

Council plans to flush dirty water

Gosford Council will flush water mains in the Pearl Beach area on February 22 and will follow this with air scouring of mains around Woy Woy.

Reducing "dirty" water in the water supply system was a top priority for Gosford Council's water and sewerage section this year, according to a recent council report.

Discolouration of water supplies, otherwise known as "dirty" water, was a major problem faced by all major water utilities in Australia, especially during the summer months, according to the report.

Director of Water and Sewerage Mr Rod Williams said council had begun a major mains cleaning campaign to reduce the water discolouration problems currently being experienced around the Central Coast.

"Gosford Council carried out a targeted mains cleaning pilot in 2005," Mr Williams said.

"Due to the success of the initial pilot program, a comprehensive mains cleaning campaign is now being put in place for areas frequently affected by discolouration.

"The campaign will start on February 22 with a mains flushing project in the Pearl Beach area, followed by an air scouring program around Woy Woy.

"The campaign will initially focus on the Peninsula before being rolled out to other areas of Gosford."

Mr Williams advised residents that any existing discoloured water in the system may be stirred up by the air scouring program but assured residents that the effects were temporary.

"Any residents affected by the mains cleaning program will be advised before the operation starts in their street," Mr Williams said.

"Any discolouration appearing as a result of the air scouring program will be short term and should be remedied as part of the mains cleaning campaign," Mr Williams said.

Mr Williams also assured residents that discoloured water was free from contaminants.

"Gosford City's water supply is treated and extensively monitored to ensure complete removal of any contaminants that pose a health risk," Mr Williams said.

"This treatment and monitoring process confirms that, at all times, the water supply meets the National Health and Medical Research Council's drinking water quality guidelines."

Mr Williams said water discolouration problems, particularly on the Peninsula, were due to a number of factors such as trace elements causing accumulation of iron and manganese particles within the water supply system and that these particles tended to collect at the end of the system in areas such as Woy Woy.

"The problem can be annoying, especially over summer as the warmer weather and greater water use increase occurrences, but residents can be assured that this does not pose any health risk," Mr Williams said.

"Other recent initiatives by council to improve water quality include the installation of an aeration system in Mangrove Dam in 2004 and additional pre-treatment of water at the Somersby treatment facility in 2005".

Mr Williams said the Water Services Association of Australia has also been investigating this problem on behalf of all major utilities in an effort to find practical and cost effective solutions.

**Press release, February 8
Laura Clyne, Gosford Council**



The Umina Beach Surf Club

Tenders sought for surf clubs

Seven companies have been asked to provide tenders to Gosford Council for the design, development and construction of three surf clubs including Ocean Beach and Umina Beach surf club buildings.

The companies are Australian Project Services Pty Ltd, Classic Group Pty Ltd, Hansen Yuncken, McKenzie Building & Construction Pty Ltd, Mitchell Bros Building & Electrical Contractors, North Constructions & Building Pty Ltd and Stephen Edwards

Constructions Pty Ltd.

Expressions of interest were invited for the design development and construction of the surf club buildings, with works including demolition, preparation of detailed construction drawings (preliminary design/DA drawings have been approved), obtaining a construction certificate and construction.

The proposed buildings are two stories and will include boat/surf craft storage, café/kitchen areas, amenities, function rooms, storerooms, passenger lift, external decks and ancillary areas.

The 17 submissions received

were assessed for financial details, insurances, subcontractors, management and technical staff resources, referees, previous experience, occupational health and safety, indicative project program and environmental management.

Due to the costs involved in preparing a tender, it was considered that the number of tenderers be limited to seven to ensure a more realistic and economic result, according to the council report.

**Council agenda COR.12,
February 7**

Council defers Tesrol decision

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision on the nine-storey Tesrol development proposal near the Ettalong Foreshore.

A council report stated the issue had been deferred to allow a site inspection, but council general manger Mr Peter Wilson stated that it had only been deferred for further consideration.

Council planning staff had

recommended refusal of the Tesrol Holdings development on issues with height, floor space, car parking spaces along with its lack of support from the Central Coast Design Review Panel and inconsistency with SEPP 71, Coastal Protection policy.

The development had been sent to the Minister for Planning due to a provision of SEPP 71 causing all proposed development over two storeys and within 100 metres of

sensitive coastal areas to be sent to the Department of Planning.

However, the application has been returned to Gosford Council for determination.

The proposal was for a nine-storey mixed residential (89 units) and commercial premises on the corner of Memorial Ave and The Esplanade.

**Lyle Stone, February 7
Council agenda ENV.6, February 7**

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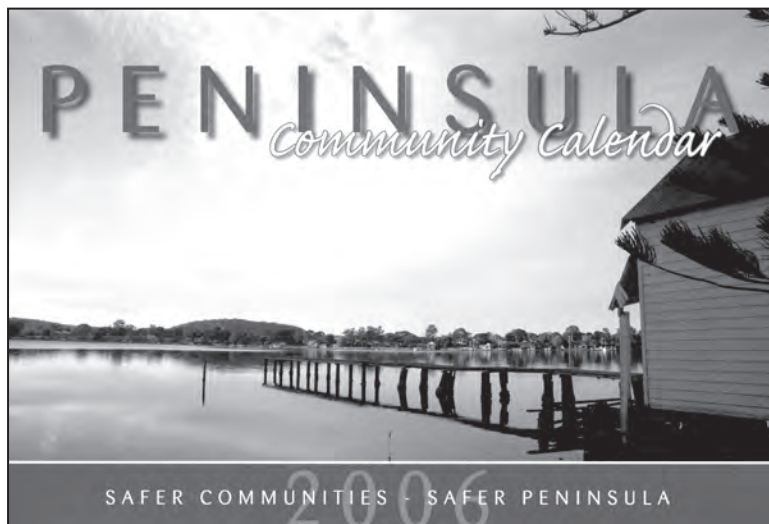
The calendar displays local schools, waterways, beaches, sporting groups, arts and crafts organisations and local parks in full colour, A4 photographs.

