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Tesrol proposal returns to council

Tesrol The proposed development the near **Ettalong Foreshore is set to** return to council.

The State Government has rescinded legislation requiring it to be sent to the Department of Planning, according to council's development assessment unit manager Mr Gary Loft.

"What happened was that the Government amended SEPP 71 so that all buildings over two stories with 100 metres of a sensitive coastal location are refereed to the Department of Planning," Mr Loft said.

"The department then decides which ones it deals with, and which ones are returned to the councils

"But it created a little monster. "I think they got quite a few applications.

"They got quite a few from Gosford Council.

"As a result, three weeks later it was amended again and they withdrew that requirement.

"This means that council went back to being determining authority."

Mr Loft said that the proposed development would be an item in the February 7 businesses paper, and had been recommended for refusal.

"Basically, has recommended refusal based on height, bulk, scale and density," Mr Loft said.

The Tesrol proposal was for a nine-storey mixed residential, 89 units, and commercial premise.

Lyle Stone, January 27



The Ettalong foreshore

Dunes 'not affected' by foreshore works, says Mayor Maher

Dunes on Ettalong Beach will not be affected in foreshore redevelopment to be partially funded by a State Government "Greenspace" program, according to mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

"Major improvements will include upgrading the quality of paved surfaces, improving the footpath corridor for large numbers of users, and installing decorative paving and seating in viewing areas," he

Cr Maher said council had

allocated a total of \$260,000 for stage one of the redevelopment, with a further \$300,000 provided by the Ettalong Beach War Memorial

Further funding would be sought from the Federal Government's Regional **Partnerships** funding program to extend the redevelopment, Cr Maher said.

Gosford Council has received a \$60,000 Greenspace program grant from the NSW Department of Planning for the planned Ettalong Beach foreshore redevelopment,

Cr Maher said.

"The Greenspace forms part of stage one of the redevelopment plan, expected to commence mid-year, subject to the approval of the Department of Lands," Cr Maher said.

"The Greenspace funding, which is on a dollar-for-dollar basis with council, will be used to reconstruct and improve the footpath and cycleway link between Picnic Pde and Beach St.

> Press release, January 17 Marion Newall, Gosford Council

receives award resident Ms

Aboriginal worker

Peninsula Dianne O'Brien has received community award for outstanding service the community in Gosford Council's Citizen of the Year awards.

Ms O'Brien is a member of the "Stolen Generation", deputy chair of the Mingaletta Aboriginal Corporation and has worked on a variety of Aboriginal community issues on the Peninsula.

Ms O'Brien is employed as an Aboriginal sexual health educator for North Sydney Central Coast

Ms O'Brien is writing a book about her life which, when published, will be called "On My Own".

Gosford's Citizen of the Year was Anne Berry of Kariong

Other winners of Community Awards included Senior citizen of the year Ms Jeanette Chapman of Niagara Park, Disability service (disabled person or service to the disabled) recipient Ms Rachel Horler of Saratoga, Young citizen of the year Ms April Long of Narara, Sports achievement recipient Mr Timothy Schofield of Narara, Volunteered service to the community recipient Ms Thelma Clarke of Wyoming, Cultural achievement recipient Mr Chris King of Gosford and Business person of the year Ms Deborah Warwick.

Community event of the Year was awarded to the Australian Springtime Flora Festival.

The name of Citizen of the Year, as well as nine residents receiving Gosford City Council Community Awards for their outstanding achievements within their community or chosen field, was announced on January 20.

The awards were made at a Community Awards presentation ceremony at the Dwyer Pavillion at Gosford Showgrounds attended by 240 people.

Man attacked at Ettalong

Police are appealing for information after a man was attacked by three men at Ettalong Beach Wharf on Friday, January 28.

At about 8:30pm a 49-year-old Kincumber man was swimming at the beach with his wife and family members when he witnessed a man being assaulted by two men.

The two men left but later Marion Newall, Gosford Council returned with an elderly man and attacked the victim.

younger men has produced a small knife and the victim received two minor wounds to his back.

The three offenders then left in a red Toyota Tarago van.

The two young men are described as being of either Middle Eastern or Pacific Islander appearance, aged between 18 and 20-years-old.

The first was described as being about 165 centimetres tall, thin Stoppers on 1800 333 000. build, dark hair, wearing a light coloured singlet top, grey three

During incident, one of the quarter length pants and a gold necklace.

> The second was described as being about 175 centimetres tall, slim build, short dark hair, wearing a dark jumper with white shorts.

> Anyone who witnessed the incident or may have information that would assist police with their enquiries can contact Gosford Police on 4323 5599 or Crime

Press release, January 28 **NSW Police Media**

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The intersection of McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd

Consultant to plan three traffic lights

Gosford Council is seeking a consultant to plan details of three sets of traffic lights on the Peninsula, according to Liberal representative for Peats Ms Debra Wales.

She said she was concerned that the Council was advertising tenders for the job of preparing plans for traffic lights at Dunban

Rd, McMasters Rd and Railway St, as part of the Ocean Beach Rd Traffic Management Plan.

"This is despite the poor public consultation, ignoring residents' protests and ignoring our requests for roundabouts instead of traffic lights as proposed and a set of pedestrian lights at South Woy Woy Primary School," Ms Wales said.

Ms Wales has called for a review of the plan in line with reduced expectations of population growth on the Peninsula.

Ms Wales said she had "real concerns" over the fact that councillors had been told that there were large numbers of pedestrians crossing at McMasters Rd, yet there were no pedestrian counts done to back up the statement.

"There are very few pedestrians crossing at this point as it takes you to Rogers Park," Ms Wales said.

"They ignore our complaints on the traffic congestion on Blackwall Rd created since the traffic lights were installed and they ignore our concerns that their projected population figures are incorrect which they base this whole study on."

Ms Wales stated in a submission to council that proposed traffic signals recommended to the council on the intersection of Dunban Rd and MacMasters Rd with Ocean Beach Rd should be replaced with two lane roundabouts based on the fact that there were negligible pedestrian movements at both intersections

Ms Wales also stated that the pedestrian desire line was located at the existing pedestrian crossing at South Woy Woy Public School and it was at this location that pedestrian signals should be provided.

"This would have the added benefit of improving safety on Ocean Beach Rd outside the public school and eliminate the need for the speed camera," Ms Wales said.

The Traffic Management Study stated that council predicted an additional 12,400 persons would be ultimately living on the Peninsula.

Ms Wales said that the draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy predicted a maximum population increase of 7500 based on a detailed assessment of current landuse patterns, medium density uptake and changes to Council's planning controls.

Ms Wales said that the traffic management study should be fully reviewed in light of the draft urban directions strategy, so that the net impacts on the intersection performances could be assessed.

"It may well be that the supposed demand at Dunban Rd and McMasters Rd are considerably less." Ms Wales said.

Press release, January 25
Ms Debra Wales, Liberal
representative for Peats

Night Owl Bus faces closure

A night-time bus service which serves much of the Peninsula may fold due to a lack of funding, according to Gosford Council.

The Night Owl Bus service is set to end due to a lack of funding, despite a general decline in alcohol-related crashes and general crime in the Gosford Council area during its period of year-round operation.

The service picked up and dropped off patrons at the Ettalong Memorial Club, Woy Woy Leagues Club and Everglades Country Club, as well as the Ocean Beach Hotel.

The service also served routes at Gosford, Terrigal, the Entrance, Doyalson, Charmhaven, Toukley and Wyong.

Gosford Council last week resolved to donate \$25,000 towards the service, and will be approaching Wyong council to match that figure, which will keep the service in operation until June 30

It has also resolved to undertake a review of the ongoing viability of the service, identifying alternative funding options, and rationalisation of the service aimed at sustainability

Council has also proposed that the Night Owl Bus routes be included in those to be serviced by bus companies when the Ministry of Transport draws up the new State Government area operating contracts for the Central Coast and a report be presented to council once a decision is made on the new routes

While licensed venues and fares in part have supported the cost of operating the Night Owl Bus service, the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) provides the bulk of funding.

