

Chamber makes PUDS submission

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for building heights of six to eight storeys in Woy Woy's commercial area, of five to seven storeys in Ettalong and of four to five storeys in Umina.

However, in a seven-page response to the draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS), the Chamber says that it is not wanting "quantity simply for the sake of housing people".

"The Chamber's fundamental position is that urban development should focus of quality of design and provision of adequate infrastructure rather than quantity simply for the sake of housing people," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

The chamber's submission calls for changes to planning controls to "encourage both designers and architects to be more innovative in their approach to housing design and choice".

"The Chamber supports the fundamental view of PUDS that planning controls in and around town centres and their medium density catchments need to be reviewed and commercially viable incentives be implemented to encourage redevelopment," the submission states.

"The Chamber supports the view that developers need to contribute to the review process.

"Whatever people's views are about developers, they are the ones that take the financial risk in providing housing and housing choice.

"If the new planning controls are not sympathetic to the developers needs and do not provide the required incentives, developers

and builders will not take up the challenge and PUDS may well fail to deliver the benefits it proposed in terms of better quality housing, affordability and choice."

The Chamber says that builders, land owners and developers need to be given substantial incentives for innovative and energy efficient design.

"Bonuses should be given to developers that consolidate numbers of allotments so that it is financially worth their while to make larger investments through property acquisition."

It argues that height limits should be flexible.

"We should not fear height but use it as an effective design tool for better quality design outcomes."

The Chamber supports the premise that the current zonings are largely adequate.

"It is more the internal planning mechanisms that have failed to produce the results intended," according to Mr Wales.

The submission opposes "appreciable" expansion of the medium density residential zone, but talks of "rounding off" commercial zone boundaries.

Within the existing medium density zone, "development controls should be made more flexible to further encourage innovative design, promote lot consolidation and provide development bonuses for high quality and energy efficient design."

The full text of the Chamber's submission is available on our website www.peninsulanews.asn.au.

Submission, July 5
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Council officers working on the broken water main outside Simplicity Funerals on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Library closes with water main break

Woy Woy Library was closed down on Friday, July 15, by an unexpected water main break outside the Commonwealth Bank.

The break occurred after maintenance work was carried out overnight to improve the reliability of the water system, according to Gosford Council.

Work was undertaken on July 14 on an area affected by a water main break which had occurred at Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, on Monday, July 11.

The original water main break had affected businesses in the Woy Woy town centre and also some residents.

Council director of water and sewer Mr Rod Williams said: "Due

to the location of the break, a tree and part of a footpath have been removed.

"However due to the quick actions of staff, flooding has been contained within the street and no homes have been directly affected."

The July 14 work involved additional valves being installed to "minimise the impacts of any future water main breaks in the area."

The works were also supposed to minimise water wastage and improve reliability of the water supply to the area.

Residents and businesses expected to experience water loss due to the works were notified directly, with as much work as

possible being completed after hours to minimise the disruption.

An unexpected water main break then occurred resulting from the maintenance work being carried out.

Around 50 properties were affected on Blackwall Rd between Railway St and Park Rd.

A council press release stated that repairs to the pipe took longer due to the location and the impacts of tide in the area.

The Woy Woy library was also closed because it could no longer supply water and health concerns prompted council officers to close the library.

Press release, July 11, 14, 15
Breanna Sharp, Laura Clyne,
Gosford Council

Stakeholders to meet

A "stakeholders' meeting" will be held to discuss the future of parking in front of Arty's Takeaway Store on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

Gosford council officers have reported that a stakeholders meeting would be held to discuss the issues raised in comments on the Ocean Beach Rd Strategy.

The results would then be considered at a traffic committee meeting and then by council at a later meeting.

A petition, with 541 signatures, was received by council on June 28 opposing removal of parking from the area.

Council agenda P.42, July 26

State Government workers are modifying a dam at the old Bulls Hill quarry to reduce the possibility of sedimentation.

The recent construction work has raised curiosity from nearby residents.

Early in the year, a sign was erected indicating that the quarry was a national park, according

to local resident Mr Matthew Chapman.

"Since that time, there have been signs of activity on the site," Mr Chapman said.

Gosford Council environmental officer Ms Leah Wheatley said that the State Government had been making some modifications to a dam located there.

"They've been making some small repairs and changes, so that

when they release water from the dam it does not contaminate the area with sediment," Ms Wheatley said.

"When rain is expected, some water has to be released from the dam to prevent overflows, and the new valve installed ensures that the released water is not going to harm the environment."

Stuart Baumann, July 21

Work at Bulls Hill

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Exchange Student, Barbara Prick

Exchange student

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach welcomed a new exchange student from Belgium, Barbara Prick.

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy and the Rotary Club of Umina will both be supporting Ms Prick.

Ms Prick will attend Central Coast Grammar and will stay on the Central Coast for the next 12 months.

**Press release, July 21
Geoff Melville,
Rotary Club of Umina Beach**

Win a fitness package

Peninsula News and new Daleys Point business Active Wellness are giving readers the chance to win a fitness package.

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The winner will also receive a Herbalife shape-up pack.

All entrants to the competition will receive a free mini facial.

James Ferguson and Ana Ferguson said they were thrilled to have made the sea change to the Peninsula with their four daughters this year after the stress of Sydney living lost its appeal.

James and Ana together have over 25 years experience in the health industry and owned and operated two fitness studios, one at Circular Quay and the other at Rose Bay in Sydney, where they had over 400 clients.

Active Wellness will provide local residents with personal training, nutritional consultation and weight loss products.

James and Ana are available to speak at community group meetings.



James and Ana Ferguson

Active Wellness is currently offering a free facial to all local residents for the months of July and August.

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Entries close August 15.

**Lyle Stone, July 23
Ana and James Ferguson**

Winning pastrycooks

Local pastrycooks have won several awards recently.

Ron Bruns and staff from Bremen Patisserie in Umina have won awards in several pie sections in the Wollongong Cake, Pastry and Pie Show held at West Illawarra Club.

The awards included first prize

for plain pie and third prize for plain chunky.

In the Gourmet Pie section, the patisserie won first prize for korma curry chicken pie, second prize for tandoori pie and third prize for beef guinness and mushroom.

**Press Release, July 8
Bremen Patisserie**

Clubs pull out of amalgamation talks

Four clubs have withdrawn their interest in amalgamating with Club Umina, instead focusing on combating increased poker machine tax and indoor smoking bans, according to ClubsNSW publicity officer Mr Jeremy Bath,

"The double whammy of increased poker machine tax combined with indoor smoking bans has caused four of the largest registered clubs in Australia to overnight pull out of a potential rescue plan to save a club with almost 8000 members on the Central Coast, from closure," Mr Bath said.

