri 8th Mon 11th Wed 13th

This workshop is for students who can play G E A Em D & C chords. We will workshop a song with rhythm, lead and bass arrangements. On the final day of the workshop we will record the group. The workshop will be held over 5 days of the school holidays

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Learn about guitar effects pedals and which one to use to get the sound that you need. This workshop will be only on 1 day of the school holidays Classes are limited and booking is essential. The workshop will need to be paid on or before the first day of the workshop.

Workshop 7 - Guitar Maintenance \$20 (includes D'ARCO strings)

1 session - 2pm Tues 5th or Tues 12th

Bring along your guitar and learn how to change your strings and do some general maintenance on your guitar. The cost of the workshop includes a set of strings and all polishes, oils and instructions to spruce up your guitar and get it into good shape.

Pre-Schoolers music workshops for 3 to 5 year olds will commence Monday 18th July after the school holidays. Classes will be held at 11.30am on Mondays. We will explore percussion and music rhythms in the first series of workshops, followed by keyboard and percussion in the second series of workshops. The cost of the workshop will be \$8 per class plus percussion instruments required. We will have instrument pack prices for the 6 sessions or you may choose to buy individual items and use any existing instruments that you may already have. There will be some instruments to use in class too, so it is not necessary to have your own instruments to do this workshop. Contact the shop for a list of instruments and prices for these workshops.

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Kylie seeks sponsorship

Champion hurdler Kylie Wildman, of Woy Woy, has been selected among 400 semi-finalists for a \$25,000 sponsorship of a project of their dreams.

Ms Wildman is attempting to win the award to pay for flights home from America to compete in the National Titles in Australia.

"I first entered the competition while in the United States, a few months ago," Ms Wildman said.

She is now one of the 400 semi-finalists out of more than 4000 entrants.

"I couldn't believe it when I received the letter, I didn't really think I had a chance," Ms Wildman said.

The 15 finalists will be announced on July 13.

"I am currently studying at university in California, on a track and field scholarship, so I am back in Australia just for holidays.

"The money would be of great benefit to my track and field.

"I am trying to qualify for the Commonwealth Games in the 100m hurdles, so the money would take the load off financially and would allow me to travel back to Australia for the National Championships and the Commonwealth Games trials."

Before moving to the United States Ms Wildman competed in the Australian national championships every year from Year 6 to Year 12, winning 10 national medals including three gold, two silver and five bronze.

Ms Wildman produced two world under-18 qualifying times and three NSW state record times.

Ms Wildman said she had been consistently ranked in the top six in the nation for the past six years in the hurdles and top three in NSW.

"I am currently completing my university degree in the US, which will take between four to six years," Ms Wildman said.

"During that time I will continue to train and compete.

"However in order to be selected in the 2006 Australian Commonwealth games and the 2008 Australian Olympic team you need to compete in the national titles in Australia.

"This means I need to fly back to Australia for those competitions, which are approximately \$3000 return.

"My track and field scholarship pays for my university degree though does not pay for my living expenses such as rent, food and groceries.

"The \$25,000 would allow me to concentrate on my hurdles and education without the stress of working.

"It would also allow me to travel back to important competitions in Australia to be seen by selectors, in order to gain selection."

Ms Wildman was the only-Peninsula based resident to be selected among the semi-finalists in the 16th annual Nescafe Big Break competition.

Ms Wildman will now have to put together a detailed submission to the judges.

Finalists will present their ideas to the judges, including previous winners of Nescafe Big Break, who will determine who wins the \$5000 and \$25,000 cash awards.

The \$50,000 Nescafe Big Break major prize winner will then be decided by a public vote.

Finalists will be announced on the Nescafe Big Break website on Wednesday, July 13.

Press release, June 6

B Wildman, Gilly Southworth,
Robin Smith Communications



Standing are Chief Instructor Danny Simmons, Jacqui Steward, Kayla Wells, Graeme Wye, Naomi Cole, Rebecca Steward, Courtney Wye and Instructor Steve Fuller. Kneeling in front are Kurtis McCabe, Jordan Smith and Kieren Handley

Judo success in Tasmania

Woy Woy Judo Club had nine representatives in individual age and weight categories represent the local area at the 50th Anniversary Australian Judo Championships held in Launceston, Tasmania, on the June long weekend.

In the under 16 years division, there were 129 competitors divided into age and weight divisions. The first to compete was green belt Courtney Wye in the girls under-16 under-44kg division.

Courtney had two fights against the Northern Territory and NSW winning both with an ippon [10 points] taking the gold medal.

Green belt Kayla Wells fought in the girls under-16 under-57kg against Queensland, SA and Tasmania.

