

Decision deferred on ferry infrastructure

Gosford Council has again deferred any decision on the proposed Fast Ferry wharf and terminal at Ettalong.

It has asked staff to prepare a report about the proposed Ettalong Promenade Development, following a presentation to council on July 26 on the history of the project.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said that at present, an informal, broad presentation had been given to council outlining a proposed "promenade development" at Ettalong Beach.

Mr Wales said that, as yet, no formal submission had been made to the council or the state government as the plan was still under revision.

A presentation was given to council by Fast Ships at a strategy policy workshop held on July 19.

A staff report to the council stated that, since 1995, council had considered on several occasions a ferry service proposal for a third transport corridor (alternate to rail and F3) between the Central Coast and Sydney, approving Fast Ships as the favoured proponent.

Council had granted development consent for the wharf and terminal building and had leased crown land, being the site of the wharf, and had acquired title to the site of the terminal building.

Council had also agreed to the

terms of a sub-lease to Fast Ships for the wharf and lease of the terminal building.

It had also agreed to the performance deed that deals with the construction of the infrastructure.

"The project has been delayed because Fast Ships have not secured a vessel to carry out the service," according to the council report.

The director of city services Mr Stephen Glen advised in the report that council was not disadvantaged if Fast Ships could not enter the site before lodgement of a security to Council.

Mr Glen stated, however, that if the lease commenced, there was no guarantee that Fast Ships would commence the works within a reasonable time.

He recommended that "the documents should include a provision that major works must commence within one year, or the lease is to be surrendered if requested by the council."

If it appeared that the programmed works had not commenced within one year of the agreed starting date, council could at its discretion extend the period.

It was also resolved at council's August 2 meeting that a copy of the draft lease, the sublease and the deed of agreement be tabled when the matter was next considered.

Council agenda SF.33, August 2



The service station on Memorial Ave, Blackwall

Groundwater contamination found at service station

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has found groundwater contamination below a service station in Memorial Ave, Woy Woy, near Blackwall Mountain.

The authority has issued a notice that land and groundwater below the service station is contaminated.

It has declared the site, including a portion of the adjoining council footpath and nature strip a remediation site under section 21 of the Contaminated Land Management Act.

The EPA had found that groundwater beneath the site was "contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons so as to present a significant risk of harm to human health and the environment."

According to the EPA, the groundwater at the site is contaminated with "separate phase petroleum hydrocarbons", including benzene, a human carcinogen.

An EPA report in the NSW Government Gazette last Friday, August 5, stated that "the contaminated groundwater has migrated beyond the boundary of the service station site, and, if left unchecked, may continue to flow towards residential areas nearby and ultimately Brisbane Water".

According to the report, "the contamination has degraded the quality of the groundwater and may adversely affect beneficial uses of the groundwater, which is used locally for domestic purposes".

The report also advised that there was also a risk that workers may accidentally be exposed to contamination via inhalation of volatile hydrocarbon vapours in future excavation works and that "volatile hydrocarbon vapours may also accumulate in existing service lines and pits at potentially explosive concentrations".

According to EPA director of contaminated sites, Ms Carolyn

Strange, the owner of the service station intends to remediate the site under a voluntary remediation agreement with the EPA.

The public may make written submissions on whether the EPA should order remediation or on any other site-specific matter.

Submissions should be sent to the Director Contaminated Sites, Department of Environment and Conservation, PO Box A290, Sydney South NSW 1232 or to fax (02) 9995 5930 by September 2.

The submissions will be considered and a decision will be made about whether remediation will be required.

Currently, Access Energy leases the site from Bowen National.

Caltex is the parent company of Access Energy.

At the time of printing, the owners of the site were unavailable for comment.

**Lyle Stone, August 5
NSW Government Gazette,
August 5**

Rescued from the rocks

A 50-year-old Leichardt man was rescued after being caught on rocks near Patonga recently.

The man had set out to walk along the waterfront from Patonga to Pearl Beach with his dog At about 12.30pm on July 31.

Police were told about 7pm that the man had not returned home.

A search began involving police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command, Broken Bay Water Police and Polair.

Polair's crew located what they

believed to be the missing man and his dog, while flying over the foreshore and National Park.

Two police commandeered a runabout from a local resident and rescued the man and his dog from rocks halfway between Patonga and Pearl Beach.

The man was suffering from the cold and his dog had cuts to his feet.

The man was assessed by ambulance officers at the scene and allowed to return to home.

**Press release, August 1
Police Media**

Council to supply bat box materials

Gosford Council has agreed to supply all material for three local men to make microbat roosting boxes in the Killcare area, according to the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

"As these bats feed on mosquitoes, the aim is to reduce mozzie numbers and improve

our summer lifestyle in Killcare Wagstaffe," said newsletter editor Ms Jeanette Thiering.

"There are about 40 different species of micro-bats in Bouddi National Park.

"The boxes will provide the bats with additional roosting places.

"Fewer mosquitoes will certainly bring health, economic, social and

environmental benefits.

"Some of the boxes would be placed at the school, so there's an educational goal as well."

The roosting box initiative came from locals Doug Beckers, David McCloskie and Nick Urie, with the assistance of Andrew Ratcliff of Gosford Council Health Services.

**Newsletter, July 30
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**

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Library launch for safety sticker

The Gosford Safe Communities Coalition sticker was launched at the Woy Woy Library on August 4.

The master of ceremonies was Superintendent Allan Clarke.

The launch was attended by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, last year's Citizen of the Year Ms Heather McKenzie, as well as members of Ambulance NSW, the Central Coast fire services, Gosford Council and

Neighbourhood Watch on the Peninsula.

The sticker was a joint initiative between the police, the Safe Communities Coalition, and the Premiers Department.

The stickers will be distributed by Neighbourhood Watch on the Peninsula, community nursing and with the Express Advocate.

Fire stations and some doctors will also have stickers available.

Press release, August 4
Leanne McLaren, Gosford Safe Communities Coalition

A development application for a Coffee Shop at 36 George St, Woy Woy, is currently on public exhibition.

The coffee shop will replace what used to be Woy Woy Carpets, next door to Peninsula Music.

The one storey proposed development plan includes four

parking spaces at the rear as well as eight outside tables and chairs.

The proposed Coffee Shop will also include a function room.

Lyle Stone, August 5

Coffee shop proposed

Seminar planned

A financial planner will conduct a free seminar for retirees at Ettalong this month.

Newly established financial planner, Ms Chris Levis, is conducting a free seminar at the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre on Tuesday, August 16, at 1pm.

Chris will cover topics such as strategies to increase your pension, aged care planning, strategies to live better in retirement and estate planning.

