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Club amalgamation is now expected

Club Umina is expected to amalgamate with Merrylands RSL after members voted 422 to 3 in favour of the proposal.

"It was pretty much a landslide," said Club Umina general manager Mr Greg Rand.

Merrylands club He said members had also voted in favour of the proposal.

"Merrylands held their meeting the following Tuesday night, with about 120 people in attendance, with four voting against the proposal and 121 in favour of the proposal."

Mr Rand said the clubs would now go to licensing court to get approval to proceed with the amalgamation.

"This process can take between four to eight months," Mr Rand said.

"The club will still be operating during this period."

Mr Rand said that creditors were expected to receive 100 cents in the dollar, as proposed by Merrylands RSL.

He said that the deed with the administrators had been fulfilled.

Mr Rand said the amalgamation gave stability to the club and preserved the community asset rather than have it go to a private investor.

Lyle Stone, December 9

Stabbing charge

A man was expected to appear in court on December 2 charged over a stabbing incident at Ettalong on December 1.

Police alleged that a 29-yearold man attended a house at Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong, armed with a meat cleaver and a pen knife.

While at the premises, the man apparently became involved in a struggle with the occupant, a 35year-old man, and stabbed him several times.

Officers arrived at the house a short time later and found the male occupant suffering severe lacerations to his neck, torso and

left arm.

The 29-year-old man was arrested a short time later at a house in Uligandi St, Ettalong.

Both men were taken to Gosford Hospital for treatment. The male occupant was

scheduled to undergo microsurgery to his left forearm on December 2.

The 29-year-old man was taken to Gosford Police Station and charged with maliciously inflict grievous bodily harm.

He was refused bail and was expected to appear in Gosford Local Court on December 2.

Press release, December 2 **NSW Police Media**

Carols by Candlelight

Ettalong Beach Club will be hosting the Peninsula Carols by Candlelight from 6pm to 9pm in front of the Club on Thursday, December 15.

The evening will be headlined by children's favourites The Jitterbugs and will feature performances from The Bellbirds, Nadeeka Allen, local favourite Bronsan Powell, local schools and a traditional brass band for everyone's favourite by Candlelight is set to be our biggest and best ever.

"The Esplanade will be closed between Memorial Ave and Beach St for a good old-fashioned singalong in a great location.

"We hope everyone will come and enjoy the festive spirit and I'm sure Santa's arrival will be a big hit with the kids, big and small."

There will be lollies for the kids and the event will support the State Emergency Service. Press release, December 7

Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic



Lance Webb Reserve on Ettalong Foreshore

Andrews supports foreshore works

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has announced \$60,000 in funding for redevelopment work on the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

"This project will involve the development of a new promenade, including boardwalks, viewing platforms and improved access to Ettalong Beach," Ms Andrews said.

"It will ensure that both local residents and visitors have access to a network of foreshore parks and picnic areas, as well as places for swimming, fishing and boating on the foreshore of Brisbane Water.

"I'm very pleased to be supporting

a project which enhances our ability to experience and enjoy our beautiful local environment."

The funding will be matched by Gosford Council, and forms part of a total investment of \$640,000.

"This program is a fantastic example of what State and Local Government can achieve together." Ms Andrews said.

"I want to thank Gosford Council for its partnership in this project and I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the benefits of the redevelopment once it is complete."

The funding is part of the State Government's Metropolitan Program, which Greenspace

assists in more than doubling the length of regional recreational trails across Sydney as part of its 25-year Metropolitan Strategy.

City of Cities: A Plan for Sydney's Future includes a vision for an integrated network of walking and cycling trails stretching 2000 kilometres around Sydney, including more than 1100 kilometres of new trails.

The strategy aims to put a recreational trail within 1.5 kilometres, or a 15-minute walk, of every residential area in Sydney by 2031.

Press release, December 6 Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

PUDS goes back to committee

Urban The Peninsula **Directions Strategy (PUDS)** has been referred back to another council strategypolicy committee meeting after councillors were unable to agree on its adoption last

amendment were defeated at last week's Gosford Council meeting.

Councillors were informed by general manager Mr Peter Wilson at council's meeting of December 6 that not accepting a motion would cause the strategy to be halted.

"There is no motion so therefore there is no resolution, or direction for councillors to take," Mr Wilson said

"So the strategy would not be put into place."

Mayor Cr Laurie Maher said in

strategy would have been a waste of money.

Loss of the strategy was finally averted when Cr Maher, after a short recess so the councillors could discuss their position, suggested that the strategy be referred back to another Strategy Policy meeting, but not before another motion to lower the height limits in the three Peninsula CBDs was rejected.

officers Council had recommended the strategy for approval.

A council report stated that the strategy was intended to provide a broad strategic direction for future development within the Peninsula.

The report stated that "in this regard the strategy will inform future planning controls, which will also be subject to further community consultation, as well

will be required as a result of the strategy's recommendations".

It stated that as a strategic directions document, PUDS had considered all relevant issues, at a strategic level, that would impact on future development within the Peninsula, including drainage, roadworks and economic issues as they relateD to setting future development directions for the Peninsula.

It stated that "the plan has been prepared on the basis of limiting the impacts of growth upon infrastructure capacities with additional infrastructure provision being able to be provided through Contributions Plan existing provisions or normal capital works programming".

Lyle Stone, December 6. Council agenda SF.51, December 6

week. Both an adoption motion and an

General manager Mr Peter Hale said: "This year, the Club's Carols doing so any investment in the as identifying other work that

PUDS debate, page 5

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Win Circus tickets

Peninsula News and Lennon Bros Circus are giving away 20 double passes to the opening day or night performance on December 29.

Lennon Bros Circus promotional agent Ms Helena Street said visitors to the circus would see dynamic, death defying skills in the fast moving, colourful, traditional circus program that would suit the whole family.

The full flying trapeze troupe, aerial and balancing acts, juggling, comedy knock about and clowns galore will all be on hand at the

Correction

In the last edition of Peninsula News, a forum article entitled "Text Books Older than Teachers" was published without a name and suburb due to a graphical error.

The author was Kerrie Stirling of Umina.

Lyle Stone, December 9

"Also appearing will be the old favourite Sheppo the clown," Ms Street said.

Performing majestic lions, ponies, dogs, monkeys, camels, alpacas, goat and geese will also feature at the event.

"Lennon Bros Circus was originally established in 1895 and presents a truly traditional circus program in a fantastic two-hour production," Ms Street said.

The circus will be at Gosford Leagues Field from Thursday, December 29 to Sunday, January 15.

To enter the competition for the tickets, write your name and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Lennon Bros Circus Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256.

Entries close at close of business on December 16, and winners will be contacted by December 19 to pick up tickets by December 22.

Names of winners will be published in the first edition of Peninsula News next year.

Lyle Stone, December 8

Two development applications have been deferred for advice with the introduction of State and Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 71 Coastal

Protection on the Peninsula. The two developments are a guesthouse on Araluen Dr, Killcare, and the proposed Tesrol development on Ettalong foreshore, Ettalong Beach.

The SEPP 71 policy had been made by the Department of Planning to ensure that development in the NSW coastal zone was appropriate and suitably located.

It was also made to ensure that there was a consistent and strategic approach to coastal planning and management and to ensure that there was a clear development assessment framework for the coastal zone

Gosford Council officers had recommended both developments for refusal.

guesthouse The proposal involved alterations and additions to an existing house and construction of a new detached guest cottage at the rear of the site and construction of landscape steps leading up to the existing dwelling and guesthouse.

Council officers gave five reasons as to why they recommended refusing the development application including noncompliance and inconsistency.

Proposals deferred due to SEPP 71

The council report stated that the development did not comply with the objectives of Development Control Plan (DCP) 155 Single **Dwellings and Ancillary Structures** or the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance in that two dwellings on an allotment of land zoned 2a constitutes a detached dual occupancy for which consent has not been sought.

The report also stated that the development did not meet the desired character requirements of DCP 159 (Character, Killcare

The Tesrol proposal was for a nine storey mixed residential, 89

Council report stated that the proposed development was considered to be inconsistent with the objectives of the 3(a) and 3(b) Zones as well as the objectives of the Local Government Act 1993, pertaining to Ecologically Sustainable Development.

It further stated that the proposal was inconsistent with the desired future character for the area as defined within DCP 159 Character together with the building heights being advocated in the Peninsula Urban Design Strategy (PUDS).

Cottage Foreshores).

units, and commercial premise.

The report stated that "as it is

Family passes to be won

News, Peninsula in conjunction with the Australian Reptile Park, is giving readers the chance to win five family passes to the **Australian Reptile Park these** holidays.

To have a chance to win a pass, send your name and phone number on an envelope to Peninsula News Australian Reptile Park Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256.

Entries must be in before close of business on December 16.

Winners will be contacted by phone on December 19, for pickup by December 22, and their names

will be published in our first edition of the paper next year.

Australian Reptile Park marketing and events manager Ms Catherine Pelosi said that now more than ever the reptile park provided a full day of captivating entertainment and unique exhibits all set within the magic of the Australian bush, located less than one hour north of Sydney CBD.

"The latest additions are amazing veiled chameleons, Solomon Island skinks and monocled cobras. All are first timers to Australia," Ms Pelosi said.

Lyle Stone, December 8



this proposal, while having been developed from an economic study, provides outcomes that weigh heavily in favour of the applicants to the detriment of the town centre, local residents and visitors alike".

Council officers gave 10 reasons for their recommendation of refusal including excessive height, lack of support from the Central Coast Design Review Panel, lack of parking spaces

The council report stated that due to its excessive height the development would detract from the character of the immediate locality and that it failed to comply with the objectives of the 3(a) Business (General) Zone.

It also stated the development was likely to weaken the implementation of the draft Peninsula Urban "Development" strategy.

The report stated that car parking was an issue with a lack of 21 car spaces and unsatisfactory parking layout.

The report also stated that the development did not comply with floor space requirements and that a detailed waste management plan had not been provided.

