

Council to discuss foreshore project committee

A strategy policy workshop will be held by Gosford Council to determine if committees will be established to supervise projects listed in its Civic Infrastructure Strategy, including several projects on the Peninsula.

The move came after Cr Terri Latella called for the establishment of a committee to oversee the Ettalong Beach Foreshore enhancement plan.

"I can't see why something as important as the enhancement of that area doesn't have a committee overseeing it," Cr Latella said.

Cr Jim Macfadyen said he had some concern over the recommendation.

"I don't think there is any need to set up a committee to look at a particular issue," Cr Macfadyen said.

Cr Latella said that the need to establish a committee was because of the need to ensure transparency on the matter.

"It is crucial in relation to transparency and community participation," Cr Latella said.

"There are issues with the future development of this area and unless we do have a committee that is supported by the community we are going to have some very big problems."

Cr Vicki Scott spoke against the move, instead calling for a strategy policy meeting to be held to investigate the need of committees for all projects identified.

Cr Scott also asked that the projects be given a priority listing.

The council referred the matter to its strategy policy workshop on the motion of Cr Scott.

The projects for the Peninsula include development of the Woy Woy waterfront, streetscaping the Umina town centre, "foreshore enhancement" at Ettalong, a coastal walk from Pearl Beach to Umina and refurbishment of the

Umina Library.

A recommendation from council officers had stated that only one of the Peninsula-based projects, the Umina library refurbishment, needed a committee.

Council resolved that its integrated planning committee work together with the Civic Infrastructure Strategy Task Force to implement the strategy and that the committee also review the needs of 2025 process and take into consideration any project that may come from it.

At council's meeting of November 1, Cr Peter Hale said it was important that council sat down and decided in the near future which projects it would put forward to make sure that as council developed those projects it had a plan in place of how they would be developed.

Cr Chris Holstein also stated that it would be important for the list to be trimmed if it was to get community support for a rates levy.

"It is a massive ask to get community support," Cr Holstein said.

"You're going to have to look damn close and start making some determinations because really it's not tight enough.

"I don't think the new councillors are appreciative of the work you'd have to do to get that message across.

"We need to tighten this right up.

"Whatever that list is at the end of the day, you won't go anywhere unless you have some public support for it."

Cr Hale also noted that it was important to involve the community in the decision-making of the projects.

"One thing I want to make sure with this strategy is that we get public consultation," Cr Hale said.

Council agenda COR.48, November 1



Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher greets Adrian Williams, Allan Wilson and Bill Egan from the Hardy's Bay Residents' Group

Plan for pump-out at marina

Gosford Council could locate a marine sewage pump-out facility at a private, fully-supervised marina in the Brisbane Water, rather than at Hardy's Bay according to Mr Allan Wilson of the Hardy's Bay Residents Group.

Hardy's Bay residents have hailed the plan as a "great outcome" for the community he said.

In July, the coastal and estuary advisory committee sought Council blessing for the siting of a pump-out station at the Araluen Dr wharf, Hardy's Bay, to serve as a second amenity south of the Rip Bridge.

Public discussion has occurred over the council's subsequent resolution to endorse the proposal.

Proponents of the plan to use the Araluen Dr location stated it ranked as the most appropriate public wharf and, according to council officers, it had rated "most favourably" in an assessment process.

Hardy's Bay residents disputed the findings and a public meeting was consequently convened by council on October 17 at the Community Church Hall in Araluen Dr, which Hardy's Bay Residents Group member Mr Allan Wilson said would prove to be a critical factor in resolving the issue.

"The huge response told it all," Mr Wilson said.

"When over 120 people crammed into the hall that evening, it emphatically confirmed the residents' genuine concerns.

"A broad representation of dignitaries present included prominent local, state government and Shadow Ministry identities who participated in a two-hour general discussion with council officers which was later described as being 'comfortable, informative and productive'.

"It was widely agreed by the residents that evening that council, to its credit, had encouraged open and frank discussion."

Mr Wilson said Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher, who was joined by Cr Jim Macfadyen, praised the endeavours of the local community in which they backed up their objections by providing realistic alternatives to the siting of the pump-out and an accompanying slop-hopper.

In particular, he highlighted the popular suggestion of a "very sensible leaseback option on a private wharf".

"The wide range of concerns presented to the council officers were sweeping and balanced," Mr Wilson said.

"They embraced matters such as environmental and residential impact, a perceived lack of adequate criteria in the site selection process, the vital needs of the boat owners, the site's isolation from the main channels, health issues in a recreational zone and the eagerness of several marina operators to gain council approval for the installation of the pump-out at their respective outlets."

Mr Wilson said an interested

observer at the meeting was Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations, Planning and the Central Coast, Mr Chris Hartcher, who noted in an address to the gathering, that "co-locating the facility with other services, whether in public or private ownership, would allow for its constant supervision by experienced marine equipment operators".

"Araluen Dr is not the appropriate place.

"Brisbane Water needs this facility but not at Araluen," Mr Hartcher said.

Mr Wilson stated that Cr Macfadyen agreed that the installation of the pump-out system on a private marina was, by far, the best option for all concerned.

"Boats will be able to easily access the pump 24 hours a day.

"It will be properly secured and there will be no impact on public facilities or local residents," Cr Macfadyen said.

Minister for the Central Coast, Mr Grant McBride, said the State Government and Gosford Council had worked closely together to reach the agreement, according to Mr Wilson.

Adrian Williams, from the Hardy's Bay Residents' Group, agreed that the new arrangement would eliminate any concerns local residents had in relation to possible vandalism and noise pollution.

"A private marina suits everyone perfectly," he said.

"This is a great outcome".

**Press release, November 9
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay**

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Daniel Russell (left) and Mr Bill Wagner (centre) receive their prizes from Ms Thel Brown

Art competition winners

This month's senior winner of the Peninsula News and Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre (EBACC) art competition is Mr Bill Wagner with his marquetry depiction of two Eastern Rosellas.

Bill lives in Daleys Point and is a master craftsman.

This is the second time that he has won the monthly prize.

The competition's junior winner is Daniel Russell, 9, of Umina, also a second time winner.

Daniel won with his painting

"Emperor of the pole" depicting a pelican on a post.

"I like to paint birds and animals" Daniel said.

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

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

This will be the last monthly prize for the year and the competition will take a break, resuming early in the new year.

Cec Bucello, November 12

New charter boat launched

Hardy's Bay Yacht Charters recently launched its new charter boat, Banjo Paterson.

The vessel is used for functions and operates out of Hardy's Bay.

The 49ft timber ferry can be booked for casual barbecues through to a formal sit down three-course meals, all the while taking in the Central Coast waterways.

Sit down dinners are available for up to 30 guests, with cocktail parties available for up to 40 guests.

Catering can be provided by Lizotte's at Yum Yum Eatery or guests can choose to supply their own.

An on-board barbecue is also available for use.

Entertainment can be provided in the form of a DJ or band, or guests can use the CD player on board.

