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Residents ignored on traffic plan

Liberal representative for Peats Ms Debra Wales has said that Gosford Council has ignored the concerns of many residents on the Peninsula regarding the Ocean Beach Traffic Study reported to last Tuesday night's council meeting.

"After numerous petitions, letters and presentations to councillors, the residents concerns of the Peninsula have been completely ignored," said Ms Wales.

"I have already voiced concerns over the proposed two sets of traffic lights to be installed on Ocean Beach at Dunban and MacMasters Rd instead of the studies' recommended choice of two lane roundabouts.

"I have also pushed for pedestrian lights at the South Woy Woy Primary School which has been completely ignored by Council at last Tuesday's meeting,' said Ms Wales.

"What is more disturbing is that Dorothy Ave is to be closed for a bus bay to be constructed despite the objections by residents.

"They have been completely ignored.

"Nearly all the residents of Dorothy Ave and surrounding streets have lodged an objection with council and yet, no where in the report to councillors is this stated.

"In fact, what is more disturbing is that council was informed at a recent presentation that the residents did not have an objection to the closure of their street," said Ms Wales.

"This will force residents to use Onslow St which is little more than a goat track at present. This is very short-sighted."

Ms Wales said that council's report is recommending the installation of two sets of traffic lights at Dunban Rd and MacMasters Rd together with the making of a clearway on Ocean Beach Rd for a cycle lane which will take away parking for many residents in front of their homes.

"Council is justifying the traffic lights based on the supposed pedestrian desire lines at Rogers Park," Ms Wales said.

"Yet council has conceded that they have not even undertaken a pedestrian count on Ocean Beach to qualify this assumption.

"It is simple commonsense that you would place the pedestrian lights where school children and residents are crossing at South Woy Woy Primary rather than down the road where people don't

"This proposal is absurd.

"At a time when we are already experiencing long delays at the recently installed traffic lights on Blackwall Rd, it seems ridiculous to contemplate more traffic lights at Dunban and MacMasters Rd.

"The recommended roundabouts in the traffic report are more practical and keep the traffic

"If council can spend a million dollars constructing a roundabout at a T-intersection on a fairly quiet Mt Ettalong Rd, then surely it's good enough for a busy Ocean Beach Rd.'

Press release, November 24 Ms Debra Wales

The Umina Beach Bowling Club which is currently under administration

Bowling club decision expected

Umina Bowling Club CEO Mr Greg Rand has said that a general meeting and extra ordinary general meeting to be held yesterday (Sunday, November 27) would decide the outcome of the club.

An information meeting was held at the club last Wednesday, at which Merrylands RSL representatives addressed the meeting.

This information was received very well, according to Mr Rand.

Mr Rand said that MC Holdings, another group interested in taking over the club, had declined to attend the meeting.

Bowling publicity Umina officer Mr John Worton said that everything looked "rosy" with a proposed amalgamation with Merrylands RSL

"Merrylands RSL gave a talk on Wednesday at 6pm and they said that everything would stay the same," Mr Worton said.

Mr Worton said that the Merrylands representatives stated that the club would be run the same way, and that they would keep the

"All their directors came up, and about 200 people turned up to the meeting," Mr Worton said.

"They have given a lot of money to charity over the years, and they like to put their staff through courses, and train people properly," Mr Worton said.

"That's what we need.

"They also said if they have to

inject money into the club, they

Mr Worton said they were also looking at upgrading the catering.

"You have got to have good catering to get people into the club," Mr Worton said.

Mr Worton also said that MC Holdings had asked the club to postpone the general meeting for two weeks.

A letter detailing the Merrylands proposal was posted to every member of the club, according to

The letter stated that "should the amalgamation be approved, the club would continue to support local community groups and charities serving the Umina Beach community and would work closely with the local business sector to meet the needs of this area".

The name of the club would also be maintained, as would the three bowling greens.

Merrylands representative also proposed to establish a consultative committee comprising two elected representatives each from the men's bowlers, women's bowlers, and social members, to advise the management on club matters.

All current members of the club would automatically become members of Merrylands RSL upon the completion of the amalgamation process, and be entitled to all of the rights and benefits of membership.

It was also stated that "at the time of amalgamation" all current staff employed at Umina Beach

Bowling Club would retain existing positions, salaries and all accrued entitlements.

The letter stated that the amalgamation would release the club from its debt of \$3.3 million.

It also stated that there would be no compulsory rent or consultancy charges attached to the amalgamation agreement.

"If amalgamation proceeds, Merrylands RSL management will strengthen trading performance of the Umina Beach Bowling Club in all areas of food, beverage and gaming," the letter stated.

"Umina Beach will have access to specialist managers in all administrative areas to assist in delivering improved services for members and better outcomes for the Club."

The letter further stated that it was proposed to develop a full master plan for the Umina Beach Bowling Club to identify potential future building expansion and enhancement projects that would "improve amenities and strengthen the financial performance of the

It is proposed to develop close links between the members of Merrylands RSL and those in Umina Beach and to encourage regular visitation to Umina Beach Club by Merrylands residents to strengthen the local economy and increase the holiday trade in the

Lyle Stone, November 25

Work proceeds on dunes

Gosford Council has released information of various projects on the Peninsula that are commencing this week or continuing at the present time.

These include projects at Ettalong, Patonga and Woy Woy.

The works at Ettalong involve restoration of dunes at the Ettalong foreshore.

The works at Woy Woy involve the construction of drives and footpaths on Gallipoli Ave, the pouring of cycleway cement on Brisbane Water Dr and investigations into North Burge and Brickwharf Rds.

Pipe drainage has also been planned for Patonga Dr, Patonga.

Press release, November 22 Karen Weber, Gosford Council

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No action on laneway

Gosford Council's has resolved that no further action be taken to close the east-west laneway between Cambridge St and Wellington St, Umina Beach, following a decision two years ago to defer the matter.

Council resolved in May 2003 to defer a request for the permanent closure of the unnamed laneway to allow an inspection of the site.

In September 2003 councillors referred the matter back to the committee to investigate the use of a midblock closure at the eastwest section of the laneway.

A report from the committee stated that a site inspection showed that the two north-south laneways between Cambridge St and Wellington St were closed to through traffic and that the eastwest laneyway provided access to the rear of properties and was unlikely to attract through traffic.

Council agenda TR 03.080, November 22

Grant for pool's memorial plaque

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced that \$4000 has been granted to restore the large memorial plaque located at the front of the new Peninsula Leisure Centre.

"The plaque is a symbol to preserve the memory of those who have lost their lives defending Australia," Mr Lloyd said.

