

## Council set to sign fast ferry lease

**Gosford Council is set to sign a lease and other documents with Fast Ships Ltd to enable it to commence a ferry service to the Sydney CBD.**

The matter will be considered at the council's meeting on Tuesday, August 23, after having been deferred several times for different reasons, including a presentation on the Ettalong Promenade Development by Live Property.

The presentation on July 26 proposed development of the Ettalong foreshore and the management of the area.

The staff report to council stated that the "proposal for the foreshore will be the subject of a separate agenda item".

The lease by council of the wharf site would terminate in 2048.

Council cannot exercise a sub-lease beyond that date.

Council staff have recommended that the lease be signed for 20 years, with a 20-year option.

The concurrence of the Lands Department, being the owner of the wharf site, is required for the sub-lease.

Council officers have also recommended that part of the sub-lease be reworded so that council may terminate the sub-lease if Fast Ships have not started work on the wharf and terminal buildings within one year, with infrastructure substantially completely within two years of signing the lease.

Council would also have the right to extend the lease.

Council's costs in preparation of the documents and negotiations with Fast Ships Limited, and the Lands Department are expected to be \$22,000, which council would seek from Fast Ships upon execution of the documents.

The report to council stated that "the provision of an alternative transport system to Sydney is a high priority because the road and rail systems are reaching capacity."

The report also states that "council is advised that the wharf design suits the ferry that is being considered".

Once the wharf was built any replacement ferry must suit the wharf design or the proponent

must be responsible for the cost of altering the wharf.

Council officers have also recommended that an essential term of the lease and sub-lease would be that "no work on the terminal, wharf or associated infrastructure is to commence until council is satisfied that the proponent has secured a vessel that will be ready for use when the terminal and wharf are completed".

Another essential term, according to council officers, would be that Fast Ships Ltd has secured berthing rights at Circular Quay and has a financially viable business plan.

It has also been recommended by officers that the lease fee be the subject of a further report to council.

Part of the report was made confidential on the basis that the commercial information, if disclosed, may prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Council agenda COR.13, August 23



Rescue helicopter at the site of the fallen rock climber

## Rock climber rescued

**A rescue helicopter was called to the Peninsula recently following a fall by a rock climber, according to local resident Ms Marilyn Heaton.**

"It was hovering over the cliff face getting as close as it could.

"It was certainly a tricky spot to rescue from," Ms Heaton said.

"The helicopter went across to the oval in Woy Woy and waited for the ok from the rescue guys.

"Once that was given it came back."

Ms Heaton said that in the meantime the rescuers had to clear scrub to make a clear area for evacuation, and by the time all this had taken place it was getting cold and dark.

Ms Heaton said the climber had missed a clip into a link and fell.

"I believe that he had sustained a fractured pelvis."

She said the climber was taken to Sydney by helicopter.

Email, August 9 Marilyn Heaton

## \$50 million project proposed

**A foreshore development is being proposed on Ettalong Beach by Fast Ships Ltd which includes restaurants, a yacht club, tourist shops and other tourist facilities, according to a report in the Central Coast Business Review.**

The business publication reports Fast Ships chairman Mr Alf Salter saying: "All the land we are talking about is Crown land, but it is seriously degraded.

"This proposal would improve the whole beach area for the public."

Apresentation about the proposal was made to Gosford Council's strategy and policy committee meeting on July 26.

The development would run from Picnic Parade about 600 metres to



the point where the ferry terminal is located.

The project would cost more than \$50 million and would meet requirements which would see the State Government having development control, according to the Central Coast Business Review.

It reported Mr Salter describing

the development as providing "a mini Cockle Bay type precinct ... the necessary attraction for visitors to use the ferry service".

"The project would be a fantastic community amenity and would add considerably to Ettalong's attractiveness."

The Business Review stated that the project would provide the wharf and facilities, funds for the vessel, a catalyst for investment in Fast Ships and a destination for tourists.

Peninsula News was unable to reach Mr Salter for comment.

Report, August 15 Central Coast Business Review

Architect's design see page 7

## Trackwork at Woy Woy

**Cityrail will conduct maintenance works at Woy Woy next weekend.**

The works will take place from 2am on Saturday, August 27, and run through to 2am, Monday, August 29.

Works at Woy Woy are expected to include tree trimming and removal, signal and electrical works, litter reduction, graffiti removal and mural painting, removal of noxious

weeds and vegetation reduction.

For alternate transport information, contact the transport info line on 131 500 or visit the Cityrail website at [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info)

For information relating to the track works, contact the project information line on 9847 8583 from 8am to 5pm prior to work commencing or any time during the works.

Flyer, August 15 Cityrail

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# Art competition winners

This month's winners of the Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre art competition are Ms Elsie Winkel and Ms Shannon Ridgway.

Ms Winkel of Umina Beach won the senior prize with her painting of the houses on the other side of Patonga Creek, houses that are only accessible by boat.

Elsie has been painting as a hobby artist for 42 years and this is her first art prize.

She has also entered the Grandma Moses Art Competition this year.

Elsie can be seen painting outside Ettalong Post Office some mornings where she has her paintings for sale.

Elsie is self taught and is currently tutored by Mr Brian Hasler of Bateau Bay.



Elsie Winkel and Shannon Ridgway with their winning paintings

Elsie received a framed certificate from the centre's publicity officer, Mr Bob Penson.

She also received a \$50 gift certificate from the Ettalong Beach

War Memorial Club.

The junior prize was won by Shannon Ridgway of Ettalong.

Shannon is a Year 6 student at Gosford Public School and her entry is a painting of the Ettalong Hotel corner.

Her painting was inspired by her teacher's painting of the same scene.

Shannon also received a certificate as well as a \$25 gift voucher from Coopers of Umina.

The August senior and junior competitions are currently open and entries should be presented to the centre for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, September 10.

The winners will be judged the following week and published in Peninsula News on September 19.

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, August 20

# New restaurant at bowling club

A restaurant which features a 50/50 mix of traditional Australian and Asian meals has opened at the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

The Bay Café Restaurant has taken over the bistro at the club.

The business has been in operation since June and is owned by Bruce and Carrie Gu, a couple with 20 years of Australian hospitality industry experience between them.

Their experience has been in club and shopping centre food outlets both on the Central Coast and in the eastern suburbs of Sydney.

Bruce and Carrie have been in Australia for 18 years and now live in Woy Woy close to the club.

"Because of our time working with Australian customers, our Asian meals have a Western influence and our Western meals

have an Asian influence because we change them to suit our customers' tastes," Carrie Gu said.

The couple offers a café service as well as a restaurant because of their experience as a Coffee Club franchisee.

"As we have been trained as café owners, we not only sell great coffee, we also include club sandwiches, foccacia, Turkish melts and other café style food and cakes in our menu," Bruce Gu said.

Carrie said that they would describe themselves as "Asian chefs trained to prepare Western food and coffee who are creative with their meals through using both of their cultural backgrounds".

"We are also very careful with our ingredients because some people have allergies and so we list everything in the menu."

Cec Bucello, August 16

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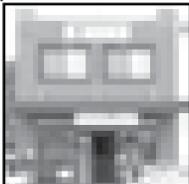
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# Prize winner

**Ms Heather Plant of Woy Woy has won first prize in the Peninsula News-Active Wellness Competition.**

Ms Plant has won a fitness analysis with Active Wellness director Mr James Ferguson.

She has also won a Herbalife shape-up pack.

Everyone who entered has won a mini facial.

Kim Trenerry, August 18

# Funding for RSL branch

**The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch will receive a grant from the Government to assist the veteran community make claims for pensions and other benefits, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.**

"The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay Sub Branch will receive a grant of \$385 for internet access," Mr Lloyd said.

He said ex-service organisations played a vital role in supporting veterans, war widows and widowers, current and former

defence members and their dependants through the claims application and appeals process.

"The Australian Government recognises this important work by providing training and support for welfare officers, pensions officers and advocates through the Training Information Program.

He said the grant would offer funds to ensure the organisation had the resources to provide quality services and advice to the local veteran community."

Press release, August 17  
Fiona Telford,  
Office of MP Mr Jim Lloyd

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## Liberal calls for roundabouts

State Liberal representative for Peats Ms Debra Wales has urged Gosford Council to opt for roundabouts at key intersections rather than traffic signals.

"Gosford City Council is considering two options for the intersections on Ocean Beach Rd at Dunban Rd and MacMasters Rd," Ms Wales said.

"Both involve either roundabouts or signalized intersections."

"Clearly, the Ocean Beach Rd Traffic Management Study states that two lane roundabouts at these key locations are the most effective form of traffic control and would have the lowest degree of saturation and queuing.

"If we have to cater for additional traffic, ensuring smooth traffic flow is essential particularly at these important feeder roads", said Ms Wales.

"By comparison, traffic lights at these locations would create three to four times longer queues at morning and afternoon peaks which would create havoc on Ocean Beach Rd.

"We have already seen how ill-considered traffic lights at Allfield Rd and Blackwall Rd have contributed to traffic congestion.

"Residents do not want a repeat of those problems on Ocean Beach Rd".

Ms Wales said that she was concerned that council was planning to install traffic lights at both intersections as opposed to roundabouts as they are cheaper to construct even though they will cause considerably more congestion.

"The Peninsula deserves proper traffic facilities rather than cheap alternatives," Ms Wales said.

"If roundabouts are the most

efficient in terms of traffic management, as the Study states, then that is what should be built.

"If traffic lights are installed, this will mean that motorists will have to confront two sets of lights within 200 metres on top of a 40kph school restriction zone," said Ms Wales.