Council agenda ENV.82, 92, December 6

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Celebrations on Australia Day

Australia Day celebrations will be held in Anderson Park opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy.

However, in response to a large number of requests from local residents, the celebrations will be held on Australia Day, not the night before as occurred last year.

The celebrations will commence at 3pm on Thursday, January 26, and concluding late that evening.

The day will feature a wide variety

of entertainment, fireworks, stalls, dancing in the street, children's games, a children's art competition, a giant slide, low cost rides, a free folk concert and more.

Community groups and commercial organisations wishing to participate in this day of celebration are encouraged to apply for a stall space by contacting Ms Kellie Woodward at Gosford Council on 4325 8107.

Cec Bucello, November 25

Rail works

Works were undertaken over the weekend on the rail line at Woy Woy as part of a \$12.9 million upgrade and maintenance project undertaken by CityRail.

Services are expected to be effected in Woy Woy and on the Newcastle and Central Coast line until Friday, December 16.

A CityRail representative said the works would increase the safety of the rail network and improve the reliability of train services.

"This trackwork will allow a smoother, more comfortable ride for passengers and reduce the amount of maintenance needed in the future.

"Passengers are reminded to allow between 30 and 50 minutes

additional travel time when using these lines."

Buses will replace some trains on the Newcastle and Central Coast line this week, December 12 to16.

During the weekend of December 10 and 11, buses were expected to replace trains on the Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter lines.

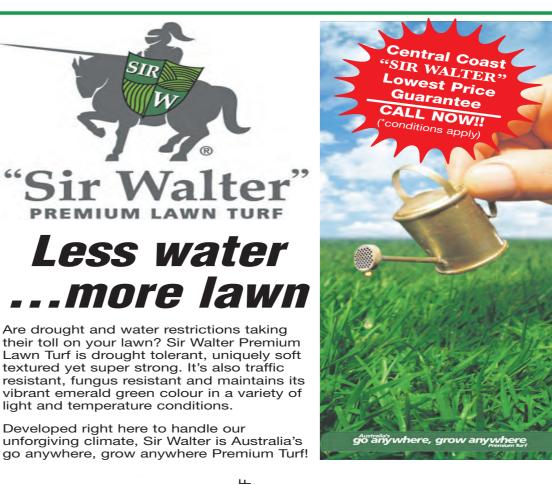
Works for Woy Woy included track welding, tamping and adjustment at various locations.

It also included weed and vegetation control and general maintenance and upgrading activities.

Press release, December 7 CityRail



People celebrate Australia Day during January this year at Anderson Park



Nature walks

The National Parks and Wildlife will be holding two Discovery tours in early January, both at Pearl Beach.

The first walk will be held on Saturday, January 7, with the second walk to take place on Tuesday, January 10.

The first walk is an easy walk entitled the Rock Platform Spotlight.

The second walk is the Mini Beast Hunt.

Participants on this bushwalk will experience the natural biodiversity of the area.

Cost for each is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family special of \$20 for two adults and three children.

Bookings are essential.

To book contact 4320 4205. Press release, December 9 National Parks and Wildlife www.windsorturf.com.au

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Forum

Shade area needs repair

It is with concern I write over what seems to be a "pass the buck" issue and an ongoing situation that is occurring at Woy Woy Public School.

In January this year, a large tree fell in the school yard causing extensive damage to the shade area in which students eat their lunch.

As a result the shade material was removed from the structure and the frame remains still in place

The remaining structure is, of course, no use without its shaded covering and the framework has been damaged, this appears due to the damage to be potentially unstable.

Does the stability of this structure pose a risk to students?

Now we are approaching the warmest time of the year, where do students eat their lunch away from the middav sun?

The Peninsula Leisure Centre

is a great facility that the

whole of Gosford City should

Congratulations to Cr Chris

Holstein for having the foresight to

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and giving the Peninsula and

Gosford City a quality recreation

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Forum

As this shade was placed over seats where children ate their lunch prior to playing in the yard. My child has sat on the seats

eating his lunch amongst bird faeces.

I have noticed on the Department of Education web page several statements that do not apply in this case

"Significant funding commitments for Government schools

 Over \$184 million provided for maintaining Government school buildings and facilities

 \$364 million provided for capital works in Government schools

And Public schools promote the healthy development of students through:

School programs and practices that protect and promote health and safety

Whilst these statements on

web sites are all warm and fuzzy I feel there are numerous safety issues some of which are but not limited to: remaining structure stability-integrity, shade or sunburn protection for students and enabling students a shaded bird excrement free environment in which to eat their lunch.

They may be also future concerns if the avian influenza (H5N1) enters Australia which can be transmitted by bird droppings.

I feel that the school has had more than adequate time to address this issue after numerous complaints from many parents and it would appear that the Education Department would have more than adequate funding available in the form of capital works and or maintenance funds in its budget to address what most parents feel to be one of an urgent nature.

Kerrie Stirling, Umina

Fete raises \$5500

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary raised a total of \$5500 at a fete on October 29.

"We would like to thank the many volunteers and patrons who made the fete such a great success," said auxiliary secretary Ms Pat Harding.

"The day was perfect for a fete

Forum and it brought many people out to

browse and to buy. "This money will be used for the comfort and welfare of patients and nursing staff at Woy Woy General Hospital."

> Press Release, November 25 Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

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Residents locked out in **PUDS deadlock**

The deadlocked PUDS debate at Gosford Council is the best outcome that we could hope for.

The residents have been asking council to provide more public consultation so that the implications of the document and the responses of the residents be heard.

Our council will now have another go at deal-making behind closed doors to decide the future shape and nature of the Peninsula.

The residents are locked out of the decision-making and the councillors don't know what they are doing.

Labour Party members have come out in support of the great majority of residents who don't want the Peninsula to become a suburb of Sydney on the premise that we will have to get more people here or we won't get the infrastructure needed to sustainably accommodate the extra population.

This was the position of Cr Drake while, on the previous Monday, Premier lemma was assuring residents in the Hunter that infrastructure would be put in place before the boom arrived and

would be annually reviewed. "You can't put the cart before the

horse," the Premier declared.

PUDS is a fad that has been overrun by new planning philosophies.

The state government has now introduced State Environmental Planning Policy 71 (SEPP71) to protect our coastline from overdevelopment.

In formulating any plan, one

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would expect council to construct a plan that at the very least ensured compliance with State Government planning policy.

If not, why not?

The community should be informed in a public forum.

Bryan Ellis, Umina

Forum

Climate change

It is good to see Gosford Council supporting World Climate Change Day.

Temporary restoration of Lance Webb Reserve is well under way costing over \$100,000.

With the expected rise in sea responsible, informed levels, sustainability of our foreshores is essential.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Forum

A step in the right direction

messages from health and wellbeing experts of how important it is that our future generation is kept physically active.

Unfortunately, a high proportion of the families in our community are from single parent homes and for children to be able to see their other parent they sometimes need to go to a park or a facility, such as the leisure centre, for a day to spend some quality time together. I trust that Gosford councillors

will adopt some forward-thinking ideas to be able to provide the community with some free of cost, but high quality, safe and interesting parks and recreational facilities.

The Regional Playgrounds Strategy Committee, in the process of being set-up by Council, seems a step in the right direction.

Deretta Brown, Umina Beach

Information display

Coastcare Day and the International Day of Action on Climate Change, held on December 3, was marked on the Peninsula with an information display on the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

It was presented by members of the local dune care group and the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) Central Coast branch.

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This action was timely with erosion an issue on Lance Webb Reserve.

Members distributed information on coastal processes and the need to retain dunal vegetation on Ettalong town beach and thus reduce the need for more costly retaining walls.

There was also a banner signing

asking the federal government to sign up to the Kyoto Protocol at the Woy Woy Environment Centre.

ACF Professor Ian Lowe said on his recent visit to Gosford that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change models project increasing atmospheric that concentrations of greenhouse gases resulted in changes in frequency, intensity, and duration of extreme events, such as more hot days, heat waves, heavy precipitation events, and fewer cold days.

impact on the Peninsula and the Central Coast as a whole.

Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

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Lengthy debate over PUDS

A lengthy debate took place at Gosford Council's meeting of December 6 about the **Peninsula Urban Directions** Strategy, before it was finally resolved to refer it back to a Strategy Policy meeting.

President of the Peninsula Residents Association Ms Fran Armstrong spoke against the strategy, reiterating several issues that the association had previously been concerned about.

Ms Armstrong said issues included building heights, infrastructure and the consultation process.

"The document doesn't address the traffic or increased population during high tourist season," Ms Armstrong said.

"In terms of population increases, I note that the document states there is a risk to public amenity.

"The document still requires that there be an up-to-date traffic study."

Mr Armstrong said that in terms of building heights the association has made it quite clear and also in public forums that residents were not happy with the building heights proposed within PUDS.

"There still remains inconsistencies regarding (height) averages in the document," Ms Armstrong said.

"We still have issues in relation to the consultation process for PUDS, and we continue to urge council to work with the residents of the area in relation to any of the planning that happens in the Peninsula.

"I don't believe that the strategypolicy workshop has dealt with issues such as drainage."

Ms Armstrong said the association also believed some of the work in the document was quite good.

Cr Malcolm Brooks said he agreed with some of the comments made by the speaker, especially about height limits.

"In the Ettalong CBD, we have a four storey hotel development which I'm saying should be the height limit of the CBD," Cr Brooks said.

"In my opinion the community has accepted that as the height.

"I dispute some of the comments that have been said, that by reducing the heights to three, four and five stories it would not be economically viable."

Cr Brooks said he was also concerned about traffic and congestion.

"It will constrain population growth on the Woy Woy Peninsula," Cr Brooks said.

"Clearly we need a lot more infrastructure funding from the State Government for medium density and higher density."

Cr Brooks moved an amendment accepting the PUDS document, but limiting heights in the Umina CBD to three stories, Ettalong CBD to four stories and Woy Woy CBD to six stories.

Cr Peter Hale said there was no point hiring consultants if councillors were just going to change the strategies anyway.

