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Judith Hoste showing her prize-winning painting and the certificate received from the Grandma Moses 2005 judges

Judith wins an art prize

Peninsula resident Judith Hoste was recently awarded first prize in section 5, Open - Central Coast Inspired Work in Gosford's Grandma Moses Art Prize.

Ms Hoste was awarded the prize

for her painting '2005 Surf Lifesaving Championships'.

The painting was based on the weekend of the State Juniors Competition, held at Ocean Beach and Umina Beach.

Four of Ms Hoste's students also received awards in the Grandma

Moses competition, including highly commended and commended in the novice section and highly commended and commended in the Central Coast Inspired Work section.

Press release, September 16
Judith Hoste, Amber Arts

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Council removes height limits

Gosford Council has voted to remove height limits from a development control plan (DCP) affecting the Ettalong and Umina business areas.

Cr Laurie Maher moved an amendment at the September 13 council meeting to remove the height limit in the two town centres.

He was supported by Crs Vicki Scott, Jim Macfadyen, Peter Hale and Trevor Drake.

Crs Chris Holstein, Craig Doyle and Terri Latella voted against the amendment.

Council resolved to adopt the amendment five votes to three.

Mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks and Cr Robert Bell were not in attendance on the night.

Cr Maher asked that the resolution be amended to say council adopt draft DCP 159, as amended following public exhibition, "subject to the removal of the sentence 'The height of the building should vary up to three storey appearance' in the Umina and Ettalong town centre character statements."

Cr Chris Holstein said he was "disgusted" at the move.

"They have taken any reference

to height out of it," Cr Holstein said.

"As far as Labor and Central Coast First are concerned, height has nothing to do with it.

"It's a farce."

Cr Holstein stated the move basically said "Well look, we'll just back the developers."

He said that the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS) would be the next thing to change

"This will be a precursor," Cr Holstein said.

"This could be a sticking point for further high rise development.

"It would appear that this is the removing of credence to any arguments for when PUDS comes back to council."

Cr Holstein said it appeared the move was "trying to loosen the guidelines and rules for people who might want to overstep the lines".

"It's all a bit vague now," Cr Holstein said.

"I don't want to live on the Gold Coast.

"And people don't want 15 Outrigger Resorts on the Peninsula."

Lyle Stone, September 14

Man missing

Police are appealing for help to find a man who has been missing from his Woy Woy home since January this year.

John Edward French, 58, was believed to have left his home around January 12, destination unknown.

Inquiries by detectives from the Brisbane Water Local Area Command revealed Mr French was a quiet person who lived alone and kept to himself.

Police said Mr French was an enthusiastic member of a model boat club, but members have not seen or heard from him since early January.

Police and Mr French's family

held grave concerns for his welfare.

They have told police it was out-of-character for him to disappear.

Police are keen to hear from any members of the public who might have spoken with Mr French over the past few months.

In particular, police would like to hear from any person who might have had civil or legal dealings with Mr French in the months leading up to his disappearance, or since January.

Anybody with information should contact Gosford Police Station on 4323 5599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, September 16
NSW Police Media



Tony Arico draws the winners of the Early Ratepayers promotion, assisted by Mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks

Ratepayer lottery drawn

Gosford Council's Early Ratepayers Reward Promotion, which encouraged ratepayers to pay their rates in full by August 31, was drawn on Tuesday, September 6, with one winner from the Peninsula.

E Zwart of Umina Beach won home insulation and ventilation

to the value of \$2000 donated by Four Seasons Home Insulation.

The other three winners were from Holgate, Mosman and Narrabundah.

This year, 8424 ratepayers paid their annual rates in full by August 31, with payments totalling over \$12 million.

This represented 12.2 per cent of

the notices issued, which increased intake by \$610,034 more than last year.

Ratepayers who paid the total rates and charges by August 31 were automatically entered into the draw.

Press release, September 12
Breearna Sharp, Gosford Council

No calming for Robin Cr

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended not installing traffic calming devices in Robin Cr, Woy Woy following recent traffic surveys.

A request had been made by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews on behalf of local residents in December last year.

In February, council adopted a recommendation from the traffic committee to carry out a traffic speed and volume survey on the road.

Northbound results showed 155 vehicles a day passed through with an average speed of 45kph, while southbound saw 245 vehicles a day pass through at an average

speed of 44kph.

The traffic committee report stated that "these volumes and speeds are indicative of streets in the area and are well within acceptable limits considering the population density."

Council agenda TR 04.234,
September 6

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Art competition winners

This month's senior winner of the Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre (EBACC) art competition is an embarrassed EBACC publicity officer, Mr Bob Penson with his work in charcoal and chalk depicting **The Daily Grind – Commuters in Railway St Woy Woy.**

Bob first won notice in his teens at shows in Sydney and London for his charcoals of Australian scenes.

He has revisited his art in the past two years after moving to the Peninsula and joining Ettalong's Art and Craft Centre.

An Empire Bay resident, Bob hopes to exhibit some of his work in the Empire Bay Art Exhibition to be held over the October long weekend.



Sinead Dicks (pictured with sister Ebony) and Mr Bob Penson receive their prizes from EBACC President Mrs Thel Browne

The competition's junior winner is Sinead Dicks, 10, of Umina.

Sinead won with her painting of a sea lion visiting Broken Bay.

Sinead attends Ettalong Public School and together with her sister

Ebony, a previous prize-winner, she hopes to continue her art well into the future.

Sinead is a student of EBACC's Robin Robbins.

Both winners received a framed certificate from EBACC president, Ms Thel Browne.

Additionally, Mr Penson received a \$50 gift certificate from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club while Sinead received a \$25 gift voucher from Coopers of Umina.

The September senior and junior competitions are currently open and entries should be presented to the EBACC for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, October 8.

The winners will be judged the following week and published in Peninsula News on October 17.

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, September 16

Youth concert at Coastfest

A youth concert will be held at CoastFest for under-20s bands and solo and duet performers.

Peninsula Music is hosting the concert and is currently auditioning for the event.

The festival will include soft rock, folk, traditional, world, contemporary and blues.

Auditions will take place on September 25 at Peninsula Music, 38 George St, Woy Woy from 10am.

Two acts from each category will perform in the youth concert at CoastFest on Saturday night, October 22, at Gosford Showground.

The overall winner of the youth concert will perform on one of the main stages on Sunday afternoon at CoastFest and receive a \$300 gift voucher from Peninsula Music.

The competition is also sponsored by Community Drug Action Team (CDAT).

For more information or for an entry form, contact Peninsula

Music on 4342 9099 or email info@peninsulamusic.com.au.

Entry forms may also be picked up from Peninsula Music at 38 George St, Woy Woy.

For more information on CoastFest visit www.coastfest.org.au.

Press release, September 16
Marilyn Russell, Peninsula Music

Winners!

The winners of the Croc Contest from edition 126 of Peninsula News have been drawn.

Danielle Shacklock, Jesse Davis, Jarryd Hayne, Jordan Doule, and Doris Marin are the winners.

They will each receive a double pass to The Australian Reptile Park to join in the birthday celebrations of Eric the Crocodile.

Craig Stone, September 16

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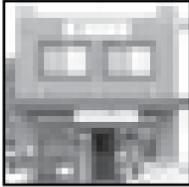
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For further information, please contact Fran Hannan at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on 0410 984 250

Fast Ships calls for fast lease

Fast Ships Chairman Mr Alf Salter has expressed concern about delays in signing the lease agreement with Gosford Council for facilities at Ettalong.

"This is incredibly frustrating," Mr Salter said.