"I am urging council to opt for the more efficient two lane roundabouts with flashing school zone lights at South Woy Woy Primary".

Ms Wales said she was also very concerned that council was planning to implement No Parking, both sides, along the full length of Ocean Beach Rd making it a Clearway.

"If we are not careful, Ocean Beach Rd is going to resemble Parramatta Rd in the next few years".

"Of more serious concern is that the study was partly predicated on predictions that the Peninsula population will grow by 12,400 people," Ms Wales said.

"Traffic facilities are being designed on the assumption that our population will grow by 38 per cent.

"This is in direct contradiction to the recently released Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy which predicts the Peninsula's population growth to be no more than 7500," said Ms Wales.

"Which figures are correct?

"Before council makes any big decisions about Ocean Beach Rd traffic improvements, we should agree on which predictions are right.

"We may be building expensive engineering works for entirely the wrong reasons."

Press release, August 15  
Debra Wales, Liberal  
representative for Peats



Construction fencing around the construction site on Railway St.

## Work starts on Deepwater Plaza

Work will soon start to extend and refurbish Deepwater Plaza at a cost of \$8.9 million.

The extension will accommodate new major tenants, Best and Less and The Reject Shop, as well as 15 additional specialty stores.

The redevelopment, which will begin later this month and is due to be completed by May next year, will also see an extra 101 carpark spaces created.

Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Julie Marr said the redevelopment of Deepwater Plaza, which has been owned by the Schwartz Family Company for 13 years, will create a new entry point facing Railway St and Woy Woy Railway Station to better serve

rail commuters and to create even better traffic flows for shoppers.

"The mall will be refurbished with better lighting and a new and revitalized colour scheme and the Franklins loading dock will receive a face lift in order to improve the visual aspect to Railway St and Woy Woy Railway Station," Ms Marr said.

"The amenities will receive a refurbishment which will see an improvement to the parent's room and toilets as well as the creation of new amenities in the extended section of the centre.

"The changes to the centre will create more convenience for customers with the extra parking and we are also looking for food, service, homewares and fashion retailers to take the new tenancies

to give those living in the lower part of the Central Coast a greater retail choice."

Ms Marr said the redevelopment, which will see gross lettable area increase from 16,252 sqm to 18,372.5 sqm, would be completed in three stages.

Stage 1 would include the extension of the multi deck car park.

This would be open for Christmas.

Stage 1 would also include an extension of the shopping centre.

Stage 2 would include the reconfiguration of existing tenancies for Christmas, with stage 3 including mall entries and external verandah upgrades.

Press release, August 11  
Tony Turner

## Man charged for bomb threat

A man faced court on August 9 charged with robbery and threatening with an alleged remote explosive device in Umina on Monday, August 8.

About 1.35pm, a 52-year old man entered a bowling club at Umina and approached staff members.

It was alleged the man was

carrying a backpack and handed a note to staff demanding money.

Staff evacuated the building and contacted police while the man left the scene empty handed.

Officers arrived a short time later and arrested the man outside the bowling club.

The man was then taken to

Gosford Police Station where he was questioned and later charged with robbery and demanding property with menaces with intent to steal.

He was refused bail and appeared in Gosford Local Court.

Press release, August 9  
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**Forum**

# Expect councillors to be responsible and honest

I refer to the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

I find it amazing that people who are ratepayers in our community with genuine concerns with the cost of the recently completed Peninsula Leisure Centre and who wish to express those concerns are considered "knockers" and "baggers" by Cr Chris Holstein.

Well, after reading his recent comments, I think we do have a lot to be concerned about. Cr Holstein is quoted in the media as saying that this major multi-million dollar project is on budget.

This is blatantly misleading the public.

The project was supposed to cost the ratepayer \$16 million.

When the project went to tender, the tender price by the construction company came back at \$21.7 million.

It has now escalated to \$25.5 million.

**Forum**

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We know that \$5 million came from the Peninsula's Open Space contribution fund but I would like to know where the rest of the money is coming from to pay the final costs.

Without a doubt, the facility is one of the largest aquatic facilities in NSW and will be widely utilized, we hope.

But please remember, the feasibility study prepared by

Stratcorp Consultants in 2003 stated that the facility will run at a loss of half a million dollars a year.

But that study was prepared when council planned to lease the areas.

It is now reported in the media that council is going to run the centre themselves employing 45 people with added astronomical insurance costs.

That's adding roughly another \$1.5 million in costs just in wages and who knows in insurance costs.

It's all very well for councillors to lambaste those who ask the difficult questions of Gosford Council.

But we expect them to be fiscally responsible and honest with the public.

It's our right as ratepayers. It's our money that's paying for this.

Lynn Berry  
Woy Woy

# Better if community had been involved

**Forum**

I refer to Peter Hale's letter claiming that the process underlying the Ettalong Foreshore Management Plan "was completely open and consultation extensive".

I would like to make the following comments.

The plan was approved by Gosford Council in May 2003 after two public meetings - in October 2001 and October 2002.

The second meeting was held in a hall which was entirely inadequate for the number of residents attending and it ended in utter confusion.

No further public meetings were held.

Requests for input to the plan made no reference to a Deed of Agreement already in place between Council and the Ettalong War Memorial Club.

This deed, signed in December 1998, and only made available by council in June this year as a result of a Freedom of Information request, committed council to certain works on the foreshore in front of the Club.

These works were to be partially funded by a contribution from the Club of \$300,000 in lieu of a Section 94 contribution.

As well as other matters, the Deed of Agreement required council to widen the footpath promenade along The Esplanade between Picnic Pde and Beach St and to create viewing areas at intermittent locations on the dune area with platforms, seating and appropriate fencing.

The Deed required all works to be "designed in consultation with the owner (the Club) and the local community and to the satisfaction of the Council."

With a Deed of Agreement already

in place, the plan recommended, in the area between Picnic Pde and Beach St, construction of viewing platforms and access ramps at suitable locations and the upgrade of Picnic Pde and Memorial Ave to integrate with the foreshore design.

Recently a firm of consultants has been given a brief to provide design plans for the Picnic Pde/ Beach St area.

I understand that the brief for this firm was not provided by council, but by other parties, and that the contour maps for the area were also provided by other parties.

I am informed no meeting minutes have been kept by council of meetings with this firm.

A "Stakeholders Committee", consisting of representatives of the Club, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee (nominee Debra Wales) are understood to have met with the consultants on a number of occasions to progress the brief.

It has been admitted that this committee is a "vested interests" committee.

No community or environmental representatives have been members of the committee.

While there will need to be community input into any plans proposed for the area before final council approval, it would have been far better if the community had been fully involved at all stages.

It is difficult to understand how the process can be claimed to have been "completely open and consultation extensive".

Michael Gillian  
Ettalong Beach

# Another endangered species

There is another endangered species threatened in our locality.

It is those tall poppies who are the champions of the environment who are accused of "standing in the way of progress" which is the standard clichéd response used.

These poppies surely do not stand out against progress for their courage in speaking out to prevent much of the eastern seaboard becoming a future slum of wall to wall villas and high rise.

**Forum**

But are the scythes out to cut them down?

I can remember Ettalong when the only high-rise structures were the melaleuca trees full of lorikeets sipping on the creamy blossoms, a sight which all would want to preserve.

Nor would it be unprogressive for us to continue to want to breathe fresh eucalyptus air.

Scientists are speaking out about our

danger if we do not heed their warnings about the earth warming and our future of becoming extinct as the dinosaurs if we do not listen up and take action now.

These poppies are the progressive citizens amongst us, not those who see short time gains for themselves. Long may contributors Bryan Ellis and Carolyn Carter to the forum of the Peninsula News flourish for the benefit of the rest of us.

Enid Harrison  
Woy Woy

# Site has grasstrees and banksias

I am writing in response to Ray Kelly's letter regarding the Hillview and Veron Rd site.

Mr Kelly, please look again at the Hillview and Veron Rd site.

It is not covered in lantana nor is it covered in noxious weeds.

There is some there, but not as much as you have indicated.

**Forum**

As for the rats and mice, well I wonder who created their environment: The lazy public who dumped their rubbish.

There is a council tip as well as a "pick up" service available.

You state that snakes and lizards

are there.

Why wouldn't there be?

This is their habitat.

Please have a look at the magnificent grass trees there, the banksias and the cycads, not to mention the solitary cork wood tree.

The application is now in the Land and Environment Court.

As far as the locals wanting units, there are a great number who don't.

I door knocked last year and got countless signatures and statements to the contrary.

Norah Clark  
Woy Woy

# Majority supports fast ferry

In regard to "Sea Levels are Rising" dated July 25, I think most of us are aware of the facts of the fast ferry.

Long before Margaret Lund moved here, the community went through an exhaustive public consultation process on the ferry and guess what, the message was loud and clear to Gosford Council and to the State Government, the majority supported it.

However, Ms Lund obviously hasn't researched her subject well.

**Forum**

Even I know that to lease public land, the lease agreements must be specific and, for her information, the proposed terminal building doesn't have "retail outlets" as she states.

Jack Galway  
Woy Woy



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## Council approached after six-hour road closure

**Pearl Beach Progress Association representative Ms Kay Williams has made a presentation to Gosford Council following a six-hour road closure in May which isolated the township.**

Ms Williams raised issues about limited access to Pearl Beach, excavation and the possibility of collapsing road structure.

Ms Williams said that, on May 31, two cars collided at 2pm on Patonga Dr, Mt Ettalong, and due to forensic assessment no traffic was allowed to pass until 8.30pm that evening.

"The communities of Pearl Beach and Patonga were isolated," Ms Williams said.