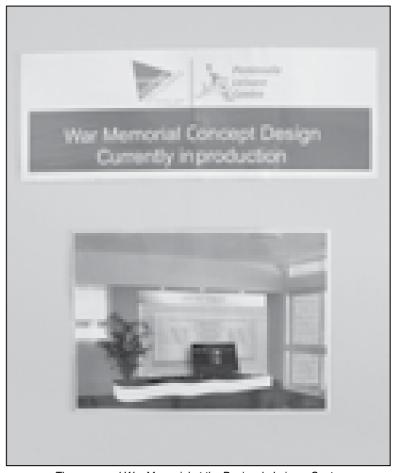
"It's extremely important that the new facility continues the same tradition that was very much part of the former Memorial Pool.

"I am pleased Gosford Council has decided to retain the memorial plaque at the new Peninsula Leisure Centre and I am sure it will be welcomed by the large veteran community on the Peninsula."

The funding has been provided through the Australian Government initiative Saluting Their Service Commemorations program which aimed to honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

The Australian Government contributed \$1.5 million towards building the centre as promised in the last election and consequently the new Peninsula Leisure Centre was officially opened on November

Press release, November 21 Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd



The proposed War Memorial at the Peninsula Leisure Centre

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Council agrees to traffic lights

Gosford Council has resolved to adopt the Ocean Beach Rd traffic management study in principal, with traffic lights at Dunban and McMasters Rds.

The council decision came amid concerns about parking and traffic management devices.

Liberal representative for Peats Ms Debra Wales and local residents Mr Kevin Firth and Mr Raymond Butler were among those who expressed concerns over parts of the strategy.

According to a council report, Ms Wales sent letters to local residents stating disapproval for the use of traffic signals as opposed to roundabouts at the Dunban Rd and McMasters Rd intersections with Ocean Beach Rd.

The report stated that Ms Wales said council was proposing to make Ocean Beach Rd a clearway, meaning no parking for the entire length and both sides of Ocean Beach Rd.

According to the council report, the letter appeared to have generated 68 submissions to council over the strategy, with 61 on a form letter apparently forwarded with Ms Wales letter to residents, and eight letters received from residents of Ocean Beach Rd.

A report from council's traffic committee stated that a the provision of traffic signals (including pedestrian facilities) at the Ocean Beach Rd intersection with Dunban Rd and McMasters Rd was favoured over roundabouts.

It also stated that the area had a high pedestrian usage with the nearby golf, bowls and club facilities together with the community facilities including pedestrian access to the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The traffic management study proposed limited on-street parking for the full length of Ocean Beach Rd north of West St.

According to the council report,

this was all the available on-street parking after making provision for improved access from some side streets and for additional and improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities

Council's traffic committee also received a presentation from Mr Kevin Firth and Mr Raymond Butler who expressed concerns for the amenity of local roads in the vicinity of Dorothy Ave if it were closed at Ocean Beach Rd.

Issues included additional traffic in local roads, reduced access for emergency services and Dorothy Ave residents, the use of local streets to bypass the speed camera and the necessity for an on-road cycle lane if it means the loss of parking.

Council has now resolved to adopt the use of traffic signals at the Dunban Rd and McMasers Rd intersections with Ocean Beach Rd, and to advertise the permanent closure of Waratah St at Ocean Beach Rd for public comment.

The RTA has also been asked to investigate options for the McMasters Rd and Blackwall Rd intersection to provide improved east-west movements on the Peninsula.

Proposed changes to the road network in The School Mall, together with the permanent closure of Dorothy Ave at Ocean Beach Rd will also be advertised.

Council's project development and implementation unit has also been asked to fast track the design and implementation of facilities contained in the study to use existing Blackspot Program Funding.

On-going maintenance and capital upgrading needs of Boronia Ave, Dorothy Ave, Dunalban Ave, Watkin Ave, Mackenzie Ave and Onslow Ave will also be reviewed.

Council agenda TR 05.180,

November 22 St and the level crossing.



The vegetation on the Ettalong foreshore dunes as seen from the pool deck of the Outrigger Resort

Petitions support foreshore works

Gosford Council has received a petition with 347 signatures regarding the restoration of the Ettalong town beach foreshore.

The petition was sent by the Ettalong Beach Heritage

Committee on behalf of Peninsula and surrounding area residents.

The petition stated that they would like to see the Ettalong town beach restored for public use, the view reinstated and that property environmental protection structures are constructed.

The petitioners have asked council to undertake the upgrading of the town beach immediately as per the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management and the Patterson Britton Study.

Council agenda P.82, Novembe 22

Refuge

Gosford Council has resolved to install a pedestrian refuge in Rawson Rd, adjacent to Stoney Park, clear of the existing bus stop.

It has also resolved that its project development and implementation unit list the project for consideration of funding in a future capital works program.

Council's traffic committee was asked to consider a pedestrian refuge in Rawson Rd, as the unit was developing a footpath proposal in Rawson Rd between Waterview St and the level crossing.

Council agenda TR 05.178, November 22

Motorbike death investigated

Police are investigating a motorcycle crash in Woy Woy on November 14 which left one man dead and another in a critical condition.

Police went to Rawson Rd at Woy Woy About 11.30pm, after reports a motorcycle with two on board crashed into a parked car.

One of the men died at the scene while the other remained in a critical condition in Gosford Hospital.

Crash investigators remained at the scene until the early hours next morning.

Press release, November 15 Police Media



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Few parks meet basic needs

As we head into the holiday season and prepare for many guests to our Peninsula, it is embarrassing to look around at the state of the playgrounds and parks we have to offer for their, and our own, enjoyment.

As a mum of two active boys and a frequent park user, it is clear that there are few parks on the Peninsula that have all the basic requirements such as toilet facilities, well maintained and interesting play equipment for a diversity of ages, pleasant landscaping, picnic benches and adequate shade areas.

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A great park could be a huge drawcard for the area to attract tourists and can be something for the community to be proud about.

If the Peninsula had nice parks and places to play, tourists will stay longer and be willing to travel back for future visits.

The Umina oval area has been zoned as a site for regional development and is a worthy contender for significant improvement, development and beautification.

It is prime location for a feature attraction park and this would bring people and business to the

The Peninsula Families Action Group is working with council and the local community to direct a sustained campaign of improved maintenance and redevelopment for our parks and playgrounds.

It also has a long-term desire to see the Umina oval significantly upgraded to become a beautiful recreational and stimulating attraction for locals and tourists

Let's all work together to make this happen and be proud of our Peninsula parks.