The aft entertaining deck can be fully enclosed for the cooler nights or completely open for summer.

The forward deck provides a vantage point to view the scenery of Brisbane Waters.

Banjo is a licensed charter boat and can be chartered with a skipper and deckhand for any occasion.

Additional wait staff and bar staff can also be arranged depending on catering needs.

Press release, November 11
Anna McCall, Hardy's Bay Yacht Charters

Breast cancer luncheon

An annual breast cancer luncheon was held at the Heath Restaurant at Hardys Bay RSL Club on Friday, October 21.

Organisers Ms Joanne Smith and Ms Margaret Berry said they were ecstatic that for the first time the full house sign was posted with 95 attending.

The pair said many commented that the meal complemented a great afternoon of fund raising with many of the prizes donated by

local business.

A total of \$8500 was raised which included ticket sales for the luncheon.

The club and the restaurant donated their time free of charge.

Press release, November 8
Hardys Bay RSL

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Street stall

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary street stall will be outside Flemmings in West St, Umina, on Thursday, November 17.

The stall will run from 9am to 3.30pm.

The auxiliary will also be selling Christmas raffle tickets outside the office of the Member for Peats, Ms

Marie Andrews, in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, on Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18.

It will also be selling raffle tickets outside Book Bazaar, West St, Umina, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 23, 24 and 25.

Press release, November 4
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Salvation Army fete

The Salvation Army at Umina Beach will hold a mini fete on November 19.

Items on offer will include clothing, bric-a-brac, electrical goods and household goods.

There will also be morning tea

and a sausage sizzle.

"Help the Army fulfil its mission here on the Peninsula," captain Greg Saunders said.

The fete will start at 8.30am.

Press release, November 2
Greg Saunders, The Salvation Army



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Holstein calls for more drainage

Cr Chris Holstein has called on the State Government to fund more drainage on the Peninsula.

Each year Gosford Council approached the State Government with a Forward Priorities List of items that need government funding, he said.

The list currently has \$113 million of work for the Gosford Local Government Area.

This year, the Gosford electorate received \$1.32 million in funding, while the Peninsula only received \$110,000.

"We have a massive amount of work waiting, but only a certain

amount of it has been funded," Cr Holstein said.

"A major area of our funding needs is on the Peninsula and the Peninsula constantly misses out.

"The State has got to start addressing these issues.

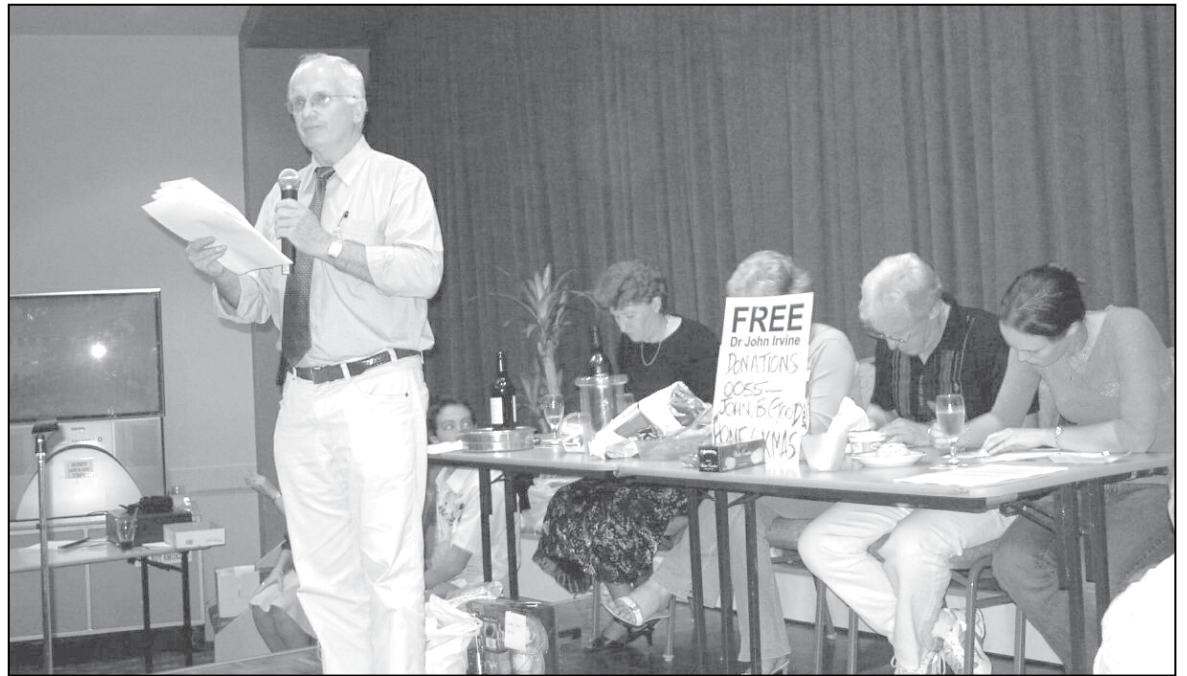
"The drought isn't going to last forever, and when it does break, the drainage won't cope."

Cr Holstein said drainage was a major issue.

"We go in to bat for a whole range of issues.

"Some have been a decade old," Cr Holstein said.

Lyle Stone, November 1



The Rotary Club of Umina holding its trivia pursuit fundraising event

Rotary Club has trivia pursuit

The Rotary Club of Umina recently held a trivia night which raised \$6576 for charity.

Well-known Central Coast child psychologist, Dr John Irvine, was compere at the event, held at

Everglades Country Club recently to raise funds for Religious Education Ministries (REM).

Religious Education Ministries fund the scripture teachers at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Nearly 300 people attended and

a grand total of \$6576 was raised for the benefit of the pupils at the local high school, according to club president Mr Geoff Melville.

Press release, November 10
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach

No contamination, owners claim

The owners of a site on Sorrento Rd, Empire Bay, have claimed that there is no contamination on the site from its previous use for fuel sales.

Gosford Council recently refused an application for a mixed commercial and residential development on the site.

A report to Gosford Council had stated that insufficient information had been submitted regarding the previous use of the site, such as previous fuel sales and the existence of the underground fuel tank and any possible site contamination.

Council requested a contamination report from owners David and Barbara Cumming following the refusal.

"Council has asked that a contamination report be conducted on the site to determine if any

contamination exists," Mr Cumming said.

"As you would be aware, there has been no fuel sales from here for over 20 years, and Douglass Partners have concluded in their report that there are absolutely no contamination issues at the site."

"Furthermore, council's Jim Bruton and Fred Dobbssummoned us to a meeting two weeks ago and attempted to persuade us to resubmit the original development application (DA) as they now believed, after a QC's opinion, that indeed we should commence the building.

"They felt they were now in a position to pass the DA under section 87."

Mr Cumming said he and his wife had refused the offer, as they now had a better project planned for the site.