Ms Levis opened her business

in the Blackwall Rd CBD area in June.

Ms Levis brought with her over 20 years' experience at a senior level with AMP, State Building Society, St George Bank, and GIO before establishing her own company consulting to small financial institutions.

Chris graduated from the University of NSW with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and later gained a Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning from the Securities Institute of Australia.

Ms Levis said: "My experience extends across almost every aspect of financial services, banking, life insurance, general insurance, superannuation and, of course, financial advice.

"What I enjoy the most is working with financial planning for individuals and setting up superannuation schemes for the self employed," Ms Levis said.

Chris has lived on St Huberts Island for the past eight years and has two children still at school.

Cec Bucello, August 2

Bridal Fair at Everglades

Everglades Country Club is holding a Bridal Fair on Sunday, August 28, between 10am and 3.30pm.

The display will be presented by 20 businesses and wedding services.

Wedding dresses, florists, photography, make-up artists and hairdressers, celebrants, cake decorators and car operators will be displaying their services.

Wine tasting from McWilliams will also be on offer during the Bridal Fair.

Fashion shows will be held at

11.30am and 1.30pm with bridal gowns, outfits for the mother of the bride and bridesmaids' dresses.

A bridal table demonstration will show how they can be set up for that special day.

Everglades can cater for weddings in the Auditorium, the Burgundy Room and the New Star Room.

The Star Room can seat 75 people with dance floor, while the Burgundy Room can seat 80 with dance floor.

The Auditorium can cater for 250 people also with dance floor.

The club has taken on a new function coordinator, Donna Mitchell, who has owned and operated her own restaurant in the Hunter Valley for over 12 years.

Everglades can structure a wedding menu for any budget from finger food to full gourmet catering.

It can also cater for christenings, funerals, birthdays, anniversaries, seminars, conferences and promotions.

Kim Trenerry, August 2

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Art competition

This month's Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre competition closes on Saturday, August 13.

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

The ongoing theme of the monthly competition is The Peninsula Today

and entries on this theme can be in any medium.

Entries should be presented to the centre at the corner of Maitland Bay Dr and Picnic Parade, Ettalong, between 10am and noon on Saturday, August 13.

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

Sturat Baumann, August 5

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Questioned about Hillview St plans

Cr Terri Latella has asked Gosford Council's director of environment and planning why plans for a retirement village on Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, were withdrawn from exhibition at Woy Woy library.

The application is currently in the Land and Environment Court and the plans had only been publicly advertised again for just over a week.

Director of environment and planning Ms Colleen Worthy Jennings said her understanding was that the development application was still on public exhibition until later that week, but stated she would investigate the matter.

The application was also withdrawn from a council advertisement in the Express Advocate during the same period that it was allegedly removed from exhibition at Woy Woy library.

The Everglades retirement

village is planned for bushland, currently owned by the Catholic Church, at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St

According to council's community relation officers Ms Vicki Brown, the court is now the determining authority for the development.

The amended plans, submitted to the court by the applicant, had been presented to council at the direction of the court.

Ms Brown said the amended plans had been advertised to allow for public submissions regarding the amendments.

The amendments provide a greater setback from Hillview St, providing a 20m bush buffer along the streetfront.

Council will make comments back to the court after they have assessed the amended plans.

Woy Woy library staff told Peninsula News on August 4 that the documents were still on exhibition until August 19.

**Council agenda Q.111, August 2
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council**



The disabled access ramp outside the Pavilion Shopping Complex

Advice coming on Pavilion access

Gosford Council "was currently preparing advice" about disabled access at The Pavilion Shopping Complex in Woy Woy.

Cr Jim Macfadyen asked, at council's meeting of August 2, where council was up to with the developer on providing handicap access to the Pavilion Complex

next to Deepwater Shopping Complex.

No wheelchair access had been provided from the roadway to the footpath, he said.

Cr Chris Holstein had previously asked the director of environment and planning Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings about the status of the disabled access and restriction to parking at The Pavilion.

Cr Holstein also asked whether the building was given private certification and what action was being taken about that.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said council was currently preparing advice on the matter and said she would discuss the matter further with Cr Macfadyen.

**Council agenda Q.92, July 5
Council agenda Q.115, August 2**

Foreshore deed status questioned

The status of a deed of agreement between Gosford Council and the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club has been questioned at a recent council meeting.

Cr Terri Latella asked about the deed which concerns the Ettalong Foreshore Plan of Management at council's meeting on July 26.

She asked if a contribution of \$300,000 had been received from the club and, if the money was not received and conditions not met, whether the deed had lapsed.

Cr Latella also asked for copies of documents which she had requested previously including the deed of agreement, Plan of Management 99, letter to landscaper requesting plan of management and all other relevant documents.

The director of city services Mr Stephen Glenn said that there was a deed of agreement between

Council and the club.

"My understanding is that council has not received the \$300,000 to be paid under the deed," Mr Glenn said.

Mr Glenn said he would organise for the documents to be delivered to Cr Latella and, in relation to the conditions associated with the payment of the \$300,000, he would advise Cr Latella at a later date.

Council agenda Q.104, July 26

Monastir Rd to be renamed

Gosford Council has resolved to rename part of Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay, to Roma Close.

The renaming follows a request from Cr Chris Holstein on behalf of some Horsfield Bay residents.

The residents said that ambulances and other emergency vehicles may go kilometres out of their way due to the two parts of Monastir Rd being unconnected.

The two unconnected parts of

Monastir Rd are in Phegans Bay and Horsfield Bay.

Council considered a report some years ago about the road that showed council was unable to construct a roadway to connect the two sections.

A report to council stated that "The effect on property owners' address changes is considered to be insignificant as no properties are addressed to that part of Monastir Rd in the suburb of Phegans Bay."

The report went on to state that research had shown that surrounding street names were on a theme of Queensland towns, with the exception of Monastir Rd, which is North African.

The report stated that to keep with the theme, it was proposed to rename the Phegans Bay part of the street to Roma Close.

The proposal will now be put on public exhibition for a period of 30 days.

Council agenda Env.18, August 2

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Foreshore plan process open and consultative

I am dismayed at the number of incorrect and misleading statements being made about the Ettalong Foreshore Management Plan.

The process has been completely open and consultation extensive and any statement to the contrary is either a falsehood or comments from the ill-informed.

When the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club proposed its project, there was no contribution plan in place for the area.

The club, in speaking with council, asked what were the priorities for the area.

The Ettalong Foreshore was a major issue.

The club agreed to contribute the funds, provided that they were matched by local and State funds.

A broad view of works was given to cover up to about \$1 million in construction costs and all this was assembled in a Deed of Agreement.