Not only does the calendar show off the talent of local photographer Sonny Hinwood, but it provides vital information to the public.

Readers will find contact numbers for general services, hospitals, transport, local clubs, helplines and emergency services.

Gosford Council assisted in the cost of production of the calendar.

To pick up a free calendar, visit the office of Peninsula News at 2a Kateena Ave, Tascott (opposite railway station).



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Melinda Buckley, February 6

Chance to win

Peninsula News, in conjunction with Laycock St Theatre, are giving readers the chance to win three double passes to the show **Double Act**, which starts in March at Peninsula Theatre.

Double Act was optioned and picked up for Broadway and is now produced in 18 languages.

The play is written by accomplished writer Mr Barry Creyton.

Double Act is directed by Terence O'Connell and stars Tina Bursill.

To enter the competition write you name and phone number on the back of an envelope and send it to Peninsula News Double Act Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256.

The play will be held at the Peninsula Theatre on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy.

The play will be held on Thursday March 16, at 7:30pm, Friday, March 17, at 11am and 7:30pm and Saturday, March 18, at 2pm and 8pm

Tickets cost \$29 for adults, \$26 for concessions and \$20 for children.

Discounts for Friends of the Theatre and groups are also available.

For bookings, contact 4323 3233.

The winners will be drawn on March 9 and announced in edition 137 of Peninsula News.

Press release, February 8
Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre

Barking dogs

Residents of Albion St, Umina Beach, have petitioned council to assist with three barking dogs in their neighbourhood.

A petition with 17 signatures was received by council stating that the dogs were causing discomfort and disturbance to the immediate neighbours.

The petition stated that the dogs barked and yelped at a high level during the day and intermittently throughout the night.

The petition also stated that the property where the dogs live is surrounded by houses, villas and a retirement village and all residents were being affected by the noise.

The petitioners stated that they had approached the owners of the animals but had been met with "colourful abuse".

Council agenda P.86, December 6

Original trader moves

Fudge's Boutique, one of the original Deepwater Plaza traders, has moved to The Boulevard in Woy Woy.

Proprietor Barbara Pollock said: "We now have more space for less rent."

"We're out in the fresh air and we don't have to trade for seven days."

"We were there for over 21 years."

The new outlet was formerly a second hand furniture retailer and has now been fully refurbished.

Cec Bucello December 1

Street stall

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will hold a street stall outside Flemings in West St, Umina, on Thursday, February 16.

The stall will be open from 9am to 3.30pm.

The stall is a fund-raising activity with proceeds going to Woy Woy Hospital

Press release, February 6
Pat Harding

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Proprietors move on

After trying three different locations, the proprietors of Labels Café and Boutique, Jacqueline and Alastair Purkiss, have finally given up and moved to Queensland.

They originally traded in West St Umina, then moved to Deepwater Plaza and finally to St John's Corner, Woy Woy.

The business in St Johns Corner was a combination of a café and a ladies fashion boutique.

The two businesses now operate independently.

The café, located in a former Peninsula News office, now trades as Café Sonte and is managed by Ms Sarah Altavilla.

Café Sonte (Sonte means "cheers" in French) is still undergoing additions to the kitchen and most deep fried items on the menu are being replaced with healthier alternatives.

"We've retained some of the more popular items that regular customers liked such as foccacias,

Turkish breads and wraps and we've added pastas, soups and fresh juices," Ms Altavilla said.

"We've ordered an oven and a four burner stove so that we can add even more delicacies to the menu and then open on Friday and Saturday evenings."

Ms Altavilla has worked in the hospitality industry and this is her first business.

The ladies fashion boutique now trades as Annie-Rose.

The proprietor is Ms Gail Ferry and the business commenced trading on October 5.

Ms Ferry had a dress shop in Sydney followed by a hair-dressing salon in Kariang and now brings her retail experience to Woy Woy.

"I just love all aspects of fashion and saw this as a great opportunity," Ms Ferry said.

Gail's husband, Robert Ferry of Ferry's Law Firm, started his business in a house directly across the road from Annie-Rose over 30 years ago.

Cec Bucello, December 2

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Club to pay \$33M poker tax

The Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club is expected to pay \$33.7 million in poker machine tax over the next five years, according to ClubsNSW publicity officer Mr Jeremy Bath.

Mr Bath said increases in the tax rate over that period would amount to \$8.6 million for the Ettalong club.

Dozens of Central Coast clubs recently lent their signatures to an agreement on poker machine tax with the NSW Opposition.

Attending the signing at the Gosford RSL Club on behalf of the Opposition was the Member for Gosford and Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher as well as ClubsNSW chairman Mr Peter Newell and CEO Mr David Costello.