"The executing of the lease agreements with the council is a condition of the development consent on which council insisted back in 2000.

"It was the council's way of ensuring that the company moved forward with the project.

"We spent many months and thousands of dollars negotiating and preparing the lease which is subject to stringent conditions and now we want to sign the document as is required under the consent," Mr Salter said.

"The company has been in a position to sign the document for the last six months and yet council continually defers the matter with requests for yet more information and guarantees.

"The council continually raises the issue of the finance for the project: Has the company got the money?"

"The commercial reality is that the potential project funders will only agree to the finance if security of tenure is in place.

"In other words, they want to know that the lease for the land and sea-based infrastructure has been signed so that they have an asset on which to rely," Mr Salter said.

"It's like applying to the bank for a home loan.

"They will only give you the money as long as they have the title deeds to the property.

"In simple terms, that is where Fast Ships is at the moment."

Mr Salter said that the company was very concerned that council's decision was fettering the company's ability to meet the terms of the development consent.

He said he believed the council action was placing the project in jeopardy.

"Gosford councillors keep saying they want the project to proceed yet their actions are actually impeding progress.

"Negotiating loans for infrastructure operations like this are very complicated and unfortunately takes time.

"Lending institutions are always nervous with projects that do not have comparables on which they can be judged," said Mr Salter.

"But one thing all lenders want is the security over the asset.

"In the case of Fast Ships, the asset is the executed leases which we have been trying to sign since the beginning of the year.

"The documents have been prepared in accordance with the council's terms and conditions.

"The company has given all the guarantees it reasonably can.

"All we want to do is get it signed and move forward."

Mr Salter said that comments made by Peninsula resident Mr Michael Gillian at last month's council meeting showed a complete lack of understanding of the project.

"Clearly Mr Gillian has little knowledge of the history of the negotiations between council and the company otherwise he would have known that the information sought by council has already been provided many times and that the lease documents have been negotiated accordingly," said Mr Salter.

Press release, September 8 Alf Salter, Fast Ships Limited



The site of the proposed combined shops and residential development on West St, Umina

Council approves West St application

Gosford Council has approved the development of a building in West St, Umina, with four shops and five residential units, despite objections from two local residents.

Mr Bruce Doidge said he had lived on the property adjoining the development for 10 years.

"We are very concerned with the run off at the end of the development," Mr Doidge said.

Mr Doidge asked the council to rework the kerbs on the side of the road and rework the drainage so it could flow further down the street and not affect his property.

"I'm just concerned that the bottomless pit drains do not work," Mr Doidge said.

The development plan showed that the applicant had only to kerb and gutter to the end of 3 Rickard St, which Mr Doidge believed may affect his driveway.

The council report stated that "where the kerbing and guttering is to terminate in Rickard St a 'bottomless' pit will be required."

Umina activist Mr Ed James also spoke against the development, citing the encroachment of the

property as an issue.

"I just think it's time for councillors to not consider a development if it doesn't fit on the site," Mr James said.

Mr James also noted the lack of a dedicated loading dock as another concern, stating that it would cause delivery trucks to double park.

"Commercial activities that are conducted where vehicles are parked illegally are dangerous," Mr James said.

"With any commercial development, the parking and the loading docks need to be onsite so that the worker, delivery driver and public can be indemnified in the event of an accident."

Cr Terri Latella said that during an onsite inspection of the site, it was clarified that there would be a loading dock, but questioned a council report that stated that the "absence" of a designated loading dock was not considered critical.

Council's development assessment unit manager Mr Gary Lofts stated that there was in fact no designated loading dock, only a loading area.

"A loading dock would imply a platform.

"This is just somewhere for a

vehicle to park," Mr Lofts said.

Mr Lofts also admitted that, while making it a condition that deliveries be made through the rear of the premises, it would be "highly unlikely" that council could enforce such a condition.

The report by council officers stated that "the commercial tenancies are only small and are likely to attract tenants that generate smaller delivery vehicles".

"It is anticipated that these smaller delivery vehicles will simply compete with other vehicles in the vicinity for parking."

The development is at 3 Rickard St and 204 West St, Umina Beach, which is currently used as a car sales yard.

The proposal includes a garden courtyard at ground level, roofed verandahs on the residential units facing Rickard St and has a height appearance of a two storeys.

The footpath will also "be wide enough to allow some pavement dining".

The development was approved at Gosford Council's meeting of September 13.

Lyle Stone, September 13 Council agenda ENV.22, September 13

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Feisty women are never too old

Community organisations are groups of individuals who gather together around a common ideal or aim to gain supporters.

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Our Older Women's Network (OWN) is a collective of older women who operate within this framework and are a relatively small group which releases considerable energy in our passion for recognition and justice.

We take pride in what we have achieved through our collective wisdom.

Our collective spirit is the aspect which binds us, and I feel that this

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is the most important aspect in our lives as OWN members.

People need that sense of belonging to a worthwhile cause.

There is so much corruption at levels of government with secret dealing at their core, and in most business dealings, that we all become cynical and look for the worms at the centre in civic responsibility and so weaken the infrastructure of our society.

Many throw up hands and say why bother.

First of all we need to respect ourselves.

The honest and clear eyed in a community can lead us to recognise what is rotten and what is valid in enterprise and in most communities these people are there and in community organisations.

These are the people who write

to the papers about what they see and hear.

They are the tall poppies who are attacked and it is important that they be the victors.

Nowhere where it is shown as in the abysmal performance in New Orleans.

Where were the alarm bells ringing there to point out what would happen in a crisis?

There seemed to be no civic responsibility shown much as the escape was left to individuals who looked after themselves.

Our Australian performance now with the bushfire menace relying to a large degree on community organisations seems much easier in comparison.

So up and at them, older women.

Us feisty women can show them that we are never too old, while there's life there's hope!

Enid Harrison, Woy Woy

Height controls removed

Forum

three-storey height limits recommended by the community during the Urban Design Framework consultations, we have no height limit for Ettalong and Umina.

Incredibly the report to council advises that "Local Environment Plan 426 formalised the consideration of character as part of the development control process and responded to community concerns that the character of their area was being lost as a result of recent developments ..."

Think of the hideous Outrigger Resort and imagine what we will get next.

Save Our Suburbs will be petitioning the Minister for Local Government Kerry Hickey to initiate an inquiry into the conduct of this council, its closeness to developers, its arrogance and abuse of its powers and we urge residents to do likewise.

**Bryan Ellis, Umina
Secretary Save Our Suburbs CC**

In a major abuse of their powers, Gosford Councillors of the pro-development bent (Maher, Hale, Labor's McFadyen and Scott and the Liberal Drake) have removed height controls from the Ettalong and Umina CBDs.

With the Mayor Brooks and Cr Bell absent, these five have undone months of work costing thousands of ratepayers dollars late at night and without it even being on the agenda for the night's meeting.

Central Coast First's Cr Laurie Maher moved an amendment on an unrelated matter when the agenda advised that only minor amendments would be considered.

Crs Maher and Hale promised in their election campaign that they would "consult widely across all areas" yet last Tuesday night without any consultation, except with the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the rights and desires of the great majority of Peninsula residents were abused.

Now instead of the reasonable

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Heather steps down

Heather McKenzie did not stand for re-election as president of Older Women's Network Woy Woy branch at our annual meeting on August 3.

As taking the floor is not my forte I have penned a few lines, to thank her for the wonderful job she has done leading this branch.

My introduction to OWN was by invitation to a social gathering.

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Among those invited were a group of women from the Philippines who exhibited their cultural background by song and dance.

I thought it was a fun and informative morning and joined OWN that day.