"Worse still, police later advised that they had no responsibility to notify residents of either community of what was happening and when access would be resumed.

"Traffic wishing to leave Pearl Beach queued back to the beachfront, and traffic from Umina, including school buses, queued back to a place where turning was possible, unaware of when the road would be cleared."

It took six and a half hours.

In relation to Patonga Dr, Ms Williams stated that over two years ago, council received advice from a Geotechnical Engineer that there was a high risk of collapse of parts of the Patonga Dr, with further advice in April last year confirming a high overall risk of slope instability.

"In 1998, without the benefit of geotechnical advice, council gave permission for significant undercutting of number 20 Jade PI, Pearl Beach, alongside a large pool.

"Independent geotechnical advice on the excavation of the hillside from Coffey Geosciences confirmed they would not have recommended such undercutting.

"Belatedly, council asked the owner to get geotechnical advice before proceeding.

"This advice draw attention to several large boulders high on the block deemed at risk of falling."

Ms Williams said the problem was rectified, but it was too late for any further action, as the excavation of the hill face and the footings had already been completed.

"More recently, at the adjacent number 18 Jade PI, council apparently authorised an even larger excavation of the hillside off Jade PI," Ms Williams said.

"As you will be aware, any damage from land slippage is not covered by home insurance and necessitates suing council and or the owner or builder.

"On a site as unstable as Mt Ettalong, this has brought about

conditions similar to those at Thredbo.

"Two roads heavily cut into an unstable mountain with considerable watercourse activity and crumbling rock structure, and with significant building construction in between.

"The increasing use of these roads by heavy machinery adds to the risk of subsidence and collapse."

Ms Williams also stated that the final bend into Pearl Beach was wrongly banked and channels run-off into the Middle Creek.

"The road is too narrow for buses, which are forced across the double line," Ms Williams said.

"The whole community would be at risk in the event of a road closure as a result of a major road collapse:

Patonga Dr and Pearl Beach Dr constitute the only viable access to Pearl Beach.

"We cannot afford to have it blocked.

"Therefore, we ask council to immediately take action to investigate and plan an alternative access road to the village."

Ms Williams said that, in the interim, the association would seek to have council keep its promise to residents in Pearl Beach to maintain the footpath around Mt Ettalong by the old sea road in a viable condition.

"The path should be maintained wide enough to allow passage of a stretcher, and safe egress for pedestrians and cyclists," Ms Williams said.

"During the six and a half hour road closure last May, residents with vital appointments in Woy Woy walked this path, some by torch-light.

"They reported concerns regarding an area of danger where the sea has washed away the path.

"The sewer line to Pearl Beach is also laid around this point, and council cannot allow the sea to reclaim the path, with the attendant risk of broken sewer pipes.

"For reasons of access, safety and health, we further ask council to take immediate action to restore the original pathway around the foot of Mt Ettalong."

Pearl Beach presently has no wharf and no other egress in case of road collapse or bushfire.

"We ask your urgent action to repair the Mt Ettalong Cliff Rd and also to provide an alternative transport road to Pearl Beach and Patonga, bypassing the present Patonga Dr, Pearl Beach Dr section," Ms Williams said.

**Press release, August 15  
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach  
Progress Association**



*This laneway has been recommended for sale to a Woy Woy landowner*

## Laneway sale recommended

**Gosford Council officers have recommended approval for the purchase of part of an unnamed laneway by a Woy Woy landowner.**

The applicant had asked council to apply to the Department of Lands for the closure and sale of the section of laneway which runs parallel to Blackwall Rd and Edwards St, Woy Woy, and back on to Lot 7 Bowden Rd, Woy Woy.

The applicant stated that the

reason for the closure was to buy the land and landscape the area in conjunction with the Margin development on Lots 1 to 7 and Lots 88 and 89.

Council is now considering approval for the lodgement of the road closure application with the Department of Lands.

The owners of Lot 45, a neighbouring property, have also stated to council they have no objection to the proposal, subject

to at least a three metre access remaining available to their property.

If the application is successful, the land will be sold and council will receive the proceeds from the sale.

All costs attributed to the closure and sale would be at the applicant's expense.

**Council agenda COR.16,  
August 23**

## Petrol leak repaired

**A leak at the service station on Memorial Ave, Blackwall, has been repaired, according to Caltex Australia media relations and communications executive Ms Jenny Palmer.**

Ms Palmer said the site's contamination was caused by a leak in the fuel box which was identified when Access Energy leased the site.

"The leak has been repaired and the site is being monitored to ensure that no further leaks occur," Ms Palmer said.

"Caltex has completed investigations and remediation trials at the site.

"Site remediation and management comprises active remediation of soil and groundwater and ongoing monitoring to ensure no risks to human health and environment.

"The site is operating as normal

and remediation can be completed without the site closing."

Ms Palmer said the costs were being shared between the past owners and Caltex.

**Press release, August 9  
Jenny Palmer, Caltex Australia**



**Two Computer Courses starting soon on the Peninsula**

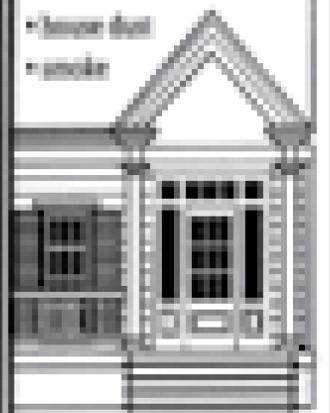
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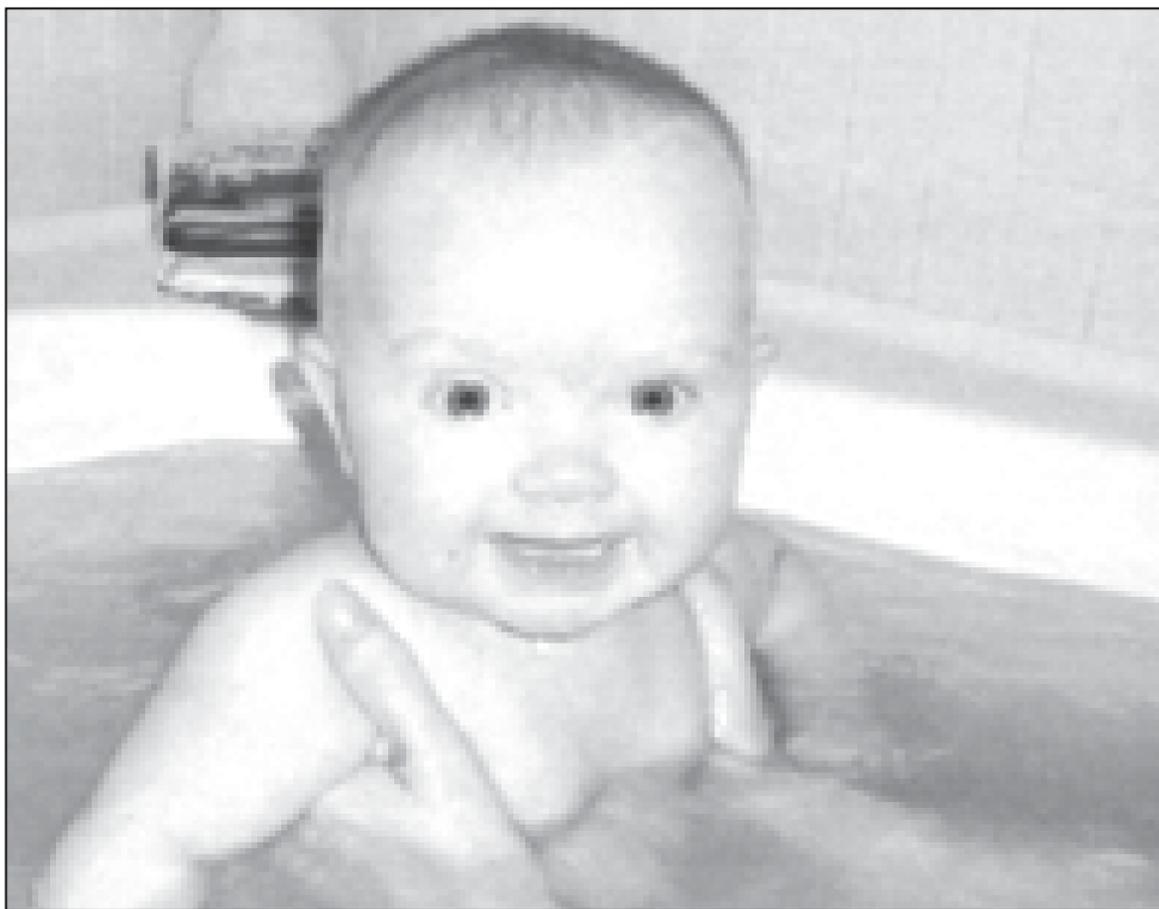
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**Health**



Five-month-old Ava Neville will need treatments in New York

## Hope for Ava

**The family of five-month-old Ava Neville is hoping to raise \$130,000 to send her to New York for treatment for the debilitating Tuberculous Sclerosis.**

Ava's grandmother, Ms Brenda Logan, of Woy Woy Little Theatre, said that growths in her granddaughter's brain caused her to have up to eight seizures a day that could result in her being mentally retarded.

Surgery is not currently available

in Australia that could change the outcome, giving her a chance at a normal life, said Ms Logan.

The surgery is not covered by Australian health funds and costs upwards of \$130,000.

Qantas has donated airfares and friends and relatives of parents Joelle and Peter Neville are helping with accommodation.

Ms Logan said they hoped Ava could be in New York by the end of August for treatment.