This RTA funding runs out at the end of February and is presently not being renewed, according to a report to Gosford Council.

Senior constable Mr Dave O'Shea of Brisbane Water Local Area Command said the Night Owl service had lowered alcohol-related crashes and reduced the amount of general crime originating from or around licensed premises on the Central Coast.

"Police statistics also back claims that this service has dramatically helped swing community perceptions about drink-driving on the Central Coast," Mr O'Shea said.

Cr Craig Doyle said that the service needed to be supported by all the political parties.

"It troubles me greatly that we may lose such a fantastic initiative," Cr Doyle told the January 24 council meeting.

"It is a safe and reliable service.
"It started free, and then went to a gold coin, and now a payment between \$3 and \$5.

"The police have indicated to the mayor that, as a result of the service, alcohol-related crashes in the Gosford local government area have decreased, and that alcoholrelated crime and assault have decreased.

"The clubs and pubs, to their credit, have seen the value in this and the users are still voting with their feet.

"The service itself needs to continue.

"But because this is a State Government responsibility, we need their help.

"We need to encourage them, Liberal, Labour or Green, at the end of the day.

"We need them to show their level of commitment and help them put their money where their mouth is

"This is one of those things that shouldn't be political.

"It's providing a service to the community.

That's the bottom line. That's what it's about.

"It's saving lives."

Cr Trevor Drake also showed his support for the service.

"We should keep the pressure on the RTA, it is such a small cost," he said.

Cr Vicki Scott pointed out that the Night Owl Bus service was intended to be a one-off service, but that the State Government then went on to provide 12 months service.

"The State Government has been funding the service now for five years and, as a supporter of the Night Owl service, I believe council and community need to work towards taking control of this service."

Over 48,000 patrons have used the Night Owl Bus service since November 2003, with police and Gosford and Wyong Councils strongly supporting the service continuing.

The Night Owl Bus has proved particularly popular with latenight revellers as a safe means of traveling home from Central Coast clubs and pubs between midnight and 4am, according to the council report.

Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher said police statistics and community support for the Night Owl Bus had shown just how valuable, and lifesaving, the service was.

"It keeps many drink drivers off Central Coast roads, thereby saving lives and serious injury," Cr Maher said.

"With the service costing about \$25,000 a month, considerable government support is needed to keep it going."

Wyong mayor Cr Bob Graham, described the service as a "cheap and safe transport option for residents, so we hope the State Government decides to continue funding".

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Mayor praises community involvement

Community involvement has overcome objections to siting a marine vessel sewage pump-out facility near the Peninsula, according to Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

Community involvement had allowed council to find a "lateral solution", he said.

"It was initially resolved that the facility would be sited at Araluen Dr public wharf at Hardys Bay," Cr Maher said.

"However, at a public meeting on October 17 last, members of local communities made it clear they were strongly opposed to that site.

"Despite the opposition, three chaps who attended the meeting suggested we investigate installing the facility on a private wharf or marina."

As council had received grants from both the State and Federal government for equipment for the facility, the "lateral thinking concept"

had to be checked to ensure it did not contravene the grants' conditions before it proceeded, Cr Maher said.

"Both the federal Department of the Environment and Heritage and NSW Maritime Authority have now endorsed the solution, and council is calling for tenders for installation of the facility on a private wharf or marina," Cr Maher said.

"The Department of the Environment and Heritage described the private wharf solution as 'consistent with the objective of the program to fund works that demonstrate a range of solutions in providing integrated marine waste reception facilities'."

Cr Maher said council would only accept a privately owned and operated marina if it guaranteed that the pump-out facility would be available to the general public free of charge and that it fully maintained the facility.

> Press release, January 24 Marion Newall, Gosford Council



An architect's impression of the proposed Margin development on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Bowden Rd

Council speeds Margin approval

Gosford Council has resolved to rescind a motion to support the Margin development on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Bowden Rd, but has resolved to approve the development, reducing potential delays.

The original resolution from December 13 resolved that council approve the application subject to confirmation of the purchase of the laneway by the applicant.

Mayor Cr Laurie Maher, along with Crs Chris Holstein and Peter Hale put forward the rescission motion.

Their report to council stated that part of the resolution had the effect of delaying the release of the consent until purchase of the laneway was complete.

The report stated that "this has the potential to hold the matter in abeyance for up to 12 months and this does not appear to have been council's intent".

Council has now resolved to approve the development application and refer the application to its development assessment unit for appropriate conditions.

Information about the purchase of the adjoining laneway, along with information about a review of

council's density assessment and clarification of the effects of the yet to be adopted Peninsula Urban Direction Strategy (PUDS) on the development will be provided to councillors at a strategy policy workshop on PUDS on February 21

Bowden Rd resident Ms Audrey Armstrong spoke against the development at council's meeting of Tuesday, January 24, stating the development would "open the gate to developers who will think Gosford an easy mark.

"At the council meeting, the town planner, employed by Gosford Council, recommended refusal of the development in Bowden Rd," Ms Armstrong said.

"With the exception of Cr Latella, councillors approved this development, contrary to recommendations, which will open the gate to developers who will think Gosford an easy mark.

"It has been said that this development will ease the housing shortage, what housing shortage?

"Any housing shortage is most likely in the area of the ever-increasing aging society."

Cr Peter Hale stated that the wording of the previous conditions had been "too onerous in relation

to the purchase of the lane".

"As I understand it, if it was worded the way it was, he (Kim Margin) would be unable to begin the project until the purchase is finished," Cr Hale said.

Cr Latella moved an amendment that council adhere to its previous recommendation of refusal.

"It has not been supported by staff for numerous reasons," Cr Latella said.

"Quite frankly I'd like a reasoning from councillors, given that staff have not approved this, as to why councillors have approved this development.

"I believe it's not only a right that they should give me that reasoning but it's a right that the public also deserve."

Cr Hale stated that the decision was in response to the information presented to the councillors on the day (council inspection) and at the meeting.

"What had been provided in this place was open space and set backs," Cr Hale said.

The proposal is for a residential flat building composing of 50 units on the corner of Bowden Rd and Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Lyle Stone, January 24 Council agenda NM.1, January 24

Beach plan is almost completed

Gosford Council has almost completed the Ettalong Beach Reserve plan of management, according to a council report.

Council sent a letter to petitioners recently stating that it had engaged consultants, Andrews Neil, to undertake an environmental review of the Town Beach dune management and implementation plan.

The report further stated that when the environmental review was completed a submission would be presented to the Department of Lands requesting its concurrence with the plan of management.

It stated that it was hoped that works could commence on Stage 1 on the Town Beach by the middle of this year.

The report was in response to a petition sent to council which asked for Ettalong Town Beach to be restored for public use, the view reinstated and property environmental protection structures constructed.

The petition was received by council on November 22, and contained 347 signatures.

Council agenda COR.6, P.82, January 24



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> Uwe, Goong and Tasha Oberlander **Horsfield Bay**

Works lower height of reserve

The height of the Lance Webb reserve is being lowered by almost a metre while a process of so called "restoration" work was being carried out.

Gosford Council advised me this in its letter dated 17 January 2006 from Mr G Punshon.

No formal plans were considered necessary to undertake this rebuilding exercise.

I would usually agree if what was intended was a strict process of restoration.

Clearly it was not Council's intention to restore the erosion damage but to rebuild and modify the reserve by lowering the height in a manner sympathetic with Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee-driven desires to improve vision lines.

Such action supports the development of the Tesrol and Outrigger Resort sites, again circumventing a process of public

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consultation.