"I am amazed that this council pays anybody to do anything," Cr Hale said.

"We have had two to three strategy-policy meetings, and two presentations by the consultant involved.

"I think that the council has spent nearly \$700,000 or \$800,000 with Mr Newbold.

"We are now going to change it and make a special lot of rules for the Peninsula.

"We should stop employing experts.

"I can't believe that this much effort has gone into something and we just brush it off."

Cr Hale said that all PUDS did was create a strategy that should be taken into consideration with the City-wide development control plan.

"The State of the Region report talks about the failure of Gosford, and lack of opportunity here," Cr Hale said.

"We have to develop this community, and that doesn't mean building buildings. It's about building lifestyle and this is a part of the process.'

Cr Terri Latella said she felt councillors were being hasty deciding the future strategy of the Peninsula in 18 months.

"This isn't doing it right, and I am against supporting PUDS," Cr Latella said.

"I don't accept PUDS at this stage."

Cr Trevor Drake said he thought the strategy should be left as it was

"It's going to be absorbed by the City-wide LEP in any event," Cr Drake said.

"There are elements of the community down there that object to any kind of development.

"Whether we like it or not, we are within commuting distance of where the work is.

"Whether we like it or not, development has to occur.

"PUDS is about saying if we support these levels developers will come in and support the development.

"Roads follow development."

Cr Drake said he would support the recommendation.

"Let's just do what the report says and let it move forward."

Cr Brooks stated that consultants were there to give advice, not direction.

"I reserve the right to make that final decision, and I make that decision on the best evidence to me," Cr Brooks said.

"Is it fair to all concerned, the community, and will it benefit our lifestyle on the Central Coast.

"As soon as you give somebody a higher zoning on their land normally if they were asking a million, the price of the land will go up to any potential buyer.

"It becomes a never ending dog chasing its tail."

Cr Brooks said he strongly supported the height level variation that he had moved, which included limiting heights in the CBDs.

After this motion was rejected, Cr Brooks later moved a motion to limit the heights in the CBD's to three stories in Umina, three stories in Ettalong and two to five stories in Woy Woy.

This motion was also rejected. The strategy has now been referred back to a strategy policy meetina.

Lyle Stone, December 6



Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy

Licence granted to Everglades

Gosford Council has resolved to grant Everglades Country Club a licence for a car park and access way, to help with its major proposed upgrade for its car park and road surface.

The licence would last for 21 years, during which time the cost of maintenance for the area would become the club's responsibility.

The club would also become responsible for public liability in the area, and would have to make the area available for the use of the general public.

Everglades Country Club applied to council to purchase Lot 1 and to lease part of Lot 85 in July 2001.

The areas include the public car park adjacent to the club and the access roadway passing the entrance to the club at Woy Woy.

Following investigation of the sale-lease proposal by council staff and subsequent negotiation, the club agreed to revise the application.

It was then proposed that council grant Everglades Country Club a licence for use of the car park and access roadway for a term of 21 vears.

The granting of a licence would

provide the club with assurance of tenure and would allow the club executive to fully fund major upgrading works proposed for the car park and access roadway.

Both sites were formerly part of an area used as a garbage disposal depot.

Everglades Country Club has deposited funds with council for the maintenance and upgrading of the car park and access roadway adjacent to the club since 2002.

During this period, the club has funded the erection of perimeter fencing, the installation of car park lighting and continuing road surface maintenance.

A report from council stated that the club now proposed to fund a major staged upgrade to the car park and road surface in the near future, estimated to cost initially in the order of \$90,000.

Funds currently held by council on behalf of the club totalled \$59,630.

The report stated that it was expected that the licence would provide the club with some security of tenure if it were to commit funding to major upgrading work and make future maintenance commitments. Council agenda CIT.18, **December 6**



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Lioness club seeks members

The Peninsula Lioness Club of Woy Woy is currently looking for new members, according to club representative Ms Joanne McGill.

"I called our membership officer, Vivienne Upton, and was invited to a dinner meeting.

"I haven't looked back," Ms McGill said.

"All it takes is a simple phone call to start making a difference in our community.

"Getting out for dinner with other women once a month gives me an outlet away from the demands of a two-year-old and all that goes with being a stay-at-home mum."

Members of the Peninsula Lioness Club get together for dinners, craft days and events such as the Melbourne Cup and The Longest Morning Tea.

The club's activities also raise much-needed funds for such services as the Rural Fire Service and local refuges.

The club also provides services directly to community groups, such as entertainment for residents of local aged care facilities.

Mr Tony Marsh from the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade said:: "Every year the Lioness and Lions Clubs walk the Peninsula selling Lions Christmas Cakes while we tow the Santa Sleigh behind our fire truck.

"It is a fun community activity leading up to Christmas and raises critical funds for our brigade.

"With the donations from these two clubs, last year we were able to buy three VHF radios and pay for their installation; better equipping our secondary radio system."

For more information or to become a member, contact 4342 0008.

Press release, November 18 Joanne McGill, The Peninsula Lioness Club

Service provides birth companion

A new professional birthing service has opened up on the Peninsula called Before Birth and Beyond.

The service is run by Bronwyn Hamilton who said that the service would provide professional birthing companions, or doulas, to give valuable information as well as practical, physical and emotional support in preparation for childbirth.

"As midwives are becoming increasingly overworked and understaffed and unable to spend one-on-one time with expectant mothers, doulas are now assisting by filling this important gap, stepping into the delivery to provide new mothers with emotional and physical support in their hour of need," Ms Hamilton said.

"In the years gone by, it may have been a mother's extended family, such as her mother, grandmother, sister or even aunt who would be called on to help with the birth of a baby.

"But with families living further and further apart, birthing is being shared by the woman, her partner, a midwife and now doula.

"Doula is derived from the Greek word thoula, meaning 'a woman who mothers the mother.

"Developing a relationship with the mother throughout her pregnancy a doula helps her to conceptualise her ideal birth and develop a birth plan, enhancing the birthing process and aiming to provide the best birth experience possible for both mother and baby.

"Although still quite new to Australia with the first Sydney Doula service starting operation in 2001, doulas are now seen an important part of the birth support team and are flourishing in other western countries such as the USA and UK.

Ms Hamilton said research had shown that women who employed a doula experienced reductions in epidural use, Caesarian birth, syntocinon, narcotics use, forceps use and length of labour.

Having a doula present at birth also took pressure off the expectant mother's partner, Ms Hamilton said.

"Some partners preferring only to witness the birth of their child while others are wanting to play a more active role," Ms Hamilton said.

"The doula can fill in and allow the partner to participate as he or she wishes, without leaving the woman's needs unmet.

"This combination of partner and doula, along with a competent, considerate and caring staff gives the women the best chance of an optimal outcome."

Having recently begun offering this valuable service to expectant mothers in the local area, Ms Hamilton said "Birth is one of the most profound experiences a woman will ever encounter and it is imperative that she be supported , nurtured and cared for at this important time".

Ms Hamilton said her skills included massage, relaxationmeditation techniques , aromatherapy and Energetic Healing with the knowledge acquired from studying about the natural birthing process and becoming a doula with 'Optimum Birth' Queensland.

Press release, November 7 Bronwyn Hamilton, Before Birth and Beyond

Christmas for Mary Mac's

A special Christmas celebration will be held for guests of Mary Mac's Place on December 19, at St John the Baptist Hall, Woy Woy, featuring Christmas carols led by members of the



Gosford Philharmonia.

Mary Mac's Place is a project of St John the Baptist Parish, supported by Centacare Broken Bay and St Vincent de Paul Society.

It provides freshly cooked, nutritious, mid-day meals, Monday to Friday to homeless and disadvantaged families and individuals in the community.

Project officer Ms Robyn Schacht said the menu would include a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey, ham, plum pudding, bon-bons, lucky-door prizes and presents from Santa for all the Shop, Erina, Woy Woy Bowling Club, Lion's Club, Rotary, St John the Baptist parishioners and Craft Group, St Vincent de Paul, Terrigal, St Joseph's College, Gosford, Ms Andrews. and others have paid for the community event.

Franklins, Deepwater Plaza, is also hosting a Hamper Collection.

Support for the project has also been received from Central Coast Community Chest, Coast Shelter, Meals on Wheels, Woy Woy, B & M Butchers and South St Fruit Market, Umina; Peter's Meats, Quick Serve Fruit & Veg, Donut King and

Boot sale planned

The Peninsula Lions Club of Woy Woy will be holding its monthly car boot sale on Sunday, December 18.

The car boot sale, usually held on the last Sunday of every month, has been moved forward to accommodate Christmas.

Many items are usually on offer at the market including plants,

clothing, jewellery, and glassware. The markets will be held at Rogers Park, on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Erina St, Woy Woy.

Cost to run a store is \$10 per car.

Press release, December 7 Elmo Caust, Peninsula Lions Club of Woy Woy

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Father John Hill will officiate, and Mary Mac's Place Steering Committee members, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Cr Chris Holstein are also expected to attend.

Last year, over 6000 meals were served by the 50 Mary Mac's volunteers from the kitchen above St Vincent de Paul, Woy Woy. Major sponsors of this year's Christmas Party are the Everglades Country Club and Woy Woy & District Rugby League Football Club.

Contributions from The Body

Michel's Patisserie, Deepwater Plaza; Brumby's, Woolworths and Michel's Patisserie, Peninsular Plaza.

"Mary Mac's could not continue their important service to the community without the support of these groups," Ms Schacht said. The event will take place at St John the Baptist Hall, Woy Woy, at 11.30am on December 19.

For more information contact Project Officer Ms Robyn Schacht on 4341 0584.

> Press release, December 1 Mary Macs

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St Huberts **DCP** thwarted

A development control plan (DCP) for part of St Huberts Island can not be put into place due to amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assesment Act by the State Government, Gosford Council has been told.

DCP145 St Huberts Island proposed amendments to address several concerns including caveat issues and guidelines for moorings, but cannot be brought into affect.