Sarah Tolmie, Umina Beach

Not worthy of my vote

Self-proclaimed "independent" Cr Chris Holstein announced in the media last week that he would be joining the Liberal Party because he thinks he is a "strong credible alternate candidate".

After bagging the Liberal Party for years, he now wants to join them just when he can see that the

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seat of Peats might be winnable.

While others did all the hard work over the years, he thinks he can ride on their shirttails.

Well, I for one do not consider Mr Holstein as credible or worthy of my vote either in Council or the next State election.

Brian Collis, Empire Bay

Reforms could mean pension cuts

Australia's 3.5 million pensioners stand to have increases to their allowances cut as a result of the Coalition Government's controversial new industrial relations reforms.

Not only does the Australian Government want to abolish basic working conditions, they also intend removing the power of the Industrial Relations Commission to set the minimum wage.

This is not only bad for paid workers; it is also detrimental to pensioners

The pension in Australia is calculated according to the Social Security Act, 1991.

The Base Pension (ie. not the pension supplement) is indexed twice yearly based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) but is also benchmarked against Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) at 25 per cent.

March this year was the last time the pension went up.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes the CPI quarterly.

The Base Pension is then increased by the percentage change in the CPI over a six month period.

The new CPI indexed amount was then compared with the latest MTAWE figure.

As in previous years, if the new

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CPI indexed amount was less than 25 percent of MTAWE, an extra amount is added to the base single pension so that it is at least 25 per cent of MTAWE.

The MTAWE figure includes the earnings of men on the minimum or junior wages as well as higher paid workers.

The Australian Government wants to take the minimum wage settling powers away from the Industrial Relations Commission and give them to its handpicked Fair Pay Commission.

We can only wait to see how much of an oxymoron this name

The American equivalent hasn't increased their minimum wage since 1998.

The Fair Pay Commission will make its first minimum wage decision in late 2006, and the

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implementation of this pay rise 'adjustment' could be delayed even longer.

The incumbent Australian Government considers minimum wage too high: it wants to take penalty rates out of awards.

This will mean a catastrophic drop in wages for shift workers.

Naturally prices will continue to go up including the basic necessities of life (because of petrol prices of which more than 33 per cent goes to the Government in tax).

When the MTAWE goes down so will pensions.

This will mean pensioners will have difficulty paying skyrocketing bills for essentials such as food, housing transport and health services.

One must ask how are people going to save up enough in superannuation to afford a decent retirement?

The proposed industrial relations changes are unjust, regressive and will guarantee greater inequality.

The pension will be eroded in real terms relative to prices.

The IR changes must be opposed to prevent looming impoverishment of wage earners (the working poor will be a reality) and people on fixed incomes (pensions).

After 14 years of prosperity this is what we get offered.

These changes must be opposed.

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Mike Hudson, Umina Beach

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Repositioned

Gosford's Cr Chris Holstein has used local print media to publicly reposition himself for a more effective tilt at representing constituents at the next State elections.

I find it surprising that anyone at all would put himself or herself forward in an attempt to invigorate the Liberal Party offerings available for the new seat of Gosford.

It is also good to read that

Forum Cr Holstein is "shooting from the shoulder", unlike another

independent Gosford councillor Geoff Preece who actually retired. exposed as a Greens Party member.

Will Cr Holstein attempt to serve two masters or step down?

Edward James, Umina

Unbelievable metamorphosis

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In reference to the recent news of Cr Chris Holstein joining the Liberal Party, I remember well the Gosford Chamber Commerce of luncheon on February 12,

Cr Holstein was guest speaker as the independent candidate and proceeded to tell us all that if he won the State Election he would "push to get rid of the State Parliament and amalgamate Councils".

In fact, he said he would even have this in his maiden speech if elected into the NSW State Parliament!

This sort of remark is almost as unbelievable as his recent metamorphosis from independent to Liberal.

What can you say! Let's hope not another word

Janet Kissane, Umina Beach

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Council to review street upgrade

Gosford Council has resolved to review the proposed upgrade of Springwood St to determine the need for pedestrian facilities near Cooinda Retirement Village, following a request from Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews on behalf of the Cooinda Social Club.

The social club had asked for a crossing near the village to give them better access to the bus stop.

But a council report has stated that there were not enough pedestrians or traffic in the area to warrant a crossing.

The report stated that a traffic volume count had been taken in

Springwood St, south of Bangalow St, from 7am to 10am and 2pm to 5pm.

The report stated that "the maximum number of vehicles was 134 per hour in the morning and 163 per hour in the afternoon".

It also stated that the maximum number of pedestrians an hour in the morning was 10, with seven an hour in the afternoon.

The report also stated that Springwood St had been identified in council's three-year capital works plan but had not yet attracted funding.

The design for reconstruction would include a reduced width 7m carriageway

Council agenda TR 05.176, November 22



Woy Woy Community Aged Care Nursing Home residents and carers at Port Stephens

Photos wanted before demolition

Gosford Council's heritage committee has resolved to ask for photographs of St John the Baptist Church building in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, as part of any approval for a new building on the site.

The committee was told that the council had received a proposal for the demolition of an existing

building and construction of new buildings at St John the Baptist Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The committee recommended at its October 22 meeting that its assessing officer ask for drawings and photographs of internal and external views of the building for council's local studies librarian for its inclusion in council's archives.

Council agenda EH.12, \
November 22

Residents have a holiday

Eight residents from the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Nursing Home recently enjoyed a two-day holiday at O'Carrollyns at One Mile Beach, according to director of nursing Ms Margaret Khan.

"O'Carrollyns have fully equipped cabins set in five acres of bushland at One Mile Beach, Port Stephens," Ms Khan said.

"The cabins are fully accessible for the disabled, and are set in secluded bushland.

"This is the second year that the residents have had the opportunity to experience a holiday away from the nursing home with the staff."

Six carers and two volunteers accompanied the residents.

"A dolphin cruise was enjoyed on the second day of the holiday, an afternoon tea followed at the Nelson Bay Marina," Ms Khan said.

Retiring Woy Woy Community Aged Care board of directors chairman Mr Albert Quilkey and his wife Margaret also attended the dolphin cruise.

"Staff entertained residents with a concert on the last night," said Ms Khan

"We all look forward to returning to the same resort next year as everyone had such a wonderful time."

> Press release, November 22 Jennifer Eddy, Woy Woy Community Aged Care

Centre opens Saturdays

Woy Woy Environment Centre is now open regularly every Saturday morning from 10am to noon.