The club also paid \$120,000 for a laneway that had not existed for many years, that was in its car park.

This money was used by Council to pay an independent consultant employed by them to assemble a number of reports done on the area, run public and stakeholder meetings and to come up with an agreed management plan.

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A committee was formed made up of the Progress Association, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Ettalong Heritage Committee.

They held many meetings to discuss and also held a number of public forums at which the proposed plans were displayed.

The club did not participate in those forums.

A management plan was agreed and submitted to Council which again placed it on exhibition, made additional changes, and then endorsed the plan.

To my knowledge, it then had to go to the State Minister for approval.

The club has not contributed the funds to date as no plan of works or co-funding has emerged to indicate that the work is to be done, or in fact can be done.

In the interim, however, when the land was being cleared and foundations dug to make way for the new building, many tonnes of pure A-Grade sand were donated to Gosford Council to rejuvenate the beach area which had largely disappeared.

The cost of that sand if sold in the commercial arena would have fetched, back at that time, over \$400,000.

The club is as committed now as it was then to a project which is for the benefit of the whole community.

Cries in your paper of the Council "refusing" to issue the deed are fallacious, as they have their processes.

I offered a copy of the deed from our own records to both a Councillor and a person who is continuously writing letters to your paper about this, and a myriad of other issues, but the offer was not taken up.

The club could easily withdraw from the deed for a multitude of reasons of non-performance, particularly the delays now being caused by minority interests.

Of course, we will not do so.

It is a poor reflection on people who can do little but criticize those who are actually doing something for the benefit of the majority.

**Peter J Hale, CEO
Ettalong Beach Memorial Club**

Lifestyle options are available

Forum

It will be refreshing if Gosford Council is sophisticated enough to give ratepayers the lifestyle they want.

We are being offered an inferior model of high-rise all over the Peninsula.

Other options are available.

These have been put forward at two well-attended public meetings.

They must be considered.

The Chamber of Commerce submission to the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy is particularly

unattractive.

It is out of touch with most of the community.

Many people have settled on the Peninsula to escape the high-rise living of Sydney.

The "white shoe brigade" have spoilt enough Sydney suburbs.

Let us organise to stop the "white shoe" getting in the beautiful Peninsula door.

June Mitchell, Woy Woy

Why do we need ferry terminal?

Forum

After reading the augments for and against the Fast Ferry terminal proposal, I get the feeling that the general public is not told all the facts and information is held back for some reason or another.

As far as the fast ferry goes the numbers simply just don't add up.

The number of trips has been stated as four return trips per day carrying 400 passengers per trip for a total of 3200 people per day.

At a guess a fare one way would have to be \$30 to \$50 to cover the fuel, crew, and so on, to make it feasible, which to me cannot compete with rail fares from Woy Woy. The majority of Central Coast commuters that work in Sydney are ordinary people who may not be able to afford to live in Sydney.

There is also a large retirement group that live on the Central Coast and the cost for them to use

the rail system is only \$2.50 return so I doubt if they would use the Fast Ferry.

It is obvious that 3200 people living in Ettalong would not use the ferry on a daily basis so that means the people will come from somewhere else.

If they drive to the ferry terminal then where will they all park their cars?

My bet is that the ferry was not intended as a commuter ferry and that it will be used for overseas tourists for a days visit, included in their itinerary, paid for overseas, to have lunch at Ettalong and then return to Sydney.

If the Fast Ferry is not going ahead, why do we need a large ugly terminal built on our pristine shores?

William Bollard, Daleys Point

Concern about commercial fishing

NSW Fisheries have put out a booklet showing the proposed changes to our current recreational fishing laws.

I have read it thoroughly and agree with all the proposed changes.

Just about all the fishing clubs on the Peninsula follow the inter-clubs bag limits and sizes, which are more strict than the new laws that are about to come out.

We already adhere to bag limits and size limits on flounder and leather jackets which NSW Fisheries are just bringing in.

I agree that the size on mullaway should increase to 75cm as this particular species like barramundi don't turn female until they get to this size.

Forum

I would also like to see the big jewfish returned to the water to enable the breeding process to have a chance.

I find that most recreational fishermen are doing the right thing.

What I am concerned about is the commercial fishing in the area, where weed beds are being ripped out of the sand and leaving the sea bed barren.

This is happening between Lion Island and Umina Beach.

The weed beds are important as they give the smaller fish somewhere to hide, feed and grow.

I am also concerned about the number of traps that are used by the commercial fisherman which reap heaps of fish, many undersize.

I witnessed a cull of blue nose bream of massive proportions being taken out of five traps along

the shore of the Hawkesbury River.

These traps were only 10 metres apart and took up the whole length of The Vines, which made it unfishable for the recreational fisherman because you lose your tackle on them.

Each trap was about 1.2 metres square and were half full of bream, none of which were returned to the water.

This was definitely an overkill.

While we were fishing the same area, we caught one bream.

I think they need to look at who is really doing the damage.

We return the small ones back so they can grow and the commercial fisherman comes along and trawls them up anyway.

They return them to the water because they are undersize, but they are dead from drowning in the nets.

**Lisa Loudon
Ettalong Beach War Memorial
Fishing Club**

'Paradise' is dumping ground

Forum

I am writing in response to the letter by Mark Ellis of Woy Woy.

Regarding the remnant land on the corner of Hillview and Veron Rds, the amended plans for the site are not 41 units as he claims.

It is now 39 units.

And the ecological endangered community that is supposed to be there are rats, mice and snakes, but occasionally you see a lizard.

The wondrous piece of paradise he refers to is nothing but a dumping

ground for all and sundry.

It is covered in lantana and noxious weeds.

I feel that Mr Ellis has an axe to grind in some way but the residents in that area want the development to proceed.

So I think it is about time council passed this development and put the matter to bed for good.

Ray Kelly, Woy Woy

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Araluen Dr wharf chosen for pump

Gosford Council has resolved to endorse Araluen Dr wharf, Hardys Bay, as the site for the installation of a marine vessel sewage pump out facility.

The proposal for a pump out facility at the wharf was considered by council at a strategy policy workshop on July 19.

Council received written advice from the Department of Lands, NSW Maritime and the Department of Primary Industries stating that they would prefer to see the pump-out facility installed on the Araluen Dr wharf at Hardys Bay.

Based on the results of community consultation, the Araluen Dr wharf ranked as the most appropriate public wharf for the facilities, according to council officers.

A report to council stated that "while the wharf will need a minor upgrade for the installation of the facility the actual pump unit and

slops-hopper would be housed in a purpose-built amenity block adjacent to or between the existing toilet amenities on the shore."