The statement that "the height of the reconstructed wall is considered adequate for the foreseeable future" ignores the fact that the previously level public reserve had existed as an excellent community amenity for more than 25 years.

And incidently, it had been surveyed at a height much higher, but had collapsed due to erosion from storm tides.

Any lessening of this reserve's mass will be clearly less than adequate.

I doubt that property owners fronting the reserve were ever consulted.

They may certainly enjoy the improved view of the water's edge but when the storm tides come they may have a change of heart.

Edward James, Umina

Real action needed on climate change

More forum page 11

In Australia we have just in the international community to survived the hottest year on record.

However the Liberal government still can't bring itself to take real action to address climate change.

This week in Sydney, the Government is hosting a sham summit on climate change with five of the world's biggest polluting countries.

The meeting in Sydney this week is for the "Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate", a US-led initiative that is supposed to "complement" the Kyoto Protocol.

This partnership places no real obligations on the partners and is simply a way of evading the serious efforts already underway

address climate change.

It is the public policy equivalent of cowering in an air-conditioned room on a hot day waiting for the sun to go down.

We cannot let the Australian and US Governments shirk their responsibility for tackling climate change.

The Australian government should re-engage with the international community's efforts to tackle climate change, rather than host meaningless talkfests.

A commitment to real targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions must be implemented with an unprecedented investment in clean energy technology.

Mike Hudson, Umina Beach

Rushed policies the problem

Commenting about the riots in Cronulla the Prime Minister said "It is important that we do not rush to judgement. I do not accept that racism is at the basis of this conflict".

That is a rush to judgement if there ever was.

It is you and your rushed policies that have created a climate of ethnic fear, tension and xenophobia.

The Tampa issue, committing to the senseless war in Iraq, the anti-terrorist legislation and a raft of highly controversial rushed legislation raced at top speed through the Parliament last week demonstrate that you are a poor decision-maker.

The problem with your judgements and legislation is that they are both rushed and wrong.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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A big thank you to so many who gave so generously to the St Vincent de Paul **Christmas Appeal.**

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families and bought much joy to the little ones.

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Special thanks to all the volunteers of St John the Baptist Woy Woy Conference and the Sacred Heart Umina Conference who worked so hard all year giving their time to help the less fortunate of our community and delivering the hampers, toys and gift vouchers at Christmas time.

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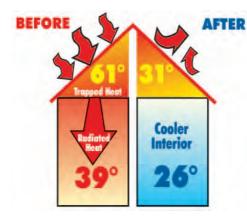
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Charity Queen Ms Kate Davey, Queen of the Oyster Festival Ms Rebecca Foley Maitland, sponsor Mr Tony Arico of Travelworld, Woy Woy, event coordinator Sharon Kennedy and committee members Ms Sue Fowler and Ms Debra Wales

Festival raises \$34,600 for Cancer Council

The entrants in the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival raised \$34,600 and every dollar went to Cancer Council's 'Breast Cancer Challenge', festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales has announced.

"The girls were judged by two independent panels consisting of a representative from the Cancer Council and business people," Ms Wales said.

"No one from our organizing committee was on the judging panel.

"We didn't even know how much the girls had raised until the announcement at the Oyster Festival Ball.

"Because of the six-week time period for the girls, our expectations were probably around \$5000 but when it was announced by Matthew Wales that we had raised \$34,600 we nearly fell over.

"These young women are extraordinary women, not only did they help one another at times but there was a lovely camaraderie between the girls."

The 11 entrants to the Queen of the Oyster Festival contest included Karen Doherty, Leah Langford, Sarah Fry, Lyndal Keyzer, Jessie Hartley, Kyla Edwards, Kim Smith, Kellie Bourke, Mia Hart, Miss Charity Queen Kate Davey and Queen of the Oyster Festival Ms Rebecca Foley Maitland.

Sponsors included Brisbane Water Private Hospital, Woy Woy Rotary, Domayne, Express Advocate, The Rocks Arcade, Club Umina, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, Prestige Properties Ettalong Beach, Bremen Patisserie, Everglades Country Club and LAW Building Design.

Gosford Council also donated \$5000 towards the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

Ms Wales said that each entrant had a sponsor and raised money for breast cancer by cocktail parties, raffles, fashion parades and even garage sales.

"They worked very hard," Ms Wales said.

"Jerry and Nina Altavilla gave us a movie premiere night and put on a cocktail evening for the girls.

"They were presented to the public on this evening.

"The whole concept has been a great success and we will continue with the Queen of the Oyster Festival to support breast cancer again this year."

Press release, January 27 Debra Wales, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

Residents in Honours' List

Two residents with Peninsula associations have been honoured in the Australia Day Honours List.

Ms Eleanor Rachel Spence of Empire Bay has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, while Mr Ronald Douglas Sharpe of Woy Woy has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Ms Spence AM has been made a member of the Order of Australia for "service to children's literature as an author and to the community through support for people with autism".

Ms Spence has been the author of 21 books for children, published between 1958 and 1992.

Ms Spence has been shortlisted for the "Book of the Year" award on several occasions and has had books translated into foreign languages and published internationally.

Ms Spence has been a member of the Australian Society of Authors since 1967 and was made Life Governor for the Autism Association of NSW in 1979.

Ms Spence has also received many awards and recognition including the Emeritus Fellowship from the Australia Council Literature Board in 1998 for a long and significant contribution to Australian writing for children.

Ms Spence has received 12 individual Children's Book of the Year Awards from the Children's Book Council of Australia between 1960 and 1991.

Ms Spence was also awarded the Christian Book of the Year (Children's Award and Book of the Year) in 1985 for her novel "Me and Joshua".

Ms Spence received the NSW Premier's Literary Award in 1981 for her novel "The Seventh Pebble" and the Australia Council Senior Writers Fellowship in 1980.

Ms Spence received the Churchill Fellowship to study "Care and accommodation for adolescents with autism" in 1978 and entered the honours book for International Board of Books for Young People for her novel "The October Child" in 1977.

Ms Spence was also short-listed for a UK Carnegie Medal in the

same year for the same novel.

Mr Ronald Sharpe has been given the Medal of the Order of Australia for "service to the community of the Gosford region through a range of service and social welfare organisations".

A previous awardee for the Gosford Council Citizen of the Year, Mr Sharpe has been involved with the Salvation Army since childhood, playing as a band member from 1963 to 1967.

Mr Sharpe was chairperson of the Red Shield Appeal at Umina Corps for several years and also built the Salvation Army Hall at Umina with his father.

Mr Sharpe was a volunteer with the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol from 1989 to 1995.

Mr Sharpe was president of the Umina Apex Club in 1978 and 1990, a district governor in 1981, a charter member in 1969 and was made a life member in 1990.

Mr Sharpe also led or participated in many Apex projects including Meals on Wheels, fundraising for disaster relief, and the establishment of the Apex Chalet for underprivileged children as well as being instrumental in raising funds for the establishment of Australia's second Surf Rescue Helicopter.

Mr Sharpe also established a family asphalting and construction business and through it has supported many local causes since 1970, including the loan of earthmoving equipment and fire fighting equipment during bushfires and sponsorship of many local sporting clubs.

Mr Sharpe has been a member of the NSW Branch of the Australian Ashpalt Pavement Association since 1990.

Mr Sharpe is also the current chairman of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee and the founding and current chairman of the Road Profiling Committee.

Mr Sharpe is also a current member of the Gosford City Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a lovely surprise," Mr Sharpe said.

"It's a wonderful surprise. I'm overwhelmed.

Through his work with the

community, Mr Sharpe said he had worked with lots of people, and that it was not just one person alone.

"I've worked with lots of really good people," Mr Sharpe said.

"I think the biggest thing is people needed to get involved. "What you put in, you get back

out of it.