The new Saturday session will make it possible for people who work during the week to visit the centre, according to volunteer Zainem Ibrahim-Mann.

The centre will exhibit practical information about sustainable living, including saving energy and water, plus news and contact details of local environmental

organisations and initiatives.

Next year there will also be a series of talks and workshops on practical and local environmental issues on Saturday mornings.

The centre is also looking for a volunteers to help staff the Saturday sessions, and have asked those interested to contact Mark Mann or Zainem Ibrahim-Mann on 4342 6589.

Press release, November 14 Zainem Ibrahim-Mann

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caught the train to Edgecliff and then walked to **Paddington Bowling Club on** November 11.

There, I attended a NSW Council for Civil Liberties meeting for the inauguration of their new website at www.nswccl.org.au.

Contrary to the forebodings of a Sydney Morning Herald reporter that the meeting would only be attended by ageing hippies, it was in fact supported by a cornucopia of erudite intelligent young Australians together with a smattering of concerned citizens of all ages including myself.

The ABC science presenter, Mr Robin Williams, was the guest speaker.

He told a story of how in postwar Vienna, he was seduced by the tyranny of power over another

As an eight-year old informant. he was able to control the welfare of a homeless harmless female indiaent.

He continued by stating "several Australian University professors

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have repeated experiments to prove the ease by which ordinary people can betray their humaneness and torture or exterminate fellow citizens"

He opined that refusal to allow people their human rights is violence in itself.

Mr Williams concluded by asking all to support the work of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties.

The NSW Council for Civil Liberties identifies today's era as one of extreme danger to civil liberties.

The Council is the only body in NSW working to protect the

They would like everyone to become a subscription member, make a donation or bequest.

The Council does not receive any State or Federal government funding to pay for its operation.

The non-voluntary operational side consists of one overworked part-time paid employee and a spartan office in Glebe.

I compared this to the palatial governmental suites in Sydney and Canberra and the millions of dollars spent to promote or popularise governing party propaganda.

All Australian governments since 1901 have denied Australians their genuine human rights via a Bill of Rights.

If you think that human rights and civil liberties do not apply to you, I simply ask: "Why are you unconcerned that your taxation and government has resulted in a system of homeless people, hospital scandals, petrol secretly diluted with ethanol, increasing greenhouse gases, the elderly washed in kerosene, citizens illegally detained or deported while parliamentary debate is stifled but \$28 million is spent promoting Federal industrial relations proposals mistrusted by the majority of workers and local councils?"

Jean Pai, Woy Woy

Excellent display of aboriginal dancing

I'm writing to congratulate **Ettalong Public School yet** again for the excellent display of aboriginal dancing.

It was performed in the hall by local children from the Central Coast who are a part of the Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts group.

The children performed their dancing for the whole school and my wife Elaine and I were amazed

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with the talent developed by their dedicated dance teacher Rueben Doolah who is doing an amazing

It was also great to see all students and teachers joining in with the dances.

Well done.

Don Makepeace, Booker Bay

Find out about climate change

We are lucky to have so much coastline around the Peninsula.

Let's ensure that we look after it, so that our children and their children may also enjoy it.

Saturday, December 3, is the International Day of Action on Climate Change.

Coastlines and climate change

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are intimately connected.

Find out more.

Look for members of Peninsula Bushcare groups on the Ettalong foreshore on the morning of December 3.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Naming wildlife

The English settlers coming to a strange land began to give the creatures names from their homeland.

The large kangaroos were they obviously strange so accepted the name of the locals, the Aborigines.

The smaller kinds which hopped in similar fashion they termed kangaroo rats, the other marsupials which looked something like felines became native cats.

The larger killers of Tasmania became devils while the doglike creatures became a tiger.

Small animals like ants of England living in colonies; though these were white and ate timber; were termed white ants.

The names became useful for the politicians.

At a country town in Western Australia I was asked to give a lunchtime lecture to a large audience with the guest of honour

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Robert Menzies. the prime minister.

I began: "I wish politicians would learn a little natural history; so when they use animals to score a political point; they don't make stupid mistakes.

"For example," and I looked hard at Menzies, "often they talk of radicals white-anting the structure of good government."

"Actually they are not ants but termites; which do a lot of good in the Australian bush; destroying old timber to let vigorous new growth come through.

Everyone laughed including

At the close of the lunch, he asked the chairman "What are his politics?

"Radical I'm afraid."

His reply: "Pity. I could have used him.'

That blew my potential life in politics.

Then, the director of the WA Museum had a brilliant idea. "Why not find the Aboriginal

names; get rid of the English hybrids?' The government agreed so the beautiful banded anteater became

a numbat, the mammal emblem of In the eastern States, the lovable teddy bear come to life became the

millions each year. Native cats became quolls, kangaroo rats became easy-tosay woylies, quokka, mala and

koala, a tourist asset today worth

munning. Commercial considerations came into play with fish being given new names.

Jewfish, the old name for their facial features were in the west changed to pearl perch: in the east to mulloway; while the common name snapper; in gourmet restaurants were spelled schnappers.

I wish Tasmanians would change the name muttonbird to golden shearwater.

They have done this with Cape Barren geese; breading them for gourmet restaurants; shearwaters roasted become a delicious meal.

Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

Text books older than teachers

I write to raise the issue of the school atlas which is used by the children at Woy Woy Public School.

The books were first published in 1967 and the fourth reprint was in 1969 making these books some 36 years old.

This I find disgusting and unsatisfactory as some countries listed in the book no longer exist.

It has made study for all age groups impossible with the subject of Geography non-existent due to the inaccuracy of these books.

My son who is currently in Year 6 also shares one thesaurus between 25 students.

This also is unsatisfactory.

Contributions

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www.peninsulanews.asn.au.

I recently watched a news item on the whole of Australia basing the HSC on the NSW system.

Forum

This may be impracticable as some students, due to lack of accurate texts, will still be back in the dark ages.

While the school recently was supplied with internet access, it frequently suffers problems with connection.

The year six class has just one computer for a total of 25

My son's teacher frequently supplies his own computer in an attempt to access the internet.

Is the State Government prepared to fund private tutoring for those students who have been left behind due to some form of negligence, now that the problem has been identified?

In this age of modern technology, it is totally unacceptable for today's students to use texts that are older than many of their teachers.

Kerrie Stirling, Umina



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Medal for patrol member

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd recently presented a national medal to Daleys Point resident and long-serving member of the Central Coast Division of Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Mr Albert Morris.

The award was in recognition of Mr Morris' tireless contribution to the coastal patrol since 1989, Mr Lloyd said.