Press release, November 8
David and Barbara Cumming

Ramp short of funds

The Pretty Beach boat ramps project is still on the waiting list due to a lack of funding, according to Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

Cr Jim Macfadyen had asked for an updated report on the boat ramp at council's meeting of November 1.

Mr Glensaidthatthedevelopment application for the ramp had been approved but the project was still short of funding.

Mr Glen said that a report was coming back to council for it to contribute additional funds to complete the project.

Council agenda Q.145,
November 1

Display about Uganda

A display about the culture, animals, landscape and the people of Uganda will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre from 1.30pm on November 19.

The display, The Uganda Experience, will be mounted by Ettalong resident Sue McCarthy and Sam Bukenya of the Ugandan Integrated Community Development Foundation.

Ms McCarthy said that, "after experiencing the breathtaking beauty of this country", she was affected by the plight of the children of Uganda.

Mr Bukenya works to support the many HIV-AIDS victims and orphans in Uganda.

He is visiting Australia to raise funds to build sustainable business projects for the 456 orphans in his organisation's care.

Mr Bukenya would also like to network with people willing to volunteer to assist in his work.

He plans to assist the orphans to become self-sustaining and independent.

Money raised in Australia will help buy land to build peer support homes, in agriculture, and to build an orphanage and schools.

There will be videos and photographs on display at the community centre on November 19 and Mr Bukenya will talk about the work he is doing in Uganda.

Entry is by donation and everyone is welcome.

For further information, call Sue or Sam on 4344 3044.

The Peninsula Community Centre is located at 93 McMaster's Rd, Woy Woy.

Press releases, November 3 and 8
Sue McCarthy, Sam Bukenya



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Playground strategy revisited

As the facilitator of Beachside Family Centre, I am aware that Gosford Council will be re-visiting its Playground Strategy to ensure that children have a safe place to play with well-maintained and age-appropriate equipment.

Councillors Vicki Scott and Chris Holstein are heading a new Playground Committee which will have community representation, giving the Peninsula the opportunity

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to make its needs heard and contribute to the new Playground Strategy for Gosford LGA.

In these times when childhood obesity is recognised as reaching almost epidemic proportions, it is vital that parks and playgrounds are available where families can encourage more physical activity for their children and themselves, rather than spending yet another hour in front of a TV or computer

screen.

Ideally, a family should have a local park within walking distance which can then be used for a family picnic or to meet up with other families.

The family backyard is shrinking in size with increasing density of housing making it even more important that there is a local community space where children can ride their bikes, play football and just run, jump and climb.

Debbie Notara, Umina Beach

Once a fantastic family beach

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But now it's just scrub full of rubbish and derelicts.

Our once beautiful view to Lion Island and Palm Beach cannot be seen for the mounds of sand piled high against the footpath and the overgrown scrub.

The old ugly toilet block stands with the best view in the area with broken bottles and needles strewn around.

Brian Collis, Empire Bay Waters.

I for one remember Ettalong Beach as a fantastic family beach with hundreds of holiday visitors, kiddies in their canoes and sailing boats.

The sand was white; the beach was wide and the water crystal clear.

It was never a dune and it's not a coastal beach.

It's a beach within a river system that changes with the movement of the sand up and down Brisbane Waters.

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Give us our beach and our views back

I have read the letter the Peninsula News Forum this week from Shirley Hotchkiss regarding her concerns over the so-called "dunes" opposite the Ettalong Beach town centre and her statements about people such as the Mainstreet Co-ordinator Debra Wales and President Chamber of Commerce Matthew Wales.

For those of us who know the area well, I have fond memories of Ettalong Beach sitting on the old grass embankments watching the kids play in the safe waters with the canoes and sailing boats.

Those were the days (not so

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long ago) when Ettalong Beach was packed with young families and the town was alive with both residents and visitors.

But, alas, along came the dogooders in the 1980s and started

planting out the foreshore where our families used to play and created the hideous dune landscape that does nothing but obstruct views, overpower the beach, harbour drunks and hooligans and drives the families from the beach.

I can never remember the beach looking so poorly and the antisocial behaviour as bad as it is today.

It is an embarrassment when international and interstate visitors comment on the very poor presentation of Ettalong Beach, right through to Ocean Beach.

Please give us some local politicians who will have the guts to support Ms Wales and give us what most ratepayers want - our beach and our views back

Michael Pearson, Blackwall

Fast ferry wanted

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I refer to recent articles by Margaret Lund of Woy Woy and Ed James of Umina who complain about potential positive changes for our community, in particular the fast ferry project for Ettalong.

Do they purport to be the experts on this multi-million dollar ferry operation?

Are they trying to sabotage the project by contacting the fast ferry brokers and owners of shipping companies as they write in their published articles?

Haven't these people heard the words "breach against the Fair Trade Practices Act"?

Are these people not aware that

anyone, who is caught working against a company to cause financial damage or prevent a business transaction can be sued under the Fair Trade Practise Act?

These people are way out of their depths and should be mindful of legal implications.

The majority of residents on the Peninsula are tired of hearing from the same people who exercise their extreme points of view.

The majority of the Peninsula residents want positive change and a future for their children.

We want the fast ferry to happen.

Daryl Lynch, Ettalong Beach

Only used by drunks and drug users

In response to the latest letter by Shirley Hotchkiss of Umina and the outlandish claims of ice caps melting and sea levels rising and hurricane Katrina blowing down the Brisbane Waters of Margaret Lund and Michael Gillian, it's time to use some common sense.

The Ettalong town beach is not a dune.

Any layman knows the town

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centre is sitting on what was once a coastal dune area hundreds of years ago.

For the past 100 years, it has always been a public beach.

Historic photos and original families will contest to that.

In the 60s and 70s, I was one of hundreds of kids who hired out Gilbert's canoes and enjoyed the long stretch of beautiful beach while our families sat up on the

grass watching over us.

Today the beach has been neglected and the only people using it are drunks and drug users.

Our hard earned rates have been spent on tons of studies and plans and I for one say enough is enough.

We want to see our Ettalong town beach returned to a beautiful beach for everyone to use as it was 20 years ago.

Janet Kissane, Umina Beach

Community work with pride and dignity

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I had the pleasure of attending a fundraising evening at the Ettalong cinema complex on Monday evening, October 24.

This event was held in conjunction with the Oyster Festival, which is to be held on Woy Woy Waterfront on November 13, and to introduce the entrants for the Oyster Queen and Charity Queen.

No less than 11 young ladies represent local business.

The money they raise is to be donated to cancer research.

This event was run by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and, of course, introduced by its president, Matthew Wales, and ably assisted by other people,

including his wife and local activist Debra Wales.

Where would the Peninsula be without the generosity of the Wales family?

I personally had no idea just how many activities they were involved in that gave local families such pleasure, entertainment and community focus.

They carry out their community work with great pride and dignity.

I am personally very fed up with the whingers who continue to knock this fine community-spirited family and yet do nothing constructive themselves.