The Easts Leagues Club, along with Souths Juniors, Rooty Hill RSL and Central Coast Leagues Club had all expressed an interest in joining with the financially troubled Club Umina, which was placed into administration earlier this year with debts totalling \$3.2 million.

Mr Graeme Campbell of Administrators Ferrier Hodgson recently confirmed to ClubsNSW the four clubs had withdrawn their interest.

Mr Bath said they were, instead,

focussing on each paying "tens of millions of dollars" in increased poker machine tax.

ClubsNSW CEO Mr David Costello said: "It is extremely disappointing that amalgamation talks with Club Umina have fallen over so early in the process.

"It is however not unexpected given the enormous challenges currently facing the NSW club industry.

"The dual challenge, come 2007, of paying increased poker machine tax while suffering significant income losses from blanket smoking bans is one that report after report has declared as virtually insurmountable.

"The lunacy of the poker machine tax increases has never been more clearly evident than with regard to Club Umina.

"Despite its well known perilous financial position, the State Government is demanding the club pay an extra \$960,000 in tax over the next seven years alone.

"It defies belief that a Government would allow clubs established by and for the community over more than 50 years to, in the space of seven years of consecutive tax increases, fall down and close.

"One hundred and ninety clubs have closed or been saved only through amalgamation during the past eight years.

"Without urgent and significant reductions in poker machine tax, we as an Industry are able to do little more than say 'We told you so' as the closures continue to mount," Mr Costello said.

"Of these 190 clubs, six belong to the Central Coast.

"Just a few years ago, who would have ever thought that in 2005 we would be seriously talking about Club Umina joining this very long and sad list?"

**Press release, July 14
Jeremy Bath, ClubsNSW**

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Officers deal with deck

Gosford Council officers have replied to two separate petitions regarding the proposed deck construction at the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

In a reply to a petition with 194 signatures in favour of the deck, received by council on June 28, council officers stated that a meeting has been arranged between senior council officers and representatives of the bowling club, to address the issue of the deck which was constructed without a development application.

In response to the second petition with 19 signatures against the proposed deck, received by council on April 26, council advised that the application for the deck had been deemed invalid and returned to the applicant.

Council agenda P.24, July 26

Academic criticises planning practices

Gosford Council planning practices have been criticised in an academic paper about development influences at Ettalong.

Master of Planning student Mr Jonathon Carle said there was "evidence of irregularities" in the planning staff's justification of the rezoning of the Ettalong Memorial Club site earlier this year.

He wrote the research paper on "High density development of the Ettalong Beach foreshore" for his course at the University of Technology, Sydney.

In the paper, he referred to reasons given by council staff in support of the Ettalong rezoning.

Mr Carle cited requirements for residents to provide alternatives to exhibited plans and the consideration of economic viability as "irregularities in the response of planning staff".

"Residents are not normally required to develop 'practical or viable alternatives'," Mr Carle said.

"At any rate, residents have

neither the time, expertise or money to do so."

He said: "The 'economic viability' of a development is normally the concern of the proponent or developer and not the consent authority."

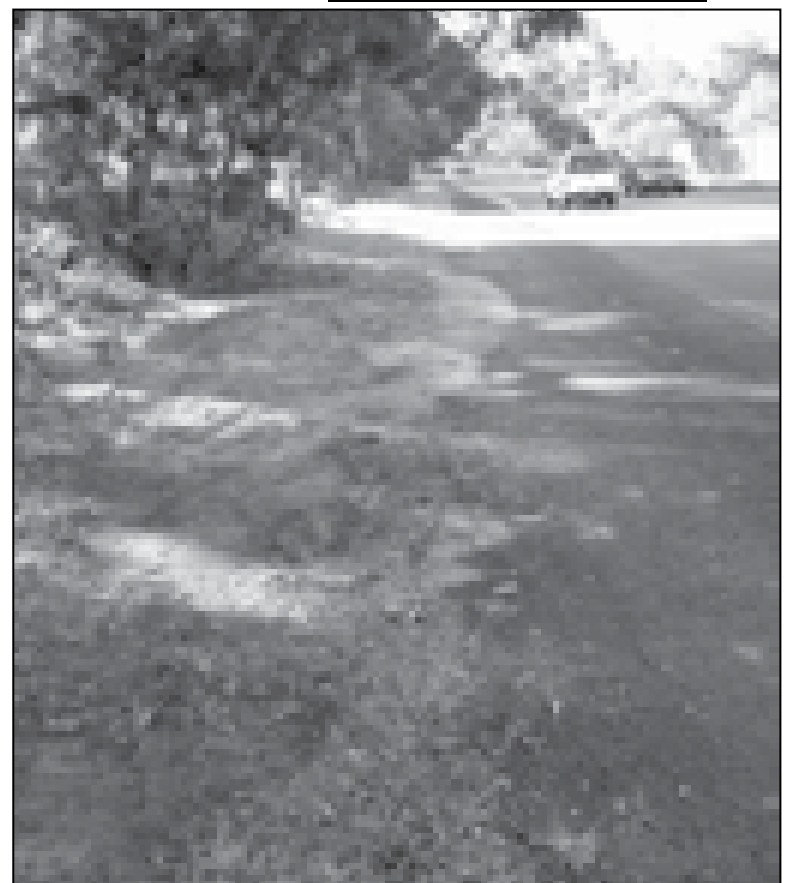
Mr Carle also suggested that the staff recommendation that Council approve the original rather than the amended plan was irregular.

"It is a blatant contradiction of the Design Review Panel's comments."

Mr Carle said the comments, coupled with their "forceful nature", could be interpreted as confusion about the operation of local government and the roles and responsibilities of each party; or an attempt to unduly influence the political decision-making process.

Readers interested in receiving a copy of the research paper may email the author at jonathon.r.carle@uts.edu.au or call 0405 254 182.

Academic paper, July 18
Jonathon Carle



The site of the former bus stop, adjacent to Burrawang Reserve

Unsound bus shelter removed

A bus shelter adjacent to the Burrawang Reserve in Hillview St, opposite Florida Ave, Woy Woy, was removed recently.

Its timber structure was found to be rotten and unsound, according to Gosford Council ancillary assets engineer Mr Phil Miles.

Mr Miles said the bus shelter was inspected on July 6, and had been listed for replacement.

He said bus operator Busways

was informed of the shelter's condition, and decided to make the bus stop redundant, as a stop existed 100 metres south on Hillview St, between Nambucca Dr and the reserve.

The company preferred to keep a spacing of 400 metres between stops.

The shelter was removed on July 8.

Kim Trenerry, July 20

Plaza parking wanted

Gosford Council has received a petition about a lack of unlimited parking spaces at the Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy, from staff at the centre.