The agreement with the local clubs commits the Opposition

to stopping the poker machine tax increase at their 2005 rate if they win Government next year, a decision which would save the region \$48 million in poker tax.

Just 17 months into the seven years of the continuous tax increases, more than \$7 million has already been stripped from the Central Coast clubs and the local economy, according to Mr Bath.

Mr Newell said the tax increases will have cost the Central Coast at least \$91 million and more than 1300 jobs by 2010.

"The Coalition's tax plan benefits large, medium and small clubs," Mr Newell said.

"It stops the losses that have been taking place in the industry, as well as cuts the donations to charity and the reduction in support to community and sporting groups."

Press release, February 2
Jeremy Bath, ClubsNSW



The intersection of Victoria Rd and Park Rd, Woy Woy

Give Way sign approved

A Give Way restriction will be placed in Victoria Rd at its intersection with Park Rd, Woy Woy, according to a report by Gosford Council.

The report also stated that No Stopping restrictions would be placed on the northern side of Park Rd between Victoria Rd and the eastern side of the driveway to house number 29.

A request had been made to council to investigate the provision of a Stop sign in Victoria Rd at

Park Rd to eliminate the incidence of vehicles turning left at high speeds.

The request also asked for council to investigate the provision of No Stopping between the driveway to house number 29 Park Rd and Victoria Rd to allow waste service pickup, which is compromised by parked vehicles.

The report to Council stated that an inspection revealed that Victoria Rd entered Park Rd at a slanted angle and drivers turning left could

be unaware of vehicles leaving the driveway 15m to their left.

The report stated that sight distance was adequate at the location and a Give Way sign was seen as the preferred treatment to improve safety.

The report also stated that the placement of No Stopping restrictions easterly from Victoria Rd to the eastern side of the driveway to house no 29 Park Rd would improve sight distance.

Council agenda TR 05.196,
February 7

Witnesses wanted

Police are appealing for information or witnesses to a crash at the Bi-Lo carpark, Umina, during January.

A 15-year-old girl was walking through the carpark of Bi-Lo at Umina with her brother around 8.30pm on Friday, January 13, when she was struck by a red car containing four females.

The girl was allegedly knocked to the ground and the offending vehicle drove off without giving any assistance.

The girl suffered some injuries as a result of the crash and, while police are following some areas of investigation, police want to hear from anybody who witnessed the crash or has any information relating to it.

Information should be directed to the Brisbane Water Traffic Office on 4323 5658 or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, February 2
Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water
Traffic Services

Lane dividers

Gosford Council has resolved to install lane dividers, or City Studs, along the centreline around the sharp bends between Araluen Dr and Pretty Beach School.

The Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association Inc had asked council to consider placing lane dividers along the

centreline in Heath Rd between Araluen Dr and Pretty Beach School.

A report from council's traffic committee showed several sharp bends where lane discipline could be improved with the installation of lane dividers.

Council agenda TR 05.199,
February 7

Gosford Council has resolved to defer a decision on mosquito management at Killcare.

The council will wait for a report on the cost of a pilot trial of *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (B.t.i) to the Empire Bay wetlands.

The report is due within the next four weeks.

Costing for a long-term control program, and for any other possible alternatives, will also be investigated, according to the council report.

Council has also resolved, as part of its environmental education

program, to develop an information package for residents and visitors encouraging the use of personal protection measures to minimise exposure to mosquitoes and measures to reduce mosquito breeding.

Council has also asked that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Department of Environment and Conservation seeking a response to the issues of mosquito habitat and that a report be brought back to council with an explanation on a significant difference in Aborvirus disease notifications.

The council considered a report in September 2004 about mosquito

control, following a petition by 383 Killcare residents seeking support in finding an eco-friendly means of controlling mosquito infestations.

Council resolved to proceed with a comprehensive mosquito risk assessment of the Killcare area.

The services of the Department of Medical Entomology, Westmead Hospital, were engaged to conduct the mosquito risk assessment of southern Brisbane Water, including Hardy's Bay, Killcare and Empire Bay.

Press release, February 7
Marion Newell, Gosford Council
Council agenda ENV. 13,
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Killcare mosquito decision deferred

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Beautiful summer marred by dogs

Another beautiful summer is coming to an end on the Peninsula.

For those who are not dog lovers, it was marred this season by the single but significant fact that, despite local council policy, we have once again been forced to share the water, sand, and the change rooms, with dogs in the no dog zones at Umina and Ocean Beaches.

Why is this we ask ourselves?

Perhaps it could be the complete absence of signs at all the entrances to the pedestrian access walkways and the miniscule signs placed at the car parks at the No Dog Zones.

Why is this still so? We wonder.

A year ago Mayor Brooks assured us the signage was being looked into.

Why are the signs still so miniscule or absent?

And the old, but still relevant, signs are left with the faded red cross appearing to be a yes to dogs instead of a no.

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Is the council serious?

If it is, why are so many residents happily flouting the rules in full knowledge that there is very little policing (and yes we have asked these people and yes they know they will not be fined).

My husband and I are ratepayers and we very strongly object to swimming, lying, and changing with dogs of every description and size.

From what we can surmise, this area is attracting dog owners who know they can bring their dogs to

the beach here.

Certainly it is quite apparent to locals at Umina and Ocean Beach that dogs appear in fact to be allowed always and everywhere, on and off the leash, the full length of the beach without compunction, despite council policy.