If surgery is deemed impossible

by New York doctors after they have completed their own tests, all monies collected will go towards Ava's ongoing care.

Cheques can be made payable to "Rotary Club of Coffs City - Ava for America" and sent to "Send Ava to America, PO Box 6302, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450."

All donations over \$20 are tax deductible and a receipt will be mailed out to donors.

**Press release, August 10  
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

## Group discusses forms of abuse

**A drop-in group that deals with many forms of abuse is being run at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.**

Topics covered in the group include the cycle of violence and abuse, what is a healthy relationship, the impact of abuse on the family unit, brainwashing and emotional abuse, the effects of stress, anger and isolation, your rights, self esteem, life skills, and the effects of domestic violence.

The group is held every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm.

No bookings are needed, and no sign in is needed for the group.

The meetings are held at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The Woy Woy Women and Children's Service also offer an outreach service to women in the community who have or are experiencing domestic violence.

The service is free of charge.

For more information, contact 4340 1052 or the centre on 4342 5905.

**Press release, August 16  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

## All-day workshop on menopause

**An all-day workshop on menopause is planned for the Peninsula Women's Health Centre during the month of August.**

In "Periods-PMT-Peri-Menopause, a Practical Approach", a range of speakers will discuss the menstrual cycle, hormones and reproduction.

There will be information presented on both medical and alternative ways of dealing with these health issues.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 31 from

9.30am to 2.30pm.

As the event is an all-day workshop, participants are asked to bring their lunch.

Some tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied.

The facilitator of the workshop is Central Coast Health Women's Health section.

Entry to the event is a gold coin donation.

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

**Press release, August 16  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

### Active Wellness Tip

**Oils offer hope for troubled children**

A recent study suggested that a daily dose of fish oil helped calm children and reduced symptoms in ADHD sufferers.

Deficiencies in a family of micronutrients, called essential fatty acids (found in fish oil and evening primrose oil) may cause dyslexia and ADHD.

This trial supports the findings of research conducted over more than a decade.

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**www.activewellness.org**

## CD for children preparing for school

**Peninsula resident and Ayurvedic healer Marilyn Newman has developed a new CD for children.**

Marilyn's Magic Monkey World is a guided imagery CD for pre-school children preparing them for big

school and school age children.

Ms Newman said she has developed an eclectic approach to healing, integrating nurturing, Gestalt Therapy and Dream work into her practice and has witnessed amazing results with children, and their rapid response to her technique.

Ms Newman said the recently produced CD addresses everything from brushing their teeth to night terrors and self-acceptance to enhancing literacy skills.

It is recommended that the CD be listened to while the child is going to sleep and positive messages are gently accepted into the subconscious mind.

"This CD is valuable tool to help young children develop into confident adults and we know, we all hit bumps in the road and Marilyn's Magic Monkey World helps the transition become a little smoother."

The CDs are now available at selected schools and pre-schools on the Central Coast.

For more information contact 4341 9630 or 1300 131 291.

**Press release, August 3  
Marilyn Newman, Monkey Magic**

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## Nurses raise \$6000 for charity

**The Brisbane Waters Theatre Babes calendar nurses have raised over \$6000 recently for two charities.**

The charities include the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Central Coast Community Chest.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation is dedicating the

donation to a staff member who recently lost her battle with breast cancer.

The presentation will take place on August 23 at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

**Press release, August 17  
Roz O'Shea, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital**

## Umina Podiatry

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# Planning for Patonga

**A Cottages Development Control Plan (DCP) will be prepared by Gosford Council within the coming year, and is expected to apply to most of the Patonga area, according to Gosford mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks.**

Cr Brooks said it was envisaged that the DCP would apply to most of the Patonga area and would provide "detailed guidelines for development".

He said the public would be invited to participate in the preparation of the DCP.

Cr Brooks detailed the introduction of the DCP in response to a letter from concerned Patonga residents over a local community organization's survey about a Patonga Development Control Plan.

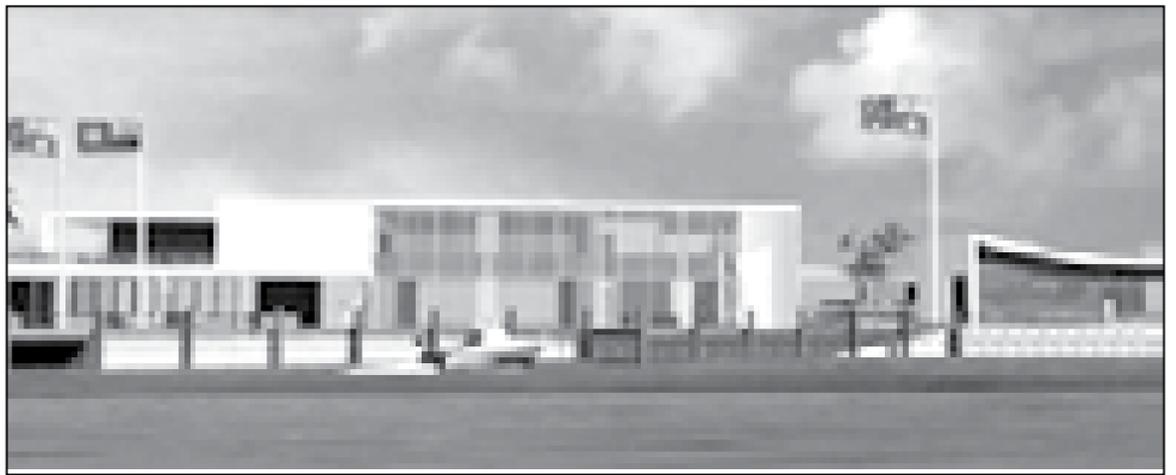
The DCP 159 Character was introduced by council on May 17,

2002, and currently applies to about half the urban and coastal areas of the city and will shortly apply to the remainder, according to Cr Brooks.

Cr Brooks said DCP 159 outlines the existing and future character of an area and resulted from considerable consultation with the community, including individual invitations to residents to be involved in the consultation process.

Cr Brooks said council staff were not working on any amendments to DCP 159 character statements for Patonga specifically, nor were they liaising with any organization in Patonga in that regard, though council would be updating DCP 159 in the short term to aid in its understanding and readability.

**Letter, August 15  
Cr Malcolm Brooks,  
Gosford Council**



*The proposed Yatch Club and Ferry Terminal elevation plan*

## Architect designs Ettalong concept

**A Millers Point architecture and graphic design company, Villa + Villa, have designed a concept which reflects the "feeling of Ettalong", according to the company's website.**

The proposal, prepared for Fast Ships, includes a ferry terminal, a Yatch Club, retail space and a "public square", as well as a suspended restaurant and bar.

The website states that "with the introduction of the fast ferry service to Circular Quay, Ettalong Beach will be the new focus for the Central Coast".

The project is still in the design concept stage and is expected to be 4500m2 in size.

Villa + Villa is run by registered architect Mr Eduardo Villa and graphic designer Ms Muniz-Villa.

Mr Villa's clients include Stockland and Westfield Shopping

Centres as well as Tesrol Holdings, the developers of the proposed nine-storey Ettalong Beach development.

Ms Muniz-villa's clients also include Stockland.

Detailed images of the concept plans can be requested from the website at [www.villaandvilla.com.au](http://www.villaandvilla.com.au).

**Lyle Stone, August 19  
Villa + Villa website**

## Petition against bridge over creek

**Gosford Council has received a petition from Umina Beach residents about a proposed footbridge and cycleway**

**over Ettymalong Creek.**

A petition with 14 signatures was received from residents of Lakeview Pde and Myola Rd, Umina Beach, claiming that the footbridge would be of no benefit to the community and would only serve to encourage the "local youths to congregate and partake in anti-social behaviour".

The petitioners further stated that North Pearl Estate residents have established substantial routes out of the estate and therefore the footbridge was not necessary.

The petitioners stated they would like to see the money alternatively spent on cleaning out the creek and the surrounding bushland.

**Council agenda P.65, August 23**

## Floral display and fete

**The Ettalong Uniting Church will be holding a floral display and fete on Saturday, August 27, with the theme "All Things Australian".**

Church secretary Ms Annette Stong said the church would transform into a wonderful display of delicately perfumed floral arrangements to enhance the donated items, which will have an Australian theme.

"Also two large banners are being made from donations of Australiana items," said Ms Strong.

They will feature small pieces of knitting, stencilling, needlework and badges.

Entry to the event is free and runs from 8.30am to 3pm on Saturday, August 27.

The fete concludes at noon.

The Ettalong Uniting Church is on Picnic Pde, Ettalong.

**Press release, August 17  
Annette Strong,  
Ettalong Uniting Church**

## Colouring competition for the environment

**A total of 63 children in the Ettalong Beach and St Huberts Island area have taken part in a colouring competition for World Environment Day.**

The state-wide colouring competition run by the Raine and Horne real estate group asked the children to identify environmentally friendly practices in a picture.

Raine and Horne designed the competition as part of its partnership with Keep Australia Beautiful and select representatives from the national independent charity took part in judging entries.

Andrew Tregent, of Raine and Horne Ettalong Beach and St Huberts Island said: "The competition was designed to inspire children to consider their



*Andrew Tregent and art prize winner Jacob Newcombe*

local environment and make positive choices towards how we treat the earth.

"The quality of entries has been a motivation to our office and staff.

"It's inspiring to see how passionate young people are about environmental issues in Ettalong Beach."

The local agency hosted a number of certificate presentations for the children of the area during July.

Jacob Newcombe, aged 9, was the winner of a Playstation 2 and the EAC Monkey Mania game.