A petition with 180 signatures was received from staff at the Peninsula Plaza, stating that the unlimited spaces are usually taken by 9am and on the weekend "they usually are taken very quickly due to sport on the surrounding ovals".

The petitioners have requested that council provide at least 20 extra unlimited parking spaces at the plaza, for the convenience and safety of all staff from the plaza and surrounding businesses.

Council agenda, P.56, July 26

Alice turns 106

Umina resident Alice Fitzpatrick will turn 106 on August 7 this year.

Born in Waterloo in 1899 and starting school in Kurri Kurri in 1905, Ms Fitzpatrick married a Gallipoli veteran in 1919 and was a war widow by 1952.

Ms Fitzpatrick is the mother of six children, grandmother to 25,

great grandmother to 48, and great, great grandmother of 28.

Ms Fitzpatrick enjoys going on coach trips with friends and is also an active member of the Red Cross Woy Woy Women's Auxiliary, Legacy and the War Widows Association.

Craig Stone, July 18

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Deed of agreement is released

Under Freedom of Information legislation requirements, Gosford Council has now released the Deed of Agreement made between Council and the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, regarding foreshore works in front of the Club.

This raises several interesting issues.

First, Council refused to provide a copy of this Deed to community members. This meant a community member was forced to pay the \$60 fee to get the information under Freedom of Information legislation.

The second issue highlights Council's refusal to freely provide this information. Clause 2.5 of the Deed requires community consultation: "All works are to be designed in consultation with the Owner and the local community and to the satisfaction of and the

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consent of the Council."

It is clear that the Council has breached this Deed by continuing to exclude community members from consultation, including refusing to freely provide information about this Deed to them.

Third, the Deed in Clause 2.3.3 says "The works shall include creation of viewing areas at intermittent locations on the dune area with platforms, seating and appropriate fencing."

Building any structures on the dunes requires destruction of dunes and dune vegetation, and so would destroy the barrier of protection provided by the dunes. There is clear evidence a few hundred metres from the Club of the erosion that occurs once dunes and dune vegetation are destroyed. So this clause goes against the best interests of

Peninsula residents.

Fourth, the Deed in Clause 2.6 says that "The said works are to be commenced by Council or its agent within five years of the making of the Local Environmental Plan" (LEP).

The LEP was gazetted on 11th February 1999. It is now over six years since this gazettal and works have not been commenced.

It appears, then, that on at least two counts Gosford Council is in breach of this Deed of Agreement. Further, the clause requiring destruction of dunes and dune vegetation is not in the best interests of Peninsula residents.

On these three counts the Deed of Agreement should be scrapped. The Club should be required to pay the \$300,000 into Council's Section 94 Contributions Fund. This should have happened in the first place, instead of Council making a special deal with the Club.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

See more forum on page 8

Why proceed with ferry terminal?

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I am wondering why Gosford Council has decided to proceed with agreement with Fast Ships "to construct a wharf and ferry terminal"?

As I understood the situation, an environmental impact study has already been completed, confirming that it is not viable to have a fast ferry service to Ettalong.

The Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy has already stated that it is unlikely to provide a significant commuter service, so why is the council pursuing this issue?

Council appears remiss here in assuming that, if the project fails, council will have a "terminal that

could be used for the benefit of the public in providing alternative transport to the Sydney CBD".

Two problems, council. The developer is, I understand, applying for a 50-year lease here and the original premise for granting Fast Ships consideration was the provision of a "commuter service" to the Sydney CBD, not simply "alternative transport".

In the six years since first promoting this scheme, the highly-professional Fast Ships has not been able to find a backer.

Why does the council think it may be able to?

M Butler, Umina

Bob Godding dies

I'm sorry to say that my husband Bob passed away in Brisbane Waters Hospital on the June 9.

But while he was there the Rotary Club came to the hospital.

The nurses shifted lounge chairs out and wheeled Bob's bed out.

President Kay Williams presented Bob and I with a beautiful plaque for all the good community work we had done for the great people of the Central Coast.

It made us all proud.

That was on May 31. I lost my mate a few days later.

Bob and I met in 1980 and then married at Ettalong on February 5, 1983.

Bob was a war veteran.

He had been in the army, air force and finished his last couple of years of the Second World War on the Queen Elizabeth and carried groups of American

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to the Day Care Centre on Ocean Beach Rd.

We took them out to a club now and then, and to Patonga so they could have fish and chips on the water.

At Easter, we would have a competition for the best Easter bonnet and have a barbecue at one of our volunteers' homes.

At Christmas, we would put on a Christmas party and Bob was Santa.

We used to put on concerts and some of our clients were involved, and recorded them on video.

Then Bob and I decided to go out on our own and raise money for Gosford Hospital Cancer Care.

So we had bus trips and boat trips every couple of months and we would go to the Cabbety Winery at Cabbety about three times a year and all the proceeds went to Cancer Care.

When Bob and I turned 80, we had a big party at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

We renewed our marriage vows of 20 years on February 2, 2003.

Penny Godding, Woy Woy

soldiers.

It was classed as the merchant navy, and he had an interesting life.

After the war, he worked and owned the Patonga Bakery, but that was before I was introduced to him.

After we married, we decided to do community work as we were both in good health, so we went to Gosford Hospital and joined Woy Woy Day Care in 1985.

Bob drove the bus and I was the hostess.

We used to pick up the clients from their homes and take them

Council withdraws amended plans

The fight to save one of the last remnant bushland blocks on the Woy Woy Peninsula has moved into another phase.

With amended plans for development of the Catholic-owned land on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, to go on public exhibition from July 20, Gosford Council has withdrawn the plans without explanation.

This is yet another example of the transparency of council's decision-making and processes

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being sadly lacking.

The amended plans, still with 41 units, are gross over-development of the site.

An ecological endangered community has been deemed to exist throughout the site, not just in small sections previously described by the developer's consultants.

This wondrous piece of paradise should remain 100 per cent intact as community open space.

Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

No high-rise holidays

Does any one else find it ironic that the Tourism Western Australia is spending millions of dollars in advertising to get Sydneysiders to fly over the other side of the country to experience clean unspoilt and uncommercialised holidays?

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In particular, they are pushing the point that the only high rises by

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the beaches are the sandcastles you build yourself.

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Ian Lawrence, Umina Beach

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Funding granted for aboriginal education

Both the Woy Woy and Umina Brisbane Water Secondary College campuses will receive funding for Aboriginal Education projects, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd recently announced that \$54,000 had been approved for five Indigenous education projects in the local area, under the Australian Government's Whole of School Intervention Strategy.

Under the strategy, Woy Woy Campus will receive \$4000 for a homework centre, while Umina Campus will receive \$10,000 for a bush tucker café and Ettalong Public School will receive \$35,000 for a Partners in Learning program.