Heather has added enormously to the scope of this branch by making it more active in the community, organising grand ventures such as the concert of OWN's Songbirds which was followed by lunch and on a smaller scale the Fish and Chips Lunch to which we invited other branches of OWN.

We helped to organise concerts such as the one at Ettalong. And who could ever forget Mo's lecture which has been followed by other such events equally enjoyable by all.

It is, we all know, largely due to her public image, that we are still able to have our meetings at no cost to us at the League's Club, as well as to enjoy a nice get together at Christmas.

Heather also ensured that we had the community bus at our disposal, which enabled us once a month to go on bus trips and this special privilege was again largely due to her standing in the community.

If I am not always able to go on these lovely outings, the times I do are doubly enjoyable.

The trip to the water reservoir will always be one of my very fondest memories.

I am now unable to "go bush" and to be there among the gum trees with the wattle in bloom gave me infinite joy.

There have been a lot of bus trips and they all have been informative and very enjoyable outings.

It is not always that we have a chance to say "thank you" or rather it somehow gets lost in between life's hum drum necessities.

However, I did want to take this opportunity to thank Heather for the grand job she has done with OWN Woy Woy.

She has given unstintingly of herself for the advancement of this branch, which has been beneficial to all members as well as the community around us.

I want to thank her for everything she has done as it has been appreciated.

I am sure all members are in agreement on this.

Elise Appel, Woy Woy

Appalled by channel work

Forum

I just wanted to bring to your attention the mess created by Gosford Council while building their bike track alongside the channel at Woy Woy.

I drive past the channel to Sydney twice a day and have noticed the immediate and dramatic change to that channel ever since council decided to put in that bike track that very, very few people will ever use.

They have filled in about two metres of shoreline removing many mangroves in the process and although I am no tree hugger I am however appalled at the narrowing of this channel.

At low tide, as it was this morning, it looks hardly passable to larger watercraft.

I wonder if, now they have stuffed this up, they are going to have to start dredging what was a perfect piece of waterway, to correct their mistake?

Michelle Ortlipp, Koolewong

Growing waratahs

Forum

Congratulations on your article on illegal picking of waratahs.

Some are also sold to flower shops.

A friend of mine, now deceased, grew them commercially on his block of land at Pearl Beach selling them at a good price.

Perhaps some other Central Coast person might do the same again to discourage commercial stealing.

Dr Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

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Pensioner fare discounts extended

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has announced the introduction of the Pensioner Excursion Ticket (PET) to the Peninsula and the rest of the Central Coast starting Saturday, September 24.

Ms Andrews said the lemma Government had extended the pensioner discount ticket to the Central Coast to cover private buses.

"Peninsula pensioners and seniors can now make as many trips as they like on approved public transport, all day every day, for just \$2.50," Ms Andrews said.

"They can ride as far as Singleton and Port Stephens in the north to Lithgow in the west and as far south as Kiama.

"The discount pensioner ticket has been eagerly awaited particularly on the Woy Woy Peninsula where a large percentage of Pensioners reside.

"The extension of the PET means local seniors will be able to

take advantage of the extended, and cheap, travel options.

"Our seniors have worked hard and earned the right to this generous and convenient public transport option and I encourage them to make full use of it.

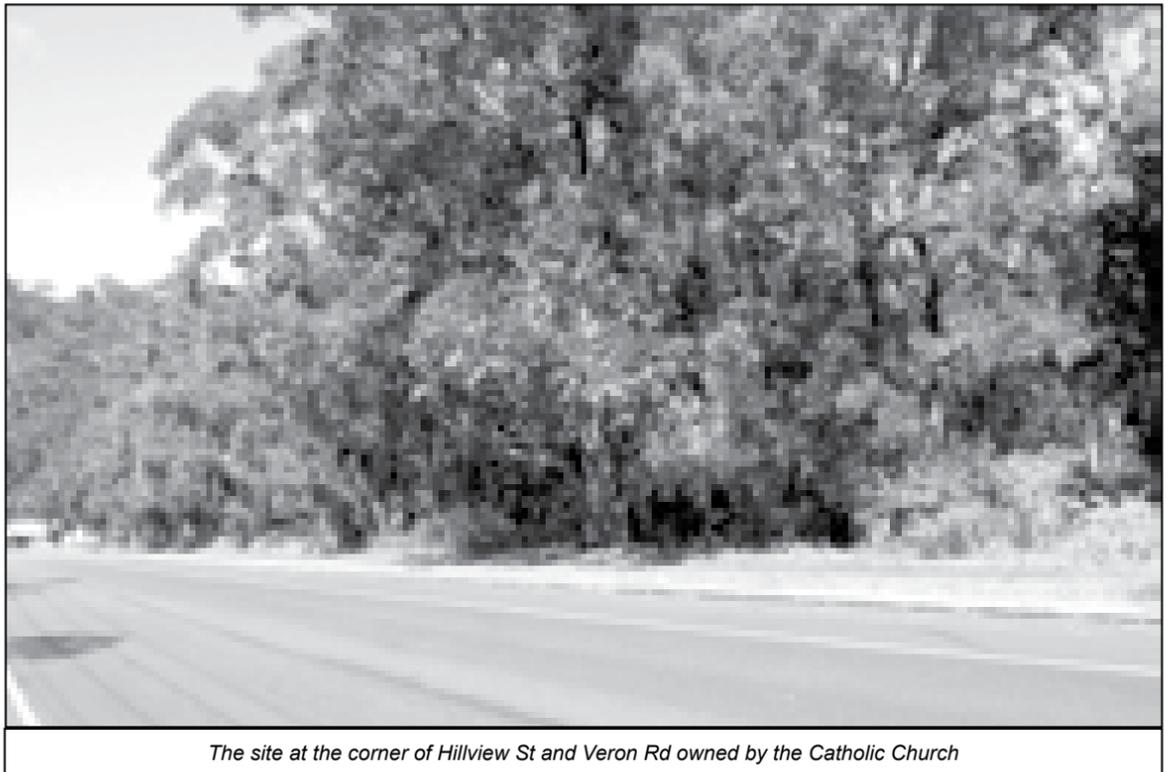
"Local pensioners and seniors can now catch a bus to the local train station, catch the train to Sydney, hop on a ferry to Manly and get home all on the one ticket.

"The Government's bus reforms, which paved the way for the introduction of PET, have made it possible to encourage wider bus usage across Sydney, and now we're extending that to outer metropolitan areas," Ms Andrews said.

PET is valid on all regular public transport services, excluding premium services and some outer metropolitan ferries.

For further information, contact Marie Andrews on 4342 4122.

Press release, September 16
Suzanne King,
Marie Andrews Office



The site at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd owned by the Catholic Church

Church claims unfair treatment at Veron Rd

A representative for the Broken Bay Catholic Diocese has claimed it has been "singled out and treated unfairly" by Gosford Council.

Mr Brett Brown said changes to a Council development control plan (DCP) would affect bushland owned by the church at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, where it was planned to build a 39-unit retirement village.

The development application for the proposal is currently before the Land and Environment Court.

Mr Brown said the land was located within the area to which the DCP applied and he said he was concerned that council was using the amendments to advance its actions in the Land and Environment Court.

"It would be unlawful for the DCP to be inconsistent with the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance," Mr Brown said.

"What council is effectively doing is creating site-specific controls.

"The owner of this land is being singled out and treated unfairly."

Mr Brown said the applicants wanted to work with council to

achieve a good outcome.

"We have forwarded a letter to council, which suggests some change in wording to the place character which would better reflect the zoning of the area and the attributes of the site," Mr Brown said.