Jayne Mote, Umina Beach

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New consultant study

Gosford Council's study of Middle Creek, Pearl Beach, will be taken over by another consultant, according to council's floodplain management committee.

A member of the committee recently tabled a report explaining a recent change in the situation of the study consultant, Coffey Geoscience Pty Ltd, resulting "in the need for a review of its contract with council".

The committee was advised that negotiations were underway with Coffey to ensure a smooth "novation" of the contract to some

other suitable consultant without excessive time delays.

It was advised that further advice would be reported back to the committee when available.

It was also reported at the meeting of September 1, that the latest study status showed the details of two additional tasks added to the works.

A financial report stated that "the aforementioned additional tasks have increased the consultant's upper limiting fee by \$5300, from \$42,470 to \$47,770", all sums excluding GST.

Council agenda FM.003, October 4



West St Umina

End of year picnic

The National Parks and Wildlife Discovery walks will be having an end of year picnic on Monday, December 5.

Everyone is welcome to join the picnic at Patonga including occasional, regular or new walkers.

The discovery guide will share a unique insight on a meander along the water, beachcombing, looking at sea grasses and inhabitants.

Participants can also sit

and enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

They are asked to bring a plate of food to share, drinks, a chair and sun protection.

The event is free and participants can meet at the public wharf at Patonga.

The event will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

For bookings contact 4320 4205.

Newsletter, November 1 National Parks and Wildlife

Residents' association meets

The newly-formed Peninsula Residents Association Inc has been formally incorporated and is meeting on Saturday, November 19, at 2pm at the Ettalong Progress Hall.

The association, formed to represent the interests of Peninsula residents, has made a

submission about the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy to the Gosford Council Strategy Policy Workshop to be held on Tuesday, November 15.

The workshop will be looking at planning processes, development of Peninsula town centres, consultation process for the strategy, population increases and other issues.

The association is recommending council adopt "the Noosa model" of community consultation and low-rise, well-designed town centres, said secretary Ms Sheelagh

Noonan.

"This model has been proven to be very successful economically, socially and environmentally and benefits the community and tourism," Ms Noonan said.

All members of the Peninsula who support the association's objectives are welcome, she said.

For more information, contact Sheelagh Noonan on 0419 609 942.

Press release, November 11 Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association

New menu at Pearl Beach

The new owners of the Pearl Beach café have introduced a new menu focusing on fresh local produce.

They are upgrading the décor and comfort levels.

But the friendly service and casual relaxed atmosphere will remain, according to owners Annie and John.

Annie and John have changed the name from Pearl Beach's Sit-'n-Chat cafe to Pearl Beach General Store & Café, since they have also taken over the store.

Four years ago they bought a Pearl Beach weekender, which they have now made their permanent home.

Their sons Max, 14, and Konrad, 10, are delighted at the prospect of endless boogie-boarding, swimming and mountain biking in the surrounding National Park.

"A friend told us some time ago that his biggest regret was not

spending enough time with his children," said John.

"We don't want to repeat that mistake.

"So we have moved to an idyllic environment and have taken on a local enterprise which gives us more time for family life."

John and Annie said the café's emphasis was on high quality, uncomplicated food that kept diners coming back for more."

Head chef Mr Rob Denoord is cooking high-grade meats, freshly caught seafood, free-range eggs and local fruit and vegetables.

Mr Denoord, who formerly owned his own restaurant, said he was

delighted with the emphasis on top quality produce for his modern Australian cuisine.

The café will continue to have live jazz every second Saturday.

The general store also has a strong focus on quality items, sourced where possible from local firms.

John has recruited new staff and says these have quickly blended into the 13-strong team.

John said the team are all local people, some living in Pearl Beach.

Press release, November 3 David Frost, neighbour

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New consultant study

Gosford Council's study of Middle Creek, Pearl Beach, will be taken over by another consultant, according to council's floodplain management committee.

A member of the committee recently tabled a report explaining a recent change in the situation of the study consultant, Coffey Geoscience Pty Ltd, resulting "in the need for a review of its contract with council".

The committee was advised that negotiations were underway with Coffey to ensure a smooth "novation" of the contract to some

other suitable consultant without excessive time delays.

It was advised that further advice would be reported back to the committee when available.

It was also reported at the meeting of September 1, that the latest study status showed the details of two additional tasks added to the works.

A financial report stated that "the aforementioned additional tasks have increased the consultant's upper limiting fee by \$5300, from \$42,470 to \$47,770", all sums excluding GST.

Council agenda FM.003, October 4



West St Umina

End of year picnic

The National Parks and Wildlife Discovery walks will be having an end of year picnic on Monday, December 5.

Everyone is welcome to join the picnic at Patonga including occasional, regular or new walkers.

The discovery guide will share a unique insight on a meander along the water, beachcombing, looking at sea grasses and inhabitants.

Participants can also sit

and enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

They are asked to bring a plate of food to share, drinks, a chair and sun protection.

The event is free and participants can meet at the public wharf at Patonga.

The event will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

For bookings contact 4320 4205.

Newsletter, November 1 National Parks and Wildlife

Residents' association meets

The newly-formed Peninsula Residents Association Inc has been formally incorporated and is meeting on Saturday, November 19, at 2pm at the Ettalong Progress Hall.

The association, formed to represent the interests of Peninsula residents, has made a

submission about the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy to the Gosford Council Strategy Policy Workshop to be held on Tuesday, November 15.

The workshop will be looking at planning processes, development of Peninsula town centres, consultation process for the strategy, population increases and other issues.

The association is recommending council adopt "the Noosa model" of community consultation and low-rise, well-designed town centres, said secretary Ms Sheelagh

Noonan.

"This model has been proven to be very successful economically, socially and environmentally and benefits the community and tourism," Ms Noonan said.

All members of the Peninsula who support the association's objectives are welcome, she said.

For more information, contact Sheelagh Noonan on 0419 609 942.

Press release, November 11 Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association

New menu at Pearl Beach

The new owners of the Pearl Beach café have introduced a new menu focusing on fresh local produce.

They are upgrading the décor and comfort levels.

But the friendly service and casual relaxed atmosphere will remain, according to owners Annie and John.

Annie and John have changed the name from Pearl Beach's Sit-'n-Chat cafe to Pearl Beach General Store & Café, since they have also taken over the store.

Four years ago they bought a Pearl Beach weekender, which they have now made their permanent home.

Their sons Max, 14, and Konrad, 10, are delighted at the prospect of endless boogie-boarding, swimming and mountain biking in the surrounding National Park.

"A friend told us some time ago that his biggest regret was not

spending enough time with his children," said John.

"We don't want to repeat that mistake.

"So we have moved to an idyllic environment and have taken on a local enterprise which gives us more time for family life."

John and Annie said the café's emphasis was on high quality, uncomplicated food that kept diners coming back for more."

Head chef Mr Rob Denoord is cooking high-grade meats, freshly caught seafood, free-range eggs and local fruit and vegetables.