Other schools to receive funding included Gosford and Terrigal

Public School.

"The Whole of School Intervention Strategy focuses on the implementation of creative approaches to improving educational outcome of Indigenous school students," Mr Lloyd said.

"The program encourages schools, indigenous parents and communities to work together in partnership to improve indigenous students' attendance, literacy and numeracy skills, retention from Years 10 to 12 and Year 12 results.

"Indigenous education is major priority of the Australian Government and this is one example of the improvements that have been made to assist in improving educational outcomes for indigenous students", said Mr Lloyd.

**Press release, July 15
Cassandra Richardson, Office of
Jim Lloyd MP**



The Peninsula Community Centre

Community Centre lease renewal recommended

Gosford Council officers have recommended that a lease between the Peninsula Community Centre Incorporated (PCC Inc) and Gosford Council, for the management of the Peninsula Community Centre be renewed.

The lease between the centre's management committee and Council for the management of the centre expired on December 18 last year, leaving the future management of the centre open to review.

The committee recently

presented a business case for its continued leasing of the facility.

Officers from council's community development sector stated in a report to council that a key consideration was "the capacity of PCC Inc to properly maintain and manage the centre while enhancing community use of, and access to, the facility".

It went on to state that "negotiations between PCC Inc and Community Development have produced an outcome satisfactory to both parties pending Council's endorsement of this report".

The officers proposed that the

centre's committee enter into a lease with council for three years with a two-year option, for the management of the centre and daily maintenance of the building and its grounds..

The PCC Inc would be asked to pay an annual rental of \$11,000 including GST.

The rental would be subject to an increase of three percent each year, including the period of the option, to offset the increasing cost of building maintenance.

Officers stated that this amount would be to provide for the future upgrade and refurbishment of the community facility.

Council agenda COM.2, July 26

Estimates may lead to 'pickle'

Peninsula Aquatic Centre, costing some \$25 million, has been financed on the assumption that the population of the Peninsula will grow to some 50,000 people, according to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Estimates of population growth of less than 7000, contained within the draft Peninsula Urban Design Strategy, would clearly place Gosford Council in a substantial financial "pickle", according to Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.


In a submission in response to the draft strategy, Mr Wales said

that the situation would require "considerable adjustments to future funding sought through developer contributions and an obvious winding back of many of the planned community facilities".

"These population growth figures, when combined with proposed growth targets in other areas of the city, are also at odds with Council's 'population cap'.

"It is the Chamber view that this philosophical position should be revisited so that mixed messages are not sent to the wider community and to government," he said.

**Submission, July 5
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce**



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Woy Woy Community Aged Care general manager Ms Jennifer Eddy displays a cheque received from the Woy Woy Aged Care Auxiliary

Extensions completed at Woy Woy Aged Care

Woy Woy Community Aged Care has recently completed extensions and renovations to its nursing home in Kathleen St, Woy Woy, at a cost of \$1.2 million.

The extension included eight new single rooms with en suites, new office and equipment areas, a new foyer, education centre and meeting room plus landscaped outdoor areas and courtyards.

The nursing home has been

refurbished with new floor coverings, curtains and furniture.

"Gone are the days when residents had to wait several months or even years for aged care placement, often relocation outside the local area was the only option," said general manager Ms Jennifer Eddy.

"With the recent increase in the number of aged care beds on the Peninsula, applicants no longer need to wait long for placement in the nursing home or the co-located hostel at Woy Woy Community Aged Care.

"A full range of aged care services are provided with residents ageing in place within the facility."

Ms Eddy said the new education centre provided training facilities for staff to ensure all staff had the expertise to provide quality services.

The centre will also provide out-sourced education facilities for

other organisations for a range of industries in partnership with training organizations.

"Being centrally located behind Woy Woy Hospital, it is easily accessible by public transport and also provides off-street parking," Ms Eddy said.

"Being a community not-for-profit organisation, Woy Woy Community Aged Care was again strongly supported by the local community for fundraising support, with donations going towards the building and furnishings."

Funds were also received from the Commonwealth Government.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary raised funds from street stalls, garage sales and plant stalls, to purchase two large screen plasma televisions for the nursing home and dementia unit for the residents' enjoyment.

**Press release, July 18
Jennifer Eddy,
Woy Woy Aged Care**

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Council agrees

Gosford Council has approved the development application for six two-storey senior living dwellings on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, at its meeting of July 12.

The decision was recently deferred until a site inspection could be conducted.

Concerns were raised over the location of a metal power pole and the privacy of nearby residents.

The existing buildings will be demolished and the new structures erected in their place.

Council agenda Env.5, July 21

Help wanted with panel painting

Hospital Art Australia Inc, based at St Huberts Island, is looking for people who have suffered cancer to help paint a panel.

The panel, which celebrates life after cancer, will be one of 36 panels taken to Mt Fuji in Japan by cancer survivors.

The panels will then be given to a hospital at the base of Mt Fuji for the enjoyment of patients.

Hospital Art Australia Inc started after a group of Americans from the Foundation of Hospital Art came to paint Gosford Hospital and St Vincents Hospital in Sydney in 1999.

Convenor Ms Pat De Carle said she was fortunate enough to arrange for this to happen with no cost to either hospital.

"I realised just how much hospitals and nursing homes benefited from both the therapy and the joy of seeing something bright on their walls and so decided that I would continue with this idea after the Americans went home," Ms De Carle.

"The result is that we now have painted over 90 nursing homes in Sydney, Central Coast Newcastle Lake Macquarie and Adelaide."

The group supplies a pre-drawn

canvas, paints and easels that are colour-coded free of charge.

"This means that, with help from diversional therapists, residents are able to paint a real picture on real canvas that they will see hung in the place where they now live," Ms De Carle said.

"Over the years, we have also painted in 12 of the state's hospitals including North Shore, Sydney Adventist, Albury Base Children's Hospital and Muswellbrook.

"More than 4500 canvasses have been hung.

"We have over 50 volunteers who do a wonderful job for us.

"Each Friday, we all gather to finish off the paintings from the nursing homes before they are hung."

Ms De Carle said anyone who has had cancer was welcome to come in and paint, knowing that they are not alone.

Cr Chris Holstein will open the proceedings at 10am.

The event will take place from 10am to 2pm on Friday, July 29, at Erina Fair outside the ABC studios.

**Press release, July 20
Pat de Carle**

Bush walks are planned

Two bushwalks have been planned on or near the Peninsula on July 30 and August 6.

The first walk, on July 30, is a 16km walk from Patonga to Daley's Point.

The second walk, on August 6, is a 19km walk from Daleys Point to Putty Beach in the Bouddi National Park.

Both walks are organised by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, begin at 7.30am and

finish at 4pm, and cost \$20 per person.