"Our agents are passionate about the urban environment and so it makes good sense for us all to work together and get behind environmental activities, starting with the home," Mr Tregent said.

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 and is celebrated worldwide each year by over 100 countries.

**Press release, August 12  
Tyne Magann,  
Raine and Horne Ettalong**

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Outrigger general manager Mr Nicolas Bottiglieri and receptionist Victoria Edwards

## Peninsula's tourist accommodation trebles

The Peninsula's accommodation register more than trebled when the Outrigger Ettalong Beach Resort opened for business on June 14.

The resort consists of 236 strata titled apartments all managed by a body corporate on behalf of the individual apartment owners.

Three quarters of these apartments have been placed in a letting pool which is managed by the international resort management company, Outrigger.

Outrigger also has properties in New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, Tahiti and Guam as well as other parts of Australia and the resorts undertake a great deal of cross promotion as part of their marketing program

According to resort general manager, Mr Nicolas Bottiglieri, the resort had 85 per cent occupancy on Saturday, August 14.

The resort also has 16 residential apartments situated on the eighth floor and above.

Another unusual aspect of the resort is that it has no dining room or food and beverage facilities.

All food and beverage room service is provided by the adjoining Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Guests dine at the club or in nearby restaurants.

The resort has a total of 55 front-of-house staff and room attendants, all of whom came from the Central Coast, except for the general manager and the reservations manager.

Staff were selected through a job fair held in the Club in May where over 900 Central Coast residents attended over a two-day period.

"It was amazing", Mr Bottiglieri said, "to see so many eager, young faces keen to work here".

"We weren't necessarily looking for experience because we can teach them what they need to know.

"We were looking for personality and we're very pleased with the outcome", he said.

All staff are now being trained at the McIntosh College where they are undertaking a Level III Hospitality Certificate.

Mr Bottiglieri lives on the premises while his wife still practices as a psychotherapist in Melbourne, "resulting in a bit of long-term commuting", he said.

All services supplied to the resort have been allocated to Central Coast businesses with the exception of the laundry service because one could not be found locally that met the resort's requirements.

Cec Bucello, August 16



The Outrigger Resort at Ettalong Beach



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**Bridgecoast Finance Group is running a Retirement Seminar at Everglades Country Club in the Star Room on Wednesday, 21st September 2005 at 10.30am.**



This informative session will include presentations by Maurine Menzies of Bluestone Equity Release, Peter Hudson (Solicitor), Ken Mann (Financial Planner) and Brian Coote (Centrelink) to update you on all aspects of the product so you are both well informed and confident.

Speakers will cover such topics as money matters in retirement, what effects if any on government benefits, investment products and the legal implications of equity release loans including Wills and Powers of Attorney.

**So please join us at the seminar so we may be of assistance in making your retirement more enjoyable.**

**To reserve your seat please call Rosie at Bridgecoast Finance Group before 16th September on 4323 1975.**

## Outrigger nominated

**The Outrigger Resort was recently nominated for a Bad Developer Award at a function held by Greens MLC Ms Sylvia Hale on August 4.**

It did not win the award. Commentary from the presenter on the night stated that "this contemporary take on the pyramids is the Outrigger Resort, one of a chain of hotels owned by the Hawaiian-based Outrigger Enterprises Inc."

"Look how sensitively it has been located; how effortlessly it merges into its surroundings.

"For \$210 a night you too can contribute to aesthetic degradation."

Email, August 5  
Mithra Cox, Media Officer for Greens MLC Sylvia Hale

## Ticket sold in Woy Woy

**A Central Coast resident has won \$1 million from a lotto ticket bought at a Woy Woy newsagent.**

The Central Coast man is now \$1,015,985.91 richer after he scooped a half share in the \$2 Million First Division National Prize pool in Oz Lotto on Tuesday, August 16.

Oz Lotto reported that the winner was completely overwhelmed with news of his windfall when he was contacted by a NSW Lotteries official on Wednesday, August 17.

The man has asked to remain anonymous.

The man's winning system eight-game ticket costing \$29.70 was purchased from the Woy Woy

Newsagency at The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

The winning numbers for the draw were 34, 23, 11, 1, 19 and 17.

The supplementary numbers were 25 and 18.

"The Central Coast seems to be consistently lucky when it comes to selling winning tickets," said Trish Haggerty from the newsagency.

"I hope he is one of our regulars as a million dollars could certainly help a lot of our customers around here," Ms Haggerty said.

The other winner of the other half share in the win was from Queensland.

**Press release, August 17  
NSW Lotteries**

## New film about Spike Milligan

**Ettalong Beach Club is holding the world premiere of the new Spike Milligan documentary "I Told You I was Ill: The Life and Legacy of Spike Milligan".**

Publicity officer Mr Scott MacKillop said the documentary is an intimate look at the life of this Peninsula boy, turned global icon and comic genius, through the eyes of his family and close friends.

"For the first time his family have opened up their personal archives to reveal Spike as a brilliant, tortured and visionary man, who trod a thin line between genius and depression, giving the world a much greater insight into the man voted by the BBC as the funniest person of the millennium," Mr MacKillop said.

The evening of the premiere screening will also include a live introduction from Spike's daughter Laura Milligan, with readings of letters and poems, and live performances from Spike's old touring buddy Glen Cardier.

Mr Cardier toured with Spike in the 1980s and has two of his songs as part of the film's soundtrack.

Mr MacKillop said Mr Cardier would also be sharing some amusing and revealing anecdotes about life on the road with Spike.

The screening will be held on Saturday, September 10, with tickets costing \$20.

**Press release, August 16  
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic**



Laura and Jane Milligan with a Spike Milligan portrait

## Medals presented

**Many Peninsula veterans were presented with special VP day medallions recently, to commemorate the end of the Second World War.**

The presentation took place on August 15 at the Central Coast Leagues Club, with roughly half those receiving medallions from the Peninsula, according to Ms Cassandra Richardson, electorate officer for Member for Robertson,

Mr Jim Lloyd.

The program commenced with a parade of flags by TS Hawkesbury navy cadets followed by the national anthem, medallion presentations by Mr Lloyd, refreshments and a performance by senior students from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music featuring songs from the 40s.

**Press release, August 12  
Cassandra Richardson,  
Jim Lloyds Office**

## Strong showing from the Peninsula

**Out of the 166 entries to this year's Grandma Moses Art Competition, 61 are from the Peninsula, according to organiser Ms Rhonda Gibson.**

The competition has five categories and is open to people over 50 years of age.

Categories include Open (any medium), Watercolour, Novice, Senior Citizens' Centre Art Group member and Open (any medium) Central Coast inspired work.

The competition is for people like Grandma Moses who take up

painting late in life and, unlike many of the larger art prizes, encourages people with limited experience to express themselves.

Gosford Council coordinates the competition and provides prize money totalling \$1200.

Friday August 12 was the deadline for senior artists to enter this year's Grandma Moses Art Competition.

Entries will be displayed from September 13 to 15 at Gosford Senior Citizens' Centre.

**Press release, August 8  
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council**

Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula Inc.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

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Many events listed take place at the following locations:

**BFC**, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

**CU**, Club Umina, Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach 4341 2618

**CWAHWW**, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

**EBACC**, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Maitland Bay Dve & Picnic Pde, Ettalong 4341 6344

**EBWMC**, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341 1166

**ECC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

**EMBC**, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087

**EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

**ESCC**, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr. Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 3222

**MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.

**PBPH**, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach

**PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

**PCYC**, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

**TWYS**, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684

**UMBSC**, Umina Beach Surf Club

**UCH**, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664

**WH**, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe

**WWBC**, Woy Woy Bowling Club

**WWCH**, Woy Woy Community Hall, cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd.

**WWLC**, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366

**DAILY EVENTS**

Woy Woy Pelican Feeding, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

**Playtime** Mon-Fri 9-10am, Little Gym PCYC

**TUESDAY**

**First Tuesday of every month**

**Buffalo Primo Lodge** No 9, UCH 7pm.

**Second Tuesday of every month**

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**,

**Senior's Idol**, 1 - 4pm **EBWMC**,

**Toastmasters**, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842; Seniors Day 12 noon **EBWMC**.

**Get Together** afternoon tea, **ESCC**, enq: 4341 3222.

**Pearl Beach Craft** group, **PBPH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.

**Stroke recovery** group, **MOW**, 11.30am.

**Diabetes Support Group** 10am, **ECC**

**Third Tuesday of every month**

**Buffalo Lodge Knights** Chp9, **UCH** 7pm.

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, **MOW** 10am, enq: 4342 1790.