Mr Denoord, who formerly owned his own restaurant, said he was

delighted with the emphasis on top quality produce for his modern Australian cuisine.

The café will continue to have live jazz every second Saturday.

The general store also has a strong focus on quality items, sourced where possible from local firms.

John has recruited new staff and says these have quickly blended into the 13-strong team.

John said the team are all local people, some living in Pearl Beach.

Press release, November 3 David Frost, neighbour

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Volunteers wanted for study

The Peninsula Medical Centre is looking for volunteers aged between 45 and 80 with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease for a new study.

The Aridol Challenge test, developed by Australian researchers and under licence to local specialist pharmaceutical company Pharmaxis Ltd, could potentially change the way that doctors treat the disease.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the name given to the family of lung diseases that includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

The Aridol Challenge test is a simple bronchial provocation test (up to 25 minutes long) that requires the patient to inhale small doses of mannitol, a naturally-occurring sugar that has been specially formulated for inhalation.

The way in which the patient's airways react to the test may indicate whether or not they will respond to specific treatments, such as inhaled corticosteroids.

Doctors then use the results of this test to measure the patient's disease severity and determine which medications and what dosage are needed to treat it.

According to Professor Peter Frith, principal coordinating investigator and Head of Respiratory Services at Adelaide's Flinders Medical Centre, participation in this study will help Australian doctors diagnose the severity of a patient's disease, assess their need for medication both simply and accurately, and monitor how effectively their medication is working.

This will permit treatment of a person's disease using the most appropriate medication.

Joey Scouts visit Boronia Court

The Umina Joey Scouts will visit the Central Coast Community Care Association at Boronia Court as part of its Care and Share month, according to assistant Joey Scout leader Ms Marie Pilon.

To receive a badge during Care and Share month, Joey Scouts must run one month of programs with a care and share theme and visit in the community during the month.

The Joey Scouts will visit the community care association on November 16.

"We will this week make residents a card," Ms Pilon said.

"We hope to play games with the residents and tell stories to them and sing some songs."

Ms Pilon said the group currently had 12 members, aged six to eight, and would like to increase its numbers.

Press release, November 7
Marie Pilon, Umina Scouts

Doctors are seeking volunteers who meet certain criteria for the 13-week study.

Participants must be aged 45 to 80 years old, have mild-to-moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, are a current or ex-smoker and have a bad cough or are often short of breath.

According to Dr Michael Crookes, a general practitioner at the Peninsula Medical Centre, the study is open to adults of both sexes with symptoms of the disease.

"This could include those people who have recently been diagnosed, or those who have been experiencing symptoms for some time and have been using medications, such as inhaled corticosteroids, as part of their treatment," said Dr Crookes.

Dr Crookes said people who want to volunteer for the study could call the Australian Lung Foundation hotline on 1800 818 545 or visit www.lungnet.org.au to register their interest by December 19.

Volunteers are required to attend treatment centres at the Peninsula Medical Centre, Umina.

Once eligibility is confirmed, the patients would need to visit the treatment centre on four occasions over a period of 13 weeks.

The patients would be asked to complete questionnaires, undertake the test, perform lung function tests, take an inhaler for 12 weeks, and to keep a diary of their symptoms.

All patients enrolled in the study would receive quality medical care plus their transport expenses to and from appointments.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the most burdensome respiratory disease in Australia and the fourth most common cause of death.

The disease affects one in 10 Australians over the age of 45.

It is a disease in which the airways and air sacs inside the lungs are partially obstructed or destroyed, making it hard to breathe.

People with the disease suffer from constant coughing, excessive production of phlegm and increasing shortness of breath that restricts their physical capacity.

Press release, November 7
Viva Communications

Urged to give blood

Peninsula residents have been urged to give blood.

National blood stocks have been hit by low donor attendances due to the variable spring weather and Melbourne Cup festivities.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is running low in all blood groups, particularly in the O type blood group.

Peninsula residents have been asked to show their support by giving blood at Woy Woy Donor Centre, Woy Woy Hospital, Ocean



Woy Woy Aged Care Hostel residents visited the Blue Mountains

Building unveiled to honour Albert Quilkey

A special unveiling of the Albert Quilkey Education Centre was made at the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre in honour of the long serving past chairman.

The opening coincided with the retirement from the board of Mr Albert Quilkey and fellow board member George Arnott, both having served on the board since 1992.

The new wing of the nursing home was officially opened by chairman Mr Dennis McDonnell and general manager Ms Jennifer Eddy.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care held its general meeting on Thursday, October 27, to elect its new board members.

The board members for the next financial year include chairman Mr Dennis McDonnell, vice-chairman Mr Charles Brock, treasurer Mr Jack Carney and directors Jan Binstead, Ruth Collins, Alistair Knibb and Peter Swain.

More than 60 members of the community attended.

Residents of the Woy Woy

Community Aged Care Hostel recently returned from a holiday to the Blue Mountains and entertained guests at the meeting with an account of their holiday.

Residents of the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Nursing Home enjoyed a holiday in Port Stevens and an entertaining video recounted their adventure and the antics of staff who attended.

Visitors to the centre were given an insight into life in residential aged care which can be an enjoyable chapter in one's life, according to Ms Eddy.

Ms Eddy paid tribute to the staff for their dedication and commitment to the care of residents.

"You can have the best possible building and all the equipment, but without good staff you cannot provide quality care, and our staff are outstanding."

Both Ms Eddy and Mr McDonnell thanked the many volunteers and community groups who support Woy Woy Community Aged Care.

A special thank you was made to the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary which raised enough money this year to purchase three large screen plasma televisions for the residents lounge rooms.

"The meeting was a lot of fun and very informative," said Ms Eddy.

"Visitors enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea provided by the catering staff who had had a very busy week catering for the residents formal Masquerade Ball and Spring Luncheon."

Press release, November 9
Jennifer Eddy, Woy Woy

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Neil Packer awarded for tennis service

Everglades bowler and tennis advocate Mr Neil Packer has been presented with a sports achievement award by Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, for his service to tennis.

Mr Packer is a Grade 3 pennant bowler for Everglades but he has also contributed significantly to tennis.

For 20 years, he has been the proprietor of the Peninsula School of Tennis, where he has care, control and management of the tennis complex at Umina.

Mr Packer holds a Level 2 coaching certificate issued by

TennisAustralia, and has previously served as chairman of the Gosford District Tennis Association and the junior committee.

He has coached many District representative players, including State and Australian representatives.

His school has strong community ties with over 30 tennis scholarships being awarded to recipients this year alone.

Mr Packer's son, Dean, has contested tennis championships at the highest level and also plays Grade 2 pennant bowls at Everglades.