And please, don't tell us that the ranger does patrol or if you want to tell us this, please publish the statistic of fines taken over the last 12 months and we will send you copious photos daily from now on of all the ones the ranger seems to have missed.

We have rights too.

Swimming, lying unheeded without dogs literally licking our faces, and changing in change rooms without animals are our rights, according to current Gosford Council Policy.

Why are these rights not supported by adequate signage and policing?

We want to know.

Jennifer Herrick, Umina

Wind will blow dunes away

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sand-retaining growth from the only area as yet not being degraded by wind action.

Five percent of the remaining sand dunes gone, but the changes don't stop there, with an ambitious shared zone including a section of The Esplanade.

Furthermore the reliance of an expression "improvement of sight lines" by development-driven factions should be challenged as something tree vandals do. Anyone who wishes to retain what little is left of our natural resources at the entrance to the Brisbane Waters should get it together.

Edward James, Umina

Mayor Maher's remarks conflict with years of foreshore plans and public discussion on local radio and in community meetings.

Edition 134 of our community access Peninsula News carried a media release which seem to ignore diagrams and other information put before ratepayers in Council's agendas and other publications.

Dunes on Ettalong Beach will not be affected in foreshore redevelopment?

What Greenspace is funded by the State's \$60,000 then?

The three walkways proposed through the "last remaining dunes" will remove three swathes of thick

Many come for beach without dogs

I continue to be confronted, disturbed and appalled at the site of people exercising dogs on and off leash on Ocean Beach and Umina Beach in the flagged area and in other parts of the beach in the designated dog-free zone.

In recent months, I have visited the beach in the dog-free zone several times a week.

Each time I have seen, and often spoken to people walking dogs.

I am polite and offer information or a friendly remark.

I often say "Lucky the dog inspectors aren't here today", or "Do you realise you are risking a fine for bringing that dog / those dogs into this area?"

I don't mind dog owners or people

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exercising dogs as long as they keep to the very generous areas of the beach allocated to dogs.

Some people carry their dogs into the ocean with bathers - adults and children.

Many throw sticks or balls into the ocean for their dogs to fetch.

It may be fun, but not for swimmers and others who come to our beautiful beach environment to enjoy the surf and sand without dogs.

Most people don't bring dogs to the beach.

Some do.

Of those who do bring dogs, most seem not to care or plead ignorance.

Don't they care about the clean, quiet environment we come to enjoy?

Don't they care about other beach users?

Don't they care about the fines?

It seems not.

Or are these people ignorant of the laws and regulations about the dog-free zones on our beaches?

If so, who is responsible to educate them and inform them?

I suggest our council is responsible for the education and information of all residents and visitors.

The current signage is clearly not sufficient.

Most of the entrances to these beaches don't have signage, or it is not clearly visible.

Paul Ward, Umina Beach

Contributions

The Forum page/s presents an opportunity for Peninsula Residents to have their say. Any opinions expressed on the forum page/s are not necessarily those of the editor or management of Peninsula News. Contributions can be emailed, sent on disks or by handwritten letter. Include the date, your name, address and phone numbers. Name and Suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in edited form. All accepted contributions also appear on our website:
www.peninsulanews.asn.au.

The Howard Government is hiding behind the AWB's company status arguing that it only has remote oversight over its business operations.

Although this is a dishonest excuse, the disaster would then the direct result of its failed small government and privatisation philosophy.

The remedy here is not to create more wheat export companies but, instead, to bring the AWB back under direct Government control.

For the Howard government to argue now that it served the nation because, after all, the ABW managed to sell the wheat, is appalling.

At what price to the nation?

Either way this Government

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deserves to be sacked.

The mismanagement is gross.

What is the mechanism whereby the Parliament can now pass a motion of no confidence in this Government and force new elections?

What is the Opposition doing to find a majority, either in the House of Representatives or the Senate, to stop this Government?

Will the ALP reverse its strange opposition to blocking Supply?

Is it talking to dissident National Party and Liberal Party MPs in country seats whose concern about the wheat scandal rightly must be enormous?

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Lack of respect and tolerance

Forum

So perhaps we can blame Mr Fraser for it all.

The reasons for the trouble at Cronulla are clear cut.

Even Blind Freddy could work it out.

It's about the lack of respect and tolerance.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

It's a bit much to blame the Prime Minister John Howard for the Cronulla riots as Klaas Woldring suggests.

Sure he's to blame if the chooks don't lay, or the cows don't give milk, but riots are a bit out of his ambit, even though he is supposed to be Bush's deputy sheriff.

The troubles at Cronulla go back a way, even to the time Malcolm Fraser was Prime Minister.

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DCP on display again

Gosford Council has resolved to amend Development Control Plan 145 (DCP 145) for St Huberts Island, and it will now go back out on public exhibition.

The DCP deals with boating facilities in St Huberts Island canals.

The main amendment to the DCP was the removal of all reference to "moorings".

The other amendment was to the requirement for a Deed of Indemnity, in relation to the erection of pontoons on council land, to be replaced with a requirement for a positive covenant.

When council was making a draft Local Environment Plan (LEP) for St Huberts Island recently, NSW Maritime advised council that it is the licensing authority for moorings in the area and would not issue licences for any moorings in St Huberts Island canals, according to a report from council.

The report stated that this did not affect the progression of the draft LEP but did require amendments to be made to DCP 145 to reflect NSW Maritime advice.

Fifteen submissions were received and one submission included a petition containing 230 signatures.