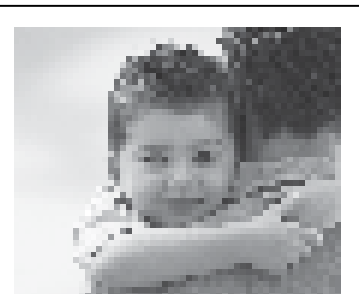
Organisers have asked that participants bring strong walking boots, plenty of water, a snack, lunch, weather protection, personal first aid kit and a suitable day pack.

Booking are essential and can be made by contacting 4320 4205.

**Newsletter, July 15
The Discovery Program**

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Objections to road closure

A number of Woy Woy residents have objected to the proposed closure of Dorothy Ave at its intersection with Ocean Beach Rd.

A petition with 176 signatures strongly objecting to the proposal was received by Gosford Council from residents of Boronia, Dorothy and Dunalban Avenues.

The petition stated that the extra traffic flow on Boronia and Dunalban Ave's would be considerable, emergency vehicles would take longer to reach Dorothy Ave and that it would put the lives of children in Boronia and Dunalban Ave's at a greater risk.

The residents of Dorothy Ave have also stated that they would have to use Onslow Ave to get to their homes.

"The proposed upgrade to Ocean Beach Rd will not stop accidents from happening on Ocean Beach Rd," the petition stated.

The petition also stated that the proposed cycleway would slow traffic down on Ocean Beach Rd.

The petitioners have asked council to consider several amendments to its proposed plan including the reduction of the speed limit of Ocean Beach Rd.

Other suggestions included no right hand turn into Dorothy Ave from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days and also no right hand turn or left hand turn from Ocean Beach Rd into School Lane at the same times.

The petitioners stated that other concerns related to parents parking in Dorothy Ave to drop off and pick up their children from school.

The petitioners have also asked council if the road closure will devalue the properties in Boronia, Dorothy and Dunalban Avenues, and if those same residents would lose street maintenance.

Council agenda P.62, July 26



The Woy Woy Olympic Memorial Pool, when it opened on October 18, 1968, cost of \$153,000

Veterans want pool to be war memorial

Three veterans associations are calling for the new Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre to be named to reflect its previous war memorial status.

Mr Geoff Turner, former Woy Woy swimming club treasurer, said it was important to include either "war memorial" or "memorial" in the name.

Mr Turner said he was totally disgusted with the way that council had handled the renaming so far.

Mr Turner said currently three petitions had been sent to council, with over 300 signatures, not in favour of the name change.

"The Veterans Association is very cranky at the council's response to our requests," Mr Turner said.

"They desecrated the memorial, with no consultation from anybody".

"Council made up their own mind what they were going to call it."

So far, council has recognised two petitions from the World War II Central Coast Branch of the Veterans Association.

The two petitions, with a total of

251 signatures, ask that council give the "utmost consideration to the inclusion of the words War Memorial in the naming of the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre."

The petition stated that the previous centre, known as the Woy Woy Memorial Pool, had its foundation stone laid by Sir Roden Cutler VC and was opened by Sir John Gorton, the then Prime Minister of Australia.

The petition stated that the pool was dedicated to the memory of those from the Peninsula who had made the "supreme sacrifice" during World War II.

Mr Turner said that council has also been sent petitions by the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association and the Central Coast Sub Branch of the Naval Association of Australia.

Mr Turner said that council had stated it was going to include war memorial memorabilia in the foyer. "It's not good enough," Mr Turner said.

"We want the memorial name outside for all the world to see."

Mr Turner and his wife have been active life members of the swimming club since 1968, when

the pool first opened, and are also life members of the Central Coast Swimming Association.

Lyle Stone, July 21
Council agenda P.60, July 26

Silt traps to be maintained

Gosford Council has replied to a complaint from Horsfield Bay residents about silt build up in the area, stating that the three silt traps involved were now on a permanent cleaning maintenance schedule.

Residents of Horsfield Bay sent council a petition with 47 signatures on April 26 about silt trap inefficiency and the blocking of a silt trap by a resident in the area.

According to the petitioners, inefficient design, poor drainage works and run off from Woy Woy Rd as well as uncontrolled urban siltation had all caused the Bay to continue to suffer from silt and rubble build-up.

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

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

The letter from council officers to the petitioners advised that "council has a right of access to the silt trap and will use this access where possible".

It further stated that council staff were able to access and service this silt trap from Phegans Rd.

It stated that "the three silt traps mentioned were in need of cleaning and are now on a permanent maintenance schedule" with the two silt traps at Goondi Cl having been cleaned.

Council is currently investigating sedimentation issues for all of Brisbane Water through the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study (BWEPS).

Council agenda P.22, July 26

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Put FOI items on website

I have confirmed that after information is first published as a result of a Freedom of Information inquiry, it becomes available to all subsequent inquirers subject only to copying cost.

I tested this recently with Gosford Council in relation to the deed of agreement between Ettalong Club and Gosford

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I believe council would serve us all well by putting the more controversial and hence important items on their web site.

This would circumvent repetitious multiple researches and copying.

Edward James, Umina

Another Taj Mahal?

Yet another Taj Mahal is to be built on the Peninsula, this time on the foreshore at Ettalong.

It is a "ferry terminal and wharf" on the public land at the end of Bangalow Street.

Even with no ferry and no fast ferry service, this terminal would provide commercial interests the opportunity to lease out the retail outlets.

This could just be the beginning, since the lease over the public

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land is for 50 years.

If you are concerned about this, you must communicate your views to Gosford Council and to the Ministers Craig Knowles and Grant McBride at Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney.

Copies should be sent to Marie Andrews at 20 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Fluoride in 'unfluoridated' water

On reading the informative report "No fluoride in our water" on page six of the Peninsula News (July 11), I resolved to expand on the information I already hold.

Some 70 days last year, full dose fluoridated water was supplied to people south of Terrigal who are under the mistaken impression they are not receiving any fluoridated water at all.

I don't believe that fluoridated water supply actually crosses the

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Rip Bridge.

Legislation allows Gosford to say we are non-fluoridated until we exceed 180 days in a 365-day period.

Most citizens are unaware of that important point.

The pivotal question is: "Would council supply the people with a documented history of volumes and times that fluoridated water is now and has been in the past supplied to Gosford ratepayers?"

Edward James, Umina

Poor housing design

Builders used to build houses that had cross-ventilation, high ceilings, eaves, were solar-oriented and were not surrounded with concrete and high steel fences.

As well, overshadowing adjoining houses was unacceptable.

These houses were cool in summer and warm in winter.

Developers seeking to maximise profits now build houses that are cold in winter and hot in

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summer and energy consumption skyrockets.