Newsletter, November 5
Everglades Country Club

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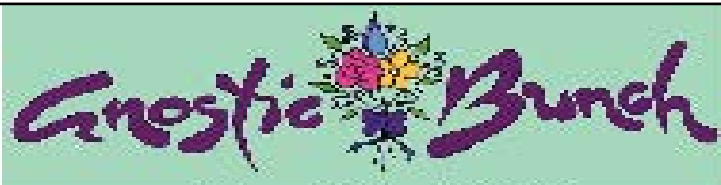
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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, 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

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 from 5.30pm, **Playgroup** 9 - 11am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Innovative Kids** 3.15 - 4.15pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm - 8pm, \$6, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment PCC enq: 4341 9333.

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 Learning - over 55's from 10am 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 EBMC 7pm

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 9.30am - 1pm and 7.30pm - 10.30pm, enq: 4341 6763,

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

Playgroup 10am - noon, **Weight Watchers** 5.30 - 7.30pm, **Tai Chi** 2 - 3pm, **School for Learning** 9am, **Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm 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.

Australian Bus Trips PCC

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.

Gambling and general counselling by appointment, **Yoga** 10am, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Tai Chi** 2pm - 3pm 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

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

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

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, enq. 4341 6763, **Weight Watchers** 10am, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm PCC

Computers, 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC** **Kindygy** 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.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721, WWLC

AI-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

Weight Watchers 8 - 10am, PCC

SUNDAY
First Sunday of every month
Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Enq: 4342 6995

Second Sunday of every month
Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am BWSC, Enq: 4341 9301

Buffalo **Lodge**, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, Buffalo **Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.

Troutadour **Acoustic Music** Club, 2pm CWAHWW Enq: 4342 9099

Third Sunday of every month
Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9-11am Enq: 43692486

Vietnam Vets, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm EBWMC

Ettalong **Creek Landcare** group,

Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.

Fourth Sunday of every month
Buffalo **Lodge**, Woy Woy 381, 11am, Buffalo **Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.

Burrawang Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dr playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.

Last Sunday of every month
Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market BBQ, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome, Enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday
Coast Community **Church Services** 9am & 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Tango concert is planned

A concert is planned for Sunday, November 20, in the Presbyterian Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"Takes Three to Tango" will feature tutors from the Central Coast Conservatorium including Leo Dellolio on piano and accordion, Sylvia Colegrove on violin and Liz Huggett on cello.

The trio will be playing the

tangos of Astor Piazzolla plus other Argentinian "surprises".

Tickets cost \$12 or \$5 for students.

The concert starts at 2.30pm and refreshments will be provided in the church hall following the concert.

Press release, November 2
Margaret Ricciardone, St David's Presbyterian Church

Comedy night at restaurant

A comedy night has been planned for the Red Door Oceanfront Restaurant at Umina Beach waterfront.

Presented by Star 100 and Paynie, the event will feature comedians Jackie Loeb, Fiona O'Loughlin and Chris Radburn.

Jackie Loeb has recently returned from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and has appeared on Joker Poker, Full Frontal and The Footy Show.

Alice Springs resident Fiona O'Loughlin, also recently returned



Fiona O'Loughlin

from Edinburgh, has appeared on Rove Live as well as Spicks and Specks.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be award winning comic Mr Chris Radburn, who was the Spikefest Comedy Competition winner last year and has also appeared on Joker Poker.

The comedy evening will take place on Sunday, November 20, from 6pm, and is a dinner and show event.

Press release, November 1
Back Stage Media

Novel launch in Umina

Local author and illustrator Jason Te Puia will launch his new novel, Legends of Maui, between 11am and 1pm on Saturday, November 26, at Book Bazaar in West St, Umina.

The illustrated novel was launched in New Zealand in July this year.

The story is based on Maui, a legend of New Zealand and Polynesian history.

Maui was credited with many great deeds, such as slowing the sun so the crops could grow, inventing nets so the people could catch fish and capturing the secret of fire.

The novel explores two of Maui's legendary exploits: Maui Slows the Sun and Maui Battles Tuna Roa, the Giant Eel.

They are re-told in the style of comic book superheroes.

Mr Te Puia's wife Michelle said stunning black and white illustrations and sharp story-telling set the scene and gave pace to each tale, re-told for a modern audience.

"Especially suited to early teen readers, the innovative treatment given to these traditional stories will make them a favourite," Ms Te Puia said.

"Jason first came up with the idea to illustrate Maui for a teen audience while he was battling leukemia in 2003.

"His daughter Charlotte was only two years old when he was given the horrible news that he had a life-threatening illness."

Mr Te Puia said it was because of the strength of his wife and daughter that he decided to pursue a dream of drawing while he was not working full-time and fighting for his life.

"With the birth of his second

child, a son, he fought harder to achieve his dreams," Ms Te Puia said.

"Not only had he beaten leukemia with the unforgettable help of his eldest brother with a bone marrow transplant, he has now achieved his dream of being published."

Mr Te Puia is continuing with his second graphic novel which explores The Secret of Fire and a yet to be decided legend of Maui.

He said he and his family looked forward to meeting everyone at the launch of his book.

He would discuss not only the many legends of Maui, but the process of drawing comics, his fight for life with leukemia and experiencing Maori and Polynesian culture.

Press release, November 7
Michelle Te Puia, Perfect Document Solutions



Guitarist Paul Regan and Bush Poet Graeme Johnson

Guitarist and poet at folk club

Guitarist Paul Regan and bush poet Graeme Johnson will both be appearing at the Troubadour Folk Club on Sunday, November 20.

Paul Regan is a fingerstyle guitar player who specialises in blues.

Graeme Johnson, billed as the Rhymer from Ryde, has been hired for major festivals all over the

country over the last 10 years.

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

For any further information on Troubadour activities, visit www.Troubadour.org.au

Press release, November 1
Cec Bucello, Troubadour Folk Club

On show in parliament

Two Bensville residents will be among 15 Central Coast artists to showcase some of their work at NSW Parliament House as part of a contemporary art exhibition.

It will showcase a range of styles including abstract expressionism and conceptual thought.

The artists have been promoted by eO inc, and their work is based on the theme of f3xit.

The exhibition opened on November 10 and runs until Friday, November 25.

Member of eO inc Ms Sharyn Walker said Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews had also put her support behind the venture.

Press release, November 4
Sharyn Walker, eO inc

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Education



Music students win national awards

Brisbane Water Secondary College students have taken out half of the awards in the recent National Kool Skools competition.

The college received 24 nominations for 16 categories at the recent awards night, where students also got to perform.

From these nominations, the students won eight of the 16 categories.

Last term, senior music students from the college travelled to Sydney to record a CD of their own music for the competition.

Eighteen students worked from 10am to 3am recording the CD, filming a video clip and designing the CD cover over a three-day period.

This CD and video were then entered into the National Kool Skools competition.

Winners included Megan Purcell, Mitchell Clews, and Billy Burgess for Best Ballad (Triangle), Amy Price, Mitchell Clews, Jaryd Wise, Tyler Bennison, and Cameron Vadala for Best Cover Song (Gone), Chris Hull for Best Cover Art for the CD, Tessa Nuku for composing Best Pop/Rock Track (Empty), Tessa Nuku, Ellie Plummer, and James Luke for Best Pop/Rock Band and Beau Rankin, and Megan Purcell for Best Hip Hop/Programmed Track (Nightmares and Dreams).