The State Government amendments to the Act through the Planning Reform Act came into effect from September 30.

facilitate The changes modernisation of the local environmental plans across NSW, clarify the status of development control plans (DCPs) and promote the reduction in the number of such plans and allow for the use of DCPs and staged development applications to achieve master planning objectives.

The changes encourage the reduction in the number of DCPs and encourage local councils to review their current development control plans to ensure that they reflect current policy and are consistent with the provisions Environmental Planning in Instruments

A report from Gosford Council stated that the recent amendments

Council has resolved to

provisions of some of its

Section 94 Contributions

Plans on the Peninsula to

bring them in line with other

Council contributions plans.

Contribution plans on the

Peninsula to be amended include

Woy Woy CBD Car Parking, Umina

Beach CBD Car Parking and

Ettalong Beach CBD Car Parking.

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amend

would result in more work for councils.

"In some cases, such as Gosford City Centre and Somersby Industrial Park, DCPs, amendments will need to be made in order to ensure compliance with the new requirements" the report stated.

"In many cases, no amendments to existing DCPs, or preparation of new DCPs will be able to be done in the short term.'

The new Section 74C about "Preparation of development control plans" had major implications for all Councils in NSW when more than two DCPs applied to the same parcel of land.

The council report stated that current DCPs were saved under the legislation and may continue, however since September 30 they cannot be amended, nor could new ones be prepared applying to the same land, otherwise all the existing DCPs would become invalid.

Council has resolved to write to the Minister for Planning outlining the implications of the recent amendments to the act and asking that any required legislative amendments be made to make the DCPs permissible up until a new city LEP is prepared.

Council agenda ENV.87, December 6

Stabilisation to proceed

Gosford Council has resolved to move ahead with urgent stabilisation works along with works currently being conducted near the Lance Webb reserve on the Ettalong Foreshore.

Council officers have proposed to stabilise 70 metres of foreshore immediately to the west of the work already undertaken along with a further 150 metres of foreshore immediately to the east of the work already undertaken.

Council was recently alerted to erosion problems along the Ettalong Beach foreshore between Picnic Pde and Ferry Rd by dunecare group member Mr Michael Gillian. The land is managed by council

under the Ettalong Beach reserve plan of management.

According to a council report, the safety hazard associated with the foreshore erosion was isolated with para-webbing.

Officers of council and the Department of Lands held a joint inspection, where it was found that the foreshore rock protection had partially failed along a 300m length.

A council report stated that at one location foreshore erosion had advanced rapidly to the extent that it posed a "significant safety hazard" to people walking along the foreshore reserve.

The report stated that council isolated the safety hazard and arrangements for repairs to the foreshore began immediately.

Foreshore rock protection over a length of 80 metres had already been completed in the area, and included restacking the sandstone blocks, which included a significant number of new blocks.

The report stated that associated fencing and revegetation has not

The final cost of the initial works

Council officers have now proposed to stabilise a further 70 metres of foreshore immediately to the west of the work already undertaken at a cost of \$30,000.

The report stated that to complete the restoration of the foreshore it



a further 150 metres of foreshore immediately to the east of the work already undertaken at a cost of \$70,000.

Funding would be allocated to the work in a budget review so that there was no negative impact on Council's budget.

An application would also be made to the State Government under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program to try get grant funding for the works.

Mr Michael Gillian said he supported the works, but wanted council to be aware the works would only be temporary measures.

"It is important, and it doesn't appear in the documentation, that these works are only a temporary stop-gap measure," Mr Gillian said.

"I believe council needs to budget for this item and accept that there is little likelihood of State Government contribution."

Mr Gillian also pinted to the role of the dunes in the area for helping stop erosion of the whole foreshore.

"Blind Freddy can tell you that the town beach foreshore has been protected by the dunes in that area," Mr Gillian said.

"It does not require remediation and will not if the dunes are maintained.

"The problems in the Lance Webb reserve should be seen as a timely warning of future foreshore problems if we do not protect the foreshore.'

Cr Terri Latella said she wanted to know the implications of putting up another sandstone wall in the area.

"As we can see, it has collapsed," Cr Latella said.

"If we are going to spend these sorts of figures, what are the

implications of putting up another sandstone wall for the area? "If the remediation works are

not long-term, then we need to be well aware of those implications when we are supporting that sort of work.

"Without adequately researching the implications of putting another sandstone wall up, isn't that asking for trouble?

"Just a few metres away you have a beach area that is being stabilised naturally by dune vegetation.

"Where is the strategy?

"Where is the sensible attitude?

"First of all, look at the long term impacts of putting another wall there."

Cr Latella said she did not support the works, certainly with it not going out on public exhibition for 28 days.

Cr Craig Doyle pointed out the necessity of the works, and possible liability issues.

"If the work's urgent, let's get the damn thing done," Cr Doyle said.

"I have no problem with getting it out there and making it as quick as possible.

"If there are concerns about whether this is going to be long term or not, that's for another night.

"At the moment, this area is susceptible and I think the community needs to have it fixed now.

"Liability is another aspect," Cr Doyle said.

"People's lives come first.

"I can't think of a worse social impact than of being knee deep in water.

"What's the potential of not doing anything and waiting around?"

Lyle Stone, December 6 Council agenda CIT.15. December 6



Indexation

changes made

indexation

Australian Bureau of Statistics. Council has now resolved to update, amend and or insert new

The indexes referred to in the old

plans were no longer prepared by

provisions relating to indexation of the cost or value of works and contributions in Section 94 Contributions Plans to make the provisions consistent across all contributions plans in the city.

Council agenda ENV.70, December 6



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New name for **Monastir Rd**

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Gosford Council has resolved to adopt the name of Roma CI for part of Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay.

A proposal to rename part of the street had been brought to council on August 2 following concerns over emergency vehicles having difficulty locating houses on the street.

Following a 30-day advertising period, it was suggested by a representative of residents on the street to maintain the existing street signage but to add additional signage that would display the suburb name, "Access to 94-104 only" and No Through Road.

Mr Craig Richmond said residents rejected the proposed name change because it would not minimize the difficulty in public and emergency services locating the properties, emergency services already had locating devices to assist in locating properties and that within local maps Monastir Rd was clearly defined.

Mr Richmond said the additional signage would be located underneath the existing street name sign and on the electricity

At the council meeting of December 6, Cr Chris Holstein reiterated the need for a name change.

"We had a plan to change the name because there was confusion and difficulty at times with emergency vehicles," Cr Holstein said.

"With Monastir Rd, it's a long way to realise you've gone down the wrong street and have to go down the other.

"I attended one of the resident group meetings out there.

"The only comment I received from a resident out there was that they didn't like the name Roma CI.

"The whole idea of changing the name in the first place was to make sure we wouldn't have difficulties with emergency vehicles," Cr Holstein said

"I think you seriously have to consider that in the time of an emergency there is a long distance between the two.

"It's a long way around if you get it wrong."

Lyle Stone, December 6 Council agenda ENV.89, December 6

Site for 50 units to be inspected

Gosford Council will inspect Planning Scheme Ordinance by 73 the site of a residential flat building containing 50 units on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Council decided to inspect the site after staff recommended refusing the application for 10 reasons.

Reasons included noncompliance, overdevelopment, inconsistency and exceeding density controls.

A staff report stated that the proposal did not comply with the desired character of the locality, the development standard relating to density, the development standard relating to building height and building envelope and the development standard relating to height of the topmost floor.

The report also stated that the proposal was "an overdevelopment of the site and represents a development which has a height and density that is permissible only in a higher density Residential 2(c) zone".

The site is zoned 2(b).

The proposal did not comply with the requirements of the Draft "Design" Peninsula Strategy, particularly regarding proposed setbacks and form of the development.

It did not comply with the requirements of DCP 100 Residential Flat Buildings for front setback, side setback, courtyard areas and front fencing or with the requirements of SEPP 65 regarding scale, built form, density and building setbacks.

The report stated that approval to a proposal that exceeded the density controls by 15 per cent and the height controls of the Gosford

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per cent would set an "undesirable precedent" that might impact on the desired character of the Peninsula.

It also stated that the development was inconsistent with the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy No 71 Coastal Protection.

The proposal is for the demolition of existing buildings and structures and the construction of a residential flat development consisting of two and three storey buildings containing 40 medium and 10 large units.

The proposal would include the construction of six buildings ranging in height from two and three storey and the provision of a basement carpark containing 75 spaces and a visitor car park containing 11 spaces and a private landscaped communal courtyard.

Works would also include streetscape improvement works to Blackwall and Bowden Rds and landscaping to a private central courtyard and public domain surrounding the development.

The council received three submissions and one petition with 290 signatures objecting to the proposal and four submissions petition and one containing

402 signatures supporting the proposal.

The site spans nine separate lots located on the north-western corner of Blackwall and Bowden Rds.

The council report stated that existing buildings on the site were dilapidated and run down and included a basic older style large industrial factory warehouse and various metal clad and brick clad buildings and older style cottages.

The site operated as a soft drink factory from early last century until 1986.

The council report stated that it was not disputed that the proposal would be a substantial improvement on the existing development located on the site, "however this cannot be used as a reason or justification for approving a proposal that is so far outside Council's planning controls".

It stated that although the proposal contained many of the elements of desired character for the area, the proposal would be out of character with the area, due mainly to the excessive height and density.

> Council agenda ENV.77, December 6

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Hearing on Veron Rd land

The hearing over the proposal to build retirement units on land owned by the Catholic church in Veron Rd, Woy Woy, will take place in the Land and Environment Court today and tomorrow, December 12 and 13.

The solicitor acting on behalf of Gosford Council, Ms Pauline Wright of PJ Donnellan, said the hearing was expected to be concluded on those two days.

amended plans, but there are still big issues in terms of the ecology of the site," Ms Wright said.

"Council is continuing to defend against the development, and the developers still want it to proceed."

Ms Wright said she had received various objections from the

"The applicant has put in

"It is an important site in terms of the rarity of the ecological community," Ms Wright said.

"And the extent of the ecological community on the site is the big issue.