It also stated that "a major objection by residents to the original proposal to install the pump-out facility on the Araluen Dr wharf was the siting of the slops-hopper on the wharf."

The report stated that this had been addressed by locating it on the shore with the pump unit in a purpose built facility that will keep it out of sight but still handy to boat users.

The construction cost of the new amenity is estimated to be approximately \$25,000.

The proposal will now be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

A report will be prepared for council following the public exhibition describing the outcomes of the exhibition.

Council agenda SF.28, August 2

Boat ramp update sought

Cr Jim Macfadyen has asked for an update on the status of the Pretty Beach boat ramp.

Cr Macfadyen asked for the update, stating that he believed the matter was now being resolved by a State Government department at Gosford Council's meeting of August 2.

"Given that this matter has been advertised on two other occasions, is there a need to readvertise so

this matter can go to tender?" Cr Macfadyen said.

"This issue about the boat ramp has been going on for approximately three years."

Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glenn said he would investigate the matter and would also give all councillors a status report on the matter.

Council agenda Q.116, August 2

Hundreds on protest train

Hundreds of Central Coast working families were expected to board the "Rights at Work Express" train yesterday.

The participants were travelling to join an expected 40,000 people at Homebush Bay attending the Unions NSW Last Weekend picnic protest against the Federal Governments changes to

workplace rights.

The all-stations train was expected to leave Woy Woy at 9.27am.

Organisers had planned to deck out the carriages of the train in colourful regalia to protest what the Federal Government has planned "to reduce rights at work".

**Press release, August 2
Tara de Boehmler**

Greeting card class

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be holding a Make Your Own Greeting Cards class on August 16.

Facilitator Ms Jenni Spillane will run the class, and teach participants how to make personalised greeting cards.

Cost for the class is \$3 to cover materials.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 16, from 10am to noon.

Bookings can be made by contacting the centre on 4342 5905

**Press release, August 2
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre**



Umina Beach Choice Awareness participants next to the graffitied wall

Cleaning up graffiti

Participants who attend the Umina Beach Choice Awareness Project have been spending time cleaning up graffiti.

The participants were disappointed to find that vandals had targeted their mural at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, according to project manager Ms Christine Burge.

Vandals have spray painted over parts of the mural, tagging the side of the council-owned public toilets.

The project has participants cleaning up graffiti by painting murals or cleaning off graffiti using

other means.

The project is facilitated by Choice Australia Management on behalf of Community Success.

"We would be happy to hear from residents or businesses that need assistance to clean-up graffiti," said Ms Burge.

Choice Australia Management oversees and implements youth and community initiatives, which create positive opportunities for children, young and older people and the broader community.

"We are a not-for-profit organization which aims to significantly increase the quality

of life for people, by empowering them to believe they can achieve, through careful consideration of their choices, actions and decisions," Ms Burge said.

A new component of this Choice Australia Management project is to assist non-profit organisations on the Peninsula

More information on Choice Australia Management can be found at its website at www.choices.org.au or by contacting 0424 608 854

**Press release, July 22
Christine Burge, Choice Australia Management**

Digital workshop for seniors

The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association will be holding a residential workshop for seniors entitled Let's Go Digital at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, on August 8 and 9.

Organised especially for members of the many computer clubs for seniors, the workshop will focus on converting records and video tape to CD and DVD for personal use.

Seniors who are not members of clubs are also welcome to enrol.

Participants will learn about the equipment needed, the availability of free or reasonably priced software, and will also have the opportunity to use it themselves at the workshop.

There will be a session on digital photography, with an opportunity to discuss digital concepts and procedures with more experienced members of the various computer clubs.

Association president Ms Nan

Bosler will welcome Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Minister for the Central Coast Mr Grant McBride for the official opening of the workshop at 9am on August 8.

The association is the peak body for seniors' computer clubs throughout Australia, and has recently gained its 111th member club.

Every state is represented.

Many clubs are community-based, while others are associated with retirement villages, the University of the Third Age (U3A) or with community colleges.

There are a number of clubs on the Central Coast, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter, all of which provide peer-to-peer training in basic computing and more advanced

computer applications.

This will be the association's second annual workshop for seniors.

The first, on the theme of digital photography, was held at Mittagong last year, and was deemed a great success by participants, according to Ms Bosler.

"Attendees particularly valued the opportunity to get together over meals and exchange ideas and gain advice," Ms Bosler said.

More information about the association and the various computer clubs for seniors is available at www.seniorcomputing.org, by email at office@seniorcomputing.org or by phone on 9286 3871.

**Press release, August 4
Nan Bosler, ASCCA**

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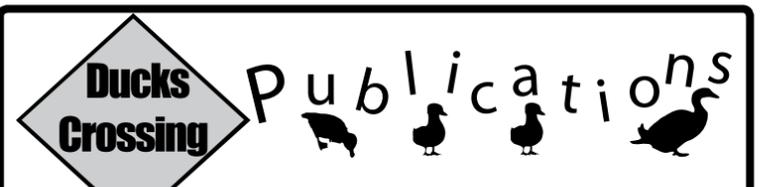
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Health



Katie Dixon, one of eight recipients of a cancer research scholarship

Scholarship for cancer research

Katie Dixon, 23, of Umina Beach, has been awarded a \$50,000 cancer research scholarship which includes overseas travel to attend important seminars.

Ms Dixon is one of eight NSW students to receive the scholarship.

After completing a three-year Bachelor of Medical Science degree at the University of Sydney, Ms Dixon continued on at the

University of Technology in Sydney to do her honors degree graduating with first class honors.

Ms Dixon is now doing a PhD which takes another three years and will be finished next year.

Ms Dixon is doing her study on the effects of vitamin D on skin cancer.

Educated at St John the Baptist School, Woy Woy, and St. Josephs at East Gosford, Ms Dixon's other interests are surf patrol captain with Ocean Beach Surf Club and as a violinist with the Central Coast Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra.

The aim of the award is to provide funding opportunities to develop and support outstanding students enrolled in a higher degree who have the potential to develop highly significant careers in cancer research.

Press release, August 1
Ann-Marie Dixon

Support for Mary Mac's

Central Coast Community Chest has presented with a cheque for \$1520 to Mary Mac's Place for a three-month supply of groceries.

Mary Mac's is a project of St John the Baptist Parish, supported by Centacare and St Vincent de Paul, which provides freshly-cooked, nutritious midday meals to people in need in the local community.

Mary Mac's steering committee volunteers Biddy Elliott and Pat

Slattery, volunteer Willy Woods, and project officer Robyn Schacht received the cheque from Community Chest chairperson Ms Lorrain Wilson on Thursday, August 4.