In summary, the residents did not object to the replacement of the Deed of indemnity clause with that for a positive covenant, but did object to the "unilateral" removal of reference to moorings from the DCP.

In July, NSW Maritime advised that it "would support the establishment of a mooring area within the canals of St Huberts Island provided specific restrictions are met."

On October 27, a meeting was held with resident representatives, NSW Maritime and council officers to discuss the proposed amendments to the DCP, where residents raised no objections to the proposed changes.

In summary, several amendments were discussed at the meeting.

The amendments discussed at the meeting were that the location of moorings be around the edge of the canals so as to be generally in line with the pontoons and that the minimum length of boat to be

moored in the canals was to be 5.2 metres.

Also discussed were the amendments that only owners of canal waterfront properties would be eligible to apply for moorings in the canals, that the distance between a moored boat or berthed boat/pontoon and the canal centreline was to be a minimum of five metres.

The other main issues discussed were that as pontoons were approved, moorings were to be relinquished and removed and that as the DCP required one pontoon per two properties, there should be mention that any Development Application (DA) should be a joint DA between these two owners.

The re-inclusion of moorings in the DCP as well as additional requirements pertaining to moorings and pontoons meant that the DCP was substantially different to that which was placed on exhibition last February.

Consequently, the DCP now has to be re-exhibited, according to the council report.

Council agenda ENV.12, February 7



The winning sculpture in the adult's category

Sand sculpture event held

Umina Beach was host to a sand sculpture competition on Sunday, February 5.

The free event attracted some 40 participants and many spectators to the beach on the south side of Umina Surf Club, according to organisers.

The competition was separated into categories for both adults and children.

Cash prizes were given away

and activities such as beach cricket were also held.

The event was organised by radio station 2GO and was designed as a "fun and relaxing day with a family atmosphere".

Sarah Ferman from 2GO said that there was a "really good response" to the occasion.

The event has been held annually for more than five years.

Aaron Goldsmith, February 9



The winning sculpture in the children's category

PCYC holds open day

The Umina Beach Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) will be holding an open day on Saturday, February 18, from 10am to 4pm.

The event will involve food, music, displays and exhibitions.

It will include youth bands, boxing demos, tours, the Nambus, a barbershop quartet, the SES conducting a sausage sizzle, facepainting, temporary tattoos,

clowns, displays, foods, drinks, ice creams and community stalls.

Participants at the event would also get the opportunity to watch the PIPA Aboriginal dance, Kenda Japanese Swordfighting and to make stress balls.

SeaFM will also be at the event. PCYC manager Mr Tim Keogh said the event would provide a quality event for the youth and community of the Peninsula, and would allow services and groups an opportunity to raise their profiles.

Mr Keogh said the event would also help to build community and staff spirit and promote the club.

"The club was opened on February 3, 2001, so a big part of the open day is about celebrating our fifth birthday," Mr Keogh said.

The Umina Beach PCYC is located at 101 Osborne Ave, Umina Beach.

For more information, contact 4344 7851.

**Press release, February 6
Tim Keogh, Umina Beach PCYC**

Laneway stays open

Gosford Council has resolved not to take any action to close an un-named laneway between Dunalban Ave and Watkin Ave, Woy Woy, more than 18 months after it was first requested.

Council stated that due to the low response from residents and only

three objections, no action would be taken to close the laneway.

Local residents had asked for the laneway to be closed mid-block to prevent through traffic movements due to traffic speeds and associated dust problems.

Council adopted a traffic committee recommendation at its

meeting of September 6, 2004, that the matter be advertised for public comment and considered at a future committee meeting.

The proposed closure was advertised on the following July 20 and August 3, together with a letterbox drop to affected residents.

Four submissions were received, one in favour and three against.

Residents opposing the closure were concerned about access to their property while towing trailers and the location of the closure.

Council agenda TR 04.133, February 7

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The Gnostic Healing Sanctuary has expanded its premises

Healing Sanctuary expands

Gnostic Healing Sanctuary has expanded under the new ownership of Stephen and Kerriane McNamara.

The centre will focus on developing new areas of healing as well as promote the current "wonderful team" of practitioners available, according to the pair.

Gnostic Organics has expanded across the road in a new store, expanding the possibilities for more organics to be displayed.

The Gnostic Healing Sanctuary's main focus is on developing the

philosophy of holistic healing to offer a range of services that complement each other.

Gnostic Healing Sanctuary currently provides an extensive range of treatments including acupuncture, aromatherapy, Bowen therapy, remedial and therapeutic massage, hot rock massage, pregnancy massage, herbal medicine, kinesiology, sunlight far-infrared therapy, traditional Chinese medicine, jaw alignment, and a Doula service.

Gnostic Healing Sanctuary

is also developing in the area of counselling, psychotherapy, psychology, and NLP with a number of practitioners interested in sharing the space with healing practitioners.

Gnostic Healing Sanctuary will sell a range of products for the practitioners on the Coast; with items like bulk massage oil, table covers and wheat bags

**Press release, February 8
Kerriane and Stephen
McNamara, Gnostic
Healing Sanctuary**

Abuse course at centre

A course for sufferers of abuse will be held at the Peninsula Neighbourhood Centre from February 20.

The Central Coast Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme will be conducting groups for parents, grandparents and carers who suffer abuse from adolescent children in their care in the Peninsula area this term.