The article "ACF branch calls for PUDS assessment" (Peninsula News, July 11) shows that poor housing design is endorsed by council in the proposed Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy, even though the new Basix Certificate on council's website requires "new homes use less water and energy".

Mel Fleming, Woy Woy

Accept the right to differ

The other day I consulted my doctor regarding a problem I was having.

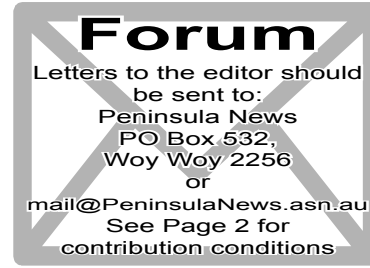
Having heard what he thought, I decided to get a second opinion and consulted a second doctor.

I weighed up both of their diagnoses and then sought treatment.

Both doctors recorded that I had consulted them, sent me their bills and then claimed the Medicare benefit.

How different is the doctors' understanding of consultation compared to many of our community groups, whether representative or not?

It seems to me that consultation to them means that I consult with them and no one else and



completely accept their opinion.

It's almost, how dare any opinion be different to theirs.

Central Coast First during the election process, guaranteed that it was committed to broad community consultation and in fact, continues with this commitment.

Both as a councillor and in my various roles within the community, I am constantly involved in

consulting with and listening to the broad range of opinions that individuals and sections of our community have.

Unfortunately, everyone cannot be right and as an elected representative, I am required to reach a conclusion and vote accordingly.

One of the essential elements of genuine consultation, in addition to a willingness to listen, is to give everyone's opinion respect.

Fortunately, this element of the consultation process goes both ways and as none of us is omniscient, one could hope that we can respectfully accept everyone's right to differ.

Cr Laurie Maher, July 20

What are fluoride concerns?

I refer to the article "No fluoride in our water" which appeared in the "Peninsula News" on July 11.

You wrote that Gosford Council's director of water and sewerage was "responding to resident concerns about the possible fluoride contamination of the Peninsula water supply."

Concerns about what?

It seems strange that people are concerned that they will have a very much reduced level of tooth decay, and that up to 20 toddlers in the Gosford area each year won't require hospitalisation for

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dental surgery.

Are they also concerned about saving a lot of money by not having many dentists' bills?

I would have thought that they would welcome this!

Perhaps they are concerned because of the anti-fluoridationist propaganda and scare stories which have been in the local press lately, all of which are total rubbish and would be laughable if the fluoridation issue were not so serious.

Come on.

Would Central Coast doctors, dentists and Public Health officials, as well as state and Federal governments, all be in favour of water fluoridation if they thought it was going to do all the harm that the anti-fluoridationists claim?

Wyong, Sydney and Newcastle have all been fluoridated now for almost 40 years, without any ill effect on the population except to spectacularly reduce the amount of tooth decay.

It is very rare now for people under 40 years old in these areas to require double dentures.

Bruce Stafford, Tascott

Sea levels are rising

We find trees and shrubs regularly cut down on the Peninsula Foreshore.

Obviously developers, real-estate agents and householders do not understand the situation.

The very narrow strip of beach, dune and road is all that separates the houses from the sea.

All over the world, sea levels are rising. That is a fact.

The effects of no vegetation can be seen along The Esplanade between Picnic Pd and Kourang St, where council signs warn of subsidence and sand has to be regularly cleared away.

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It is also obvious near the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and along the Lance Web Reserve, where the viewing platform and grassland is being undermined and is literally hanging over the water.

The area in front of the Club and Resort is one of the best-vegetated foreshore areas and the advantage is obvious: Virtually no sand across the road.

The planting of those shrubs and beach plants in the 1960s has

worked.

Many people seem unaware that even 30 years ago in the mid-1970s, people on the Peninsula were wading through water and defending their homes with sandbags.

Residents need to consider these matters very seriously.

They will not be able to feign ignorance and claim compensation when they are flooded out.

Waters are rising. Do you want views or flooding?

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Why go to India?

I was amazed to learn from Peninsula News, July 11, that an oyster purification plant at Koolewong had "turned into the Taj Mahal".

Why hasn't this large and beautiful building been publicised by Central Coast Tourism Inc and other tourism agencies?

What a drawcard for the Central Coast! Why go to India?

Frank Langley, Pearl Beach

Naturally-ventilated houses, as the ACF describes (Peninsula News, July 11), used to be built.

We could get a cool breeze from the front to the back of the house and a cross breeze from windows each side of the house.

How could developers now build houses that are hot in

Naturally refreshing

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summer and cold in winter and the proposed draft of the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS) proposes more of the same?

It was refreshing to read the ACF submission calling for a full ecological assessment of the draft PUDS.

Shirley Drake, Tascott

College and Theatre combine for production

Woy Woy Little Theatre and Brisbane Water Secondary College will combine in the month of August for a presentation of Blood Brothers at the Peninsula Theatre.

Director Ms Brenda Logan, production adviser Ms Rosemary Parsons and supervising teacher Mr John Maxwell first discussed the idea of a combined production between Woy Woy Little Theatre and Brisbane Waters Secondary College last year.

"With the Little Theatre seeking young talent and the college needing work experience opportunities for Year 12 HSC students, it seemed like an ideal solution," Ms Logan said.

The students who are undertaking Certificate III in Live Production, Theatre and Events became the whole production team, from stage manager through

to ushers working front of house.

Under the supervision of Ms Logan and Ms Parsons, they designed the set, a poster and flyer.

The students also undertook set construction and the technical design, under the supervision of Mr Maxwell during school time.

"Combined with a cast whose average age is 22, this is definitely a young people's show but will appeal to audiences of all ages," Ms Logan said.

"The high level of professionalism will make this an unforgettable, enjoyable theatrical experience."

Blood Brothers is a play by Willy Russell, author of Educating Rita and Shirley Valentine.

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

Blood Brothers looks at the

differences and conflicts of their upbringings, their relationships with each other and with their real and adopted mothers.

The cast includes David Carnovale as the narrator, Amalie Anderson as the mother, Rosemary Parsons as Mrs Lyons, Damian Fitzpatrick as Mickey, Brayden Menzies as Eddie and Dimity Sharpe as Linda.

The play will be presented at the Peninsula Theatre from August 12 to 20.

Session will begin at 8pm on Fridays, 2pm and 8pm on Saturdays and 5pm on Sundays.

Tickets cost \$19 for adults, \$15 concession and children aged 5 to 15 cost \$6.

For more information, or to book a seat, contact 4344 4737, between 10am and 2pm weekdays.

**Press release, July 19
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre**



Competition winner Margaret Burns receives her prize from Thel Browne

Ettalong to feature on television

Ettalong will feature on an upcoming edition of a Sydney television program, according to Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club public relations consultant Mr Scott MacKillop.