"The applicant's experts say that the community only covers part of the site, while the experts engaged by council and court appointed experts say it covers all of the site.

"The applicant says because its only part of the site, they say the development won't significantly affect it."

Lyle Stone, December 9



The proposed site for the development on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

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Council works at Ettalong this week will include the placing of sandstone rocks at the foreshore to help prevent further erosion.

Works at Woy Woy include road reconstruction on Gallipoli Ave, including the construction of driveways and footpaths.

Other works include the pouring of cycleways, and the upgrading of the shoulder on Brisbane Water Dr, and watermain renewal on North Burge Rd and Brick Wharf Rd.

Press release, December 1 Karen Weber, Gosford Council

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Two promises yet to be kept

The State Government has kept all but two of its election promises from 2003, according to a new council report.

The report, which is prepared on a six-monthly basis, has stated that the only two promises yet to be kept by the government include expansion of the Woy Woy commuter car park and the extension of the Pretty Beach boat ramp and construction of a jetty.

According to the council report, discussions had been held with the Department of Transport, about extension of the Woy Woy commuter car park.

No grant offer or project timing had been received.

The promise was for \$4 million. The funding offer for the extension of the Pretty Beach boat ramp and construction of a jetty was conditional on the development of suitable plans that addressed boating, engineering and environmental issues.

Council staff reported that designs for the project were currently being finalised.

The government promise for the project was for \$200,000. Promises from the State

Government that had been kept

included funding towards the construction of the Peninsula Leisure Centre, the extension of the toy libraries at Woy Woy and Umina, the upgrade of Brisbane Water Secondary College and funding towards the Alternative Learning Centre at Umina.

Other promises kept included funding towards the Schools as Community Centres Project at Umina Public School, new fencing at Umina Public School, a crime prevention package for Woy, a problem gambling service at the Peninsula Community Centre and funding for the Web Youth Service at Woy Woy.



Council agenda COR.61,

December 6



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Arts & Entertainment



The Oom-Pah-Pahs

Yodelling at folk club

The Oom-pah-pahs will be appearing at the Troubadour Folk Club on January 8.

The Ooom-pah-pahs propose a mixed arrangement of German, Austrian, Tirolean popular and traditional folk yodelling songs, varied with English country and folk yodelling songs.

To give the event a more folklike atmosphere, the pair have proposed to wear their Bavarian outfit.

Gerhard plays the accordion and controls the real-time arranger backups.

Anton sings and yodels. Over the past 20 years, Anton has won six country music awards in the yodelling division at Tamworth in Australia.

Anton will also sing the country

style song with which he won the first prize in the yodelling division at the last Tamworth CCM Awards in January.

The concert will be held at the Wov Woy CWA Hall, Woy Woy, opposite Fishermans Wharf, from 1.30pm on January 8.

Press release, December 7 Peninsula Music

Blues evening at theatre

Blues performer Earlwood Greg will be presenting a blues evening at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, December 16, according to theatremarketingcoordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

A Celebration of Song will be headlined by Glenn Cardier, and will feature Amy Vee and Kez.

Mr Cardier has been rated by Glenn A Baker as being dangerously close to becoming a National Treasure, according to Ms Kelly.

"Glenn's songs can be funny, heartbreaking, passionate or quirky but never boring," Ms Kelly said.

"Having toured the world with Spike Milligan and written for Olivia Newton John, Glenn knows how to leave an audience begging for more.

"He is the King of Quirk."

Ms Kelly said the sweet subversive sounds of risina star Amy Vee were also on the program.

"This young woman is likely to make quite a splash in the music scene so catch her act while the tickets are affordable," Ms Kelly said.

"Guest star Kez will also be doing a special set of original material, a beautiful voice singing beautiful sonas."

The concert will be held at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on Friday, December 16. at 7.30pm.

Press release, December 1 Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre

Artist receives award

Peninsula resident Judith Hoste has received an award as part of International People with a Disability Day, on December 3, for her paintings.

Ms Hoste was the runner up in the Arts and Culture Category, and was nominated by President of the Multicultural Art Society Ms Margaret Hardy.

The award was for outstanding

had been thought of," Ms Hoste

said. "Especially by Margaret Hardy, who has been president of art society since I first joined it back in 1985.

Ms Hoste was also recently asked by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews to judge drawings done by children in the electorate to be placed on Ms Andrews' Christmas cards.

The competition was won by a girl from Kariong public school. Lyle Stone, December 8

achievement. "It was very nice to think that I

Award for excellence

Woy Woy resident Krystal Keller has received an award for her role in art and culture as part of International Day of People with a Disability.

Ms Keller received her award at the Recognition of Excellence Awards at the Erina Centre, Erina Fair on November 30.

Krystal Keller is a well-known local singer and songwriter who has faced cancer and grown up blind.

Following the release of her debut album, New Mountain to Climb,

her forthcoming New Mountain to Climb tour will see her performing in primary and high schools and hospitals throughout NSW.

Ms Keller addresses schools, hospitals, charity functions and media events about the challenges of pursuing her musical aspirations and her triumphs over adversity.

Ms Keller is a patron of Vision Australia, a representative of The Cancer Council, and an Australia Day Ambassador for 2005 and 2006

Ms Keller has performed at many

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Central Coast festivals, including CoastFest, and will take part in this year's Christmas Eve Carols in Melbourne.

The awards were the focal point of Gosford Council's celebration of International Day of People with a Disability on December 3.

Awards were presented to outstanding achievers with a disability in the fields of sport, art and culture, and for a young person 18 years or under.

Press release, December 1 Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Choir presents program

The Peninsula Choir will be presenting its new Christmas entitled program "The Fragrance of Christmas" in the coming days.

In addition to this concert program, the choir will sing carols by invitation at Woy Woy Nursing Home, Cooinda Retirement Village, and Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

"The Fragrance of Christmas as its title implies, evokes some of the many-faceted joys of the Advent and Christmas seasons, through works by Bach, Handel, Praetorius and Berlioz as well as popular carols with opportunities for audience participation," said director Mr Ivan Kinny.

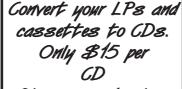
story and music."

This program will be conducted at The Uniting Church, Umina, on Sunday, December 18 at 5pm."

The choir is directed by Ivan Kinny and accompanied by pianist John Edwards.

Press release, December 5 Ivan Kinny





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"There will also be poetry and prose readings appropriate to the



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Jazz festival held over two days

Pearl Beach's Jazz in January will be held over two days instead of one, according to organisers.

The event will be held over the January 21 weekend.

Organiser Ms Lyn Lillico said the two day event would feature a star-studded line up of jazz instrumentalists and vocalists on both days against a backdrop of the Pearl Beach Arboretum.

"On Saturday January 21, the John Morrison All Stars will back a cast of Australia's foremost jazz



performers.

"Grace Knight who brought the house at Pearl Beach in 2003 will lead the line-up."

Also featured will be Dale Barlow, one of Australia's most accomplished and internationally recognised jazz artists, the smooth trumpet of Bob Henderson and the soulful jazzy blues voice of leading singer/songwriter, Evelyn Duprai, to be followed by Neilsen Gough, a man fast becoming Australia's premier vocal talents.

"The Sunday line up is equally star-studded with John Morrison's All Stars again backing the bebop of the fabulous Blaine Whittaker, the trad jazz of Bob Hamilton, blues singer Delilah and the great Frank Bennett's swinging renditions of contemporary pop and classics that have made him one of today's most popular entertainers in Australia.

"The Sunday program will be rounded out by a lady who not only excels on the piano, but is also a talented trumpet and flugelhorn player, and is gifted with a beautiful voice which is featured in many line-ups including Swing City."

The festival is again being organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Ms Lillico said the January festival was normally fully booked early in December.

"I don't expect 2006 to be any exception," she said.

Proceeds of the festival will be used for improvements to local and



Marie Andrews MP and staff

Wish all readers Peace, Hope and Happiness this festive season

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environmental facilities at Pearl Beach, Ms Lillico said.

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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 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 3599 EBWMC, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341

1166 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 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. group, MOW. Stroke recovery 11.30am. Diabeties 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 eng: 4341

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Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, ESCC, eng: 4341 3222. Every Tuesday

The Web, TWYS, Drop in centre 12-

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, eng: 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 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, eng: 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 eng: 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, Oil Multi-craft 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,

Theatre School from 3.45pm PCC. Peninsula Choir rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina. Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, MOW

Gambling and general counselling

by appointment, Peninsula Dance and

6pm, enq: 4341 9929. Men's 18 hole golf; Men's triples bowls, 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 1073

<u>THURSDAY</u>

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, EBWMC Treasure Chest, 11.30am - 12.30pm,

Club Bingo, 2 - 4pm, Mystery Members 5 - 6pm. WWBC

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

Tai Chi-11.35am; Dancing 9am; Indoor Bowls-9am; Table Tennis-1.45pm;

Cards 12 noon, ESCC Judo all ages, 5.30pm:Enq: 43424121. PCC

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

Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

Children's story time, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan). Gym Sessions 8am-12noon PCYC. Gym Circuit 9am-10am, 6pm-7pm,

School Sport 1pm-2:45pm PCYC. Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851 Social Tennis 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach

Courts, enq: 4369 3195. Adult tap dancing, EPH 10am; enq:

4342 3925

Bingo 9.45am, Karaoke 6pm EBWMC Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, Boxing/ fitness training, 4pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior) PCYC

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

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: 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, 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 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. 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 Eng: 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, Eng: 4341 0721, WWLC

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

Weight Watchers 8 - 10am, PCC

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,

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market

BBQ, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome,

Coast Community Church Services 9am

Free Jazz or duos 4pm, Players Lounge,

Mixed and men's 18 hole golf; men's

bowls pairs - 9.30am; mixed triples

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

Endeavour View Club Luncheon ECC

Pretty Beach P S P&C. Resource Centre

Save the Children, Meet at St Andrews

RSLWomen's Auxiliary, EBWMC, 9am.

Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Progress Assoc

Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am,

War widows Guild, EBWMC 1pm, Enq:

NSW Transport Authorities Retired

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch,

Carers support group, Group room,

health service building, Woy Woy

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy P.S.

Walking with other Mums. UBSF. Free.

3Cs-Craft,Coffee & Conversation,

Yoga WH 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854 (ex

Bowls EMBC 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.

Night Bowls, 7.30 - 9.30pm, EBWMC,

Dancing - 9am; Indoor Bowls-9am;

Mahjong - 1pm; Fitness 1pm; Yoga for

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon, Tiny

Tots 9:15am-10:00am, Circuit Boxing

training, 4.00pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior)

Brisbane Water Bridge Club PCC.

Fairhaven Cash Housie 7.30pm &

9.00am, Boxing/fitness

Second Monday of every month

Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina

First Monday of every month

Last Sunday of every month

ph: 4341 9301.

Eng: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

bowls-1pm; ECC

WWLC.

8.00am.

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<u>MONDAY</u>

Contact 4342 1722

7:30pm, ph 4360 1587

1-30pm Eng 4324 4389

Eng: 4344 4520

CWAHWW, 1pm.

Every Monday

school holidays).

4344 3486

WH 7:30pm. Eng: 4360 1546

Employees, 2.30pm, EMBC

Hospital, Eng: 4344 8427.

7.30pm , Enq: 4341 2931

Enq: Liz Poole on 43 203741

12.30pm BFC. Enq: 43 431929

Computers, 1pm, 2pm, ESCC

beginners 2.30pm; ESSC.

12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

Last Monday of Every Month

Third Monday of every month

Fourth Monday of every month

& 5pm Eng 4360 1448

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 eng: 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;

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, 4-5.pm (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

4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, eng: 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 Eng: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.

<u>SUNDAY</u>

First Sunday of every month

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Eng: 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 Eng: 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,

Bingo 11am CU

(Women)

PCYC

Evening Bowls 6pm Enq 4341 9656, Line Dancing Classes, 7pm, EMBC Card Club 500 1pm Punters choice 12.45pm **EBWMC** Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333 Patchwork & Quilting, 9am, Pottery 10am & 1pm EBACC Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am (except Jan) Gentle Exercise for over 50's, 9.30am, Yoga, 10am - 11.30am, Pilates, 6pm -7pm, BJP School of Physical Culture from 3.45pm, Peninsula Dance and Theatre School from 3.45pm, Gambling Counselling by appointment, PCC Craft group, 1pm BFC

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Hope for a pathway

On my journeys throughout the world, I have been entranced by the many walkways in major cities that enable people to walk, run or meander along well-paved routes, admiring the water views, and the freshness of the air around oneself.

West Bank, Brisbane comes to mind - Vancouver Island, Paris, Copenhagen to name just a few - even the nearly finished cyclewalkway from Gosford to Woy Woy.

In my particular area, we have the chance to construct a

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similar walkway from Hardy's Bay to Wagstaffe - something for mothers with prams, elderly people and cyclists to use in safety and pleasure.

It should not be a rough bush track nearly impassable in wet weather and a known accidentprone area for the not-so-agile.

I hope that a pathway is in the pipeline for future planning of our Council, and I am sure that it would be welcomed by visitors and residents alike.

Bill Teasdell, Wasgstaffe Pt

New dam needed

In my mind the only way to create a better water supply is to find a new site for a large capacity dam, a site that has an expert assessment of maximum rainfall.

The locals at Mangrove Creek warned the public and the council that the present site of the dam was unsuitable because of rock type and low rainfall.

The Public Works ignored this advice, after all, what would the locals know, they've only lived there 200 years.

Public Works was the same government department that tried to put a sewerage treatment works on Pelican Island, Woy Woy.

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This exercise in crass expediency united the people of Woy Woy in protest and created a new council and state member

the way to go.

Christmas: for Gilbert's potoroo

First white record 1840 last record 1879 rediscovered 1994

The fake christmas trees, the tinsel and lights, the reindeers and santas and snow, that big spending spree, consumption's mad heights; my soul with nowhere to go.

Immersed in the bush, my spirits renew, while thoughts of survival sustain; reflecting our fate's one small potoroo, extinction its haunting refrain.

Returned from the brink, that species so fraught death's close as the blink of an eye, funds needed to breed, a respite so short, Potorous gilbertii don't die!

Resilient, besieged, just thirty remain, will humans respond to their plight? Our future at stake, this priceless campaign, greed's folly or wisdom, insight?

The glitter and glitz have faded away, we're fatter and poorer and tired, the garbage bins bulge, the earth forced to pay, and three little potoroos died.

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Holstein disappoints

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rather disappointing lt's read of promising to Independent Cr Chris Holstein opting to snuggle up to the big boys by joining the Liberal Party.

Hasn't he learnt the lesson of Pittwater?

That is, Independents can win if they're well known and work hard. And the only boss the Independents have are the people.

It's a shame that he's opted out for the big political parties that are corrupt, arrogant and antidemocratic.

The destruction of the One Nation Party is a good example of the big parties ruthless exercise in power.

As more Independents join the political fray, more deals will be made and more benefits will flow to the people, the ones the politicians are supposed to represent.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy Bay

Favourite species

Many years ago I began to organise wild life shows and the Perth Town Hall.

Thousands of people came each year to enjoy seeing wildlife both plants and animals, paying admission which helped the club of which I was president.

One year, we handed out cards asking visitors to write the name of the animal they considered our most popular with people; mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, any kind.

At the close of the day I worked out the result.

The kookaburra had come at the top well ahead of kangaroo and koala.

Why had this giant among world kingfishers been so popular?

Once, no doubt it was found all over Australia until with climatic changes it, like the koala had died our in Western Australia and Tasmania, though still found as a fossil in the first state.

The happy laugh and friendly attitude to humans was a great

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Certainly earlier settlers liked it so much they introduced live birds into both states.

In the west in 1901, the then Duke of Edinburgh encouraged by the head of the local zoo, released a number a birds.

They flourished, both here and in Tasmania; earning the dislike of some naturalists since it was found they also - besides snakes - ate baby birds in their nests.

Most people would not agree.

Lots of predators like crows, hawks and currawongs also do the same; though none produce damaging effects on the total population of other bird species. Personally I like them.

So did Veronica Parry, an American biology student who also fell in love with them when she saw kookaburras for the first time in San Diego zoo in the United States.

She decided she would come to Australia to see the birds in their home.

She also managed to organise work to earn a doctorate on the species.

The late Bob Raymond; founder of ABC's Four Corners, and I worked together to create the popular television series, Shell's Australia.

We spend a happy day in the bush with Veronica plus nesting kookaburras to make her famous with a wider world; creating a whole program on the bird and herself.



Medecins Sans Frontieres Doctors Without Borders

There is a crisis of epic proportions unfolding in the Sudan. Over 1.2million people have been displaced by militias and their villages have been burnt to the ground.

Around 2 million people are now living in harrowing

conditions with severe food shortages and no access to medical aid. Please make an imediate tax-deductable donation to Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without

Borders) to help Sudanese people.

Medecins Sans Frontieres is on the ground in Sudan with an international team of 150 medical personnel,

including 14 Australian and New Zealand volounteers.

We are providing basic healthcare to over 490,000 refugees, have vaccinated nearly 40,000 children against measles, we're conducting over 12,240 consultations a week and have set up feeding centres where we're treating nearly 8000 malnourished children. But its not enough. *"Hardly anyone is getting the care civilians should get in* a conflict. There are pockets of real disaster where the population is at grave risk of dying in large numbers," reports Dr Gillies. Please give as quickly as you can. Lives depend on it. Time is running out for the people of Sudan. We urgently need your support to help prevent this tragedy from escalating further To donate - Ph: 1300 30 90 90 Fax: 9552 6539 Web: www.msf.org.au Email: office@sydney.msf.org

Post: MSF Australia, Reply Paid 847, Broadway, NSW 2007

A new dam in the right place is

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

help; as well as their ability as snake killers.

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Gosford Town Centre Opposite Kibble Park

Education



Students decorate their classrooms at Brisbane Water Secondary College

Full school at **Pretty Beach**

Pretty Beach Public School is expecting 165 students next year, with the possibility of a few more children arriving early in the year, according to principal Ms Vicki Redrup. "Numbers are always tight here but I am very confident we will have seven classes next year." Ms Redrup said.

"I am now in the process at looking at various class structures and organising children into these classes.

"There will be composite classes throughout most grades.

"Classes will not be based on academic ability but rather we are looking at social and resourcing issues.

"Please be assured that much discussion and thought goes into making the best possible arrangements for your children."

Ms Redrup said no definite decision would be made until the first week of school.

"It is so important to know how many children will actually start at the beginning of the year.

"This will determine which plan we go with."

Ms Redrup said for the first few days of school next year children would be with their teachers from this year, where possible.

"As soon as numbers are finalised, classes will be formed," Ms Redrup said.

Newsletter, December 1 **Pretty Beach Public School**

Calculators swapped for paint brushes

mathematics Year 10 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College swapped their calculators for paint brushes over the last week to transform their drab classrooms into exciting, bright learning environments, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"With materials donated by Campbell Home Hardware of Woy Woy and Dulux Trade Centre at Gosford, students put their mathematical skills to a new use

in measuring and designing the figures for the walls and learned many new decorating skills which will no doubt serve them very well as future homeowners," Mr Lewis said.

"Where once were dull and peeling walls, dragons and flamingos now parade producing environments which students will love to be in.

"Imagine loving to be in a maths classroom, only at college.

"Further along the corridor, the college's music teacher Kristy Faulkner, who has taken students to so many awards in the Kool Skools competitions, has displayed another of her immense talents by transforming the walls of the corridor into a back stage look which again will be wonderfully inviting to students.

"This beautification program is totally in keeping with the major refurbishment of both campuses of the college which is scheduled to resume in the new year and further enhances the attractiveness of the whole college.

> Press release, December 7 Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Students receive awards

Several Pretty Beach students Public School have received environment awards from Gosford Council for their involvement in council's "Let's get it sorted" campaign.