**Fourth Tuesday of every month**

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**

**Toastmasters**, **EBWMC**, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

**Combined Pensioners** association afternoon tea, **ESCC**, enq: 4341 3222.

**Every Tuesday**

**The Web**, **TWYS**, **Drop** in centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm

**Empire Bay Scrabble Club** 9.15am-12.45pm Shirley 4369 2034

**Judo** all ages \$3, 5pm, **Playgroup** 9 - 11am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre**

**School** 3.45pm, **Innovative Kids** 3.15 - 4.15pm, **Tai Chi** 2pm **PCC** enq: 4342 4121.

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior),

**Breakdancing**, 5pm **PCYC**

**Early Bird Bingo**, 11am; Come in Spinner, 12 noon; Club **Bingo**, 2pm; **Mystery members**, 5pm.**WWLC**.

**Ladies Golf**, 18 hole 8am; Ladies outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; **ECC** **ESCC** - Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **School for Seniors**, **Judo**, Seniors/ Women, 6.30pm, **PCC**.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379 1132

**Tai-Chi** classes **WH** 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy** 6pm **ECC**

**Scrabble**, Empire Bay Community Progress Hall 12pm, enq:4369 3195.

**Folk Art** 9.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 12 noon, **Silk Painting** 1pm **EBACC**

**Children's story time**, Umina library, 10.30 am (Except Jan).

**Adult tap dancing** EPH 6pm, enq: 4342 3925.

**Gym Sessions** 8am-12noon **PCYC**.

**Gym Circuit** 9:15am-10:15am **PCYC**.

**School Sport** 1pm-2:45pm **PCYC**.

**Junior Boxing** 4pm-5pm **PCYC**.

**Senior Boxing** 6pm-8pm **PCYC**.

**Gym Circuit** 6pm-7pm **PCYC**. **Sports bar raffle** EBWMC

**Sahaja yoga meditation** **CWAHWW**, 10.30am enq: 4328 1409.

**Computers**, 9am, **ESCC**

**Playgroup** 10-12pm Kids 0-5yrs, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Ph: Juhel 4342 4362

**WEDNESDAY**

**First Wednesday of every month**

Older women's network, **WWLC**, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079

Seniors Shopping day, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, enq: 43412 4206

CWA social day, **CWAHWW**. 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192

Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association, **EPH**, 7.30pm.

**Second Wednesday of every Month**

**War Widows Veterans Club**, friendship day, **MOW**, 11am, enq: 4341 2379

**Red Cross**, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care **Auxiliary**, 10am enq: 4344 2599.

Umina Beach **Probus Club** **ECC** 9.30am, visitors welcome.

**Third Wednesday of every month**

**Woy Woy VIEW CLUB** - luncheon & guest speaker, 10.30am, Everglades Country Club, 4342 0805

**Every Wednesday**

**St John's Ambulance**; Woy Woy Aged Care, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

**Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade** 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare enq: 4360 2161.

**Mystery Members** 5 - 6pm, **Pick A Prize** 6 - 7pm, **WWBC**

**The Web**, 12pm - 6pm, **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC** **Young Women's Group** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS**

**Counselling** by appointment, **PCC**

**Rock'n'Roll Dance Class** **EBMC** 7pm

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 9.30am and 7.30pm, enq: 4341 6763, 7pm

**Oil Painting**, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **Girls' BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924

**Playgroup** 9 - 11am, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 9.90am - 1pm and 7.30 - 10.30pm, **Weight Watchers** 5.30 - 7.30pm, **Tai Chi** 2 - 3pm, **School for Learning** 9am **PCC**.

Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

**Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club**, **MOW** 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.

Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls**, 1pm. **ECC**

**Seniors fitness** EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

**Indoor Bowls** - 9am; **Fitness** - 1pm

**Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am. **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**.

**Social Darts**, 7.15pm **EMBC**,

**Gym Sessions** 8am-12noon **PMC**. (Includes **Self Defence for Young Women** 1pm-2pm) **PCYC**.

**Gym Circuit** 6pm-7pm **PCYC**. **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), **PCYC**

**Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup** **WH** (ex sch hols). 10.00 - 12pm, enq: 4360 1145.

**Drawing** 9am, **Pastels** 11.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 2pm **EBACC**

**Children's story time**, Woy Woy library, 10.30- 11.30am (Except Jan).

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 12.15 - 2.30pm, 6.30 - 8.30pm St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

**Handicraft** **CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341

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## THURSDAY

**Second Thursday of every month**

Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm,

Outsiders club, **EBWMC**, 9am.

**Australiana Bus Trips** **PCC**

**Third Thursday of every month**

Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061.

**Fourth Thursday of every month**

9am - 12 midday. **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, **BFC**

Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm,

Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.

**Every Thursday**

**Creative Writing group** meet every Thursday from 11am to 1pm in the CWA building in Woy Woy. Enq 4369 1187 for more details.

**Counselling**; by appointment, **Yoga** 10am, **Belly Dancing** 6.30pm (Beg) 7.30 (Adv), **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm **PCC**

**Free entertainment** 6.30 pm

**Senior Snooker** 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **Members Badge Draw**, **EMBC**.

**Drumming**, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2-3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.

**Scrabble**, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd, 12.30pm. **Bingo**, 9.30 - 11.30, **EBWMC**

**Treasure Chest**, 11.30am - 12.30pm, **Club Bingo**, 2 - 4pm, **Mystery Members** 5 - 6pm, **WWBC**

**The Web**, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS**

Ladies 18 hole **golf** **ECC**

**Tai Chi**-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, **ESCC**

**Judo** all ages, 5.30pm:Enq: 43424121. **PCC**

**Line Dancing** 9.30am, **Social Darts** **CU**, 7.30pm,

**Stitchery Circle** 9.30am, **EBACC**

**St John's Ambulance**; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

**Children's story time**, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan).

**Gym Sessions** 8am-12noon **PCYC**.

**Gym Circuit** 9am-10am, 6pm-7pm, **School Sport** 1pm-2:45pm **PCYC**.

Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

**Social Tennis** 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

**Adult tap dancing**, EPH 10am; enq: 4342 3925

**Bingo** 9.45am, **Karaoke** 6pm **EBWMC**

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, **WWCH** enq. 4341 6763

**FRIDAY**

**Second Friday of every month**

2pm **Peninsula Twins Club** Free. **BFC** **RSL** Sub branch **EBWMC**, 2.30pm.

**Third Friday of every month**

Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

**Fourth Friday of every month**

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, **WH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.

Civilian widows, **ESCC**, 1pm.

**Every Friday**

**Kids entertainment** Yrs 7 -12, 7.30pm

**PLAYGROUP**, 10am for Mums & pre-schoolers, Umina Uniting Church.

**Bingo** 11.30am, food prizes, raffles, tea & coffee **UCH** Enq:4343 1664

**Lollipop Music Playgroup** **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.

**The Web**, 2pm-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, **TWYS** 2-9:30pm

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, **WH** (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

**Free entertainment**, **Players Lounge** 5.30pm **WWLC**.

Men's 18 hole **Golf**, **ECC**

**Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

**Line Dancing**-9am; Free Entertainment 7.30 - 11.30pm, **Kindy Gymnastics**

beginners 9.30am, advanced 10.30am, **Pilates Classes**, 11am to 12noon, enq: 4344 7909 **PCC**

**Painting** - 9am **ESSC**

**Gym Sessions** 8am-12noon, **Gym Circuit** 9am-10am **PCYC**.

**Peninsula Pastimes** Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm,

**Youth Group** 7pm, enq: 4343 1237

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 6pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.

**Club Bingo**, **Cash Housie** 11.30am - 2.30pm, **Mystery Members** 5 - 6pm, **Free Entertainment** **Players Lounge** 7.30 - 11.30pm, **Players Niteclub** - 10pm - 3am, **WWBC**

Hardys Bay Community Church, **indoor bowls**, **canasta**, **scrabble**, **morning tea** 10am, enq 4363 1968.

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

**Kids Club** (Primary) .4-6pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm **WWCH**, enq. 4341 6763,

**Computers**, 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**

**Kindy gym** 0 - 3yrs 9.30 - 10.15, 3 - 5yrs 10.30 - 11.15am **PCC**

**SATURDAY**

**First Saturday of every month**

The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans** Assoc Aust meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Enq: 4340 4160

**Second Saturday of every month**

Melaleuca Wetland **Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.

Pretty Beach **Bushcare** group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.

**Save our Suburbs**, Woy Woy South Progress Hall, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251

## Third 'laboratory' planned

The Cultural Laboratory Mark III will be held at the Peninsula Theatre at Woy Woy on Friday, September 2, from 8pm.

Participants in the Cultural Laboratory have so far included Indigenous dancer and storyteller Kevin Duncan, representatives from Mad Cow Theatre performing a type of theatre sports, Central Coast Poets Inc, winning Quikflicks entries from Peter Rowson and Jayce White, representatives from Brackets and Jam, performers from

Brophy's circus with whip cracking and rope aerobics, Jacqueline Rose Lee from the University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus with poetry, and writer and musician Dorian Mode talking about his experiences as a Conservatorium of Music student putting together a rugby team as part of his psychotherapy.

Laboratories will be held roughly bi-monthly and each laboratory will feature an indigenous piece, music, poetry, literature, a youth spot and a short film.

In September, Dorian Mode will return to preview his screen play and talk about Mozart Maulers the Musical.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, and \$7 for concession and children from Laycock Street Theatre Box Office.

The next Cultural Laboratory Mark IV has already been planned for Saturday, November 12, from 7pm.

Newsletter, August 10  
Centre Stage

## Folk club stages Gosford festival

Woy Woy's Troubadour Folk Club and the Kincumber's Brackets and Jam have joined forces to produce a three-day multicultural festival in Gosford.

CoastFest will replace annual folk festivals organised by the Troubadour Acoustic Music Club at Patonga and Umina, and will be held October 21 to 23.

The festival will include music, dance workshops and performance, poetry, story telling, art space, craft workshops, a Tipi talking space and healing village.

It will also include a chai tent, acoustic jam space, drama, theatre, circus, kids festival, film and multimedia, a drum circle and stomping ground for dance and fire twirling.

The event will also feature world food stalls, a market place, lantern parade and a festival finale.

Music artists will range from contemporary and alternative to world and blues and from traditional

and folk to roots and medieval.

The event is a not for profit event and net profits will be shared amongst booked performers and presenters, based on their level of participation.

A full program will be published and circulated as well as placed on the website in September.

Volunteers are also welcome to join the festival.

Seven or more hours volunteering entitles the volunteer free entry to the festival.