"And when you're doing it you

"And when you're doing it, you enjoy doing it.

"I'm very honoured," Mr Sharpe said.

Gosford resident Mr Neville Roland Boyce was also awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for "service to public health, particularly through the development of the Central Coast Area Health Service, and to support for aged care, religious and service organisations".

Mr Boyce has been a board member of the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre for 10 years and was made a life member in 1992.

Lyle Stone, January 24 Australian Honours List

Five sessions on toddlers

Five sessions about "What Makes Toddlers Tick" will be run by Uniting Care Burnside at Beachside Family Centre, in the grounds of Umina Public School, in March.

Designed for mums, dads and carers of 18 month to three year olds, the group will provide an opportunity to consider what is normal behaviour, how to deal with tantrums and sleep problems and generally cope with the challenges of parenthood.

"This has been a very popular group in the past with those attending gaining confidence and some very practical management ideas," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"The fact that we also have child care available for the cost of a gold coin donation allows parents to attend and gives the children an opportunity to socialise with other children."

The course is free of charge and bookings are essential to ensure a place.

The course runs on Wednesdays from 10am to noon starting on March 1.

For more information, contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Press release, January 23

Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

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Action call on service station

Gosford Cr Terri Latella has stated she was not satisfied with council's response to a petition calling for action needed in the area surrounding the Liberty Service Station development.

"I'm still not certain what this council has done to pressure the State Government to get the rehabilitation works done to the area," Cr Latella said.

"The action taken does not satisfy me, and I would like to know what has been done, and what will be done."

Director of Environment and Colleen Worthy-Health Ms Jennings said that council had contacted the board responsible. the Private Certifying Authority (PCA), and that she believed there was a group working on it.

"As I understood, a community group was meeting with them," Ms Worthy-Jennings said.

"If that was unsuccessful, I will try again."

Council agenda COR.6, January 24



The Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Council denies responsibility

Gosford Council has informed petitioners of the Liberty Service Station at Empire Bay that it is not the certifying authority for the development.

Petitioners had asked council to ensure the completion of uncompleted works in association with the service station.

Council stated in a recent report that it was not the certifying authority for the development and that the issue had been a long

the matter had been referred to the Private Certifying Authority for

The petition, received by council on November 2, contained 11

> Council agenda COR.6, P.80, January 24



running dispute.

The council report stated that

the current rental was \$250 per A provision in the lease stated that the rent may be reviewed on

It was recommended that the

Council is the trust manager of the reserve on which the Umina

A council report stated that "when fixing subsidised rental for the surf clubs, consideration should be

Surf club rent may increase

Rent for the Umina Surf Club could increase by more than 20 times, according to a **Gosford Council report.**

Council resolved on January 24 that the rent for Ocean Beach Surf Club and Umina Beach Surf Club be set at \$5000 per annum.

Umina Surf Club currently pays \$250 per annum.

Council valuers had advised that market rent for Ocean Beach Surf Club was \$200,000 for the building and \$74,000 for the land, with market rent for Umina Surf Club being \$160,000 for the building and \$55,000 for the land.

The report to council stated that the site of the Umina Surf Club, the existing building, was subject to a lease that expired in 2017 and

May 1 next year.

rental be altered for parity with other surf clubs.

Surf Club is situated.

given to the size of the refurbished

building, the location, membership

Council's decision to refurbish the surf clubs also included Killcare and Wamberal.

of the club and capacity to pay the

Development applications to refurbish Killcare and Wamberal were expected to be lodged this

A further report would then be referred to council recommending a subsidised rental following the letting of the contract for those buildings.

If there are no objections, council has stated it would offer a lease of the Ocean Beach Surf Club to Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Council subsidises the rental as a commitment to the clubs, and the difference between market rent and actual rent is recorded as a donation to the clubs.

The rent is held in a reserve account to be used for further structural repairs and rebuilding.

Council has a program to refurbish or rebuild most of the surf clubs in the area.

Following refurbishment and rebuilding, it is proposed to offer a lease of 20 years to the surf clubs.

Public notice must be given before council grants a lease for the surf clubs and, if there are objections from the public, it may take up to a year to resolve, according to the council report.

The report stated that upon the public consultation process being finalised and, if there were no sustainable objections, the lease was anticipated to run from July 1.

Council agenda COR.8, January 24

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Visit to Edogawa

Woy Woy resident and 2005 Gosford Citizen of the Year, Mr Ron Sharpe, recently returned from a business trip to Japan, where he was also a guest of Gosford's sister city, Edogawa, according to son Mr Michael Sharpe.

"The staff at Edogawa were welcoming and took mum (Carol Sharpe) and dad on a tour of various public works throughout the city," Mr Sharpe said.

Both Mr and Ms Sharpe also met Edogawa Mayor Tata and visited the Gosford Room, a room dedicated by the Edogawa City Council.

Press release, December 1
Michael Sharpe

Residents object to preschool site

Gosford Council has received a petition from Killcare residents against the building of a preschool on the corner of Stanley St and Noble Rd, Killcare.

The petition included 47 signatures.

The residents have objected to the proposed preschool for 12 reasons including zoning of the site, health and safety issues and environmental impact.

The petition stated that the land was zoned and used as parkland, and was a floodway and flood zone.

The petition also stated that the preschool would represent a negative impact on property values and would provide less public bayside land.

It also stated that conflict of Rural Fire Brigade use with preschool parking and children's safety. Other issues included the impact on the character statement of the area by further commercial urbanisation and the impact on historic sites.

It also claimed increased traffic congestion, health, safety and amenity issues, and a negative impact on protected trees and environment.

Council agenda P.5, January 24

Report on clearing

Gosford Council officers will provide a report on vegetation clearing at Ettymalong Creek, according to council's director of environment and planning Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings.

Cr Terri Latella had brought attention to the matter at council's meeting of December 6.

"Can a report be provided on the vegetation clearing at Ettymalong Creek, in particular at the rear of 18 Kahibah Rd, Umina, and the substantial underscrubbing of an environmentally critical area?" Cr Latella said.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said a report would be provided on the matter.

Council agenda Q.159, December 6

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Federal payments for burnt homes

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced that ex-gratia payments would be made available to those who lost their homes in the recent bushfires around the Peninsula.

The payments of \$1000 to adults and \$400 to children would be made available to those who lost their principal place of residence in the fires, Mr Lloyd said.

Applications can be made through Centrelink.

"It is always a difficult task to re-build your life after a disaster such a bushfire and every bit of assistance helps," Mr Lloyd said.

"I am sure this payment will help those who lost everything in the fires make a fresh start to 2006.'

Previous NSW State Government announcements of assistance for bushfire victims also included substantial amounts of Australian Government funding under the Natural Disaster Relief Arrangement (NDRA), he said.

Although States were primarily responsible for domestic natural disaster recovery, the Australian Government reimburses States up to 75 per cent of eligible expenditure they spend on natural

Anyone wishing to claim this assistance may contact Jim Lloyd's office on 4325 1604.

Press release, January 20 James Larsson, Office of Member for Robertson



The site of the proposed development at Ettalong

Four-storey development approved

Gosford Council approved a four-storey mixed commercial and residential development on the old fruit and vegetable market site in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach.

The application was for the demolition of the former market and the construction of a development containing two commercial tenancies together with residential units and basement car parking for 24 vehicles.

The site is 200 metres from the edge of the Ettalong business centre and 50 metres from the Ettalong Markets and Cinema Paradiso complex.

A report from council staff stated that with the Ettalong ambulance station on the opposite corner of Whiting Rd, the subject site would provide a linkage between the markets and cinema complex and the town centre.

The report also stated that although buildings in the area should have an appearance of up to three storeys the statement was "somewhat vague" and, in this instance, it was considered that an acceptable appearance has been achieved.