Volunteers at Mary Mac's Place served over 600 meals last month to individuals and families struggling to make ends meet.

"Over 125 of our guests last month were women and children," said Ms Schacht.

The presentation was held at

Wideline Pty Ltd, Tuggerah, where staff contributed through a payroll deduction program to Central Coast Community Chest's support of over 60 charitable organisations on the Central Coast.

General manager Cr Chris Holstein said that all money donated to Central Coast Community Chest went directly to assisting people at a local level through these community groups.

Press release, August 3
Mary Mac's Place

Organising food for East Africa

Umina business woman Ms Pam Curley is organising for two container loads of Vitameal, a nutrient-dense, specially-formulated food that is transportable, to be sent to the disaster regions of East Africa.

"A child dies every six seconds from malnutrition," Ms Curley said.

"This heart-breaking statistic is driven by disease, drought, dictators and disaster.

"Around 15,000 children die each day making a total of five million children a year.

"Millions more survive, but their growth and intelligence is stunted due to lack of vital nutrients. And yet there is enough in this world for every hungry child."

Ms Curley said Nourish the Children, in association with World Vision, is dedicated to improving the lives of children living in poverty through donations of VitaMeal.

One project leading into

Christmas is to send two container loads of Vitameal to the disaster regions of East Africa.

"I am organising for individuals, businesses, groups of people, families, friends, clubs, neighbours, to work together to pay for donations of Vitameal," Ms Curley said.

For more information, contact Pam Curley on 0407 005 027 and visit the website www.nourishthechildren.com.

Press release, August 2
Pam Curley

Car boot sale benefits charities

The Lions Club held its monthly car boot sale on Sunday, July 31, at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, benefiting local charities.

The car boot sale has been operating now for over 13 years.

The sale operated at Woy Woy Public School for about five years, but it was decided to move because numbers were dropping due to the location being hard to locate.

It was then moved to the old Youth Centre until council permitted it to operate at Rogers Park.

Over the years, the Lions Club has raised thousands of dollars for local charities.

Operator Mr Elmo Caust said that the club has given \$2000 to the Rural Fire Brigade, and \$500 to the melanoma clinic.

It had also given money to local families in need.

Some other charities the Lions

Club helps include Woy Woy Hospital, Woy Woy Aged Care, local schools, nursing homes, St Vincent's, St Jude's Kitchen and the Salvation Army.

More than 20 members are involved in the local Lions Club, including members of the Lioness Club.

Weather permitting; the next car boot sale will be on August 28.

Kim Trenerry, July 31

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Walk training

The Walking Connections for Women project has organized a walk leader training session during August for those interested in starting up their own "mums and prams" walking group.

The training will be held on Tuesday, August 9, from 10am to 1pm.

Walking Connections is a walking group project coordinated through North Sydney Central Coast Area Health Women's Health Service, holding events at Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

To book or for more information, contact 4320 3741.

Press release, August 1
Walking Connects Program

Holstein leads new pool preview

The chairman of Gosford Council's Peninsula Leisure Centre committee, Cr Chris Holstein, has led a preview of the new centre being built on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Cr Holstein said the \$25 million project was in its final stages of construction, and was about six weeks from completion.

The official opening will be September 26, but on September 25, 100 raffle winners will be the first people to jump in the pool.

The raffle is being run by the Central Coast Community Chest.

The participants will be presented with a certificate to mark the occasion and one year's entry to the pool.

One person will win a Lifetime Pool Pass.

During the October long weekend, the doors of the pool will be open, free of charge, allowing people to view the facilities.

A fireworks display will be held on the Saturday night.

The leisure centre will cater for many activities.

The gymnasium is complete with up-to-date equipment, which is leased, allowing it to be changed to meet demand.

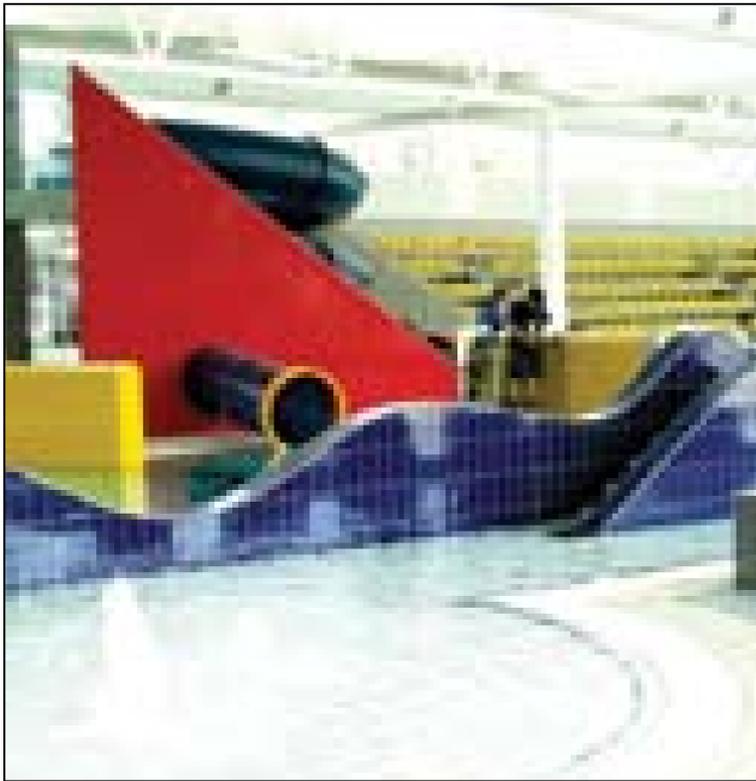
The aerobics room doubles as a function and meeting room.

The basketball court is double sized and caters for basketball, netball, volleyball and indoor soccer and seats 140 people.

It includes \$750,000 worth of soundproofing equipment.

A crèche allows parents to swim or work out, knowing that fully-trained staff are caring for their children.

A party room can be used for pool parties, giving children a place to play while parents have a coffee at the cafeteria.



Part of the childrens play area

There are three pools catering for separate needs.

A children's pool has a water slide for small children and another for older children.

There is also a program pool that will be used for aqua-aerobics and hydrotherapy.

The main pool seats 400, has a lifeguard service and has been FINA approved for water polo matches.

The main pool has been filled with water three times, twice to check for leaks.

Bore water was used to fill the pool for the first two fillings.

The pools are individually heated and the temperature can be adjusted to suit the needs of the

users.

There are three change rooms in the centre, two in the pool area and

one in the stadium.

The change rooms have floor heating, "which means no more cold feet," Cr Holstein said.

The two change rooms in the pool area can also be opened up to become one big change room, for all-girl and all-boy schools during events such as carnivals.