Kayla fought the Tasmanian girl for the bronze medal and was leading by seven points when the

Tasmanian initiated a throw that Kayla countered but landed on her back first, which gave the 10 points to the Tasmanian.

Kayla is now ranked fifth in Australia.

Blue belt Naomi Cole and green belt Rebecca Steward fought in the girls under-16 under-70kg division, both having four fights.

Naomi won all four fights with ippons [10 points] to claim the gold.

Rebecca fought for the bronze medal against Tasmania and took out the match with a Tai Otoshi [body drop] to win.

Brown belt Jacqui Steward competed in the girls under-16 and the Junior Women's having six matches in all.

Green belt Kurtis McCabe in the Boys under-16 under-38kg fought Victoria and South Australia.

Graeme Wye's division, Boys under-16 under-73 kg was run

as a repechage due to the large number of competitors, though all three were unplaced.

On the Monday, green belt Kieren Handley had five matches in the boys under-13 under-35kg, which was split into two pools.

Kieren made it through to fight off for the bronze but was beaten in the last three seconds. Kieren is ranked fifth in Australia.

Green belt Jordan Smith had three matches in the Boys under-13 under-55kgs and took out the bronze medal.

The final results were two gold, two bronze and two fifth placing in Australia.

Woy Woy's chief instructor Danny Simmons said he was happy for the competitors and said "Just to represent is great, a medal is a bonus."

Press release, June 24

Lindy Simmons,

Woy Woy Judo Club

Petition for skate park

Gosford Council has received a petition with 107 signatures from a group of 10 to 14 year olds in Woy Woy and surrounding areas regarding the lack of a skateboard facility in Woy Woy.

The petitioners stated that they were unable to skate on footpaths,

in car parks or at schools and were not allowed to go to the skate park at Umina by themselves.

The petitioners have asked for the installation of a skate park, full size, half pipe or a bowl with some ramps in the Woy Woy area, with a suggested location of behind the new leisure centre in Woy Woy.

Council agenda P.44, June 28

Selected for zone teams

Several students at Umina Public School have been selected for the zone touch football team.

The students include Aaron Jewiss, Jordan Farrell, Sarah Basford, Jade Farmer, Laura Rapley and Alison Howell.

Tahlia Petronovic also made the zone netball team with Tori Sardi as a reserve.

Principal Mr John Blair said: "This was a great effort from all our students."

Newsletter, June 7

John Blair, Umina Public School

Lions show good form

Woy Woy Rugby has continued its good form in all grades with wins against Kariong on Saturday, June 18, according to media officer Mr George Simpkins.

"In a close result, the Firsts won 15-14 against a team that has been its nemesis in recent seasons," Mr Simpkins said.

"The Seconds enjoyed a solid 24-5 win with fullback Nick Richardson scoring all four tries

for the team.

"The Thirds, led by the ageless captain Chris Lewis who at 48 years of age must be the oldest player, won 5-3 against the second placed Kariong.

"After 10 rounds, the Firsts are third, the Seconds are second and the Thirds are fifth," said Mr Simpkins

The club also sits second in the Club Championship.

"With the next month being crucial to all sides finals aspirations

and with some injured players coming back into the teams, the Lions can strengthen their sides and consolidate their positions on their respective ladders."

Upcoming games will see Woy Woy play Terrigal at the Haven on July 2, and play Northlakes at Woy Woy oval on July 9.

Press release, June 20

George Simpkins,

Woy Woy Rugby

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National Sorry Day observed

Ettalong Public School held a special ceremony to commemorate National Sorry Day on Friday May 27.

The ceremony marked the beginning of Reconciliation Week activities within the school and was led by Ms Trish Carney and Ms Tammy Wright.

Both aboriginal and non - aboriginal students performed various roles throughout the ceremony.

The ceremony began with a traditional welcome in the Gurringai language.

Several students then helped to

create a sacred space containing items of cultural significance, the meanings of which were explained for the audience.

This was followed by a blessing of the students, staff and flags using smoke and water.

The designs of both the aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were also explained by the school captain and vice-captain.

In order to explain the meaning of National Sorry Day, Ms Carney read the "Australian declaration toward Reconciliation" statement, which was then presented to the school.

Some students also read extracts from letters written by members of the stolen generation.

Ms Wright also explained the importance of people from visiting tribes sending a message stick to herald their arrival.

As a visitor, she then presented two message sticks.

One was placed in the sacred space as a gift to the school and one was presented to principal Mr Bruce Donaldson as a parting gift for his retirement.

Press Release, Ettalong Public School

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