Mr Brown believed the site should be reclassified to Open Woodland, like the surrounding residential area.

Cr Latella dismissed the claim, stating that the DCP only reflected what the community wanted.

"It's my understanding that DCP 159 has been developed as part of community consultation," Cr Latella said.

"This is what the community desire of their area, one that they live in and work in.

"That's why the DCP has been developed.

"That's why there is legislation that protects endangered species."

Cr Laurie Maher also raised questions about the comments made.

"In terms of the reference to the legalities, do those assertions have foundation or not," Cr Maher said.

Council general manager Mr Peter Wilson said that "assertions as to whether it was being used in any ways to advance our actions in the environment court, I wouldn't agree with that at all".

Officers involved in amending DCP 159 stated that the land had been reclassified to Scenic Buffer (Future Residential) to better reflect the 2(a) zoning.

Lyle Stone, September 13
Council agenda ENV.38,
September 13

Drainage information

Gosford Cr Vicki Scott has asked for information about the proposed Peninsula and Pretty Beach drainage works.

Cr Scott asked council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen when funds, including \$1 million earmarked for Peninsula drainage

works and \$100,000 for Pretty Beach drainage works which were redirected to trunk drainage at Terrigal, would be made available for the "badly needed drainage works in these areas".

Mr Glen said he would follow the matter up.

Council agenda Q.128,
September 6

Open day planned

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will hold an open day on Saturday, October 29.

It is currently looking for groups and individuals interested in providing entertainment, stalls, arts, crafts and face painting.

The Community Open Day will feature all day activities throughout the centre, guest celebrities and a fireworks display in the evening.

The Gosford-based company in charge of providing the fireworks display for the opening, Fireworks.com.au, was recently invited to compete at the 17th Macau International Fireworks Competition in Macau Harbour, Hong Kong.

Six major Australian companies were considered with the local

company selected to represent the country.

For further information on the Peninsula Leisure Centre Open Day, contact Fran Hannan on 0410 984 250.

Press release, September 13,
July 30
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Health



Baby Ava Neville

Almost \$130,000 for treatment

Almost \$130,000 has been raised to send five-month-old Ava Neville to New York for treatment, according to grandmother and Woy Woy Little Theatre member Ms Brenda Logan.

Ava currently suffers from the debilitating tuberous sclerosis, and a campaign had been started to raise enough money to send her and her family to New York, so that she could receive treatment.

The group were expected to fly to the USA on Friday.

"Understandably we are all a little nervous and frightened of what lies ahead," Ms Logan said.

"However, because of the generosity and fund raising, the

huge cost involved is something we no longer have to worry about.

"Incredibly, we have almost reached our target of \$130,000, which will certainly cover the cost of the initial testing, and hopefully the operation too, if the New York doctors should decide to go ahead.

Qantas has also agreed to supply the airfares.

"Despite still having at least three seizures a day and existing on very little sleep, Ava has a healthy appetite and is growing well," Ms Logan said.

**Email, September 15
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

Medicare time increased

Woy Woy Medicare office will increase its opening times by an extra hour, Mondays to Fridays, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd recently announced that Woy Woy Medicare would be one of three Central Coast Medicare offices to extend its hours.

The offices in Gosford, Erina and Woy Woy will now open from 9am until 5pm to allow Central Coast residents more time to claim Medicare benefits, register for the Medicare Safety Net and access

the family assistance office, according to Mr Lloyd.

"Medicare services are always under review to determine how best to cater for customer's needs," Mr Lloyd said.

"More flexible hours are one way to ensure that working individuals and families can access Medicare service on their way home from work."

"A 9.8 per cent increase in the bulk-billing rates in the electorate of Robertson over the past year has shown there is a higher demand for Medicare services," said Mr

Lloyd.

"Medicare offices started trading on Saturday mornings in June this year, and the initiative has been an enormous success so we are continuing to build on the commitment of providing the best possible services to Medicare customers."

The Woy Woy Medicare is located in Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy.

**Press release, September 8
Mr Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

Seminar on Alzheimer's

An Alzheimer seminar is planned for September 21 at the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

A speaker from Alzheimer's Australia NSW will cover topics such as what memory is, what people can do to help them remember better, how memory changes with ageing, when people

should be worried about their memory and what people can do to find out more.

The event is free and will include morning tea.

The event will be held from 10am to noon on Wednesday, September 21, at the Woy Woy Bowling Club, Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy.

The program is sponsored by

Alzheimer's Australia NSW, and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Registration for the seminar is essential, and can be made by contacting 4394 8229 or 9888 4260.

**Press release, September 16
Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care**

Sixth CWA exhibition

The Country Women's Association Umina branch will hold its sixth annual art exhibition during September.

Ms Judith Hoste of Amber Arts Studio and Gallery, along with her students, will be holding the event on Saturday, September 24, from 11am to 3pm.

The official opening will be conducted by Member for Peats

Ms Marie Andrews at 1pm.

Ms Hoste is an award winning artist with recent awards including first prize in the Open Central Coast Inspired Work section of last year's Grandma Moses Art Prize.

She has been teaching for 20 years and has had many of her students win art competitions with three winning the novice section of the Grandma Moses Competition.

The exhibition will be held at the Umina CWA Hall on the corner of West St and Sydney Ave, Umina.

Admission is \$7 which includes a chicken sandwich and a glass of champagne.

For more information, contact 4341 5626.

**Press release, September 16
Judith Hoste, Amber Arts**

Peninsula actor dies

Peninsula actor, director and voice-over artist Mr Alastair Duncan has died at his Woy Woy Bay home on August 3.

Mr Duncan was raised in the UK, RADA trained, and grew up in

Australia.

Mr Duncan experienced an international career as an actor, theatrical director and voice-over artist.

Last year Mr Duncan authored the book "Actor's Blood", the story behind the Fuller Theatrical Empire which dominated the Australian entertainment industry for the majority of the 20th century.

As a young actor, Mr Duncan rubbed shoulders with Richard Burton and Joan Crawford.

Though his illness was sudden, Mr Duncan had the time and presence of mind to leave a recorded message, the substance of which was "a testament to the

kind and sensitive man behind the voice", according to editor of "What? E News". Ms Rose Cooper, who attended the memorial service.

Mr Duncan's message stated that "for the last 12 years of my life, I was the luckiest man alive, because I was married to the most wonderful woman in the world.

"That wonderful woman is my friend, Virginia Fuller, a member of Gosford Musical Society and the Sydney Philharmonia and a talented performer in her own right."

The memorial service for Mr Duncan was held on Wednesday, August 10.

**Newsletter, August 19
Rose Cooper, What? E News**

EXCESS WEIGHT - CAUSING EARLY DEATHS
The importance of maintaining a healthy weight and keeping fit are vital for longevity.

A new study has found that both obesity and physical inactivity are key factors in predicting death in middle-aged women.

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Corporate plan lists Peninsula projects

Gosford Council has released its corporate plan, which lists projects to be undertaken on the Peninsula over the next few years.

The projects include the Ettalong Beach town centre and beach foreshore revitalisation, Woy Woy and Ettalong Beach maintenance works, upgrade of the Patonga Camping ground, sewer infrastructure for Patonga Creek and the Road Traffic Management Study for Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

Other projects include a cycleway from Woy Woy to Blackwall Mountain, several projects at the Woy Woy landfill, a DCP for cottages at Dark Corner, Patonga, Peninsula flood related studies, the operation of the Ettalong Senior Citizen centre, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Club upgrades and the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan for the Peninsula.

The Ettalong Beach Town Centre and Beach Foreshore project includes the revitalisation of the town centre and beach foreshore.