The centre has family change rooms, allowing families to stay together.

For a small additional charge, people can use the spa, sauna or steam rooms.

Doors open from the pool area to a grassed barbecue.

Natural light via skylights is used throughout the centre, for energy efficiency and lower lighting bills.

Cr Holstein said he was mindful of the history of the previous pool on the site and its status as a war memorial.

"We are mindful of our history," Cr Holstein said.

The centre will feature a war memorial wall which would be unveiled in a special ceremony.

Prime Minister Mr John Howard has been asked to open the centre, but is yet to respond to the council request.

Kim Trenerry, August 2



Seating at one end of the basketball courts

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Education



One of the participants in the Junior Rock Eisteddfod

School prepares for Rock Eisteddfod

Ettalong Public School has been preparing to perform in this year's Junior Rock Eisteddfod at the Homebush Sports Centre last Friday, August 5.

"Almost the entire school community has been involved in one way or another," said school teacher Ms Sandra Preston.

"The amount of parent involvement, whole school staff commitment and local community support has been fabulous.

"Many local businesses have donated a variety of items: prizes for fund raising activities, materials for stage sets, material for costumes and, of course, financial support.

"We thank each and every business and supporter for their wonderful generosity."

Last year Ettalong performed in the inaugural Junior Rock Eisteddfod Challenge.

The focus of the event is to promote eating well and living a healthy lifestyle, a message which is portrayed by producing an

eight-minute performance through music, drama and dance.

Each school's performance is marked by a panel of three judges.

Schools receiving more than eight out of 10 in any category are given an award.

The categories include choreography, stage use, concept, drama, set design and functioning, character costuming and visual enchantment.

This year Ettalong Public School has 120 children involved from Year 1 through to Year 6.

"The experience of being involved in such an event is invaluable and will give the children a lifetime of memories," Ms Preston said.

The title of Ettalong's presentation this year is Pause and Play.

The group will perform again, this time at the Civic Centre in Newcastle, on Monday, September 19.

Press release, August 1
Jenny Jackson, Ettalong Public School

Selected for science project

Woy Woy's St John the Baptist School was recently selected to participate in the Federal Government's Australian School Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics Project.

The ASISTM Project is part of a greater program designed to

increase collaboration between schools and universities with industry, science organisations and the broader community.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said: "These schools are among a select group of schools leading the way in promoting a culture of innovation and pioneering new approaches for

the key learning areas of science, technology and mathematics.

"I congratulate all of the schools on their success and I look forward to seeing the results of the ASISTM Project."

Press release, July 22
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Green Up Clean Up held

St John the Baptist School held a Green-Up Clean Up Day on Monday, June 27.

The day was held to educate and encourage students to reduce litter to make the school a cleaner and safer place to live, according to family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley.

The whole school community participated in the day.

Students each brought a waste-free lunch using reusable or

recyclable packaging, such as a lunch box, to reduce the amount of rubbish for the day.

The rubbish was collected and then measured.

As well as reducing the amount of rubbish within the school the students also cleaned up the playground.

Each grade was allocated an area of the playground to clean up and clear of rubbish.

Children were encouraged

to raise funds and prizes were awarded for donations of over \$10.

Part of the money raised will be sent to a school in a drought-affected area of NSW that needed assistance.

"The Green-Up, Clean up day was a great idea because it has raised awareness of the need to control the rubbish within the school," Ms Riley said.

Press release, August 2
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist

Registered to jump rope

St John the Baptist Primary School has registered to take part in the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart program.

"Over the next few weeks, children will be learning a range of jump rope skills and while we're teaching these skills the importance of regular physical

activity, enjoying healthy eating and being smoke free as part of a healthy lifestyle," said family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley.

At the end of the program, there will be a Jump Off Day on Friday, August 19.

Students involved in the program will seek sponsorship from family and friends for participation in the event.

The moneys raised will go to the Heart Foundation to help fight disease and stroke through health promotion programs and heart research.

In addition 10 per cent of all money raised will be returned to the school to invest in its physical education and health budget.

Press release, August 2
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist

Workshop about starting school

A workshop for parents has been organised by the Beachside Family Centre, Umina, for parents and carers concerned about how their child will cope when they start school.

The Kids Challenge and Change group explores the common experiences for four- and five-year-olds and how parents can prepare for important transitions

towards independence such as starting school.

Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said the group was also relevant for parents of children experiencing change such as family separation.

The course covers what's normal, dealing with loss and helping your child cope with change.

The group starts on Wednesday,

August 10, from 10am to noon and runs for five sessions at Beachside Family Centre, in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

The course is free and childcare is available for gold coin donation.

For more information or to book, contact 4343 1929.

Press release, August 2
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

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Choir poised for concert

The Peninsula Choir is poised to present their annual concert later this month in conjunction with the Gosford City Brass Band, according to choir conductor Mr Ivan Kinny.

"This year's theme is Spring Song in Ettalong, and the program will contain much joyful music in keeping with the season," Mr Kinny said.

"Included will be songs by the Beatles and Ivor Novello, as well as a first performance on the Central Coast of two beautiful love songs

from the Song of Solomon, with music by Orlando Gibbons.

"Our pianist Joan Edwards will play Mendelssohn's famous Spring Song on the grand piano.

"The championship-winning Gosford City Brass Band is in fine form, as recent concerts have testified.

"They will present a number of spritely items in the spirit of Spring and, in accordance with tradition, will lead some community singing of popular numbers."

Members of the Band will also join the choir in the renowned Cornish Floral Dance, a song made

popular by the Australian baritone Peter Dawson, Mr Kinny said.