Overall winners included Max Harwood for Best Male Vocal and Tyler Bennison, Mitchell Clews, and Billy Burgess as "Cloud City" for Best Mainstream Rock Track

(Shut Me Down).

"This has been another outstanding performance by the college music department and students who have made a name for themselves and the college over the four years of the contest," said college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"Through this competition, the college has established itself as an outstanding school for the development to the highest level of musical talent."

The award winning CD, Pleasant Memories and Fond Regrets, is available for sale from the music departments or office on both campuses of the college for \$10.

**Press release, November 9
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Career program is launched

Local career and training opportunities will increase for students at Brisbane Water Secondary College after the recent launch of a program at the Woy Woy Campus, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"Creating Our Future" will combine information for Year 10 students and opportunities for businesses.

The program is supported by the Ettalong Beach Club and the Beacon Foundation.

Campus principal Mr David Beattie said information for students would include what their options were with further education, training, career possibilities and business expectations.

There was an invitation to business to become more directly involved with the college.

"We are able to offer companies a wide range of involvement, including education working parties, traineeships and apprenticeships, work experience, workplace learning, mentoring, sponsoring or supporting students, teachers, subjects or classes, and mock

interviews," said Mr Beattie.

"It can give businesses more direct access to highly-educated potential employees who are better skilled and better prepared for work, as well as raising the business' profile in the school and wider community.

"The students who are involved will get specific, local, practical information about what their options are, how to go about pursuing them through school or training, and exactly what modern employers expect."

The Ettalong Beach Club also announced a number of traineeships at the launch.

The program also involves the Beacon Foundation, a national not-for-profit organisation encouraging young people to shape their own future by being aware of their options and making a public commitment to planning their careers, further education or training.

The launch took place at the Ettalong Beach Club on Wednesday, November 2.

**Press release, October 31
David Beattie, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Form helps for kindergarten

A form to help schools start children in kindergarten has been designed by a Peninsula working party.

The Peninsula Transition-to-School Working Party comprises representatives from local preschools, schools and Beachside Family Centre and has been meeting over the last year in an attempt to help families with children starting kindergarten.

The group has developed a transition form to be filled out with the permission of the parents so that information can be given to the school to help their new kindergarten child to settle in.

"The transition form is being trialed by a number of preschools and child care centres on the Peninsula and will be evaluated by the Transition to School Working Party in 2006," according to working party member Ms Debbie Notara.

"The working party also aims to provide information to parents about the process of starting school.

"Starting school is an important step in a young child's life and parents often struggle to know whether their child is ready or not.

"Children develop at different rates and learn skills in different ways.

"It is the school's task to respond to the needs, learning styles and rates of progress of individual students.

"Schools plan learning

experiences based on the skills students bring to school."

Ms Notara said the working party had adapted Education Department material to create a list of skills suggested for most children suited to starting kindergarten.

"Starting school may be just a little easier if they have these skills," she said.

The list included language skills, personal and social skills, physical skills and skills in mathematics.

"Talk to the kindergarten teacher and together you can support and assist your child's learning," she said.

"Transition to School programs are also an opportunity to discuss your child's school readiness."

**Press release, November 10
Debbie Notara, Transition to
School Working Party**

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Projects on display

Environmental awareness projects from schools in the Peninsula area have been displayed by Gosford Council recently.

Empire Bay and Pretty Beach primary school had their projects displayed at the Kincumber village shopping centre from October 31 to November 4.

Woy Woy South and Umina Primary School will have their projects displayed at the "Waste as Art Expo" at the Erina Centre, Erina Fair, from November 29 until December 4.

Winning schools and individuals will receive prizes and awards at the presentation ceremony to be held at Laycock St Theatre on Friday, November 25

**Press release, November 6
Community Environment Network**



Schools combine for concert

Public schools on the Peninsula have combined to present a performing arts concert.

All primary schools and the two campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College last week presented the concert to a very appreciative audience, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"In another first for public schooling on the Peninsula, 25 acts featuring singing, dancing, gymnastics, and a brilliant display of soccer ball control, were performed.

"The evening displayed the vast array of talent of Peninsula young people of all ages," Mr Lewis said.

"Among the acts were some outstanding solo singing from Phoebe Woodhead from Point Clare, Kristie McGlone from

Ettalong, Rachael from BWSC Umina, and Tessa Nuku and Megan Purcell from BWSC Woy Woy.

"All of the dance items were energetic and colourful, particularly Woy Woy South's Singing in the Rain, Empire Bay's Save the Worms, and Woy Woy's The Little Match Girl.

"The audience were also treated to wonderful exhibitions of Aboriginal dance from Empire Bay and from the Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts group.

"Dancers from both BWSC campuses demonstrated the further skills these young dancers could look forward to learning as they graduate into the college."

Mr Lewis said choirs from Ettalong, Empire Bay, and Umina primary schools sang beautifully and the evening concluded with all

of these choirs combined under the baton of Ettalong's Karen Morrow.

"Together with Sue Gillan, also from Ettalong, Karen made a dynamic duet in arranging the concert and keeping acts flowing smoothly on the night," Mr Lewis said.

"Again, John Maxwell and his extremely professional entertainment students from the college provided all lighting and sound which added greatly to the success of the evening.

"All participating schools were most grateful for the efforts of these three teachers and the students as well as to the teachers who had prepared students for all of the acts on the night."

**Press release, November 9
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



Aidan was a top speller

Pretty Beach resident Aidan Clout was one of 50 of the state's top spellers to take part in the Junior and Senior State Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee on Wednesday, November 9.

Aidan Clout is 11 and a Year 5 student at Pretty Beach Public School.

Aidan took part in the finals at the Eugene Goossens Hall of the ABC Centre, but did not win the competition.

"The finalists come from 47 schools across NSW - from Cobar in the far west of the state; to Cronulla in Sydney's south; and from Albury in the south; to Evans Head on the North Coast," said the Minister for education and training, Ms Carmel Tebbutt.

Ms Tebbutt said more than 1500 students from over 400 NSW

schools took part in the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee in September.

This is almost twice the number that took part in last year's inaugural Spelling Bee.

The spelling bee was open to students in public schools in two divisions - students in Years 3 and 4, and students in Years 5 and 6.

The words were arranged into several categories: general and reading, science and mathematics, words of the past, and words from other languages.

All words used in the competition were provided by the editors of Macquarie dictionary.

All finalists will receive prizes donated by Macquarie Dictionary and Franklin Electronics.

**Press release, November 2
Sven Wright, Department of
Education and Training**

Appointed as principal

Umina Public School deputy principal Mr Matthew Ward has been appointed the principal of Wyong Grove public school commencing in January next year, according to principal Mr John Blair.

"Mr Ward has been one of the deputy principals at this school since last year and has contributed significantly to the effectiveness of Umina Public School," Mr Blair said.