Council has allocated a budget of \$1 million for this project, including funds from the financial strategy, the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and possible grants, to be implemented over the next year or two.

The Woy Woy and Ettalong Beach capital improvement and maintenance works project will see council's finance committee investigate financial options to fund capital improvement and maintenance works following the rejection of the introduction of a special business levy.

The project is funded through



The Woy Woy Landfill site, set to receive several changes under Gosford Council's corporate plan

a recurring budget and has an implementation period sometime within the next year.

Council has also resolved to prepare a business plan to improve the operation and performance of the Patonga Camping Ground.

Council has set aside \$100,000 for the project, with \$75,000 from the rural fire service and \$25,000 of council funding, and has set a date to complete the project by December next year.

Another project in the corporate plan includes progressing of sewer infrastructure installations to areas attracting state government subsidies including Patonga Creek and Empire Bay, among other Central Coast areas.

The feasibility of an off road footpath and cycleway from Woy Woy to Blackwall Mountain will be investigated under the corporate plan.

The project will be funded using \$40,000 of capital funding during

the 2007/2008 financial year to the 2009/2010 financial year.

Several projects are also currently planned for the Woy Woy Landfill site.

One of the projects includes the closure of the site for the receipt of putrescible waste.

The project would be funded by the waste facility reserve, with the void space to be depleted by December 2018, under the plan.

Another project at the Woy Woy Landfill includes the extraction of landfill gas and methane to generate green energy.

Negotiations for the budget of the project are currently continuing with AGL, according to Gosford Council.

Council has set a project implementation period for December next year.

The last project in the corporate plan for Woy Woy Landfill is the construction of the next stage at the western end of the site.

This would also be funded by the waste facility reserve, with a completion date set for the end of 2007.

Council has resolved to match funding with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources to develop a conservation management plan for cottages at Dark Corner, Patonga, with an implementation period during the 2006/2007 financial year.

Another project planned for the Peninsula includes the preparation of a Local Environment Plan, Development Control Plan and revised contributions plan for the Peninsula, so that council can implement the Peninsula Urban Design Strategy.

Council has set an implementation period from now until 2007.

The plan also includes flood studies for the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The studies would involve the investigation of flood and drainage problems, and research solutions in line with Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD).

Council has set aside a budget of \$60,000 for the project, with \$40,000 from capital funding and a \$20,000 grant.

The implementation period for this project will be from now until 2007.

Council has also set aside \$150,000 to investigate and calculate Brisbane Water flood levels.

Some \$50,000 will be provided to the project through capital funding while another \$100,000 will be provided through a grant.

Council has set a date for the

start of the project for late next year.

The Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre will be among three of the senior citizen centres on the Central Coast to have a review of its operation to enhance its functionality.

Council stated in its report that this would be in consultation with all the centre members and the community.

The project would be implemented in the near future.

Council has also put money aside to refurbish local surf clubs including Ocean Beach, Umina Beach and Killcare surf clubs.

Money for the refurbishment includes \$600,000 from the financial strategy, a \$5 million loan, \$300,000 from section 94 funding, \$450,000 from club contributions and \$200,000 from a State government grant.

The funds will also go towards, Avoca and Copacabana.

The implementation period will be in late 2007.

**Corporate Plan, September 1
Gosford Council**

Pump-out Information

Gosford's Cr Jim Macfadyen has asked for information on the pump-out facility at Hardys Bay.

Cr Macfadyen asked, at the council meeting of August 23, for information on when the pump-

out facility would go on public exhibition.

The director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said he would investigate the matter and advise Cr Macfadyen.

**Council agenda Q.123,
August 23**

Question about trees

Gosford's Cr Jim Macfadyen has asked for information about the Yum Yum trees at Killcare.

Cr Macfadyen said it was his understanding when the matter last went to council, that council would carry out restoration work to help preserve the trees.

He said the restoration work was to include timber around the trees

and soil to cover the root system.

"Could you please advise when this maintenance will happen as I am concerned these trees could deteriorate," Cr Macfadyen said.

Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said he would investigate the matter.

Council agenda Q.124, August 23

No centreline marking

Gosford Council's traffic committee will not take action to provide centreline markings in Kingsview Dr, Umina.

NSW Police had asked council to investigate centreline markings in Kingsview Dr from The Palisade to Carpenter St.

At its meeting held on August 8, the committee recommended to council that as the original request at the top end of Kingsview Dr had been addressed, no action should be taken to provide additional line marking.

**Council agenda TR 05.168,
September 6**

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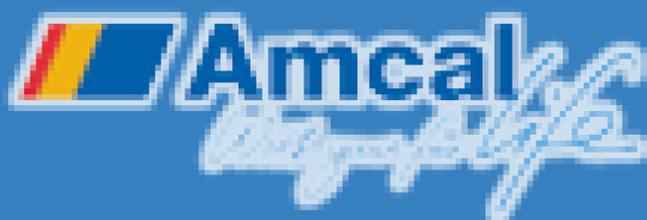
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Arts & Entertainment

Exhibition at Pretty Beach

An art exhibition will be held at Pretty Beach over the October long weekend.

The exhibition "At the Waters Edge" will be held at "The Sign of The Crooked Billet" in the historic Pretty Beach Gallery.

Two local artists, Terry Baker and Peter Reddy, have joined forces again this year to show their visions and interpretations of the local environment, the rocks, the bush and the water.

"As an artist who has lived here for so long, there is no need to search elsewhere for inspiration" Mr Baker said.

"The whole area is in a constant state of change"

Mr Reddy said that while both

artists had their own distinct views and styles they both produced work that went beyond being merely decorative.

Mr Baker's art was in the form of wooden objects while Mr Reddy's was digital art.

"For me it's all about giving the viewer the chance to share in the feelings you get from this area," Mr Reddy said.

"The natural environment around here has so much to offer.

"At The Water's Edge" will run the entire October long weekend starting Saturday through to Monday at "The Sign of the Crooked Billet", 38 Pretty Beach Rd, Pretty Beach.

**Press Release, September 1
Peter Reddy**



Mr Terry Baker will display some of his wooden works of art

Agatha Christie play at theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre will be presenting "The Unexpected Guest" during the month of October.

"The Unexpected Guest" is written by Agatha Christie and directed by John Hickey.

In the production, Michael Starwedder stumbles in to Richard Warwick's study to find him dead and his wife Laura standing nearby with a gun.

The police are puzzled by a set of fingerprints.

They could belong to anyone in the household, or even an intruder.

Each has their motive for murder and no one is above suspicion.

The cast includes Penny Dilworth as the housekeeper Benny, Bob Farmer as Laura's lover Julian, Brendan Flynn as Jan, half-brother of the deceased, Mike Jefferies as the inspector, Terry Lay as Starkwedder the unexpected guest and Alan Mitchell as Sgt. Cadwallader

Jo Stanley also appears as the housekeeper Benny, Cathy Stone

as Laura, wife of the murdered man and John Wright as Angell, Jan's carer.

Performance times include at 8pm on Fridays, October 21, 28 and November 4, on Saturdays, October 22, 20 and November 5; and at 2pm on Saturday, November 5, and on Sundays, October 23, 30 and November 6.

Tickets cost \$19 for adults, \$16 concession and \$6 for children 5 to 15 years old.

"The Unexpected Guest" is performed at The Peninsula Theatre on the corner of Ocean Beach and McMasters Rds, Woy Woy.

For bookings, contact 4344 4737 between 10am to 2pm weekdays, from Monday, October 10.