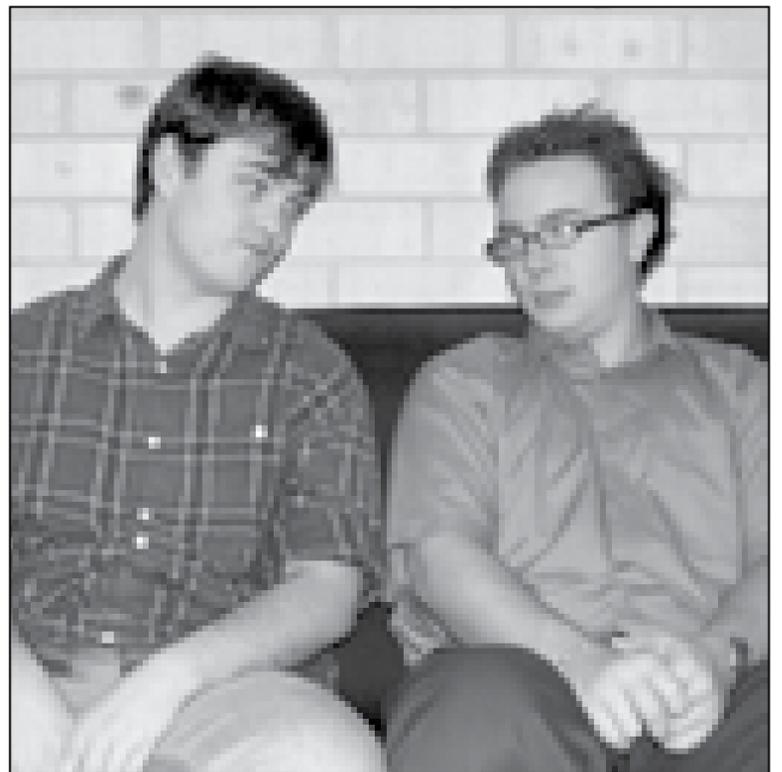
"The choir will thus be accompanied by the Helston Village Band, with its curious tone as described in the song," Mr Kinny said.

The concert will take place in the Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, on Sunday, August 28 at 2pm.

Afternoon tea will follow.

The choir will be conducted by Ivan Kinny and the band by Tom Hill.

Press release, August 1
Kay Williams



Braden Menzies and Damien Fitzpatrick play Eddie and Mickey

Club appoints new chef

Ettalong Beach Club has appointed former chef to the celebrities Clinton Brown as new executive chef, according to club representative Ms Janine Ryan.

Ms Ryan said Mr Brown began his appointment by reappraising the club's food service areas and coming up with some creative new menus and dining options.

"These options suit all tastes and budgets, but greater flavours and variety will see Ettalong Beach Club brought to the forefront of dining on the Central Coast," said Mr Brown.

"It's a new direction for food at the club.

"The Tallow Beach Terrace now has a selection of food that can be served instantly, with your drink orders, like fresh seafood, and the Rocky Point Café and Brasserie menus have had minor changes to make sure we can serve food ordered within 15 minutes."

Ettalong Beach Club general manager Mr Peter Hale said: "The most significant changes are occurring in Half Tide Rocks, where Clinton has taken his passion for fresh, imaginative cuisine and designed a menu to put our restaurant on par with the fine a la carte dining destinations of the Coast."

The Half Tide Rocks menu will

rotate seasonally.

For the winter menu, Mr Brown has found his inspiration in a synergy of Asian spices and nouveau Italian.

"Think mushroom ragout tart topped with crisp prosciutto, crispy skin pork belly in soy and maple sauce with rice noodles and gingered greens and for dessert, white chocolate panna cotta with candied rose petals," said Mr Brown.

Mr Brown's career highlights have included preparing food for stars such as Elton John, Janet Jackson and rock group U2.

Press release, June 22
Janine Ryan, Brilliant Logic

Blood Brothers prepares to open

Blood Brothers will open on August 12, but the preparation at Peninsula Theatre is well under way.

Actors, crew and front of house staff played host to some pre-publicity last week.

Braden Menzies (Eddie) and Damien Fitzpatrick (Mickey) gave a quick sample of one of their scenes, showing the results of their hard work over the last couple of months.

The play, originally written in 1981 without music and commissioned

by the Merseyside Young Peoples Theatre, comes with a young cast, combining the Woy Woy Little Theatre and the Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

Playwright is Willy Russell, the man who wrote Shirley Valentine and Educating Rita.

The cast includes Amalie Anderson as Mrs Johnson, Rosemary Parsons as Mrs Lyons, Dimity Sharpe as Linda and David Carnovale as the narrator.

Brenda Logan directs
Paul Rogers, Booker Bay

Teddy story wins award

Peninsula resident Mr Keith Whitfield has won an

honourable mention for his entry in a teddy bear short story competition judged by Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell.

The competition was run by Radio 50 Plus and judged at a Teddy Bears' Picnic at the station's premises in Gosford on July 13.

Here is the story:

"I didn't have a teddy bear, but I saw two swisho dolls the girl who lived in the bush had.

"I suggested to my mates we pinch them. Scorn was dished on me.

"Only girls and sissies had dolls. So I had to fight meaner to restore my reputation.

"I noticed a girl who lived streets away had a ginger coloured teddy bear, bright shiny new, with cute brown beady eyes.

"I had to have it.

"I tried to swap, my best marbles, a catapult, my cicada collection, which included a rare Black Prince.

"But no, she shook her silly head.

"I brooded and waited.

"Years later, I asked her to bring along her old teddy bear.

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"I'm sentimental,' I said.

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Keith Whitfield, July 13

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The course is for people interested in writing short stories, poetry or memoirs.

"If you would like to learn in a safe and encouraging atmosphere, to share your thoughts and memories, a landscape of dreams and life histories then come along to this two week course and bring out your creative side," said Peninsula Women's Health Centre worker Ms Kate Bradfield.

The classes will be held on Wednesday, August 17 and 24, from 10am to noon.

The cost is a gold coin donation and Pat Lindsay will facilitate the group.

Bookings can be made by contacting the centre on 4342 5905

Press release, August 2
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula
Women's Health Centre

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Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)

DECLARATION OF REMEDIATION SITE - WOY WOY

The EPA* has declared the land at 66 Memorial Avenue, Woy Woy, NSW (Lot 100 in DP 871941, currently a service station), a portion of the adjoining Council footpath and nature strip and a portion of Memorial Avenue as a remediation site under section 21 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997.

The EPA has found that groundwater beneath the site is contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons so as to present a significant risk of harm to human health and the environment. The owner of the service station intends to remediate the site under a voluntary remediation agreement with the EPA.

The declaration was published in the *NSW Government Gazette* on 5 August 2005 in gazette number 98 on page number 4133 You may inspect a copy of the declaration online at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/clm/aboutregister.aspx or at the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) Head Office, Level 14, 59-61 Goulburn Street, Sydney, free of charge. You can also buy a copy for \$12.00 by contacting DEC's Environment Line on 131 555 (8:30am to 5pm, weekdays).

The public may make written submissions on whether we should order remediation or on any other site-specific matter, to the Director Contaminated Sites, Department of Environment and Conservation, PO Box A290, Sydney South NSW 1232 or to fax (02) 9995-5930 by 2 September 2005.

The DEC will consider these submissions and remediation may be required.

CAROLYN STRANGE
 Director Contaminated Sites

*The EPA is now part of the Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW).

The Troubadour Acoustic Music Club

brings musicians, singers, poets and story tellers to the Central Coast to perform with and entertain local residents.
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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
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Models wanted for pool marketing

Gosford Council is currently looking for people to model for a day and to be photographed for Peninsula Leisure Centre marketing material.