The medal is presented to longserving members of organisations that protect life and property at some risk to themselves. Fifteen years' eligible service is required to be considered for the medal.

"Over many years, Mr Morris has made an extraordinary contribution to the welfare of our community and he truly deserves this recognition," Mr Lloyd said.

"The service he has given as a member of The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol has been invaluable and I am honoured to be able to present this prestigious medal to someone as deserving as Albert."

The medal was presented to Mr Morris on November 21.

Press release, November 18 Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd



The Methodist Church in 1935, situated on West St Umina between Ocean Beach Rd and Oscar St

Pedestrians to be counted at market

Gosford Council has resolved to take a pedestrian traffic count outside the Ettalong Markets and theatre to determine the need for a pedestrian crossing.

Representatives of the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort, along with petitioners, had asked council in April to provide a crossing outside the Ambulance Station on Booker Bay Rd for the safety of its patrons.

Council has resolved to take the pedestrian traffic count on a Sunday between 9am and 3pm to identify weekend pedestrian numbers from the Ettalong Markets and the theatre.

Council agenda TR 05.070, November 22

Sleigh run about to start

The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula is starting its annual Santa sleigh run on Thursday, December 1, and continuing until Friday, December 23.

Lions Club member Ms Helen Anderson said the sleigh would be starting in Bensville on the first night, followed by Empire Bay the next night, and from December 5 it would be covering as much of the Peninsula as possible, five nights a week.

"The young children will get to see Santa and receive a lollipop and a balloon from Santa, and parents can take photos if they wish," Ms Anderson said.

Lions club members will also

be selling two sizes of Christmas cake, 1.5kg at \$12 and 1kg at \$9, and puddings at \$15.

The sleigh will be towed by Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service and the Lions Club will accept donations on its behalf.

This is a joint community service project from Lions and the Fire Service.

"We always receive a wonderful response from residents on the Peninsula and look forward to spreading the joy of the Christmas Season," Ms Anderson said.

To make sure that Santa visits your street contact 4341 7177 and leave a message.

Press release, November 20 Helen Anderson, Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula

Church celebrates 70 years

The Uniting Church celebrated 70 years in Umina on November 20, according to church secretary Ms Annette Strong.

"Many stories were told, along with reminiscences and photos," Ms Strong said.

"Mrs Edith Northcott, daughter of Rev Calvert, read from her father's records that he came to lead worship in this area from 1932.

"As a retired minister, living in Hornsby, he would catch the steam train to the Coast and for three Sundays he would take it in turn to preach at Ocean Beach, Ettalong and Woy Woy and the on the fourth Sunday he would drive to Berowra to preach.

"In those days, the Peninsula Methodist Churches were part of the Gosford Parish.

"Mr Don Hunt shared memories

of his parents' and grandparents' involvement in the Methodist Church.

As his father, Mr Fred Hunt, was a builder, he was very much

involved in the relocation of the old buildings to Neptune St, and the continuing maintenance required. The Methodist Church was

The Methodist Church was opened in 1935, situated somewhere near the present Bi-Lo store in West St, Umina.

It was opened by Mrs Stevens, wife of the then Premier.

The wooden and fibro building served the area for many years, along with a Presbyterian Church which was in South St, near the present fruit shop.

Land was purchased on the corner of Neptune St and Ocean Beach Rd, and these two churches were moved, joined together and used as a church and a hall for

some years before the current church was built and opened.

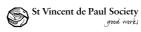
The Uniting Church was formed in 1977 when most of the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregational church members joined together to form the present Uniting Church.

"The two old buildings were well and truly used over the years by a very large Scouting movement who used the halls at least three times a week, Alcoholics Anonymous met twice a week, playgroups were regular activities, plus a large Sunday School and youth group," Ms Strong said.

"These halls were demolished in 2000 when the current community centre was built and opened, continuing to cater to the needs of this community, in a very functional, pleasant and inspiring atmosphere."

Press release, November 23 Annette Strong





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Climate change action at Woy Woy

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is currently one of two venues on the Central Coast which will be supporting the International Day of Action on Climate Change on December 3.

The Community Environment Network and the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation will be holding joint actions outside Big W at Erina Fair and also at the Woy Woy Environment Centre, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, from 9am to 3pm on December 3.

Gosford Council has also resolved to support the event by writing to the Prime Minister and other senior Federal Government members urging them to ensure that Australia signs the Kyoto Protocol and commits to significant reductions in greenhouse gasses and a clean energy future.

The resolution to support this first national day of action on climate change was carried unanimously at the November 1 meeting of council.

Council is informing residents of how to take part in the International Day of Action.

As well as providing information on climate change and other environmental issues, the Erina and Woy Woy joint actions will be asking community members to sign a Kyoto Protocol banner that the Nature Conservation Council, the umbrella group for all environmental groups within the state, will later present, along with other signatures, to the Federal Government in Canberra.

For further information regarding the Erina Fair or Woy Woy joint actions contact 4323 1843.

Central Coast residents wishing to organise further local events can contact Melinda Cook from the Nature Conservation Council of NSW on 9279 2522 or email mcook@nccnsw.org.au.

Press release, November 24 Marion Newell, Gosford Council



The Woy Woy Environment Centre on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, where a day of action on climate change has been planned for December 3

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Refuges for Charlton St

Gosford Council has resolved to seek RTA funding for two pedestrian refuges in Charlton St, Woy Woy, along with associated works.

The project, requested by the RTA, would also include parking restrictions be placed in Charlton St, Station St and Paton St, and also some minor sign posting

changes, according to a report from Gosford Council.

The work would result in the loss of an existing bus zone, which would be relocated to Paton St.

Parking restrictions in Paton St and Station St would allow access for buses, according to the report.

Council agenda TR 05.191, November 22



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What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to notfor-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

CWAHWW, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd. Wov Wov

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

ECC, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd. Wov Wov 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

TWYS, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd. Wov Wov 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

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.

group, MOW. Stroke recovery 11.30am.

Diabeties Support Group 10am, ECC Third Tuesday of every month Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, UCH

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 eng: 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 apointment 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

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, eng: 4342

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 EBWMBC meditation Sahaia yoga 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, eng: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,

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

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, 4-5.pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), PCYC

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

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. Wov Wov.

Handicraft CWAHWW, 9am, enq: 4341

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month

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

Outsiders club, **EBWMC**, 9am. Australiana 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, eng: 0425 229 651.

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

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.

Line Dancing 9.30am, Social Darts CU,

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:

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.

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, ESSC, 1pm.

Every Friday Kids entertainment Yrs 7 -12, 7.30pm PLAYGROUP, 10am for Mums & preschoolers, 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**.