Nine submissions and two

petitions containing eight and 22 signatures respectively were received about the proposed development.

Objections noted in the petition included increased traffic and lack of additional parking for visitors, a lack of need for commercial property in the area and the height being out of character.

Council agenda ENV.79, December 6

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Council works

Gosford Council conducted several maintenance works projects on the Peninsula last week at Ettalong and Woy Woy.

Work on the Ettalong foreshore involved the restoration of the bank, plus turf and fencing.

Work at Woy Woy involved watermain renewal on North Burge Rd and Brick Wharf Rd.

The renewal is 90 per cent complete.

Press release, January 18 Karen Weber, Gosford Council

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Women can enter the club at any time of the day, jump into a free spot on the circuit and then move around changing stations every 30 seconds. This workout is 'medicine women will take'. Its fast, its convenient and women leave Curves feeling charged with energy, not exhausted.

The continuous circuit routine combines cardio and resistance training in the one program. Members work out for 30 minutes, 3 times a week, which means the program can easily be slotted into most women's lifestyles.

At Curves your heart rate is monitored throughout the workout to ensure that you are working within your target zone. Curves offers the feminine personal approach. There is always a trainer in the centre of the continuous circuit style workout ensuring that you get the motivation and guidance required. To obtain this kind of service in a mainstream gym, you would have pay for a personal trainer. Other benefits are that the machines are specifically designed for women. There is no changing of weight stacks or making adjustments.

Curves also offers a commonsense weight management program which is aimed at restoring metabolisms that have been destroyed by constant yo-yo dieting. The Curves approach to weight loss focuses on increasing the proportion of muscle to body weight which increases and stabilizes the metabolism and therefore increases the body's ability to burn fat and keep the weight off.

Members at Curves who have been coming for even as little as just one month have noticed significant improvements not just to their fitness levels and body shape but also in regard to other health issues. Significant improvements to back and joint problems and lowering of blood pressure are some of the Curves success stories. Women who are strength training at Curves can expect to decrease their chances of developing heart disease, osteoporosis and arthritis.





I've been waiting for gym like this all my life. Waiting for a place where you can basically do your 30 minute complete exercise routine anytime that suits you. I've been a member for 3 months and in that short time lost 41 cms in total. Marie

At 55 yrs of age, I had never set foot inside a gym or ever embarked on any exercise program whate the workout is only 30 minutes, there are no mirrors, a great ^{oever.} The fact that age cross section and all females make it fantastic. After finishing my session at Curves, I feel alive, rejuvenated. **Colleen**

When I started Curves 4 months ago, I wore a size 22-24 skirt. Today I fitted comfortably into a size 16. My boyfriend is really proud of me and I am starting to feel confident in myself. Nikki

After suffering a back injury my physiotherapist gave me approval to attend Curves. After 4 months my physio says my back is stronger and my endurance is better. I can now go a whole day without pain. Anne

Curves has given me more energy, enthusiasm and a positive outlook on life and the encouragement to lose weight. My friends have commented on how terrific I look, how my enthusiasm for life and my general attitude has changed. It is something I do for myself. **Jennifer**



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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, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

MOW, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd. PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach

PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333 PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

TWYS, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684 UMBSC, Umina Beach Surf Club UCH, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664 WH, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe

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

DAILY EVENTS

Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf. **Playtime** Mon-Fri 9-10am, Little Gym **PCYC**

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, UCH 7pm.

Second Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait

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

Senior's Idol, 1 - 4pm EBWMC Toastmasters, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842; Seniors Day 12 noon EBWMC Get Together afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.

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

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

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

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

<u>Fourth Tuesday of every month</u> Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**

Toastmasters, EBWMC, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

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

Every Tuesday

The Web, TWYS, Drop in centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-

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

Judo from 5.30pm, Playgroup 9 - 11am, Peninsula Dance and Theatre School 3.45pm, Innovative Kids 3.15

- 4.15pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm - 8pm, \$6, **Gambling Counselling** by apointment **PCC** enq: 4341 9333.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, Boxing/ fitness training, 4pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior), Breakdancing, 5pm PCYC Early Bird Bingo, 11am; Come in Spinner, 12 noon; Club Bingo, 2pm; Mystery members, 5pm.WWLC.

Mystery members, 5pm.WWLC. Ladies Golf, 18 hole 8am; Ladies outdoor bowls, 9.30am; ECC ESCC - Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am;

ESCC - Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am; Handicraft-9am; Cards-12.30pm; School for Learning - over 55's from Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379

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

Rotary Club of Woy Woy 6pm ECC Folk Art 9.30am, Oils and Acrylics 12 noon, Silk Painting 1pm EBACC Children's story time, Umina library,

10.30 am (Except Jan). **Adult tap dancing** EPH 6pm, enq: 4342 3925.

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon PCYC.
Gym Circuit 9:15am-10:15am PCYC.
School Sport 1pm-2:45pm PCYC.
Junior Boxing 4pm-5pm PCYC.
Senior Boxing 6pm-8pm PCYC.
Gym Circuit 6pm-7pm PCYC.
Sport Sport 6pm-7pm PCYC.

Gym Circuit 6pm-7pm PCYC. Sports bar raffle EBWMBC Sahaja yoga meditation CWAHWW,10:30am enq: 4328 1409.

Computers, 9am, ESCC
Playgroup 10-12pm Kids 0-5yrs, Woy
Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd,
Ph: Juhel 4342 4362

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month
Older women's network, WWLC,
10.15am, enq:4343 1079
Seniors Shopping day, Deepwater
Plaza, Woy Woy, enq: 43412 4206
CWA social day, CWAHWW. 10am,
handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192
Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens

Progress Association, EPH, 7.30pm.

Second Wednesday of every

Month

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

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm. Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary, 10am enq: 4344 2599. Umina Beach Probus Club ECC 9.30am, visitors welcome.

Third Wednesday of every month
Woy Woy VIEW CLUB - luncheon &
guest speaker, 10.30am, Everglades
Country Club, 4342 0805

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Counselling by appointment, PCC
Rock'n'Roll Dance Class EBMC 7pm
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 9.30am
- 1pm and 7.30pm - 10.30pm, enq:

4341 6763,
Oil Painting, 9am Multi-craft needlework 10am, BJP School of Physical Culture, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924 Playgroup 10am - noon, Weight Watchers 5.30 - 7.30pm, Tai Chi 2 - 3pm, School for Learning 9am, Gambling and general counselling by appointment, Peninsula Dance and

Theatre School from 3.45pm **PCC**. Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

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

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

Seniors fitness EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

Indoor Bowls - 9am; Fitness - 1pm Leatherwork-9am; Table Tennis-9am. Scrabble 1pm ESCC.

Social Darts, 7.15pm EMBC, Gym Sessions 8am-12noon PMC. (Includes Self Defence for Young

(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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous 12.15 -

2.30pm, 6.30 - 8.30pm St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. **Handicraft CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month
Council education Officer, Woy Woy
Environment Centre, 1-4pm,

Outsiders club, **EBWMC**, 9am. **Australiana Bus Trips PCC**

Fourth Thursday of every month 9am – 12 midday. Free immunization clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, BFC

Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm, Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.

Every Thursday

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

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

Free entertainment 6.30 pm

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

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

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

Treasure Chest, 11.30am - 12.30pm, Club Bingo, 2 - 4pm, Mystery Members 5 - 6pm, WWBC The Web, 12pm - 6pm Young Men's Groups 12-18 yrs, TWYS

Ladies 18 hole **golf ECC**Tai Chi-11.35am; Dancing 9am; Indoor Bowls-9am; Table Tennis-1.45pm; Cards 12 noon, ESCC

Judo all ages, 5.30pm:Enq: 43424121. PCC Line Dancing 9.30am, Social Darts

CU, 7.30pm,

Stitchery Circle 9.30am, EBACC St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Eng: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, **EBWM**C, 10am, enq: 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** Enq:4343 1664 **Lollipop** Music Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am.