The groups will be held at The

Peninsula Neighbourhood Centre on Mondays from noon to 2pm, commencing on February 20.

The group will run for seven weeks with a follow on monthly support group available.

There is no charge for these groups.

**Press release, February 9
Kathy Godfrey, Central
Coast Domestic Violence
Court Assistance Scheme**

Sponsors sought

John and Peggy Orme are seeking sponsorship towards their entry into the upcoming Peninsula Relay for Life event.

"My wife Peggy Orme will be walking 10kms in the relay for life cancer council fundraiser next march," Mr Orme said.

"She will be doing it with my assistance as she is blind.

"Peggy Orme has lost two brothers to cancer and is determined to be the most sponsored walker."

Mr and Ms Orme's team will be called Team Rabbitohs, and they are appealing to any South Sydney Rabbitoh supporters on

the Peninsula to join their relay team.

"They can walk any distance they like between 10am, March 18, to 10am, March 19, and wear red and green," Mr Orme said.

"If there are any Rabbitoh business people out there who would like to sponsor us that would be great too, though they don't have to be Bunny fans to support us.

"We have lived on the Peninsula for 10 years and if we have learnt anything at all about the people on it is their community spirit and generosity."

**Press release, February 7
John Orme, Rabbitohs Team**

Women's survival

A "Women's Survival Course" for mothers of children aged 0 to 18 years of age will be held each Thursday for six weeks by Burnside at Umina Uniting Church.

The course will operate from Thursday, February 24, to Thursday, March 30, from 10am to 12.30pm at the church.

The course will cover topics such as improving self-esteem, communication skills, how to be assertive and say no when you want to.

With enquiries and for bookings, contact the Youth and Family Team office on 4341 0793.

**Press release, February 6
Sue Tancred, Broken Bay Parish**

Groups start at health centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be holding several groups and discussions starting this month including The Butterfly Group, The Cancer Council Sun Smart discussion and a group for women managing stress.

The Butterfly Group is a group for women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence.

The group is held every Tuesday afternoon from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, but is not held in school holidays.

Topics covered include the cycle of violence and abuse, what is a healthy relationship, the impact of abuse on the family unit, brainwashing and emotional abuse, effects of stress, anger and isolation, your rights, self-esteem, life skills and the effects of

domestic violence.

No bookings are needed, and no sign-in is required for this group.

Participants are just asked to visit the Peninsula Women's Health Centre at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Woy Woy Women and Children's Service also offer an outreach service to women in the community who have or are experiencing domestic violence.

This service is free of charge.

For more information on the service contact 4340 1052 or the PWHC on 4342 5905.

In the Cancer Council's Sun Smart discussion, the cancer council will discuss ultraviolet radiation, which sunscreen to use, suntans and fake tans, sun smart dressing, protecting babies and children from the sun, sun smart sport and recreation, understanding melanoma and more.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 21, from 10am to noon.

Cost is a gold coin donation.

Bookings are essential and can be made by ringing the centre on 4342 5905.

The Women Managing Stress group is a six-week group which explores stress awareness and management, lifestyle, physical symptoms, self-talk and changing thoughts, body awareness, relaxation techniques and more.

The group starts Wednesday, February 22, then each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm, finishing Wednesday, March 29.

Cost is a gold coin donation. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the centre on 4342 5905

**Press release, February 8
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula
Women's Health Centre**

Mobility business opens

A new business that provides solutions for people requiring assistance with mobility has opened in Woy Woy.

Australasian Stairlifts are a team of dedicated professionals that offer advice and understanding.

Australasian Stairlifts representative Ms Sue Norton said the company took pride in being able to provide solutions to any problem that may impact on the quality of life for so many.

"Australasian Stairlifts offer a comprehensive service to clients, matching their needs with an affordable lift," Ms Norton said.

"We can supply and install both stair lift and platform lift models, for residential and commercial applications within Australia.

"We have also been nominated Australian and New Zealand supplier for the Bison range of products including the new Lotus Bath Lift.

"Our people have been chosen for their knowledge and experience in the mobility industry - people with a genuine desire to provide solutions and advice with assistance programs."

Mobility products including Internal stairlifts, external stairlifts, curved stairlifts, straight stairlifts, wheelchair lifts, platform lifts, lotus bath lifts, complete Installation service, after sales servicing and backup and architect and commercial assistance.

**Press release, February 3
Sue Norton, Australasian Stairlifts**

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Red Cross seeks volunteers

The Red Cross is seeking volunteers for its Red Cross Calling appeal on the Peninsula on March 1.

Red Cross regional manager Mr Glen Boyd said there was a need for volunteers particularly in the Umina and Ettalong areas.

"We're extremely grateful for the support Peninsula residents have given in the past and are hoping people are able to support Red Cross Calling again this year by volunteering to doorknock individually, with their family and friends or as part of a community group," Mr Boyd said.

"Doorknocking for Red Cross Calling is a great family or group activity and our collectors tell us they find it to be a satisfying and

rewarding experience to help their local community in this way."

Funds raised through Red Cross Calling go towards numerous community services including the disaster welfare service which helped residents affected by the New Years Day bushfires.

Other Red Cross services provided on the Central Coast include the Telecross phone monitoring service, Good Start Breakfast Club and Hands On Community Care.

To get involved in Red Cross Calling or for further information about services the Red Cross provides in your local area contact Katherine Wicks on 4324 3411.