**Press release, September 16
Jan Taylor, Woy Woy Little Theatre**



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Bridgecoast Finance Group is running a Retirement Seminar at Everglades Country Club in the Star Room on Wednesday, 7th September 2005 at 10.30am.

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated. Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

ECC, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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, **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**

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

Woy Woy VEIW Club, friendship day, **MOW**, 11am, enq: 4342 0805

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 **EMBC** 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** 9.00am - 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 1073.

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

Active Over 50's Exercise Class **EPH** 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

LineDancing-9am; **FreeEntertainment** 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

Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, **WWLC** 10am.

Third Saturday of every month
Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am, Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301

Market Day, 9am Sydney 2000 Park, Umina **UCH**

Last Saturday every month
Wagstaffe **Bushcare** group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

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

Every Saturday
The Web, **Activities** for 12-18yrs old, 4.30-9.30pm **TWYS**

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626.

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; **ECC**

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156 **Snooker** 8.30am **EBWMC**

Gym Sessions 9am-12noon, **Drama & Discovery** 9am-11am **PCYC**.

Films shown at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has begun running monthly movies at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"We will be recreating the old-time movie theatre ambience in our local hall with once-a-month community movies, coupled with a top class 21st century sound system and digital projection," said association president Ms Kay Williams.

The monthly feature will be chosen from the David Stratton and Margaret Pomeranz's compendium "1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die".

A movie is yet to be chosen for the first screening.

A movie ticket will cost a \$10 donation, with proceeds going to the installation of a disabled toilet block and external verandah at the hall.

Film-maker and artist Mr Mike Rubbo will be on hand to introduce the movie and lead a discussion on the finer points after each screening.

The newly reopened "Pearl Beach Cafe" will also provide a Movie Meal Deal main course and movie ticket for \$25.

**Press release, September 13
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach Progress Association**



Oscar and Marigold will perform at the Peninsula Theatre

Craft show aids flying doctors

The Pearl Beach Craft Group will be holding its sixth biennial craft exhibition and sale on the weekend of October 1 and 2.

A variety of hand-crafted items will be on display and for sale at the event including gifts, patchwork, embroidery, tapestry, knitwear, bags, aprons, silken goods, Christmas decorations, cards, jewellery, and home-made

jams, cakes and pickles.

The beneficiary of this year's craft sale will be the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale during the event with four prizes on offer.

The four prizes include a handmade quilt for first prize, a black pearl necklace and earrings for second prize, a hand crocheted knee rug for third prize and a heirloom tapestry bell pull for fourth

prize.

Tickets are \$1 each with proceeds going toward a bore well and pump to provide a clean water supply for a village in drought-prone area

The event will be held in Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

It will run from 10am to 4pm daily, and entry is free.

**Press release, September 10
Lynne Lillico**

Oscar and Marigold perform at theatre

Oscar and Marigold will be performing at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on Friday, September 23.

Oscar and Marigold, played by Kim Curio and Heather Lee, have built an international reputation with their performances of sacred music from around the world.

Both are currently supported by ABC Classics and Publishing, and are bringing their innovative music to Australian audiences through a commitment to regional touring.

Kim Cunio and Heather Lee are both doctoral students at the University of Western Sydney.

Heather Lee is an award winning singer and soloist who has performed in many of the leading venues and companies of Australia including with the Victorian State Opera and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, at the opera house and in the Cameron Macintosh Cats tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Kim Cunio is a composer, music historian, instrumentalist and singer who is equally at home in reconstructive, contemporary and classical music forms.

Oscar and Marigold have had a long history of professional musicianship.

They have recorded a disk for ABC Classics writing and arranging lullabies from around the world, and have toured regional Australia.

They were also commissioned by ABC Television to write new music on the theme of Islam which will shortly be released by ABC Classics.

In addition to this they are preparing to record the music of the first known woman composer Hildegard Von Bingen (1098-1179), a project in which they will write new pieces based on the modes and scales of Hildegard's writing, again for ABC Classics.

**Press release, September 13
Ylenna Zajec, Earth Central Productions**

Lenore appears at folk club

Lenore Bower will be appearing at the Troubadour Acoustic Music Club on the Peninsula on October 9.

Ms Bower will be performing songs from her debut CD "Out of the Rain".

Her original songs are said to be in the style of Norah Jones, Eva Cassidy and Shaun Colvin.

Ms Bower will be supported by Alan Kidd who will also perform separately.

Other local artists will also perform.

The concert will take place at 1.30pm at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, opposite Fisherman's Wharf.

Entry cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members, which includes afternoon tea, and can be paid at the door.

For more information, visit www.troubadour.org.au or contact 4342 9099.

Cec Bucello, September 14

Art exhibition at Empire Bay

The Empire Bay Progress Association will hold an art exhibition over the October long weekend.

"The Empire Bay and Peninsula inaugural Art Show is to celebrate the community and to reflect the rich indigenous and cultural diversity of the local population," said association secretary Mr Paul Duffy.

"Local children will exhibit their artwork in a mini children's exhibit with the theme of Local Environment."

The art show will include paintings and sculpture, "demonstrating the richness of local talent in the

Peninsula", according to Mr Duffy.

"The art show raffle has as its prize a painting by local artist Frank Robinson."

All exhibits on show will be for sale.

The exhibition will be held at the Empire Bay Progress Hall, on the corner of Gordon and Sorrento Rd, Empire Bay.

The exhibition will run from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, October 1, 10am to 4pm on Sunday, October 2, and 10am to 3pm on Monday, October 3.

**Press release, September 14
Paul Duffy, Empire Bay Progress Association**

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11am - 3pm

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Forum

A classic case of furphies

In relation to the letter from Susan Dean of Ettalong (Peninsula News, September 5), I take great exception to her statements that the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club is in some way making the beachfront an "enclosure of the Club" and that the Club is allowing Section 94 Contributions to be diverted to the foreshore walkway.

Ms Dean talks about "lies and furphies" and the Council being more "circumspect" about the fast ferry service.

Ms Dean should be more circumspect and ensure that she checks her facts before making statements that are clearly incorrect and misleading.

My first point is to the issue of the beachfront being an "enclosure

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of the Club".

At no point has the Club ever suggested, or proposed, that the beach or the foreshore be enclosed and certainly not for the sole benefit of the Club.

It has always been the position of the Club that the foreshore should be restored, beautified and upgraded so that the area between

Beach St and Picnic Parade is made safe and accessible for the entire community and visitors to our area – as it used to be.

In its current condition, the beachfront is an utter disgrace, devoid of any public amenity, without safe access and completely lacking in any significant maintenance. The club has been working, for the benefit of its members, with the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee and local businesses and residents to have funds directed to the upgrading of the foreshore including the provision of pedestrian boardwalks, the cleaning up of the overgrown vegetation and the removal of toilet block at the end of Picnic Parade which has been a safety risk and eyesore for years.

This latter certainly is of no direct benefit to the Club.

This brings me to the second point and Ms Dean's assertion that the Club, or anyone, is allowing Section 94 Contributions to be diverted to the foreshore upgrading works.

This assertion clearly demonstrates that Ms Dean has made no inquiry as to the history of the Club's development or the operations of the Council.

It is a classic case of the "furphies" also presented by others.

I am presuming that Ms Dean is referring to the voluntary contribution of \$300,000 made by the Club as part of its development consent for the new resort complex in 1998.

No Section 94 Contributions were payable as part of the consent as such contributions do not apply to the Ettalong Beach CBD.

However, the Club agreed to make a voluntary contribution to Council for the upgrading of the Ettalong Beach foreshore based on specific works that were incorporated into a Deed of Agreement with Gosford City Council.