Students included Eliza Cross, who won second place Year 2 project, Georgie Urie who won first place for Year 3 project, Sunniva Abrahams who was runner up Year

3 project and Nina Attwooll who won a special non-project category award

Pretty Beach Public School was also runner up in the Whole School Participation Category.

Two teachers also received an award for the unit of work "Let's Get it Sorted" written for stage 2.

The school also received a prize of \$500 and books.

> Newsletter, December 1 Pretty Beach Public School

Brisbane Water Secondary **College student Christopher** Richardson has been awarded the Australian Vocational Student Prize.

The inaugural Australian Vocational Student Prize recognises students who have excelled in a Vocational Education and Training in Schools programme, or a schoolbased new apprenticeship, and includes a certificate and a \$2000 cash prize.

Federal member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, announced the local award.

"It gives me great pleasure to see Central Coast students excelling nationally by are demonstrating exceptional skill. commitment and achievement in extra-curricular activities," Mr Lloyd said.

> Press release. December 7 James Larsson, Jim Llovd's office

School recognised for reading

Woy Woy Public School was one of 22 schools recently recognised at the Premiers Reading Challenge award ceremony.

Woy Woy Public School was recognised on the day as having one of the highest levels of successful students participating in the challenge.

The award ceremony was held at

the Powerhosue Museum, Darling Harbour, on November 21.

"I warmly congratulate all of our young readers who have taken part in the 2005 Premier's Reading Challenge, and all of those who encouraged them along the way," NSW premier Mr Morris lemma said.

"The challenge encourages students to develop a love of books and at the same time helps

Reading Challenge students in Years 3 to 8 must have read 20 or more books, including at least 15 from lists of approved Challenge books and Kindergarten to Year 2 students must experience at least 40 books.

Younger children can read the books independently, have books read to them, or read the book with help from parents, teachers, older brothers or sisters. Press release, November 21 Bindi Blomstrand, Department of Education and Training

Vocation prize



Three 5-day tennis camps will be held at Umina Tennis Courts during January from 9am to 3pm daily. Open to all ages, beginners to advanced. Racquets are provided. Cost \$70 for the week (Family discounts apply) or \$20 daily. Camps will be held as follows: January 9 to 13 January 16 to 20 January 23 to 27 Bookings essentia. Ph: Neil on **4341 0970** Bookings essential

improve their literacy skills." To complete the Premier's

New entry path

Pretty Beach Public School has had a new entry path, according to principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

Barrie Johnston from Raine and Horne, Killcare Beach, recently donated \$1000 towards the school for the project.

"This money has been used to

purchase the materials needed for the construction of the path," Ms Redrup said.

"Our new entry path looks great. "Many thanks to John Birchall and his team of boys from Hornsby TAFE for organising it."

Newsletter, December 1 Pretty Beach Public School

Awards from counci

Students from Empire Bay Public School were recently presented with awards at the **Gosford Council Schools** Environmental Program Presentation Awards

ceremony.

The theme for this year was "Let's Get it Sorted."

The school received a pack of books for the library and a cheque for \$150 that will be used on environmental programs.

Class KE were also selected from all Central Coast schools to perform their environmental item about 'Worms'.

Students to receive awards included Callum Balneaves for the Kindy award, Montana Lapich for the Year 1 award, Nick Smith for Year 2 award, Chloe Gregory for the Year 5 award and Katie Jones for the Year 6 award.

Newsletter, November 30 **Empire Bay Public School**

Education & Sport

Invited to carols

The Woy Woy Public School choir was recently invited to participate in the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club's Christmas Carols to be held on Thursday, December 15.

Relieving principal Mr Warren Mee said the choir would be performing as part of the Peninsula Schools' Combined Choir. "Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the event," Mr

Mee said. The event will be held in The Esplanade, outside the club, commencing at 6pm

Press release, December 1 Warren Mee, Woy Woy Public School

Fun days held at leisure centre

About 1000 children aged 5 to 14 years will attend school end of year "Fun Days" at the Peninsula Leisure Centre over the next few weeks, according to publicity officer Ms Neta Simak.

Currently four schools including Central Coast Adventist, Ettalong Public, Valley View and Umina have confirmed Fun Day bookings at the Leisure Centre, with between 200



1st Grade 1st Innings win to Umina

Umina 4/242 Mark Cattley 74, Ben Smith 65, Simon Blake 44 Toukley 8/176 Jamie Doran 4/58

2nd Grade 1st Innings win to Umina

Umina 8/198 Paul Sharp 75 Toukley 130 Paul Sharp 3/34

3rd Grade 1st Innings win to Toukley

Umina 6/242 Ian Rand 65, Grant Pride 48 Toukley 9/249 Ryan Mathews 3/44

4th Grade 1st Innings win to Umina

Umina 9/126 Grant Johnson 45 Toukley 120 Tim Knight 3/18, James Archibald 2/6

5th Grade 1st Innings win to Toukley

to 380 children expected to attend each event, Ms Simak said..

Running from 9am to 3pm, the Fun Days will incorporate activities such as water fun games, the waterslide, indoor soccer, basketball and volleyball, continuous cricket, parachute games, relay and quoits.

The leisure centre's outdoor area will also be fully utilised on the Fun Days.

Aquatics coordinator for Gosford Council, Mr Simon Clarke, said the leisure centre had been designed to comfortably accommodate large events.

"The kids will take home big smiles as well as goodies show bags from their Fun Days," Mr Clarke said.

> Press release, November 29 Neta Simak, Peninsula Leisure Centre



Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union will be holding an information day on Saturday, January 28, with coaches on hand to answer any questions about rugby.

Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union's eight teams have had a successful season, according to registrar Gerri Wolfe.

"The Under-11s finished the season runners-up in their grand final against Terrigal with another three teams just missing the finals.

"The club has also been chosen to receive new rugby equipment for the 2006 season. "They were selected for assistance under the Telstra Rugby Union Assistance Fund.



Year 12 student, Jacqui Steward talks to the group about her traineeship in Retail with Big W

Partnership launched

Anew traineeship partnership training.

to

Club general manager Mr Peter Hale began the formal part of the meeting by congratulating the college on this initiative and committing the club to substantial support of the program.

Part of this support would involve the club taking on a number of senior students as "school-based part-time trainees".

"This involves the students in studying an accredited vocational course at the senior campus and doing the on-the-job training in the club," Mr Lewis said.

"For this part of the traineeship,

the student would be paid as an employee."

Six senior campus students have signed up for this program including Kristie Baird (Business Services), Kyle Dew (IT), Emma Hardcastle, Emma Hull, Sarah Milton, and Tim Barratt (Hospitality).

Other Peninsula businesses that would like to participate in the program can contact David Beattie at the senior campus on 4341 1600.

Press release, December 7 Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Envirothon winners

Year 11 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College recently took part with other school teams in the 2005 Envirothon competition at the Narara Agricultural Research Station and the

between the Ettalong Beach

War Memorial Club and

Brisbane Water Secondary

College was launched at a

business breakfast meeting

The event was part of the senior

school to productive destinations

involving employment and further

principal Mr Pat Lewis.

according

recently,

Lewis said.

"Participation in competitions of this kind demonstrates again the commitment of the college to promote values within its students and respect for the environment is very important. "The college would like to congratulate Mr Holliday and the students for their success."

Press release, December 7 Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Campus' Creating Our Future program, where students were given the opportunity to experience a range of opportunities and support to ensure that they exit the

Umina 9/193 & 1/81 Noel Gaunt 55, James Barnett 42 Toukley 5/241

Greg Mathis 2/41

6th Grade 1st Innings win to Umina

Umina 183 Luke O'Donnell 53, Danny Dawes 34, Toukley 104 J.Crease 3/22

> Press release, December 5 Mark Smith, Umina District Cricket Club

"The fund is designed to supply grassroots rugby clubs with essential equipment like goal post pads, footballs and jerseys.

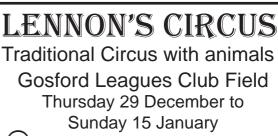
"The club has tripled its numbers in two seasons and with the support of a great committee of parents, dedicated to making rugby safe as well as fun, the club will only continue to grow."

The information day will be held at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, on Saturday, January 28.

Press release, December 7 Gerri Wolfe, Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union **Strickland State Forest.**