**Press release, February 7
Katherine Wicks, Central Coast
Australian Red Cross**



Jasmine Greens at Umina Beach

Organic café opens

A new organic café and delicatessen has opened up in one of Umina's oldest general stores.

Reviving one of Umina's oldest general stores, Jasmine Greens is a new café opened by owner Ms Gabby Greyem.

"The café menu includes simple healthy meals inspired from recipes from around the world and only the best organic ingredients are used," Ms Greyem said.

"Our café menu includes fresh juices, Toby's Estate organic fair-trade coffee, fresh pasta, antipasto platters and Simone Logue cakes and pies.

"Simple and healthy, our food is here to satisfy and re-energise.

"We want all our customers to leave feeling nurtured and refreshed.

"The menu changes from week to week depending on what is in season and what we feel like cooking, so there's always a treat in store."

Designed with parents and

children in mind, the shop has a children's play cooking area with a wooden stove and pots and pans as well as an outside play area with cars and bikes for the kids.

"I wanted the shop to be child friendly and I'm really pleased with the results," Ms Greyem said.

"I love it when kids make friends in the café and play with the toys we've provided for them.

"The way we've set the café up allows parents to have a conversation or even read the paper while their kids play.

"Everyone has a great time." Jasmine Greens offers a rare range of delicatessen lines, from South Australian Charleston cheeses, to Maggie Beer, Christine Mansfield and Simon Johnston olive oils, condiments and desserts.

There is a freezer full of easy to prepare take home meals, including Pastabilities ravioli and lasagnes, Lotus and Mong Spring Rolls, along with Serendipity Ice Creams, and Pure Gelato cups.

Catering to the health conscious

shopper, Jasmine Greens also has a fridge stocked with fresh organic fruit and vegetables.

It also stocks organic yoghurts, milk, eggs, pasta rice, nuts and other healthy pantry items.

Fresh organic free-range chickens and other organic meats are supplied to order. Jasmine Greens also stocks fresh organic sourdough breads from the La Tartine bakery in Somersby.

Jasmine Greens is also building a range of gluten-free products and menu items.

"A shop full of treats, you can enjoy an iced chocolate or gelato while you browse the shop's beautiful range of beautiful wooden educational toys, children's books, Retro Kitchen ware and Dr Hauschka organic cosmetics," Ms Greyem said.

The store is located at 2 Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, and is open 8am to 6pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

**Press release, February 2
Gabby Greyem, Jasmine Greens**

Signs for U-turns

Gosford Council has resolved to signpost a U-turn facility on Burge Rd, Woy Woy, with No Stopping restrictions south of house number 318 to ensure turning manoeuvres for heavy vehicles.

The decision has come after a resident of Burge Rd asked council's traffic committee to investigate the lack of on-street parking due to new roadworks.

Resident Mr Pichereau said that prior to its closure at Blackwall Rd, he parked vehicles on the grassed

area behind the kerb.

Mr Pichereau said that the closure of the street and the provision of a U-turning area had eliminated that area.

A traffic committee report had stated that the design had provided four 15-minute and three unrestricted angle parking spaces at the closure.

Gosford Council has also resolved to advise Mr Pichereau of the availability of unrestricted angle parking near the shop.

**Council agenda TR 05.198,
February 7**

Resident wins new car

A Bensville resident has received a new car after entering an energy-saving competition.

Ms DJ Greenwood recently received the car from EnergyAustralia after she logged onto its website to use its online audit of home electricity and gas use.

EnergyAustralia general manager network Mr Geoff Lilliss presented Ms Greenwood with the keys to her new \$37,000 Toyota Prius car on Friday, February 3.

The car is a petrol-electric hybrid which uses 50 per cent less fuel than a similarly-sized family car.

Ms Greenwood said she was thrilled about the win and that she will be saving money and helping the environment both at home and on the road from now on.

"We were actually looking at changing our car over to LPG to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and then I received the phone call telling me I'd won a Prius - it's just unbelievable," Ms Greenwood said.

"I'm very conscious of minimising the impact we have on the environment and of not leaving a mess behind for my

daughter to deal with, so I visited the EnergyAustralia website to find out ways of making my home more energy efficient.

"We've followed the Home Energy Saver's suggestions and replaced all our standard light bulbs with energy-efficient ones, got rid of the old beer fridge, have been using fans rather than the air conditioner and have also put a timer on our pool pump.

"All of these things are so easy to do and it's great to know that we're reducing our greenhouse gas emissions as well as saving a few dollars," she said.

Mr Lilliss said Ms Greenwood was a deserving winner of the Home Energy Saver competition.

**Press release, February 3
EnergyAustralia**

A female from Surry Hills is due to appear in court in the near future charged with a number of traffic and criminal charges on the Peninsula.

General duties police were patrolling Ettalong around 2am last Monday morning when they attempted to stop a vehicle for a mobile breath test.

During a short slow pursuit the driver was seen to change seats while the passenger was steering the car.

A short time later the vehicle was stopped and the 25-year-old female from Surry Hills refused a roadside breath test.

Following a sobriety test, she was arrested, during the arrest it is alleged that she assaulted police

and attempted on a number of occasions to escape custody.

Later she refused a breath analysis, which carries the same penalty as driving with a high range concentration of alcohol.

It was also discovered during the investigation that she had held a

learners permit previously, which had expired.