"Mr Ward will certainly be missed

by the staff, students and parents alike but I am sure they will all wish him well as he prepares to take up his position as principal of his own school.

"A replacement for Mr Ward will be announced by the Department of Education's staffing unit later this year."

Mr Ward currently teaches students in the school's technology room.

**Newsletter, November 8
John Blair, Umina Beach Public
School**

Computer upgrade

Ettalong Public School recently had its computer system upgraded by staff of the Education Department.

This will allow students access to the most recent learning and

research programs.

The school's P&C provided some financial support for the upgrade.

**Newsletter, November 7
Ettalong Public School**

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Sports night for college

Brisbane Water Secondary College held its annual Sporting Excellence Presentation Night in a packed auditorium at Woy Woy Leagues Club recently.

Invited students and their parents from both campuses of the college, together with college staff, celebrated students' participation in sport throughout the year, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Special guest for the evening included former Soccerroos captain and defender, and now a part of the Central Coast Mariners, Alex Tobin.

Mr Tobin gave an insight into the world of international soccer, particularly the challenges and the exhilaration of playing in front of thousands of chanting South American fans, Mr Lewis said.

Early in the evening, 31 students received college sporting blues for representing Sydney North Area at State level.

Of these students, Robert Cross, Kevin Moore and Amanda Thorpe went on to become State champions in athletics.

Matt Jones played in the all-schools under-15 cricket.

Zac Dawes played in the CHS Open Softball.

Tyson Saunders played in the NSW wheelchair basketball team in the Pacific School Games.

Stevie Matamua represented NSW in Futsal, and Alex Brown toured the UK with the undefeated CHS Open Cricket side.

Aku Uate represented NSW in

the Open Rugby League team and then went on to star in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team, which defeated NZ Schoolboys in a three test series.

Other major awards on the night were made to Team of the Year - the Lawn Bowls team who won the state championship.

Mr Lewis said that the team was made up of Blake Butler, Wade Hayward, and Kevin Smith.

The team had had several years of near misses at state level and were finally rewarded this year for fine skills on the greens.

"For his all round sporting skill, sportsmanship, and school leadership, Alex Brown won the coveted Pierre Du Coubertin Award, while Michael Smith won the Rodney Fowler Sporting Award for his fine efforts in both Rugby and Rugby League," Mr Lewis said.

"Choosing the Sportspersons of the Year from the vast array of talent within the college was extremely difficult with many state champions under consideration.

"The awards went to Amanda Thorpe and Jay Pilson (junior) and Holly Johnstone and Aku Uate (senior).

"This presentation ended another outstanding year of sport for the college and both students and parents were very warm in their praise and thanks for the teachers who gave vast amounts of time and effort to coaching individuals and teams."

**Press release, November 9
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



More than 8000 people celebrated the opening of the Peninsula Leisure Centre

Thousands at official opening

Over 8000 people joined in the official opening celebrations of the Peninsula Leisure Centre at Woy Woy on Saturday, October 29, according to marketing manager Ms Neta Simak.

They were the first of the 400,000 or more visitors expected at the Centre each year.

Crowds began gathering well before Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher officially opened the \$25 million complex, one of the biggest regional centres of its kind in Australia.

Cr Maher was joined by Mary Anne Nemes from East Gosford and Gladys Marsh from Woy Woy

in cutting the red ribbon.

In 1967, Mary Anne was chosen to present flowers to Sir Roden Cutler during the laying of the foundation stone for the original Woy Woy pool.

A year later, Gladys presented flowers to the then Prime Minister's wife, Bettina Gorton, at the opening of the pool.

Mary Anne and Gladys both received flowers at the official opening of the leisure centre.

"It was a wonderful idea to give flowers back to these two ladies who have witnessed the growing sport of swimming over many years on the Peninsula," Cr Maher said.

"Highlights of the day included a

basketball clinic, netball, water polo and scuba diving demonstrations, a variety of health and fitness activities, and indoor soccer with the Mariners," Ms Simak said.

With Central Coast Radio broadcasting live from the event, the activities, all day stalls and entertainment culminated in a fireworks display at 7pm.

Telstra donated a signed Newcastle Knights jersey which was raffled to raise funds for the Woy Woy Swim Club.

The jersey was won by Woy Woy resident, Lee Gavenlock.

**Press release, November 1
Neta Simak, Peninsula Leisure
Centre**

Bowls committee elected

The annual meeting of the Men's Bowls Section at Everglades Country Club saw 98 members voting for the positions of president, vice-presidents and committee.

Elected were president Mr Sid Smith, vice-presidents Mr Brian Selwood and Howard Frankland, secretary Mr Ray Benton and treasurer Mr Doug Rose.

Other committee members were

Stan Johnson, Les Maguire, Barry O'Connor, Max Rutter and Kevin Wyborn.

Pennant selectors were Neal Ellis, Barry O'Connor and Gordon Robertson.

Social selectors were Peter Darcy, Stan Johnson, Les Maguire and Peter Taylor.

Publicity officer was Mr Ray Benton.

**Newsletter, November 5
Everglades Country Club**

Cash prizes in bowls competition

Ettalong Memorial Bowls Club has been accepted to play in a new competition with a total prize pool of \$20,000.

The XXXX Gold Invitational Big Bowls Challenge competition is the brainchild of Wallsend Bowling Club secretary manager Mr Greg Luck and bowls coordinator Mr Clay Parker, and involves six a side (Singles, Pairs and Triples) competition.

It will be played of an evening starting at 6pm, with five home games and five away games.

Participating clubs include Nelson Bay, Wallsend, Valentine, Redhead, East Maitland, Alder Park, Beresfield, Kurri Kurri, Ettalong Memorial and Halekulani.

Each club is allowed one marque player and Shane Garvey will take the Singles spot for Ettalong.

The top five clubs will play-off for the lucrative prize money on offer, with the outright winning club taking home \$10,000.

Each club has put up \$5000 to participate, which covers an extensive advertising and promotional campaign on Prime TV, the supply of coloured uniforms

including coloured trousers, the renaming of each side (the Ettalong "Eagles") and a lucrative prize pool.

Each club is seeking to cover this nomination fee through sponsorship support.

The games will be played under

International Rules.

Players will wear a gold cap, and a yellow jack will be used.

The competition started on Friday evening, November 11, with the Halekulani Hornets playing the Eagles at Ettalong.

Cec Bucello, November 10

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Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day was observed at the Woy Woy Cenotaph on November 11.

The assembly gathered at 10.55am, with one minute's silence at 11am, after the sounding of the Last Post.

A member of the RSL then gave the oath of allegiance followed by Reveille, the Lord's Prayer, and then a lesson.

A Minister then spoke of the solemn act of commemoration and the hymn "Abide with Me" was sung.

This was followed by the placing of wreaths and the address.

Following a Benediction, ashes were scattered and the national anthem was played.

Lyle Stone, November 11

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