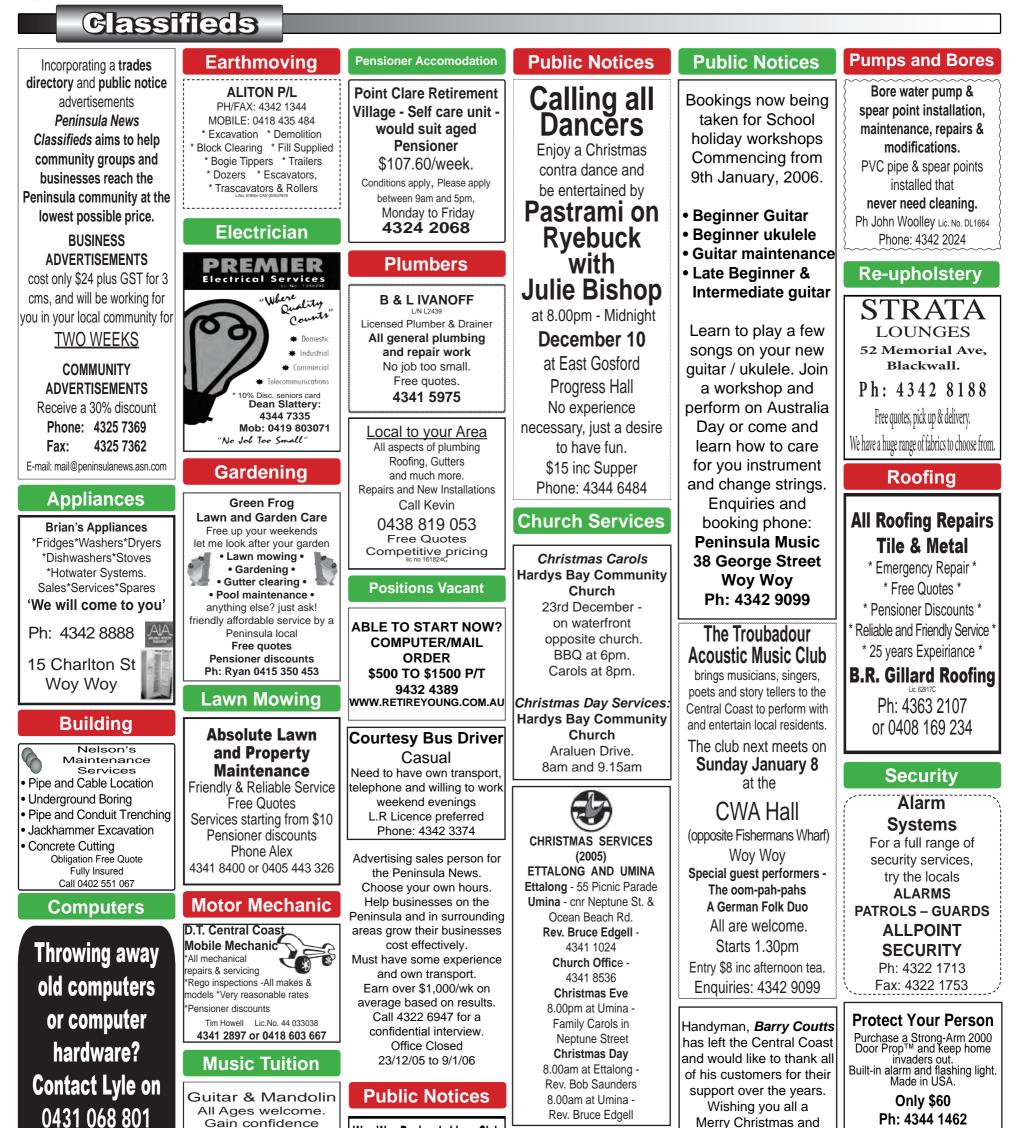
Principal Mr Pat Lewis said students Cameron Black, Emily Francis, Ryan Maxwell and Kristy Travers were required to develop and present a vision for the for the future use of the station as an alternative to its development for housing.

Mr Lewis said the students performed exceedingly well winning several of the events. "Although they did not win the overall prize, organisers and judges sought out teacher Kym Holliday to praise the college team and the quality of their work," Mr





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Water polo selection

Bensville resident Corrie Eames has been selected in the NSW Water Polo Under-20 Boys Squad after competing with the Hunter Hurricanes Under-20 team at the NSW State Championships in Sydney on December 3 and 4.

The Hunter Hurricanes team finished fifth overall at the championships.

His father Mr Maurice Eames said: "Corrie and two of his team mates were rewarded for their strong play during the tournament with selection in the Under-20 NSW Squad.

"The squad will train six times a week in Sydney with the NSW Institute of Sport based at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre over the next four weeks to prepare for National Titles in Brisbane from

January 14 to January 19

"The past six months has been a busy and successful period for Corrie with selection in the National Under-17 Youth Boys Squad and also selection in the NSW Combined High School State Team."

Mr Eames said Corrie played with the Hunter Hurricanes at Newcastle, trained four swim session a week and four water polo sessions a week as well as playing games.

Corrie travelled to Newcastle and Sydney for training and games, while maintaining good grades at Kincumber High School.

"Corrie has a dream to compete at the Olympics for Australia and if he continues with his development his dream may come true," Mr Eames said.

> Press release. December 6 **Maurice Eames**



Col Gooley Field formerly Umina Oval

Field to be named

Bowling awards presented

The Umina Beach Men's **Bowling Club Presentation** Day was held recently, with several awards presented.

Award winners included Barry Hicks for major singles, Bill Thomson and Alan Rhodes for major pairs, Max Shelton, Barry Hicks and Brian Burrows for triples, Ian Jarrett, Ian Stretton, Alan Rhodes and Brian Burrows for fours, Ray Bourke Jnr for Minor Singles, Ian Stretton and Ken Stevenson for minor pairs and Brian Broderick and Terry Murphy for handicap pairs.

The encouragement award was

presented to bowls newcomer

David Bowman.

"Moving to the Coast 15 years ago, Mr Bowman has been a tireless worker for Umina Soccer Club as a junior coach for eight years and the thankless task of groundsman (unpaid) before deciding a new horizon beckoned," publicity officer Mr Terry Murphy said.

months, Mr Bowman played Grade 6 pennants this year, reached the semi-finals of major pairs, semifinals of the minor pairs and quarter finals of the triples.

Press release, December 5 Terry Murphy, Umina Beach **Bowling Club** **Gosford Council has resolved** to rename field number one at Umina Oval, the Col Goolev Field.

The Umina Sports Club will be allowed to erect a sign at the field indicating the field's name.

The Geographical Names Board of NSW recently recommended that councils use alternatives such as commemorative plaques or the naming of a particular facility such as an individual field rather than changing the name of the entire precinct.

Umina Sports Club asked that the field be named the Col Gooley Field in honour of the late Colin Gooley who played an integral

after Col Gooley role in rugby league at Umina Oval

and in the Woy Woy Peninsula community.

A council report stated that Mr Gooley was also a life member of the Umina Senior and Junior Rugby League Club and made an enormous contribution to the club with his efforts as a player, coach, club captain, president and tireless worker.

Mr Gooley was involved with coaching football and netball teams both locally and in the representative arena.

The report stated that Mr Gooley raised money for a number of charities, and became involved in a number of committees including The Umina Sports Council, being the founding member of Gosford City's Security Council Rangers & Police (SCRAP) Committee, and worked for a number of years with Umina Rotary Club organising the New Years Eve Celebrations at Umina Oval.

Mr Gooley was appointed the manager of Umina PCYC but was unable to take up those duties due to his illness.

Colin Gooley lived in and served the Woy Woy Peninsula Community for over 30 years.

Council agenda CIT.14, **December 6**

Chosen as captain

A Peninsula resident and cricketer has been chosen to captain the NSW country the Country team in Championships, according to Umina District Cricket **Club representative Mr Mark** Smith.

Fresh from leading the Central Coast to its first carnival win in over a decade, Simon Blake has been named captain of the NSW team for the Australian Country Championships at Mandurah from January 3 to 14.

Central Coast are also to play Newcastle in the State Final on February 5 at a venue yet to be decided

> Press release, November 22 Mark Smith, Umina District **Cricket Club**

Umina resident Amanda Bartrim has won the Australian all-school pole vault and has the new under-16 NSW pole vault record of 3.32 metres.

Amanda had previously won the NSW all-schools 14-year-old girls' pole vault two years running.

Amanda takes pole vault record

the Opens Women's competition earlier this year, as well as placing third in the under-16 girls NSW youth championships in March. and again at the Mingara presummer competition in August.

"She had set her sights on the record that has been there since

She has also placed third in 2001 and she has broken it by one centimetre," said family member Mr Brett Williams said.

> "She also broke the little athletics under-15 high jump record at Mingara last Saturday.

Press release, December 9 **Brett Williams**

Aboriginal surf program planned

Peninsula-based The aboriginal Mingaletta corporation is among groups organising the Central Coast's first Indigenous surfing program, with activities at Umina beach. The program is free, and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 10 to 18.





"Having only played bowls for 14

Children aged 8 to 9 would also be considered on application if they can demonstrate acceptable water and surf skills.

Participants must be able to swim and they must register before Thursday, December 15.

provided to participants.

The program is a partnership initiative between Gosford Council, Northern Rivers Department of Sport and Recreation, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Service and local Aboriginal Corporations.

The program will involve three stages.

Stage 1: Learn to Surf Skills will be held on Umina Beach on December 18.

Participants must arrive at 8am sharp

Stage 2: Intermediate Surfing Skills will also be held on Umina

A third stage, Professional Skills Training, will also be held, though a selection process applies. Three contests will also be held following the program.

Contest number 1, Future Groms, will be held on January 28 and 29 at Umina Beach.

Contest number 2, Koori Surfing and Bodyboarding Contest will be

held on February 19.

The Indigenous Surf Carnival will then be held at Newcastle in April. For more information, contact the Mingaletta office on 4342 6823. Press release, December 7 Mingaletta Improve your home by thousands \$\$\$ No job too BIG or too small

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Some of the Brisbane Water Secondary College year 12 girls at their end of year formal

Students enjoyed 'rite of passage'

Water Secondary College enjoyed their "rite of passage" formal function at the Ettalong Beach Club recently, according to principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"At a glittering formal, 185 students, their parents and many staff members, totalling over 500 people, enjoyed a wonderful evening which was a fitting finale for six years of high school for a wonderful group of young people," Mr Lewis said.

"Befitting the occasion, students presented themselves in the best of formal attire and the sudden transformation from school student to graduate was amazing. "During the evening, students were

Year 12 students from Brisbane presented on stage to the audience and a slide presentation of their year's activities was shown."

In his address to the students, principal Mr David Beattie praised the students' application to their studies and their contributions to the school and to the community. Mr Beattie also broke the news that one student. Chris Richardson. had been awarded the title of Australian vocational education student of the year in the field of entertainment.

Another, equal dux of Year 12, Sarah Harvey, had the unique distinction of having her major HSC works in drama, design and technology, and visual arts, selected for state exhibitions for the best HSC works in the state.

"A notable absence from the formal was student Tessa Nuku who was





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performing in front of an audience of thousands at the high profile NSW Public Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre," Mr Lewis said.

"Reports indicated that Tessa's performance there was outstanding and seemed set to launch her into her dream of a career in entertainment.

"In her absence, the audience were treated to a video performance of Tessa singing on Umina beach, and a wonderful live performance from Megan Purcell, also of Year 12."

Year 12 advisers Mrs Nuku and Mrs Labberton and the students of the Formal Committee staged the end of school event."

> Press release, December 7 Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College