The centre will be giving the opportunity to a select group of Central Coast residents.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for the local community to be part of the new facility right from the early

stages," said council's aquatics coordinator and Peninsula Leisure Centre manager Mr Simon Clark.

"This is a very exciting time for the Peninsula Leisure Centre and we don't want to waste any time, so we will be looking at starting photo shoots within the next three weeks."

Anyone interested should contact 0410 984 250.

Press release, July 28
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council

Father and son win

The father and son team of Martin and Allan Rogers has won the Woy Woy Men's Bowling Club pairs championship against Lionel Ackling and John Walters 26 to 23.

The score was 23-all after 20 ends and the match was not

decided until the last bowl was played.

Club representative Mr Ken Poole said a check of the club's records revealed that this championship has not previously been won by a father and son team.

Email, August 2
Ken Poole

Skate park refusal

Gosford Council has decided against building a skate park in Woy Woy.

In response to a petition with 107 signatures asking for a skate park, either full size, half pipe or bowl with some ramps in the Woy Woy area, council officers advised that other skate park projects had been listed as greater priority.

It also stated that currently there was no allocation of funding for a

skate park in the Peninsula area.

The report did state that, under the Gosford City Skate Park Strategy adopted in August 2001, council would continue to review this strategy to ensure the need for skate park facilities across the local area was met

The petition for a skate park in Woy Woy was received by council on June 28.

Council agenda P.44, July 26

Enjoying bowls

Gosford women's midweek tennis team recently swapped their rackets for bowls to enjoy a fundraising social on the greens at Woy Woy Bowling Club.

Organiser Ms Liz Blake thanked the bowling club and Ettalong

Beach Tourist Resort which provided a raffle prize.

Ms Blake said the players, with their sporting skills, found bowls a really enjoyable challenge and a great way to spend a few hours.

Press release, July 20
Ken Blake,
Woy Woy Bowling Club



Students played at carnival

Woy Woy Public School was represented by 14 students at the Central Coast All Schools Rugby League Carnival in the Under 9 division on Wednesday, July 27.

This was the first time Woy Woy Public School had entered an Under-9 side and despite not making the finals on the day, the

boys that made up the team did their school proud, according to parent Ms Gayle Downey.

"With brand new jerseys funded by the Woy Woy Public School P and C, the boys were pitted against much bigger and stronger sides but did not give up and played their hearts out making their coach Mr Laurie Taylor proud," Ms Downey

said.

"Today was the beginning of a plan to raise the awareness of Junior Rugby League and additionally to mould a top notch team from the Peninsula for the future," said Mr Taylor.

Press release, August 2
Gayle Downey, Woy Woy Public School

Playing the Mariners

Umina United player Grant Brisbin was member of a team of local soccer players to face off against the Central Coast Mariners in a pre-

season cup game at Lisarow on July 12.

He was a member of the Central Coast Soccer Association select squad, made up of representatives of local clubs.

The Mariners emerged victorious with a final score of 3 to 0.

Press release, July 11
Central Coast Mariners

Music nights

The Woy Woy Bowling Club is hosting a regular series of Unplugged Rhythm and Blues Nights on Friday nights.

Organiser Mr Bob Jackson said Woy Woy Bowling Club was looking to bring something different to the club on a Friday night to appeal and attract a wider range of clientele and to give local Peninsula musicians a venue to perform.

The nights are organised by Plugged-in Music, a cooperative of local musicians dedicated to writing, recording and promoting local artists.

The events feature Null and Void, a Woy Woy based Rhythm and Blues band, performing both unplugged original and standard sets.

The evenings also include "open mike" sessions to encourage local musicians and singers to get involved.

Press release, July 21
Bob Jackson, Plugged-in Music

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Enrolments Officer, Mrs Shepherd,
4341 1660

Local Business Gives Guide Dogs a helping hand



Local Home Timber & Hardware store, Campbells Home Hardware, has helped raise \$170,000 for Guide Dogs Australia, which comprises the state Guide Dog Associations.

At a cost of around \$25,000 each, the money raised is enough to train six puppies - like these adorable Labrador pups - to become Guide Dogs and, in turn, provide priceless independence to people who are blind or vision impaired.

Campbells Home Hardware is part of a nationwide partnership with Guide Dogs Australia that kicked off in June 2004. Mark Campell of Campbells Home Hardware said he was delighted to be involved with such a worthwhile partnership.

"Nationally we, as part of the Home Hardware group, had hoped to raise \$100,000 in the first year of our partnership, so to discover we've topped that by \$70,000 is fantastic news."

"Our Customers and Suppliers have lent great support to a number of fundraising campaigns in our store and we'd like to thank them for their generosity."

"We hope our customers will continue to support Guide Dogs through its collection box in store and calendar at the end of the year."

Did You Know?

- Approximately four in every 200 people are blind or vision impaired.
- The average working life of a Guide Dog is 8-10 years and therefore Guide Dogs staff constantly work to train Guide Dogs to replace those that retire.
- Guide Dogs offers its clients the opportunity to keep the retired Guide Dog as a pet.
- The cost to train each dog is in excess of \$25,000 and all dogs are supplied to clients free of charge.
- Each Guide Dog is carefully matched with a client and is taught to respond to his or her unique circumstances and mobility needs.
- Guide Dogs does not charge for its services and, as it receives minimal government funding, relies on the generosity of donors, bequestors and volunteers to carry out its vital work.
- It is estimated that vision impairment will double in the next 20 years.

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Top students receive awards

An assembly to present awards to the top 10 students from Years 7 to 12 at Brisbane Water Secondary College was held on Wednesday, August 3, at the Woy Woy Campus.

Students were given awards recognizing their achievements and dedication to their studies.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said: "The students committed themselves to a cool business."

He recognized the importance of their families and teachers and commended

them for their support.

He also spoke of the school's "outstanding results" in both academic and sporting arenas.

The Year 8 students reading skills has half of them rating in the top band of students across the state, while the senior debating team achieved equal third in the State semi finals, out of 400 schools.

Alex Brown represented NSW on a cricketing tour of England and the women's lawn bowls team won the State Championships, beating every school they played.

Mrs L. Hickey then spoke of the pride in the school and told the students to "keep it up".

The awards are selected by the head teachers nominating students who are at the top of their subjects.

The students' work was then collated and chosen for their excellence.

Special awards were also given to Nicholas de Winter for Junior Achiever Support Unit and Sarah Goldsworthy for the Senior Achiever Support Unit.

The students received a certificate and a school pen.

Kim Trenerry, August 3

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