Aqua-fitness, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869 Active Over 50's Exercise Class EPH 9.15am, eng: 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 Kindygym 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 Eng: 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. ena: 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

Men's 18 hole golf; Men's triples bowls 1pm; ECC Old Time & New Vogue Dancing;

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free,

1pm, Enq: 4341 2156 Snooker 8.30am Gym Sessions 9am-12noon, Drama &

Discovery 9am-11am PCYC. Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm,

Enq: 4341 0721, WWLC Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

Weight Watchers 8 - 10am, PCC

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, Eng: 4341 9301

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

Troubadour 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

Ettymalong Creek Landcare group,

Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342

Fourth Sunday of every month

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, Buffalo Lodge, Gosford No 63, UCH

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

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market BBQ, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome,

Coast Community Church Services 9am & 5pm Eng 4360 1448

Free Jazz or duos 4pm, Players Lounge,

bowls pairs - 9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1pm; ECC

Seniors/Masters training, Trivia, 1pm, Jazz on the Tallow Beach Terrace, 12pm - 4pm, Junior Talent Quest 2 -4pm EBWMC, Umina Life Saving Club,

Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm. Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open 11am-3pm or by appointment 4379

MONDAY

Endeavour View Club Luncheon ECC Contact 4342 1722 Pretty Beach P S P&C. Resource Centre

Second Monday of every month

Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina 1-30pm Eng 4324 4389 RSLWomen's Auxiliary, EBWMC, 9am.

WH 7:30pm, Eng: 4360 1546 Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am, Ena: 4344 4520

Third Monday of every month War widows Guild, EBWMC 1pm, Enq: 4344 3486

NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees, 2.30pm, EMBC

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, CWAHWW, 1pm. Carers support group, Group room,

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy P.S.

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school holidays).

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12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

Dancing Classes, 7pm, EMBC

Arts and Crafts for people with a

10am & 1pm EBACC Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library.

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Arts & Entertainment

Christmas at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will be holding its Christmas party on December 11.

Participants have been asked to bring their own special Christmas songs and to wear Christmas themed outfits.

A "Christmas Wail" will also be held where three choirmasters will

form choirs from members of the audience.

Entry price to the event is \$5, and the event will take place from 1.30pm at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy

Press release, November 11 Troubadour Central Coast



Strings play at Peninsula Theatre

Local band The Fellowship of the Strings will be playing at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on Friday, December 2.

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Racz on lead vocals and purple guitar, Ingrid Racz on lead vocals and percussion, Jackie Luke on hammered dulcimer, Irish bouzouki and vocals, Greg Wilson on paraceltic harp and Peninsula resident Jan Couchman on celtic harp.

Laycock St theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said the band had a strong vocal focus.

"Their powerful, expressive voices have variously been described as mesmerising and captivating, with each providing the perfect harmonic foil for the other," Ms Kelly said.

"Songs from the last three decades are given a fresh interpretation - an old world sound with a contemporary edge.

"The unique quality of the group is a result of the inclusion of the rare combination of celtic harps, hammered dulcimer and percussion.

"Around 150 strings join forces to weave enchanting accompaniments, rhythmic backing, and celtic instrumental solos."

Concert goers can expect to hear songs and tunes including some from Uriah Heap, Sting, Kiss and Paul Simon.

The band's CD will be also available at the concert.

The concert will take place at the Peninsula Theatre, on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy, on December 2 from 7.30pm.

For tickets, contact Ingrid Racz on 4369 0903.

Press release, November 22 Lisa Kelly, Laycock St theatre

Bergman film at Pearl Beach

The Deju Vu ArtHouse Cinema at Pearl Beach will be holding its next movie on Saturday, December 10.

The movie will be the Ingmar Bergman autobiography "Fanny and Alexander".

The movie details a stormy year in the life of Alexander and sister born into an aristocratic Swedish family.

The film won Oscars for best foreign film, art direction, photography and costume.

Entry to the movie is \$10 or \$25 as a movie meal deal at the Pearl Beach Café.

The movie will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday, December 10, at the Deju Vu ArtHouse Cinema, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

Proceeds from the event go to aid the building of disabled toilets and access at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, a fundraising effort of the Pearl Beach Progress Association Inc.

Press release, November 22 Kay Williams, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Club to provide traineeships

A partnership between the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus will see students accepted for traineeships at the Club every year.

The first group of six trainees is set to start in December.

The group consists of four hospitality trainees, one information technology trainee and one conferencing and business management trainee.

"We are looking for enthusiastic staff who are eager to learn and these students are looking for valuable vocational training," said Ettalong Beach Club general manager Mr Peter Hale.

"These traineeships provide a solution for everyone and I am glad that the club has found yet another way to contribute to the Central Coast community," said Mr Hale.

The Club is also supporting the Steps to Respect campaign which will be launched in Central Coast schools next year.

The campaign aims to reduce the high levels of violence, abuse and neglect on the Central Coast by impressing the importance of basic values such as respect and tolerance on high school students.

"Ettalong Beach Club has provided funds for the production of the at the Steps to Respect kit, which is at the centre of the campaign," said Mr Hale.

"The kit will be provided to every student in every Central Coast public and private school next year."

"Being able to support the youth of the Central Coast in these new ways is very exciting for everyone at Ettalong Beach Club," he said.

The club celebrates one year in its new facilities on December 1.

"We would like to encourage anyone to come along to the Club at 11:30am on December 1 and share a complimentary glass of champagne and slice of cake."

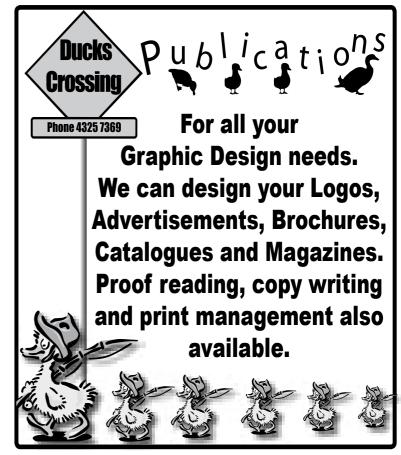
Press release, November 23 Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic



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Education



Opening night at the Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre annual exhibition

Exhibition opened

Cr Chris Holstein was special guest at the opening of Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts centre Christmas Exhibition.

The exhibition was held at the Peninsula Community Centre and consisted of displays of teacher's and student's work, all of which was for sale.

The exhibition has been held annually for the past 30 years.

The opening took place on Friday evening, November 25 and the exhibition remained open all

weekend.