Application forms for performers, stallholders and volunteers can be downloaded from the website at [www.bracketsandjam.com/CoastFest](http://www.bracketsandjam.com/CoastFest).

Tickets may be purchased over the counter from Peninsula Music at 38 George St, Woy Woy or by contacting 4342 9099.

For more information on how your school can be involved in the flag making process, that will become an integral part of the festival, contact 4325 7469.

Cec Bucello, August 18

## Patonga application refused

Further to my letter of July 13 concerning the demolition of the much loved Patonga General Store, Gosford Council officers have now refused an application by Matthew Wales and Associates on behalf of the developers of the proposed Patonga Hotel (which is to occupy the site) to demolish those heritage listed items remaining on the land.

The section 96(2) application sought permission to "Demolish

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the freestanding building elements (heritage listed items) salvage the materials to reinstate the original doorway and window, raise the general store floor level and rebuild the old general store on land zoned residential 2(a) at No. 8 Patonga Dr, Patonga."

The application was refused because: "approval to the s96(2) application would void the original consent; modification of the consent by demolition of a heritage item would create a development

which would not be the same development as originally approved and approval to the proposal would create an undesirable precedent and substantially devalue the heritage provisions of the Gosford Planning Ordinance".

As the development of the "hotel" has now been dragging on since 1997 (almost eight years), many Patonga residents are beginning to wonder if they will ever see the project completed.

Vic Jefferies, Patonga

## School business

I was delighted to see on the front page of your August 8 edition a beautiful photo of Brisbane Water Secondary College students at our Semester 1 Academic Assembly.

Thank you for featuring in such a prominent way what is one of the highlights of our college year.

We are very proud to be able to recognise and reward students who have achieved highly in their academic program.

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I was, however, very interested in my quoted statement that students had "committed themselves to a cool business".

While going to school certainly is "cool", it probably was their "school" business that they had committed themselves to.

I was also very pleased to see a few of the outstanding achievements made across the whole college mentioned.

In fairness to the four boys in the state champion college lawn bowls team, I would point out that it was not the womens' lawn bowls team.

In past years, there have indeed been girl members of this team, and I am sure there will be again, but not on this occasion.

Thank you again for your publication's strong support and promotion of the college.

Pat Lewis, Woy Woy  
College principal

## Sad farewell

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary members and friends said a sad farewell to one of their own "Netta" Janet Beatrice Virco.

Aged 96 years, Netta helped with fundraising for the Nursing Home and Hostel complex from the very early days.

Many stalls, fetes, raffles and meetings later there stands the wonderful home she was very proud

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of.

Netta never stopped fundraising since 16 years of age, starting at Royal North Shore Hospital with her mother.

The community of Woy Woy Peninsula has a lot to thank her for.

Around three years ago, Netta was working on a street stall in Umina all day and after returning home she was attacked bashed and robbed in her home, so after much persuading by concerned friends she moved into Woy Woy Community Aged Care Hostel, a move she never regretted.

Netta's advice and contribution to the auxiliary on how to raise funds to help the "old folk" never wavered and was valued to the end.

Elsie Solway, Umina

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### 2005 FLORAL DISPLAY AND FETE

Ettalong Uniting Church (Picnic Parade)  
Theme...

'All Things Australian'  
The Church will transform into a wonderful display of delicately perfumed floral arrangements to enhance the donated items which will have an Australian theme.

Also two large banners are being made from donations of Australiana items which are no more than 6 inch square - knitting, stencilling, needlework, badges etc. **Entry is free** - the floral perfume of the spring flowers is fantastic -  
Floral Display  
8.30am - 3pm

**Saturday 27th August.**

The fete concludes at noon.

**All welcome**

## Exhibition at gallery

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is currently holding two new exhibitions.

The two exhibitions are from artists Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling.

Ms Maughan's exhibition is all "black and white" and includes pencil drawings, monoprints, and lino prints of the human figure and landscapes.

Mr Norling's works are abstractions of the human body in watercolour and oils.

The pair have just returned from a three-week gallery crawl in London and the UK and have concluded that art in Australia is more than comparable and that the standard of the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery would be impressive in any UK context.

The gallery is open every Saturday from 11am to 3pm or by appointment.

For more information, contact 4379 1102.

Press release, August 15  
Jacelyn Maughan, Robin Norling,  
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

## Jazz concert raises funds

The Bouddi Society is planning another jazz concert as a fundraiser on August 27, at Wagstaffe.

Jazz by the Water will feature the Peter Kinch Jazz band with vocalists Sue Frazer and guest artists on keyboard, bass, drums and saxophone.

Entry to the event costs \$15, or \$12.50 pre paid.

Some snack food is supplied but drinks are BYO.

The concert will start at 7.30pm on August 27 at the Wagstaffe Hall.

Press release, August 9  
Peter Kinch

**★ WHAT'S ON ★**  
LAYCOCK STREET THEATRE  
North Gosford

**Saturday 3rd Sept 8pm**  
PENINSULA THEATRE, cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds, WOY WOY

**Cultural Laboratory 2nd September 8pm**  
Featuring indigenous act, music, visual art, poetry, literature, youth spot, short film ... and ad hoc performances from local artists.

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afternoon Tea  
& Lucky Door Prize  
Saturday, September 10.  
1.30pm  
**Contact: Nola 4324 4389  
or May 4341 1104**

## Education



Mr Baker promotes French at Woy Woy

# Peninsula schools perform at Showcase

**Several Peninsula schools will be performing in this year's Central Coast Schools Showcase during September.**

Over 40 schools from across the Central Coast will be represented including Ettalong Public School, Woy Woy Public School, Umina Public School and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus.

Woy Woy campus Year 12 student Tess Nuku was recently selected to join the Talent Development Program for singers and performers and will appear at the Showcase.

The program matches students with a mentor in the recording industry and is a good pathway into the industry, according to senior campus principal Mr David Beattie.

Laycock Street Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said there would be individuals and group acts performing instrumental, vocal,

drama and dance pieces, including entries from the Rock Eisteddfod.

"Showcase gives students the opportunity to experience a live performance in front of the general public," Ms Kelly said.

"Many of the students appearing have also performed in local productions.

"This year, the selection committee received a staggering 300 applications for the 46 places on offer."

Ettalong Public School deputy principal Ms Karen Morrow said this year Showcase would be bigger and better than ever, providing a "great night out for anyone interested in music, drama or dance".

The Central Coast Schools Showcase will be held on September 6 and 7 from 7.30pm.

Tickets cost \$16.50 for adults and \$11 for children and concession.

For more information or to book a seat, contact 4323 3233.

**Press release, August 9**  
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

## Range of subjects offered

**Planning for next year is well under way at Brisbane Water Secondary College.**

Both campuses have both recently begun subject selection processes with outstanding expos for students and their parents, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"One of the great attractions of the college is the enormous range of courses which can be offered to students," Mr Lewis said.

"On the senior campus, over 50 courses are on offer and students are almost guaranteed that choices they make will be successful.

"In addition, with the wide range of courses on offer there is every chance that students' needs will be satisfied whatever career path they wish to follow."

Mr Lewis said the middle school campus had also held an outstanding subject expo night which was extremely well attended by students and parents.

"Students have fewer choices to make on entering Year 9 as several subjects are still compulsory, but the campus still allows students to study three elective subjects," Mr Lewis said.

"Again, every course which the

Board of Studies has developed is offered on campus and the great majority of these end up being taught."

Students begin these courses in Year 9 in the middle school campus and complete them in Year 10 on the senior campus.

"Any Peninsula students who do not currently attend the college and cannot have their subject choices satisfied at their current school are welcome to contact the enrolment officers on either campus," Mr Lewis said.

**Press release, August 17**  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Eisteddfod success

**Woy Woy Public School has won 11 of 14 possible awards at the Junior Rock Eisteddfod.**

Relieving principal Mr Warren Mee has described the school's efforts as a success.

"What a fantastic night the Junior Rock Eisteddfod was," Mr Mee said.

"The performers were brilliant, the costumes dazzling, the stage props tremendous, the efficiency of the behind the scenes people was 'spot on'.

"It was a wonderful experience to be there and to see the high quality of production from Woy Woy Public School and the other schools that participated."

Mr Mee said it was a pity that the media did not focus more on the wonderful events and activities

that the school's younger people were involved in.

Woy Woy Public School also gained several awards of excellence for sections including performance skill, visual enhancement, stage use, choreography, soundtrack, costuming character, drama, set design and function and concept.

Special awards were presented for school community support and school initiative awards.

"We are extremely proud of everyone involved," Mr Mee said.

At the completion of the event, the public school had won nine out of nine awards of excellence, two out of four individual school awards, and 11 out of 14 possible awards, the highest number achieved at this year's event by any school.

**Newsletter, August 3**  
Warren Mee,  
Woy Woy Public School

## Practical subjects examined soon

**Some Brisbane Water Secondary College students are facing the examiners in practical subjects very soon, even though the written examinations for the HSC are still some time off, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.**

"Much midnight oil is being spent in putting the finishing touches to major works and it is not uncommon

to see teachers and students leaving the campus well after dark after putting in extra hours to their works," Mr Lewis said.

"Many of these works were on display at an outstanding Year 12 Showcase at the senior campus last week.

"The large audience in attendance were able to roam among art works, pottery and ceramics, photography, clothing, and amazing furniture items made

in wood technology.

"This was followed by outstanding performances in dance, drama and singing by an extremely talented array of students.

"With such works and performances to be presented to examiners, the college is sure to again excel when HSC results are announced in December."