Enq: 43 431929.

The Web, 2pm-9.30pm Doctor & Nurse for 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 2-9:30pm
Old Wags Bridge Club, WH (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

Free **entertainment**, Players Lounge 5.30pm **WWLC**. Men's 18 hole **Golf**. **ECC**

Aqua-fitness, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869 Active Over 50's Exercise Class EPH 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

Painting – 9am ESSC

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

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), Primary Kids Club 4.30pm, Youth Group 7pm, enq: 4343 1237 Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.

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

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

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

Kids Club (Primary) .4-6pm, Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, Weight Watchers 10am, Gambling Counselling by appointment, Peninsula Dance and Theatre School from 3.45pm PCC

Computers, 1pm, Scrabble 1pm ESCC

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

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month
The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans
Assoc Aust meet, EBWMC, 2.30pm
Eng: 4340 4160

Second Saturday of every month
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration
Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.
Pretty Beach Bushcare group, Pretty
Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.
Save our Suburbs, Woy Woy South

Progress Hall, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251 **Ex-Navalmen's** Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, **WWLC** 10am.

Third Saturday of every month
Umina P & C Bushcare 9am, Umina
Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd Umina.
enq: 4341 9301
Market Day, 9am Sydney 2000 Park,

Umina UCH

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

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

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

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

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

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156 Snooker 8.30am EBWMC Gym Sessions 9am–12noon, Drama &

Discovery 9am-11am PCYC.

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

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

Weight Watchers 8 - 10am, PCC Woy Woy Environment Centre 10am-12noon. 267 Blackwall Road. Enq 4342 6589

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts,

Empire Bay, 9-11am Enq: 43692486

Vietnam Vets, 11am. Bootscooters,

2.30pm EBWMC

Ettymalong **Creek Landcare** group, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.

Fourth Sunday of every month

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

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

Last Sunday of every month

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market BBQ, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome, Enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

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

Free Jazz or duos 4pm, Players Lounge, WWLC.

Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**; men's **bowls** pairs - 9.30am; mixed triples **bowls**-1pm; **ECC**

Seniors/Masters training, Trivia, 1pm, Jazz on the Tallow Beach Terrace, 12pm - 4pm, Junior Talent Quest 2 -4pm EBWMC, Umina Life Saving Club, 8 00am

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open 11am-3pm or by appointment 4379

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 4342 1722

Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587

<u>Second Monday of every month</u>

Save the Children, Meet at St Andrews

Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina 1-30pm Enq 4324 4389 RSLWomen's Auxiliary, EBWMC,

9am.
Pretty Beach Wagstaffe **Progress Assoc WH** 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546
Killcare Heights **Garden Club**, 10:30am,

Enq: 4344 4520

Third Monday of every month
War widows Guild, EBWMC 1pm,

Enq: 4344 3486

NSW Transport Authorities Retired
Employees, 2.30pm, EMBC

Fourth Monday of every month

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, CWAHWW, 1pm.
Carers support group, Group room, health service building, Woy Woy

Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.

Last Monday of Every Month WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy P.S.

7.30pm , Enq: 4341 2931 <u>Every Monday</u>

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3Cs–Craft,Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm BFC. Enq: 43 431929 Yoga WH 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854 (ex school holidays).

Bowls EMBC 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358. Computers, 1pm, 2pm, ESCC Night Bowls, 7.30 - 9.30pm, EBWMC, Dancing - 9am; Indoor Bowls-9am; Mahjong - 1pm; Fitness 1pm; Yoga for

beginners 2.30pm; ESSC.

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon, Tiny
Tots 9:15am-10:00am, Circuit Boxing
(Women) 9.00am, Boxing/fitness
training, 4.00pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior)
PCYC

Brisbane Water Bridge Club PCC. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

Fairhaven Cash Housie 7.30pm & Bingo 11am CU
Evening Bowls 6pm Enq 4341 9656,Line Dancing Classes, 7pm,

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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Examples from nature

The emperor penguin is the supreme example of an animal triumphing over the most inhospitable climate the earth has to offer.

This is the story of the giant among penguins, the emperor.

Recently French biologist Luc Jacquet, working from the Dumont d'Urville base in Antartica, a place offering the closest emperor colony of any, decided this would make a marvellous topic for a documentary

It became a surprise box-office hit, rivalling earlier ones like the famous War of the Worlds.

In a surprising result in the United States, the fundamentalist Christians have seized on the penguins as a parable of animal values humans should copy.

In an article published in a Sydney paper, Luc poured scorn on the idea in these wonderful words: "The birds live on the very margins of survival. I believe in life, not god. But perhaps the mysterious force of life is god."

The fundamentalists are not the first to claim nature should be followed as an example for human

Many years ago I was lucky enough to address a lunch at Narrogin in Western Australia.

In the audience as guest of honour was Robert Menzies, a politician I disliked for his belief that environmental concerns were only a matter for States not the nation.

I began "politicians should learn some natural history".

For example, many talk of radicals white-anting the structure of government.

These insects are not white ants but termites.

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In the bush, they do a lot of good removing dead wood to allow vigorous new growth to emerge.

All the audience laughed including Robert.

A famous ancient saying was "go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise".

Shakespeare also used many of nature's examples.

New Scientist in a recent article exploded this concept pointing out how in human terms some of nature's examples are shocking.

To consider only a few, the female praying mantis eats her mate.

A friend Angus Robinson, a dairy farmer who by acute observations, once his cows were fixed to the milking machines, took his binoculars to study the western magpies on his farm.

The scientific results published in the Emu led professor Jock Marshall, when we had lunch, to claim Angus and my brother Dom were the two greatest ornithologists in Australia.

Angus told me another story which he did not publish.

These birds live in groups of some six to 20 birds, occupying territories of as much as 40 hectares which they defend against other clans.

Angus told me he had seen one group tempting juveniles from a neighbouring clan to stray into their territory, then they would descend on the unfortunate to rape it.

No, nature is not always a good example to copy.

The best of humans show the best of examples.

Dr Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

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 midday sun?

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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

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

'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

Privilege of parliament

The poor are being ground into the dust and now the workers are under the threat of lower wages and reduced working conditions.

Despite this, our lords and ladies of the parliamentary manor are upgrading superannuation for their new colleagues while retaining

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lavish payouts for the rest of them. It is rather ironic that the origin of parliament was to cut down on privilege and then lived on their own income or on what bribes they could collect.

These days the politicians live on the fat of the taxpayer and no luxury is unaffordable, cruises on the Rhine, five-star hotels, five-star restaurants, luxury flights around the world, etc. etc.

In the old days the sinecure of the over-privileged and underdeveloped was the church or the army, now it is parliament.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy



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Teach flora and fauna

As Australia Day advances, I am again reminded of the irony of it all.

We will be encouraged to fly the flag and sing the National Anthem but during the rest of the year the real Australia, the flora and fauna of this land, much of it unique, will be further stressed as more and more of the land is cleared and/or covered with concrete.

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When will the authorities make it mandatory that education about our incredible flora and fauna be taught in schools?

Let us hope that it will be soon, so that this incredible ignorance can be overcome before the real Australia is lost forever.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

The debate in Gosford Council

Pole signs set precedent

over the industrial relations legislation and signs on power poles was not about the Federal Government.

It was about the illegal placement of signs.

So now it's open slather for

Does this justify an election poster or a shot at the launch of roads funding or what-ever

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attached to a pole?

The precedent is set.

Will all councillors take the same stance next time if the issue is closer to home?