Cr Holstein accepted an offer from Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre president Ms Thel Brown to become patron of the organisation.

Cec Bucello, November 26.







(Top left) Ettalong
Beach Arts & Crafts
president Ms Thel
Brown with the centres
new patron Cr. Holstein
(Above and left) some
of the items created by
teachers and students
on display for sale at
the exhibition

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Debating team reach the semi final

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus principal Mr Frank Gasper has congratulated the schools senior debating team reaching the semi final of the state competition along with several teams and individuals who achieved success at Umina campus.

"Sean Hertmanni has just been selected in the Hunter Central Coast Year 9 team, chosen from students from over 50 high schools," Mr Gasper said.

"Our youngest team have just returned from their first interschool debating competition where they were placed an excellent third from all Central Coast teams.

"The strength of forming our college system is shown by the fact that the four students involved came from three different primary schools and have combined at BWSC into a very promising debating group."

Mr Gasper said a series of intra school debates were already being planned so the teams could develop their talents further.

"Congratulations to Amanda Bruce, Alex Irving, Kirsten Rowbotham and Emma Somogyi," Mr Gasper said.

> Newsletter, November 20 Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Parent nominated

Peninsula resident Ms Chris Anthony has been nominated by several parents for the Hunter and Central Coast Public School Parent of the Year Award.

Ms Anthony was judged as the best nominee for the school education district.

 $MsAnthony\,will\,be\,presented\,with$

her award at a school presentation day assembly.

Relieving principal Mr Warren Mee said it was tremendous to have so many parents actively involved in supporting the school.

Newsletter, November 16 Warren Mee, Woy Woy Public School

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Education

Environment award for Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School has won an award and prizes for being one of five runnersup in the Gosford Council schools environmental awareness program.

Each school received \$500, books and certificates.

All participating schools also received \$150, books and certificates.

The program's waste management theme gave primary school children an opportunity to address a diverse range of waste management issues, including school-based composting and worm farming, choosing recyclable or reusable packaging, and conducting waste-free lunch days.

The awards ceremony was held at Laycock St Theatre on November 25.

> Press release, November 24 Marion Newell, Gosford Council

Woy Woy South Public School has raised the highest amount of money in New

South Wales so far this year in its first year of running the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart program.

Students collected a total of \$17.048.35 in donations to help fund the Heart Foundation's work with cardiovascular disease.

Woy Woy South Public School Jump Rope for Heart coordinator Ms Anne Anders said: "Everyone was really positive and enthusiastic about doing Jump Rope for Heart.

"It was the best supported event I've ever experienced at the school.

"The student's have really enjoyed getting active and learning new skipping skills.

"It was wonderful to see every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 getting involved and having fun.

"Their dedication in raising money for the Heart Foundation and the support we've received from the local community has also been amazing.

Top fundraiser in first year

"Through the Jump Rope for Heart program, the Heart Foundation provided us with excellent support for encouraging the students to get active and look after their heart health.

"The Heart Foundation gave us a handy teacher's manual, skipping kit and ran a workshop for us.

"They also held a heart health information session complete with a visit from their loveable Happy Heart mascot and a skipping demonstration team visited to show the children how fun it is to be active."

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart field officer Ms Amanda Collett praised the school's efforts.

"The way in which Woy Woy South Public School has supported Jump Rope for Heart has been fantastic," Ms Collett said.

"The money raised through

the program is vital for the Heart Foundation as our research and community health programs are funded almost entirely through generous public donations and

"It's great that Jump Rope for Heart can help children get active and learn new skills while helping the Heart Foundation to improve and save lives from cardiovascular disease.'

Since starting in 1983, the Jump Rope for Heart program has given almost eight million children in more than 90 per cent of schools Australia-wide the opportunity to improve their health, fitness and coordination, at the same time raising more than \$60 million for heart disease research and prevention programs.

Press release, November 23 Tanya Sarina, Heart Foundation

New teachers for **Pretty Beach**

Pretty Beach Public School welcomed two new teachers.

Teachers Ms Sue Birchall and Ms Marika Selwood are expected to start at the school next year.

Ms Birchall will be replacing Newton as assistant principal.

Ms Birchall is currently an assistant principal at Kariong Public School teaching a Year 6

"She is a very experienced teacher who has a wealth of skills to offer our school," principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"Marika will also be a wonderful addition to our school.

"She has exceptional technology and sporting skills."

Ms Selwood is also currently teaching a Year 5 class at Kariong.

"Both teachers are thrilled with their appointments here and can't wait to start," Ms Redrup said.

Newsletter, November 17 Vicki Redrup, Pretty **Beach Public School**

Canteen forced to close

Umina Public School was forced to close its canteen November 22 November 25 due because the canteen supervisor and canteen assistant away, according to relieving principal Mr Paul Farrugia.

The canteen supervisor was absent on leave and the canteen

Pretty Beach Public School

has been successful in

receiving two grants for its

The grant included canteen

equipment worth \$1500 from the

Healthy School Communities

Deparment of Health and Ageing

while the second grant included

almost \$1100 from the WSN

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assistant was unavailable due to a pre-planned annual leave holiday.

"As it is necessary to have a person operating the canteen that has a safe food handling certificate, the canteen will not be able to operate on these days," Mr Farrugia said.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused to Umina school families.

"The canteen will reopen on Monday, November 28.

P&C president Ms Julia Rooke thanked parents who had volunteered to help out but said that, due to OH&S regulations, staff must have the minimum of a SFH certificate to prepare food.

Newsletter, November 22 Paul Farrugia, Julia Rooke, Umina **Public School**

Scouts seek sponsorship

The Umina and Blackwall Scout Groups are looking financial assistance from businesses and local communities to cover the cost of attending the 21st Australian Jamboree.

Umina Scouts group manager Ms Rhonda Bluff is looking for jobs in the community that the scouts can do to help start their fundraising efforts, as well as for donations to the fundraising effort.

"For two weeks in January 2007, 12,000 Scouts, Venturers and Leaders from all over Australia will be descending on Elmore in Victoria for the 21st Australian Jamboree," Ms Bluff said.

"The Jamboree is about having fun, making friends and lots of activity but it is also about the Scouts challenging themselves, daring to try something different in a unique environment of 10,000

to someone's life

people enjoy

a great

ussie hristmas scouts but working in a small group, a patrol.

"It is about developing leadership and self reliance, as each Scout will need to look out for and help other Scouts.

"Responsibility will be developed and respect for themselves and others will be essential."

Ms Bluff said all Scouts would be encouraged to do the best they could, go out on a limb and enjoy the real fruits of achievement as a team and as an individual.