Sydney Weekender presenter Ms Erica Davis visited Ettalong Beach Memorial Club recently.

Mr MacKillop said that she commented that, with the opening of the new Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Outrigger

race and enjoy the scenery. Ms Davis and her camera crew toured the new Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Outrigger Ettalong Beach Resort.

"Ms Davis said she had visited and enjoyed the area many times as her grandmother lived at Ettalong but this was the first time she had made the trip by ferry," said Mr MacKillop.

He said she found the ferry ride was a great way to escape the rat

race and enjoy the scenery.

Ms Davis and her camera crew toured the new Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Outrigger Ettalong Beach Resort.

Mr MacKillop said the Sydney Weekender's piece about Ettalong would be broadcast within the next month.

**Press release, July 19
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic**

Art competition winner

This month's winner of the Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre art competition is Ms Margaret Burns with her painting of fishing boats returning to Patonga

Margaret's entry is an oil on canvas and this is her second success in this competition having also won last October.

Margaret has been painting "on and off for 20 years".

There was no junior winner this month due to the school holidays.

Margaret received a framed certificate from president, Ms Thel Browne.

She also received a \$50 gift certificate from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

The July senior and junior competitions are currently open and entries should be presented at the centre for judging between

10am and noon on Saturday, August 13.

The winners will be judged the following week and published in Peninsula News on August 22.

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, July 22

Sign made of mosaics

A mosaic surfboard sign for the Beachside Family Centre has been completed.

The sign was created by a group of women who have been working on the mosaic surfboard for around six months in conjunction with a TAFE Outreach Advanced Mosaic Course.

Participants included Wendy Bidner, Kay Debrincat, Marilyn


Perez Cabrera, Sue Harrington, Janine Gould, Sharlene Wilson and Susan Gibson.

The surfboard will soon be placed on the wall outside the centre, according to Beachside Family Center facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

**Newsletter, June 28
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**




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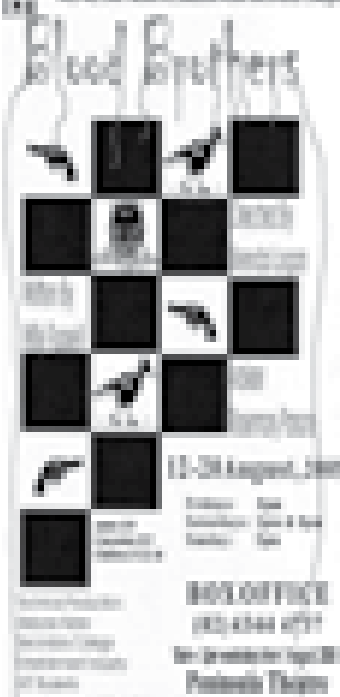
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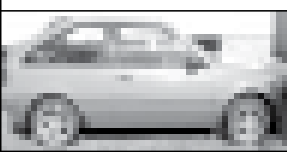
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Dog complaints addressed

Four complaints over barking dogs on the Peninsula have been dealt with recently by Gosford Council.

Council officers recently wrote to petitioners advising that officers have visited the site of barking dog complaints on Schnapper Rd, Ettalong Beach, Cambridge St, Umina and Corrong Cl, Umina.

At the time, the dogs were not barking. A petition with 10 signatures was received by council on April 26 about the Schnapper Rd residence, a second with 11 signatures on May 24 about the Cambridge St residence, and a third with seven signatures on June 28 about the Corrong Cl residence.

The council was told that the officer had requested the owner's cooperation in abating the reported nuisance.

The petitioners were also advised in the letter of the procedures they could follow to ease the problem should it happen again.

Owners of a dog in Moana St, Woy Woy, have been issued with a nuisance order.

Petitioners in the street had asked council's assistance in addressing the problem of a noisy dog in the street, and had sent council a petition with 20 signatures on June 28.

A council report stated that "a nuisance order has been issued to the owner of the dog in mid-June, and will remain in force for a period of six months."

Council agenda P.25, P.47, July 26

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Volunteers needed for Central Coast Daffodil Day
Friday 19 August 2005

The Central Coast Office of The Cancer Council NSW is looking for people who believe cancer can be beaten, to volunteer on Daffodil Day, Friday 19 August 2005

To Register as a Cancer Council volunteer or for information on other ways to support Daffodil Day can call 4325 5444 or visit www.daffodilday.com.au

The Annual General Meeting of the Umina Beach Police & Community Youth club (PCYC) wukk be eld at 101 Osborne Avenue, Umina at 6.30pm on 24 August 2005. The purpose of the meeting is the receipt of reports only as election of members is not due again until the 2006 AGM.

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club CAR BOOT SALE

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Public Notices

The Troubadour Acoustic Music Club
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 The club next meets on **Sunday August 14** at the CWA Hall (opposite Fishermans Wharf) Woy Woy
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Groups miss out on sports funding

Two Peninsula-based organisations have not been successful in applying for funding under the Gosford City Sports Council recreation assistance program.

A third nearby group, Killcare Surf Life Saving Club, received the entire amount requested.

Gosford Council provided a description of applications and applicants were given an

opportunity to speak about their project at a Gosford City Sports Council meeting in April.

The two Peninsula-based organisations that will not receive funding are the Brisbane Water Rowing Club and Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The Brisbane Water Rowing Club had asked for \$7562.50 for a rowing boat enclosure.

Brisbane Water Secondary College had asked for \$2046 to develop a fitness room.

The Killcare Surf Life Saving club had requested \$950 for a sun shelter.

The Recreation Assistance Program is designed to provide financial assistance by way of dollar for dollar funding to assist and allow the sporting and recreation community to identify and participate in meeting their own needs.

Council agenda CIT.3, July 26

Literacy program shows results

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College's Umina campus have shown a marked improvement in "Ella" literacy test results, according to principal Mr Frank Gasper.

"The standout result was in the

rate of development in reading shown by students in Year 8 since they began high school," Mr Gasper said.