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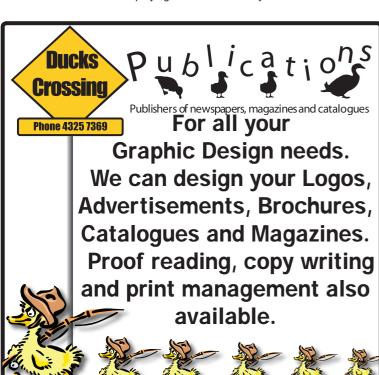
Rythem Hunters during their perfomance



Dancers from Jump Street and Peninsula Dance and Theatre school entertian the crowd



Children playing on one of the many rides



Australia Day turnout delights

Australia Day committee organisers were delighted with the size and behaviour of the crowd that turned out to participate in Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy, according to committee member Mr Cec Bucello.

"It's probably the largest number of people ever to attend an Australia Day celebration on the Peninsula," Mr Bucello said.

"The fireworks were certainly part of the attraction but they weren't let off until 9.30pm and most of the crowd were already there from 3pm when the first event on stage commenced."

Entertainment included dancers, a variety of performers, a taiko drum display and a bush band

that had large numbers of people dancing in the street.

One of the highlights of the day was the public acknowledgment of the Gosford City fire fighters and other emergency personnel that were involved in the bushfire emergency that took place on New Year's Day.

There were also a number of children's activities taking place separately, a youth concert and a folk club concert all centred on the CWA Hall.

Speakers on the day included Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher; Australia Day Committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford City Ambassador and rugby union stalwart Mr Gordon Bray; Gosford City Citizen of the Year Ms Anne Berry, Member for Robertson Mr

Jim Lloyd and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

The crowd was also treated to a moving rendition of the national anthem and "I am Australian", both sung by Ms Anna Lawley.

The crowd were introduced to one of the Peninsula's Order of Australia Medal awardees, Mr Ron Sharpe, who was also last year's Gosford City Citizen of the Year.

"The fireworks went off with a bang this year and they were certainly worth waiting for," said Cr Holstein.

Jodie of Horsfield Bay was the winner of an Australian Flag for singing two versus of the National Anthem.

Press release, January 27 Woy Woy Australia Day Committee



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James Harrison OAM and assistant on North Burge Rd

Residents turn out for Queen's Baton Relay

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North Burge Rd to Park Rd then onto Blackwall Rd, Oval Ave, Chambers Place and The Boulevarde before heading north onto Brisbane Water Dr.

At Koolewong, the relay crossed the railway tracks at Couche Cr, heading north along Glenrock Pde arriving at Thomas St, Tascott at about 9am

At this point the baton was taken by convoy to the next relay location, Racecourse Rd in West Gosford.

About 100 residents were on hand at Lions Park to welcome the baton, with James Harrison the first runner to depart from Woy Woy.

The runners were followed by a convoy of police and media vehicles along the journey, as well as helpers who kept the paths clear and assisted runners.

Peninsula residents lined the streets and supported the runners, and were given Melbourne Commonwealth Games flags by Centrelink and Tesltra.

Cr Laurie Maher also gave children in the audience the opportunity to touch the baton, but was discouraged by officials.

Ocean Beach Surf Club members were also at the opening of the relay, providing a free barbecue breakfast from 6.30am to 8.30am for those coming to cheer off the

first runner shortly after 8am.

The Melbourne 2006 Queen's Baton Relay is the world's longest, most inclusive relay, travelling more than 180,000 kilometres and visiting all 71 nations of the Commonwealth in one year and a day.

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Lyle Stone, January 27 Press release, January 20 Marion Newall, Gosford Council



Members of the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club providing a free breakfast to the crowd



A crowd gathered at the front of the presentation stage

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Sarah is appointed to playground committee

Peninsula resident Sarah Tolmie of Umina Beach has been endorsed by Gosford Council as a community representative on the Gosford Regional Playground Committee.

Ms Tolmie is a member of the Peninsula Families Action Group.

Five other community members from the Gosford local government area were also accepted onto the committee.

Written applications had been received from 19 people by Gosford Council, including applications from Peninsula residents such as mother Ms Keryn Walsh, mother and grandmother Ms Jill Marggraff and Out of School Care coordinator Ms Christine Burge.

An assessment panel, including council staff and councillors Vicki Scott and Chris Holstein, reviewed all applications based upon applicants' responses to questions including community involvement and interests relevant to the area and playgrounds, affiliation with a community organisation or relevant interest group, knowledge and skills, ideas on seeking input from the broader community towards developing the strategy, and previous involvement in similar activities.

A council report stated that all other applicants would be encouraged to contribute to the strategy by being involved in extensive community consultation planned for throughout the year.

It also stated that there may be opportunities to second unsuccessful applicants, other community representatives and interest groups, and additional council staff when and if required.

The Gosford Regional Playground Strategy will include planning for regional, subregional and local playground areas.

The strategy will take a big picture approach to guide the upgrading, replacement or establishment of play facilities across the local area.

The report stated that the function of the committee would be to work in partnership with the broader community and identify opportunities for improved playgroundfacilities with a particular focus on providing accessible and creative playgrounds.

Councillors Vicki Scott and Chris Holstein were formally nominated and endorsed as Council's representatives for the Committee.

The council resolved at its October 4 meeting to form a Playground Strategy, directed by a committee of two councillors, council staff and up to six community representatives.

The first meeting of the Gosford Regional Playground Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15.

Council agenda CIT.3, January 24

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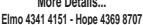
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Chefs are named as finalists

A pair of chefs from Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club have beaten more than 1400 clubs and 5000 chefs from across the State in being named finalists in the ClubsNSW Chefs Table Award.

Chefs Clinton Brown and David Featheston have been recognised for their threecourse meal that begins with an entree of Saute Soft Shell Baby Mud Crab.

The main dish will be Braised Lamb Shank while desert will include Rose Scented Poached Peach.

Competition for culinary award is expected to be intense with the 12 finalists coming from many parts of the State including the Riverina, the Sydney CBD, the Hunter, the Northern Beaches and the Far North Coast, according to ClubNSW media officer Mr Jeremy Bath.

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food, Mr Bath said.

Chairman of ClubsNSW Mr Peter Newell said the judges would be looking for many things when they come to the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club next month.

"Taste is obviously important but so are colours, seasonality of the produce, kitchen procedures, and even spelling and grammar on menus," Mr Newell said.

"The judge the in will also look at issues like hygiene, general organisation, use of workspace, the professionalism shown between chefs.

"Judges in the dining room will examine portion size, temperature of the food and the plate on which it's served, cutlery, presentation, the texture of the food and whether it has been cooked to the optimum.

"I think the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club has a good chance of winning given the menu chefs Clinton and David have put together. It's quite exotic yet done so using local produce which is

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> Press release, January 23 Jeremy Bath, ClubsNSW

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Coaching seminar at Everglades

The Central Coast District Bowling Association (CCDBA) Coaches Academy will hold a seminar at the Everglades Country Club on February 6.

The day's program is free and includes lunch.

Attendees are asked to registrar from 8.45am.

There will be a brief welcoming address by the CCDBA Coaching Academy chairman at 9.30am.

Current world outdoor Singles Champion Mr Steve Glasson will give a talk about "Winning Bowls" at 9.45am assisted by ex-International Mr Brett Duprez.

The chairperson of the State's ladies coaching association Ms

Faith Berry will present a session on the important ability and power of "visualisation" at 10.30am.

Director of State Coaching Mr Macka Jensen will complete the morning session with a talk on the important aspects of the legalities and insurance that confronts voluntary workers on the green.

The afternoon session will commence at 1pm with John Hawkins from the State coaching panel talking about the importance and role of team play in pennants.

Chairman of State umpires Mr Jeff Ison will share some of his experiences on the green and the changing face of the game at

It is expected the seminar will conclude around 3pm.