Umina and Blackwall Scout Groups have 10 members who wish to participate in this event and are looking for financial assistance from the business and local community to cover the cost of the Jamboree which is \$12,400 for the group.

Please contact 0411 017 648 for more information.

Press release, November 24 Rhonda Bluff, Umina Scout Group

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Students

Pretty Beach Public School Vicki Redrup.

Remembrance Day in class and completed a variety of activities leading up to the day," Ms Redrup

"Children made poppies and turned them into a wreath."

Newsletter, November 17 Vicki Redrup, Pretty **Beach Public School**

The canteen equipment package included one professional catering grade stainless steel focaccia toaster press, one apple slinky machine, two canteen menu boards, three year membership with the NSW School Canteen Association and a booklet of healthy food ideas and recipes.

Two grants to Pretty Beach

The new equipment is expected to arrive at the school early in term one next year.

The other grant was for the purchase of reusable containers to be used in the canteen to help reduce waste.

Principal Ms Vicki Redrup thanked Anni Griffiths, Sue Cox and Lyn Hyde for applying for the

> **Newsletter, November 17** Vicki Redrup, Pretty **Beach Public School**

reminded

held a Remembrance Service on Friday, November 11, according to principal Ms

"All children have been studying



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Sport

Bunnies re-sign top player

Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club has re-signed the Central Coast District Rugby League Player of the Year, Todd Maloney, to lead the Bunnies as they prepare to defend their Premiers Title

Senior vice-president Mr Ian Sonter said: "The majority of last season's first grade squad are already down at First Class Fitness, putting in the hard yards.

"With the added knowledge that some talented younger players are also aiming for a first grade starting position in 2006, this augurs well for the coming year as it shows that all players are not going to be resting on what they

The world record attempt for

ironing underwater that was

to be held on November 26 at

the Peninsula Leisure Centre

due to the withdrawal of a

Centre

manager Ms Nita Semek said

she believed the event had been

postponed because a sponsor of

Brisbane Water Aqualung Club

postponed the event until next

year, with a new date yet to be

the event had pulled out.

recently postponed

marketing

have already achieved."

The club will field four teams this coming season, in first grade, second grade, under-19s and under-17s.

Coaches will be Nathan Johnson for first grade, Frank Johnson for second grade, Peter Shaw for the under-19s assisted by John King and Dylan Francis for the under-17s.

Mr Sonter said several businesses who had joined the Bunnies as sponsors for next year including Umina Beach Charcoal Chicken, Umina Gourmet Deli, Amcal Radfords Pharmacy Umina and Go Vita Umina Beach.

Press release, November 22 lan Sonter, Umina Bunnies



Ms Rachel Horler with her coach, Kim Taylor

Swimming records broken at new centre

set.
Scuba divers were to attempt to iron underwater at the Peninsula Leisure Centre pool in an effort to break the world record.
The current Guinness World

Record is 70 ironing divers.

To break the world record, the club needs more than 70 divers to

iron under water.

Money raised from the event was to go to Telstra Child Flight

and The Cancer Council.

Press release, November 18
Vicki Brown, Gosford Council

Rachel Horler from Gosford Stingrays Swimming Club has broken the Australian age record for Girls 13 years and under, S7 classification 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke swims at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The records were broken at the Gosford Stingray's Swimfest meet held at the new centre on November 12.

The official forms have been sent to Australian Swimming who will verify the records.

The 50-metre pool is built to FINA standards so Australian and international records can be officially recorded at the pool.

Ms Horler is a Saratoga resident, is a disabled swimmer and trains three times at week at Gosford Olympic Pool.

Ms Horler said now the Peninsula Leisure Centre Pool is open she will be training there with coach Kim Taylor.

Mr Taylor is a member of the Australian Sprint Team coaching staff and also senior coach at Peninsula Leisure Centre. At 12 months old Rachel was diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy which affects the left side of her body.

She took up learn-to-swim classes at the age of four and started competitive swimming in the disabled S7 classifications when she was nine years old.

To date Rachel holds the record for S7 Classification Freestyle 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m and 100m Backstroke.

Press release, November 18 Vicki Brown, Gosford Council



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Leisure

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Underwater ironing

postponed

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1st Grade Results

Doyalson 285, Umina 176 - 1st Innings to Doylo Colin Smyth 4 for 67, Warwick Botfield 2 for 51 Mitchell Fiddock 50, Scott King 44 and Steven Greg 30

2nd Grade Results

Doyalson 150, Umina 130 - 1st Innings to Doylo Daniel Fiddock 4/51 and Kurt Smith top score with 34.

3rd Grade Results

Umina 89 and 8 dec 219, Doylo 148 and 124 - 1st Innings to Doylo, Outright win to Umina. 1st Innings: Ryan Mathews 5/30 and 34 2nd Innings: Oliver Whatnall 98, Justin Broad 44, Grahame King 33, Steven Searston 3/24 and Ryan Mathews 3/20

4th Grade Results

Doylo 125, Umina 182 - 1st Innings win to Umina Nathan Carmody-Smith 4/20, James Archibald 3/20, M.Johnson 40, Roy Mc Inness 34* 5th Grade Results

Umina 248 Doylo 104 and 105 - Outright win to Umina John Fogarty 62, Greg Conklin 52 and Dennis Lambert 42, Adam Grice 4/26, James Barnet 4/19 6th Grade Results

Umina 147, Doylo 182

– 1st Innings win to Doylo

J.Geese 61 and Rick Jones
31, Steve Cattley 5/56

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Indigenous performers at resort launch

Mingaletta and Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts Groups recently performed at the trade/launch of the Ettalong Outrigger Resort on November 21

The dancers from Mingaletta and the Performing Arts Group welcomed Ka'ipo Ho and Marsha Kapu, Hawaiian cultural performers, to their traditional land.

Outrigger executives including vice-

president of operations Mr Cliff Olson and general manager Mr Nicolas Bottiglieri were also in attendance to elaborate on Outrigger's history that dates back to 1947, when the family-owned company opened its first resort beside the shores of Waikiki

The \$80 million Outrigger resort was ceremoniously linked with its Hawaiian heritage by Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, Mr Olson and Minister for the Central Coast Mr Grant McBride.

The celebration was almost three years from the date that Multiplex announced it would construct the resort.

The Outirgger opened to the public in June this year.

The Outrigger features a mix of 236 studios and suites, eight floors, and a range of recreational facilities including the new Jhalu Day Spa set to open in December.

Press release, November 21 Outrigger Resort

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