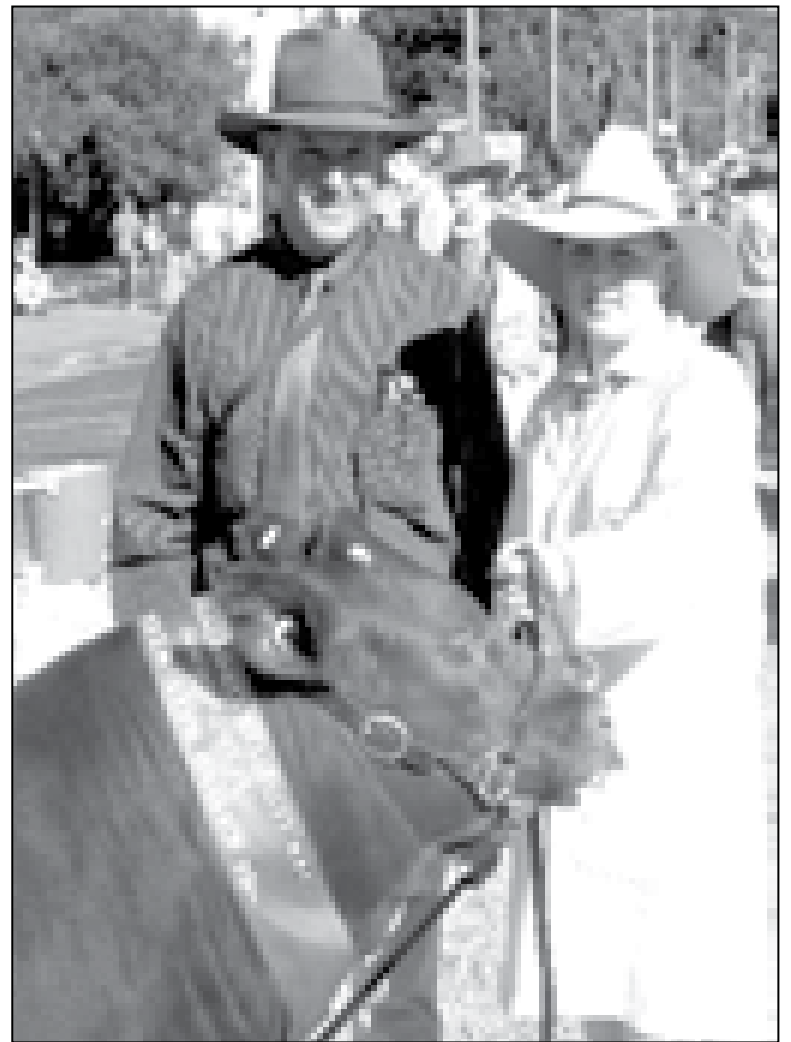
"Forty eight percent of our students were rated in the high band.

"This compared with 27 per cent of them when tested in Year 7 last

year.

"This is the best result we have ever had and places us above the top two bands whilst our rate of growth in this area far exceeds State trends."

**Newsletter, June 29
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina**



Student Ashley Austin presents prize winning steer

Peninsula win

The Umina Public School debating team have won in the second round of the Peninsula Debating Competition.

Team members Jack Waters, Jessica Rooke, Ellen McCracken, Holly Austine and Olivia Brown won in the second round of the

Peninsula Debating Competition against Woy Woy South Public School.

The team competed at Empire Bay Public School on Thursday, June 16.

**Newsletter, June 28
Irene Brown, Melissa Deas,
Umina Public School**

Debating success

Empire Bay Public School has recently seen two successes in debating, with wins in the first round of the Hunter and Central Coast debating competition and in the Peninsula debating competition.

School debating team members Caitlin McKinnon, Ellie Fowler, Hannah Brown and Rachel Hope-Johnstone recently won the first round of the Hunter and Central Coast debating competition.

Empire Bay Public School hosted the Peninsula Debating Competition on June 16.

Empire Bay debating team members Sam Sloan, Angus Farquhar, Nathan Duigan and Jessica Woulfe won when they competed against Pretty Beach Public School.

**Press release, June 22
Empire Bay Public School**

Soccer team plays in Canberra

The Woy Woy soccer under-12A side travelled to Canberra recently to compete in the Kanga Cup.

The international youth soccer tournament took place between July 3 and July 10.

The team came ninth of 18 sides, who were all representative

or development sides.

The team missed out on the semi-finals by two goals.

At the end of the event, the under-12A side had won two, lost two and drew one.

A team from Korea eventually won the tournament.

**Press release, July 7
Matthew and Leanne Bull**

Netball finalists

The Umina Public School netball team has made it to the finals of the Peninsula Netball Knockout only to be defeated by Empire Bay

Public School.

The girls won their first two games against Woy Woy South and Point Clare but were defeated by Empire Bay in the finals.

The finals were played on Friday, June 17.

**Newsletter, June 28
Irene Brown, Melissa Deas,
Umina Public School**

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Greyhound night for rugby league

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club hosted a greyhound night at Gosford Race Course last week.

The event was held to raise money for the purchase of new equipment and jerseys for next year's season.

A raffle of a signed Cronulla Sharks

jersey was won by Steve and Sharon Collins.

Club president Mr Geoff Stanton said: "We raised \$4500, but the best part was to see so many family and friends coming together in a fun, family carnival atmosphere which is what the future of

the club is all about."

A Sky Channel broadcaster described the event as having one of the biggest winter crowds that the Gosford Dogs had seen in many years.

Press release, July 20
Anita Uptin, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club

Meeting to form skateboard group

A meeting to form a Central Coast Skateboard Association will be held at the Umina Community Hall on Friday, July 29, at 4pm.

Funding for the activity has been raised through the Government's Central Coast Youth Partnership Initiative.

New South Wales Sport and Recreation cluster coordinator Ms Mardi Love said interest in forming an association was high after a skateboard coaching workshop was held recently.

"We now have a number of coaches and other young people on the Coast

who are itching to get involved in the association," Ms Love said.

"The aims of the association will be to increase participation in skateboarding on the Central Coast, to run events and demonstration days, to conduct education and training programs, but most of all, to meet lots of people who love to skate and have a lot of fun."

Ms Love said the funding provided a great opportunity to set up a successful organisation for the future and train young people in committee and event management, and marketing and sponsorship.

There are a number of organisations supporting the association, including NSW Sport and Recreation, Skate Australia, Gosford and Wyong Councils, local businesses and numerous youth organisations.

Anyone who is interested in skateboarding is invited to attend the meeting, to be held on Friday, July 29, at 4pm at Umina Community Centre, cnr West St, Sydney Ave, Ocean Beach Rd.

For more information contact Mardi Love on 4362 3184.

Press release, July 20
Mardi Love, NSW Sport and Recreation



Participants and coaches at the League Development Program at Woy Woy Oval

West Tigers attend Woy Woy juniors

NRL West Tigers, together with Woy Woy Leagues Club, held a league development program last week for junior Woy Woy Roosters League players.

Helping the children aged from six to 12 years were five first grade players including Jeff Lima, Bronson

Harrison, Matthew Reick, Luke Hession and Robbie Farah, with three Under-19 Tiger players and Tigers Premier League coach Jody Rudd and coaching development officer Mr David Kelly.

Leagues Club development officer Mr John Jewiss said: "The 157 participants were run in two sessions for the mini and mod league age groups.

"Each child received a Tigers shirt, photographs, autographs, barbecue and drinks and a full skills program with NRL players."

The West Tigers development day will be run again next year.

Press release, July 20
Anita Uptin

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