It did not have to make the contribution but did anyway.

Further, these funds have not been diverted to the foreshore upgrade as they were always intended for that purpose.

Certainly Fast Ships Limited has nothing whatsoever to do with this process.

People should be more careful about statements to the media to ensure that they are not acting as they are alleging others are and thereby spreading "lies" and "furphies" around the town.

Peter Hale
 General Manager
 Ettalong Beach Club

Give Fast Ships every chance

Forum

I refer to the letter by Bryan Ellis of Save Our Suburbs (Peninsula News, September 5) in relation to the proposed Ettalong Beach fast ferry and the recent debate in Council over the signing of the lease document for the ferry terminal and wharf.

Mr Ellis' opposition to the high-speed ferry service is well known and well documented.

Like all of us, he has a right to his opinion.

He states that one important factor has been lost in the lease debate and that is the fact that the ferry service was to provide a public benefit to the community.

That fact may have been lost on others, but it has certainly not been lost on the company or the business community.

The high-speed ferry was always predicated on two important considerations: Firstly, providing an important third commuter transport link from the Central Coast to Circular Quay and, secondly, providing a service that would bring visitors and tourists to the Peninsula in the off-peak periods.

These factors have been carefully researched in the company's business assessment.

However, the other important factor that Mr Ellis seems to have forgotten is that the signing of the lease for the terminal and wharf is a condition of development consent that was insisted on by Gosford Council.

The purpose of the condition was to ensure that the company continued to move forward with the project.

All the company wants to do is sign the lease as required in the

consent.

However, Council appears to be fettering the company's ability to do so!

Mr Ellis also seems to be confused with viability and bankability.

To the issue of raising the required venture capital for the project, obviously a lending institution or investor will require security over the funds to be loaned.

It's like when borrowing for a home, the bank requires security over the property title. In the case of the high-speed ferry, the security is the lease for the land on which the terminal and wharf will be constructed.

A perfectly logical reason for getting the lease signed.

It simply firms up the company's position to raise the necessary venture capital. Hardly a hidden agenda as many critics like to contend.

And in relation to the lease and all the scaremongering about another "Taj Mahal" on the Ettalong beach foreshore, the lease between the company and Council has a series of very strict milestones and provisions that protect the community and ensure that the asset reverts back to the Council on either the cessation of the ferry service or termination of the lease.

And let's not forget that the terminal building has been approved by the Council following an exhaustive public consultation and advertising process.

For me, let's give Fast Ships every possible chance of success.

Matthew Wales, Umina
 Peninsula Chamber president

Pump-out should be nearer channel

I was horrified to read in your July 11, August 8 and 22 issues that an unsupervised 24-hour boat sewage pump-out is to be installed on the recreational reserve and wharf on Araluen Dr, Hardy's Bay.

Residents, their families, visitors and day trippers congregate here to enjoy the beauty and gentle water-related activities.

Do you want your family picnicking, paddling and fishing where boaties carry raw sewage and garbage for deposit in an open slop-hopper?

Do responsible public officials require boats to detour into a shallow, quiet bay strictly to dump sewage?

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Or subject their residents and ratepayers to 24-hour engine noise and hazardous spillage?

In Gosford Council's case, the answers, sadly, are yes.

Everyone wants responsible disposal of marine sewage, but 79 per cent of 1128 local boat owners surveyed rejected the Hardy's Bay site and asked Gosford Council to locate the pump-out nearer to the channel and to other marine services and shops.

Council officials please listen to your ratepayers and residents and stop this senseless desecration of our lovely recreational and residential bay.

Ann Pederson, Hardy's Bay



Tennis

A 5-day tennis camp will be held at Umina Tennis Courts from Monday 26 September to Friday 30 September inclusive from 9am to 3pm daily. Open to all ages, beginners to advanced. Racquets are provided. Cost \$70 for the week (Family discounts apply) or \$20 daily. Ph: Neil on 4341 0970

Questions about Fast Ships lease

Forum

Ettalong residents, some questions to ask your Gosford councillors before they vote on the Fast Ships lease.

Have they all read the lease agreement, which could result in a massive ferry terminal, similar to the ones in Cairns, Townsville and Magnetic Island?

Will the size and potential importance of such a large development, encourage the State Government to take planning control away from our council?

What length of this narrow strip of open space, Crown Land on our foreshore is to be taken away from us?

Does any councillor have an interest in the Fast Ships company?

What are the chances of

the council recovering their administration fees, thought to be in excess of \$20,000?

Why such the rush? Wait until the signing-off of the Ettalong Foreshore Plan, Coastal Protection (SEPP71).

How does this ferry terminal fit in with the yet to be completed draft City Wide Local Environment Plan (LEP)?

What is to stop some person buying the Fast Ships company sometime in the future, tying up the ferries, and then using the terminal lease site for another purpose, such as a casino?

Terry Jones, Killcare
 Central Coast Greens

Distinctions in mathematics

Several Umina Public School students have received distinctions and credits in the Australian Schools Mathematics Competition.

Students to gain distinctions included Taylor Westlake, Olivia Brown, Jamie Wearmouth, Breannan Singman, Madeline Dawson, Kerrod Meyers and Jesse Forde.

Students to receive credits included Chris Lane, Taylor Hulls, Trae Edwards, Sarah Cameron, Rhys Bright, Corey Slavin, Jessica Rooke, Jessica Mensforth, Kalina Knight, Amanda Gaston, Ryan Egglestone, Madeleine Carr, Daniel Russell, Emma Norval, Dean Egglestone, Lukas Da Costa-Reidel and Lachlan Irving.

**Newsletter, September 6
Umina Public School**

Ms Rose to visit Japan

Brisbane Water Secondary College language teacher Ms Melanie Rose is off to Japan to further her knowledge of the country.

She will be sponsored by the Australian Governments Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship (ELTF) Program, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd congratulated Ms Rose on her selection into the program, and recognised her commitment to the education of the Japanese language to students on the Peninsula.

"Ultimately it will be Ms Rose's students who will benefit from her three weeks in Japan, as her knowledge gained from experiencing the Japanese culture will be passed on to her students at Brisbane Water Secondary

College," Mr Lloyd said.

"There are many more applicants for this program than places available and it is a considerable achievement for anyone who is selected.

"Ms Rose is worthy recipient of this fellowship and I wish her the best of luck in Japan."

The ELTF gives Australian language teachers an opportunity to improve their proficiency in a foreign language and lets them experience living in cultures of countries such as China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Mexico.

Included with the fellowship are all the domestic and international airfares, language tuition fees, excursion costs, and accommodation costs.

**Press release, September 13
James Larsson, Office of the
Member for Robertson**

Course for parents helping students

Gosford TAFE and Beachside Family Centre will be offering a free eight-week course for parents on the Peninsula called Helping Parents Help Kids.

"For many parents the way their child is learning is different from when they went to school," Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"This course will help parents to learn how to help their children with their English, maths, reading

and homework in general."

The course will be run in Term 4 on Tuesday nights from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina. Any parents, grandparents or carers who are interested in the course can contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Spaces are limited.

**Press release, September 14
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre**

School extensions progress

Progress is being made with the extension of the Umina Public School site, according to principal Mr John Blair.

The six houses adjoining the school in Melbourne Ave and Sydney Ave will soon be demolished and plans are currently

being prepared for the new school building.

"Work is expected to begin next year and all signs point to completion of the project sooner rather than later," Mr Blair said.

**Newsletter, September 13
John Blair, Umina Public School**



Umina oval to be closed

Gosford Council plans to close Umina oval for a month, according to Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair.