**Press release, August 17**  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Students offered special places

**Several Woy Woy Public School students were recently accepted to Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus selective classes and to Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School.**

The students accepted into the Umina Campus included Emma Jenkins, Nicole Campbell, Mathew Fleming, Samuel Ball, Mark Walman, Jordan Tutuaha and Joni Kilham.

Students offered placements

at the Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School included Nicole Campbell, Emily McCool, Charlotte Munnings, Jackson Redshaw and Tim Whiting.

**Newsletter, August 3**  
Warren Mee,  
Woy Woy Public School

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## Campaign starts on funding shortfall

**Parents at Brisbane Water Secondary College have started a campaign to highlight a funding shortfall for construction of buildings at both Woy Woy and Umina Campus.**

College Steering Committee chairperson Mr Bruce Graf said that \$5 million had been promised for the "Stage 2" work at the school when the college was introduced, but this had been reduced to \$4 million.

He said the State Government's "failure to fund the Stage 2 building infrastructure appropriately" was undermining the good academic work being done at the school.

Now, four years after the college formation, the \$4 million would only pay for buildings valued at \$3 million when the building program was first discussed.

"Bob Carr's broken promises about the initial and ongoing Stage 2 monies were to make the appropriate changes to the colleges' multiple campuses building restructure and facilities to create a great learning environment," said Mr Graf.

He said the parents would be approaching the new Premier Mr Morris Lemma to provide the money necessary to finish the Stage 2 building program.

"After four years, the college students are achieving great things due to the ongoing support from dedicated teachers, parents, members of the local Peninsula community and the children themselves," said Mr Graf.

"In 2002, we expected good learning outcomes to be achieved by 2007.

"Through the commitment to changes in teaching practices, improved learning outcomes have been achieved much earlier.

"The Senior Campus Years 10 and 12 Students results have put them into the highest performing

Central Coast Secondary Schools. "The State-wide ELLA Examination results have now shown higher figures in the high and proficient bands for every area of the tests.

"From 2003 to 2005, the College Junior Campus Year 7 and 8 has increased the percentage of students in both high and proficient bands while reducing the percentage in elementary and low bands.

"The rate of increase has been above the State figures over the period of time.

"The College Steering Committee, comprising representatives of the Peninsula's six feeder primary schools and the two secondary schools, should be congratulated for their courage and commitment to make the hard decisions and follow through with these changes for the betterment of secondary public education locally for all our children.

"It is a shame that the Carr Government, and all the successive Ministers of Education since the concept of a college system was introduced in 1999, have not seen fit to come forward and build onto the challenge and commitment to support the college.

"We thank our teachers, our students and our parents for the ongoing support to make this ever changing public education system grow and develop with strong learning outcomes for all our children, despite the State Government's failure to fund the Stage 2 building infrastructure appropriately."

Mr Graf said the parent would ask the new Premier to step up to the commitment of funding the completion of Stage 2 building works at the college.

**Press release, August 9  
Bruce Graf, Brisbane Water Secondary College Steering Committee**

## Using drinking straws and bag ties

**Students on the Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College spent a challenging lunchtime recently in a competition which combined problem-solving, construction and French culture, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.**

The task was to use nothing more than drinking straws and plastic bag ties to construct the tallest Eiffel tower in 10 minutes.

The only condition was that the finished product had to look something like the real thing.

"With a large audience cheering on their favourites, the students worked feverishly despite some frustrations along the way with leaning towers (sorry, wrong country) and even some falling towers," Mr Lewis said.

Mr Lewis stated that at the end of the allotted time, every participant had very credible Eiffel tower.

"Judged on audience applause for the best tower, the clear winner was Corey Bartlett of Year 8," Mr Lewis said.

**Press release, August 17  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College**



Corey Bartlett and his winning model of the Eiffel tower

## Umina plans on display

**The Umina Public School Council met with representatives of the Department of Education recently to view the draft plans for new classrooms at Umina Public School.**

Principal Mr John Blair said the meeting was an opportunity for parent and teacher representatives to discuss the proposals, ask questions and to make decisions regarding the location of an eight-classroom two-storey brick

construction.

"The draft plans will now be on display in the school library for interested parents or community members," Mr Blair said.

The proposed timeline for the project will include the demolition of six houses adjacent to the school by the end of term three, a call for tenders prior to Christmas and the commencement of building next year ready for occupation in 2007.

**Newsletter, August 16  
John Blair, Umina Public School**

## Public speaking

**Woy Woy Public School students Tatiana Pirie and Lauren Riley represented the school at the Hunter-Central Coast Regional Public Schools Public Speaking Competition at Wamberal Public School recently.**

There were 22 competitors from schools across the Central Coast.

Tatiana and Lauren were judged to be the best Year 1 and Year 2 public speakers and will now go on to represent the Central Coast at the regional final in Newcastle.

**Newsletter, August 17  
Warren Mee, Woy Woy Public School**

## Parenting workshop

**A Living With Teens parenting workshop will be held on the Peninsula during Term 4, with a location yet to be decided.**

The Living With Teens workshops are aimed at parents and carers, and provide information, support, and a chance to share experiences and successful strategies with other parents.

Some of the topics covered include normal development of teenagers, discipline (what works, what doesn't), self-esteem,

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Groups are free, and will be run by UnitingCare Burnside for two hours over six weeks during the fourth school term.

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**Press release, August 1  
Vicky Daley, RAPT**

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 The club next meets on **Sunday September 11** at the **CWA Hall** (opposite Fishermans Wharf) Woy Woy  
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## Day-long chess tournament

**Ettalong Chess Club conducted an exhilarating tournament on August 6, according to chess club president Ms Lorraine Delaney.**

"All games were held on one day and as the event transpired so hopes and expectations were either dashed or rose to lofty levels," Ms Delaney said.

"The conclusion saw an exciting finish between two outstanding competitors.

"Equal first prize was won by Keith Farrell and Phil Brown.

"Both unbeaten with six and a half out of seven games with a margin of one and a half points."

A special president's prize was awarded to Janet Porter for her increasing participation, ability and understanding of the game of chess.

"We anticipate holding a spectacular Spring tournament in September and any interested spectators and players are welcome to participate," Ms Delaney said.

**Press release, August 12**  
Lorraine Delaney, Ettalong Chess Club



Wyong councillors Doug Eaton and Robyn Stewart, Michael Upton and Gosford Councillor Laurie Maher at the cheque presentation.

## Club sponsors Childflight

**Woy Woy Bowling Club has continued its role as a major sponsor of Childflight, donating a cheque for \$20,000 to the service at a recent gala night at the club.**

The cheque of \$20,000, the proceeds of the club's monthly charity days, was presented to Letita Montgomery of the Childflight service.

Ms Montgomery said that, with the aircraft costing \$2000 per hour

to run, the funds could well save the lives of several children.

A raffle and auction of donated items raised a further \$7200.

These funds will be used to start the fundraising for the coming year.

The major prize of a boat, motor and all accessories was won by local butcher Mr Ron Wilson.

**Press release, August 9**  
Ken Poole, Woy Woy Bowling Club

## Under-10s win Cup

**The Umina Public School Under 10 Rugby League teams have won the first ever Woy Woy Leagues Club Cup.**

Both the Open and Under-10 Rugby League teams played on Friday, August 5, at Umina Oval.

"Both teams performed fantastically during the day with the under-10s winning their division,

undefeated and the Opens unluckily beaten in the semi-finals," said team manager Mr Dave Jackson.

The children were coached by Mr John Jewiss.

**Newsletter, August 9**  
John Blair, Dave Jackson, Umina Public School

## Michael finds sponsorship

**Umina resident Michael Lupton has been sponsored to compete at a world championship by the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC), consisting of Gosford and**

**Wyong Councils.**

Michael Lupton received \$1000 to help his participation in the World Junior 9 Ball Championships to be held in Austria between September 20 and 25.

CCROC grants are available

to help Central Coast residents participate in cultural and sporting events of a national, state and regional significance.

Mr Lupton was presented with the cheque on August 3.

**Press release, August 15**  
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council

## Days at the snow

**Year 7 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College recently spent several days experiencing the snow and visiting Canberra, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.**

"A coach took 180 students and 10 staff from the Umina campus close to midnight and after travelling all night had a quick fit out and breakfast and headed for the snow at Blue Cow," Mr Lewis said.

"First task was skiing and snow boarding lessons for the beginners and a quick brush up for the experienced skiers.

"Then it was off to the slopes for a full day's skiing.

"Young people learn very quickly and it was great to see their skills developing throughout the day.

"Staff also showed some commendable skills as they enjoyed the slopes with the students.

"For both, the windy and snowing day was no deterrent."

Mr Lewis said after a full day, all returned to Berridale for the night and no one needed rocking to sleep.

The following day was also spent on the snow and the trip concluded with a stop off at Canberra to visit Questacon, the science museum.

"This was also much enjoyed by students who were eager to try all of the hands on activities," Mr Lewis said.

"The trip ended as it had started with a buses arriving back at Umina well after dark."

**Press release, August 17**  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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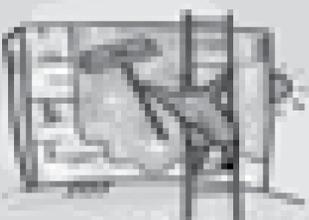
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## Brigade called to centre

The local fire brigade was called to the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday, August 8.

A fault in the alarm system set off the alarm and triggered an emergency

response.

Bridge club participants were evacuated from the building while firemen investigated the cause of the alarm, which was quickly resolved.

The excitement of the two fire engines

attracted the attention of local children at a nearby day care centre who enjoyed the opportunity to see the engines in action, and speak with the fireman.

Craig Stone, August 18

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