Subject to the numbers in attendance, some sessions may adjourn to the green, so be prepared, by wearing or bringing bowls' shoes.

President of CCDBA Zone 15 Mr Eddie O'Brien said: "We fully support the Coaching Academy in presenting this innovative seminar."

Bowlers should register their interest in attending at club level, and any further details about the day can be obtained from the Secretary of the Coaching Academy Mr Jim Murphy on 4328 2714

Publication, January 27 Kevin Dring, Coast Bowls News

Surf club takes gold

Ocean Beach Surf Club took a gold medal in the Surf Life Saving Central Coast's annual Champion Patrol Competition at Toowoon Bay on Sunday, January 22.

Ocean Beach took the gold medallion in the Open division while Soldiers Beach 'A' team took gold in the under-17s.

Patrol team captain Mr Richard Grimmond said: "The team event demonstrated all the skills lifesavers require for proficient rescue, resuscitation and first aid."

Mr Grimmond said: "We've come fourth in the past two years so to win this year was a great result."

All 15 Central Coast clubs

competed in Open and under 17 year divisions to provide "a great yardstick prior to State and National Titles".

"Brilliant weather and calm seas made for an enjoyable day, however the blue bottles coming in on the breeze made the surf events more challenging for the competitors."

said team member Mr Bernie O'Keeffe.

"When you're competing with lifesavers, there's no shortage of assistance in the water or back on the beach."

Press release, January 25 Richard Grimmond, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving

Peninsula swimmers take State medals

Swimmers training at the Peninsula Leisure Centre won five gold, four silver and four bronze medals at the State Swimming Championships held at Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush between December 16 to January 14.

The medal tally lifted the Gosford Stingrays to highest ranked club on the Central Coast and 12th on the NSW clubs' point score.

In the 14 year-old category, Tim Schofield won two gold medals in backstroke over 100 metres and 200 metres and silver in the 50 metres freestyle and 200 metres individual medley.

In the 13-year-old events, Edward Gourley took two golds in the 100 and 200 metres backstroke events and bronze in the 200 metres freestyle.

In the open section, Josh Taylor won gold and silver in the 50

metres and 100 metres butterfly events respectively.

NathanBroadbent, who competed in the 15 years old division, took silver in the 200 metres individual medley and bronze in the 200 metres breaststroke.

Jessica Mackay won two bronze medals in freestyle over 200 metres and 400 metres in the 17 to 18 years category.

Press release, January 17
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Donated to hospital

The Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club Ladies Past Presidents' Association has donated \$1000 to the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary.

President Ms Fay Kable presented a cheque to the Auxiliary's Secretary Ms Olvine Barrow at its Christmas function held at Ettalong Memorial Bowling

Club.

Ms Olvine said the donation was greatly appreciated and once again demonstrated the generosity of the bowling fraternity towards local charities.

Publication, January 27 Kevin Dring, Coast Bowls News

Everglades bowlers in mixed pairs

Everglades Country Club is among the bowling clubs to take part in the inaugural AER Foundation Mixed Pairs Challenge.

The challenge is sponsored by the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation and provide competitors with a chance to compete on Commonwealth Games turf and participate in the Australian Open Championship week in April.

Contestants will share the stage with Australian and International players and will play for a share of the \$70,000 prize pool and a trip to Europe.

Initially the event will be staged at a local level with winners of the club contest going on to compete in Regional and State Finals.

The AER Challenge crown will be decided between the State final winners at the Australian Open to be played the week following the Commonwealth Games, at the Darebin International Sports Centre from April 3 to 8.

Club winners receive a specially struck champions medallion while regional finalists share a prize pool of over \$4000 and state finalists sharing a prize pool of over \$4000 plus an airfare and accommodation package to compete in the National Final.

The Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation is a government incentive to reduce the harms associated with irresponsible consumption of alcohol and other licit substance misuse.

The tournament is to be staged over the summer months and played under the auspices of Bowls Australia.

Press release, January 15 Di Gatehouse, AER Foundation

Bowls winners were honoured

Everglades Country Club recently put together an audio visual presentation to the music of "We are the Champions" to honour its 2005 Bowls Championship winners.

Club representatives said there was not a dry eye in the house thanks to behind the scenes operator, electronic whiz kid and club prankster bowls secretary Mr Ray Benton.

The award winners included Major Singles - Peter Gaffel, Minor Singles - Gary Heath, Pairs - Eric Jackson and Kevin Smith, Triples - George Pope, Neal Ellis and Peter Gaffel, Fours - Lee Paterson, Kevin Smith, Brendan Knight and Anthony Walsh, Mixed Fours - Anne Pamplin, Penny Mcleod, Eric Jackson and Kevin Smith, Consistency Singles - Kevin Smith, Pennant Player of the Year - Ted Hewson, Novice Singles - Sean

Newcombe, Mixed Pairs - Sue and Barry O'Connor, Major-Minor Pairs - Sean Newcombe and Barry O'Connor, Most Improved Bowler - Allan Quinn and Most Consistent Social Bowler - Ray Mason.

Amongst the official guests were Zone 15 president Mr Eddie O'Brien, vice president Mr Kevin Phelps and representing the Regional New South Wales Bowling Association Mr John Yakalis and Mr Allan Pollock.

They took the opportunity to present awards to members in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the club:

Royal Merit badges - Sid Smith and Howard Frankland. Tie Bars - Ray Benton and Doug Rose. Zone Merit badges - Noel Higgs and Brian Selwood. Tie Bars - Bob Brien and Peter Taylor.

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Umina cricket results

1st Grade: 1st innings win to Umina. Umina 6/230 Justin Gerrie 137 n.o. Matt Jones 37. Lisarow 193 Mitchell Fiddock 3/25 Jamie Doran 2/20

2nd Grade: 1st innings win to Lisarow. Lisarow 168 Daniel Friend 4/16 Nathan Carmody-Smith 3/29. Umina 166 Greg Shirley 32

3rd Grade: 1st innings win to Lisarow . Lisarow 8/205 Brock Pickering 3/60 Umina 109 Steve Searston 35 4th Grade : 1st innings win to Lisarow . Lisarow 180 Shane Burraston 3/33 . Umina 82 & 9/85 5th Grade : 1st innings win to

Lisarow . Lisarow 172 Adam Grice 4/44 . Umina 158 Noel Gaunt 56 6th Grade : 1st innings win to

Lisarow . Lisarow 119 & 1/38 Jamie

O'Donnell 4/16 . Umina 43 & 111
Press release, January 24
Mark Smith,
Umina District Cricket Club

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Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher, James Harrison OAM and assistant, and MC Chris King at the launch of the Woy Woy leg of the Queen's Baton Relay

Relay leg starts at Woy Woy

The Queen's Baton Relay began its Central Coast leg from Lions Park, Woy Woy, on January 27.

Beach, Adam John Mitchell of Blackwall, Nabil Codmani of Greenacre, Beverley Conley of Ingleburn, Ian Malcolm Bruce

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher was on hand to officially welcome the runners participating in the local leg of the relay, along with Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Runners for the Woy Woy leg of the relay included James Harrison of Umina

Nabil Codmani of Greenacre, Beverley Conley of Ingleburn, Ian Malcolm Bruce McGuire of Avoca Beach, Glenster Albert Saunders of Hornsby, Barry Noel Spratt of Berowra, Brendon Whittaler of Berkeley Vale and Duncan Wyllie of Cremorne.

Umina Beach resident William Curnoe ran the Koolewong leg of the relay.

Each participant covers 500 metres before handing the baton to the next

runner

On the local leg of the relay, the baton was carried through Woy Woy, Koolewong and Tascott before being taken by convoy to Gosford, Point Frederick, East Gosford, Erina and Erina Fair, then onto Terrigal and Wamberal.

Starting from Lions Park at 8am, the Woy Woy section of the relay ran along

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