"Changes to the school's playground arrangements have become necessary for the remainder of this term," Mr Blair said.

"Council has advised that Umina oval is to be closed for about one month while renovations to the playing surface take place."

Mr Blair said students in kindergarten and Stage 1 would now play only on the infants' playground and the integrated area.

Students in Stage 2 and 3 would have the primary playground, the

integrated area and the reserve area (adjacent to the school) on a roster basis.

"All areas will be supervised by teachers during recess and lunch breaks," Mr Blair said.

"Playground equipment in both of the school's playgrounds will be utilised on a roster basis as well."

**Newsletter, September 13
John Blair, Umina Public School**

Police warning in newsletters

Police have begun placing notices in local school newsletters alerting people to be on the look-out for suspicious activity.

The police have requested the information be placed in all school newsletters.

The notice states that "with the warmer weather approaching and the accompanying increase in outdoor activities, it is timely to remind school staff and parents to be vigilant for suspicious activities in the proximity of schools and on

student travel routes".

The notice goes on state that "staff, parents, students and community members should report incidents of a suspicious nature to Brisbane Water Police as a matter of priority for the swiftest possible action".

Activities might include the

frequenting of school zones by persons or vehicles which have no reason to be there.

Brisbane Water Police can be contacted through police stations at Gosford on 4323 5599 or Woy Woy on 4379 7399 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Newsletter, September 13
Empire Bay Public School**

Local residents receive awards

Local residents Monica White, Anita Philips, Jenny Laing and Kim Lawther recently received Central Coast Education Awards of Appreciation.

Mrs Monica White and Mrs Anita Phillips were nominated by staff at Empire Bay Public School, while Mrs Jenny Laing and Mrs Kim Lawther were nominated by the school's P&C to receive the awards.

The recipients received their awards at a special presentation evening recently held at Gorokan High School.

**Newsletter, September 13
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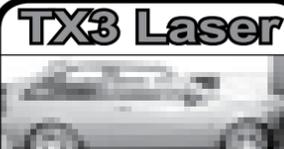
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Peninsula may get top basketballer

Former Peninsula resident and Women's National Basketball League player Ms Brook McInnes has applied for a job at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Woy Woy South Public School teacher Mr Robert Landow said Ms McInnes had applied for a position at the new facility at Woy Woy so that she could repay the Peninsula for the opportunities it gave her and be a role model for the up and coming generation children of the Peninsula.

"I can vividly recall putting a basketball in her hand at Woy Woy South Primary School when she was about eight years of age," Mr Landow said.

Ms McInnes moved to Adelaide following completion of her HSC at Umina High School on a sports contract with Women's National Basketball League team Adelaide Lightning.

She attended the gym in Adelaide for her basketball but also started to pursue her own accreditations in training to enable her to take classes.

She then attended Adelaide University and completed a

Batchelor or Nursing Degree and worked for Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals in South Australia.

Brook was offered a place with Women's National Basketball League team Sydney Flames and in 2001 won the National Championship while working at Sutherland Shire Hospital in the trauma and emergency ward.

She won the Graduate Nurse of the Year award in her first year of completing her nursing degree.

Ms McInnes then moved to Shepparton, Victoria, and began working at Goulburn Valley Base Hospital in the trauma and emergency ward on a part time basis to allow her to put more time into fitness and has since gained many accreditations with the Les Mills Fitness Academy.

She works for Aqua Moves Gym in Shepparton and also has classes at Barooga Gym.

Ms McInnes has been offered a management position at Goulburn and that position is pending the outcome of her application with the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

**Press release, August 19
Robert Landow, Woy Woy South
Public School**



Under-10/2s after their win their grand final in the Central Coast Mod League division

Woy Woy Juniors in grand finals

The weekend of September 10 and 11 saw the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club go into the Central Coast Division Junior Rugby League grand finals with five teams representing Woy Woy.

"Saturday saw the Under-10/3s and Under-10/2s both win their grand final in the Mod League

division at Erina Oval.

"On Sunday, Woy Woy were represented by three sides in the International League Division at Central Coast Stadium, Gosford," according to acting publicity officer Ms Gayle Downey.

"We were without success however in what were three very tough games.

"Both days saw a very large and vocal Woy Woy supporter turnout

offering bucket-loads of motivation and support for the players, coaching staff and families."

President Geoff Staunton said the weekend "was a tremendous effort by all of our Woy Woy Junior Teams who made it through to the Grand Final".

**Press Release, September 13
Gayle Downey, Woy Woy Junior
Rugby League Football Club**



Under-10/3s after their win their grand final in the Central Coast Mod League division

Test events at new pool

A month of test events will be held at the Peninsula's new pool complex in preparation for its official opening on Saturday, October 29.

The Community Chest "Big Splash" will see 100 raffle winners be the first people to jump into the new pool on Sunday, September 25.

One of these 100 people will win a lifetime pass to the pool.

The other winners will receive a free one-year pass.

Peninsula Leisure Centre aquatics coordinator Mr Simon Clarke said the month of October would be busy.

"We have many new staff to train, a rigorous campaign of testing, and the commissioning of plant and equipment to complete," Mr Clark said.

"Most importantly, we need to be

absolutely sure that all our safety systems and procedures work."

The Centre will hold a number of "controlled test events".

The Woy Woy Swimming Club will be hosting the centre's first competition meet on October 15, to ensure all timing and pool equipment operates effectively.

The health and fitness centre, the sports hall and the café will also be the focus of other test events with centre management liaising with local clubs and community groups to provide volunteers.

"As managers of a \$25 million facility, the staff must be sure our service will be of a high quality and delivered in a professional manner before we open the doors to the public on Saturday, October 29," Mr Clarke said.

**Press release, September 7
Breearna Sharp, Gosford Council**

Union side through to grand final

The Woy Woy Rugby Union side had one side in this year's grand final, the club's assistant publicity officer Mr Sam Mokeme told Peninsula News last week.

"The Second Grade team, captained and coached by Paul Burkwood, won through after a good win 10 to 6 against Gosford in the preliminary final, and will now meet Avoca in the grand final this weekend," Mr Mokeme said.

"The First Grade side made the finals for the second consecutive year, but lost to Gosford in the minor semi-final 30 to 10.

"After being behind 13 to 0 at half-time, the side got back to 13 to 10 but a few defensive lapses saw Gosford score a comfortable win."

"It was a disappointing way for us to bow out this year.

"We expected to win the minor semi but weren't good enough on the day," coach Mr Ross Hopkins said.

Mr Mokeme said the future was good at the Lions though with plenty of junior sides this year and some talented players coming through the grades.

"However, the club is always on the lookout for players of levels to play in 2006," Mr Mokeme said.

The weekend match results were unavailable at the time of printing.

**Press release, September 12
Sam Mokeme,
Woy Woy Rugby Union**

Grants to surf clubs

Umina, Ocean Beach and Killcare Surf Life Saving Clubs recently benefited with \$5000 each of financial support from Gosford Council.

The council presented \$5000 to each of Gosford City's nine surf clubs and \$20,000 to Surf Life Saving Central Coast to help offset its administration costs associated

with providing the community service, according to mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks.

The funding was in addition to a Water Safety Levy cheque presented last weekend, September 17.

Gosford City's Water Safety Levy helps surf clubs purchase vital life saving equipment, said Cr Brooks.

"Gosford Council's financial

support acknowledges the valuable service provided by surf life saving clubs, the volunteers and Surf Lifesaving Central Coast," he said.

"Council's annual financial contribution to local surf clubs was introduced in 1980 and it has increased over time."

**Press release, September 5
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council**

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