The woman was charged with a number of traffic and criminal charges and will appear at court at a later date.

**Press release, February 6
Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water
Traffic Services**

Driver on number of charges

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Business as usual

It is business as usual at Courtyard Capers Garden Nursery, Ettalong.

"There is some distress in the community at the likelihood of losing our services forever," said proprietors Janice and Neil Morris.

"The land is for sale but the nursery business is under lease.

"You can enjoy the convenience of your own local nursery for a few more years yet."

Press release, February 8
Janice and Neil Morris,
Courtyard Capers



The northern end of Commonwealth Ave, Blackwall

Bank appoints CEO

The ANZ bank has appointed Ms Joanne Darke as local chief executive officer for branches on the Central Coast.

Ms Darke is responsible for ANZ's branch in Woy Woy and branches at seven other locations

on the Central Coast.

Ms Darke said she was looking forward to the challenge of leading a diverse team of branch managers to provide retail banking services tailored for the Central Coast.

Press release, January 30
Joanne Darke, ANZ

Council works

Gosford Council has warned of projects that it is undertaking this week, February 13 to 19.

Works at St Huberts Island will involve watermain renewal and site establishment on the beachfront.

Works at Umina include reconstruction of part of Brisbane Ave, while works at Woy Woy involve the establishment of a footpath on Rawson Rd at the rail crossing.

Press release, February 7
Karen Weber, Gosford Council

Gosford Council has resolved to change the priority at the northern end of Commonwealth Ave, Blackwall.

The priority at the location, as defined by the "Give Way at T-intersections" rule, will be changed so that the dominant route has priority over traffic leaving the cul-de-sac section of Commonwealth

Ave.

Council investigated the area after a resident of the street asked council's traffic committee to investigate corner cutting on the bends of the northern end of Commonwealth Ave.

Resident Ms K Parker said the T-intersection was being constantly disobeyed.

A traffic committee report stated that an inspection of the

area showed that cutting of the bends was occurring and that the geometry of the road made the priority vague.

The report stated that the higher traffic volumes in the dominant through route should have precedence over the lower volumes in the cul-de-sac section.

Council agenda TR 05.194,
February 7

Priority changed

Funds for Scouts

Tender for new wharf

A Woy Woy company has been awarded the tender for the design and construction of a wharf and pontoon at Couche Park, Koolewong.

Council resolved to accept the tender of Wes Singleton Wharf Builders, Woy Woy, at its meeting of February 7.

Tenders for the design and construction of the wharf and pontoon closed on July 19.

The project incorporates the demolition of the old timber wharf, jetty and piles and the design and construction of a wharf and floating pontoon 84 metres long and two metres wide incorporating piling,

access ramp and associated work.

The construction period is six weeks.

Council agenda COR. 10,
February 7

The Umina and Blackwall Scout Groups held their traditional Christmas raffle in December, which raised over \$300.

Over the next several months, the group will be continuing to raise the \$12,000 required to send 10 scouts to the 21st Australian Jamboree in 2007, to be held in

Elmore, Victoria.

A sausage sizzle and drink stall at the recent Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy run by the participating scouts and their parents also raised \$1000.

The groups are looking for financial assistance as well as donations of prizes for use in its upcoming fundraising events,

which include a trivia night, bingo night and numerous raffles.

For further information, contact Umina Scout Group fundraising co-ordinator Ms Judy Battese on 0438 417 713 or group manager Ms Rhonda Bluff on 0411 017 648.

Press release, January 30
Umina-Blackwall Scout Groups

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Poets attend workshop

Pearl Beach residents Jillian Telford and Beverley George attended a poetry workshop at Wollongong from January 11 to 19.

Both women had to apply to attend the event which provided "enthusiasm from like-minded people and was an amazing stimulant to keep writing," said Jillian.

The workshop was run by Ron Pretty and the Poetry Australia Foundation.

It was an eight-day intensive poetry workshop, consisting of 46 poets from around Australia and five tutors,

All five tutors were prize-winning Australian poets.

This is the eighth consecutive year that these workshops have been held at the East campus of Wollongong University.

All poets who attended will have samples of their work, from the workshop, published in an anthology.

This anthology will be published by Five Island Press.

The workshops are open for established poets from around Australia and are advertised by the Poetry Australia Foundation.

Six other poets have also been chosen to have their work published in separate books, based on manuscripts presented to organisers before the commencement of the workshop.

These special six writers will be given scholarships from the Poetry Australia Foundation, Australian Council and Five Island Press.

Beverley George writes haiku and other Japanese forms of poetry.

Ms George produces Yellow Moon magazine, and last year won

two awards.

The awards were the WB Yates Poetry prize for Australia and New Zealand and the Vera Newsom Poetry Prize.

Ms George also has a children's book, published by Blake Education, coming out this month.

"The workshops at Wollongong were stimulating, and it was great to meet with poets from all over Australia," Ms George said.

Jillian Telford is the President of the Central Coast Poets Incorporated (Inc) and is currently running the Henry Kendall Poetry Award, which closes on the March 10.

Anyone wishing to enter this competition can send entries to PO Box 780, Woy Woy, 2256 or contact Jillian Telford on 4342 0476.

**Melinda Buckley, February 9
Lyle Stone, February 10**

Little Theatre tickets sell

Subscriptions for Woy Woy Little Theatre's current season are now available.

Publicity officer Ms Jan Taylor said the season features three very different plays, including "It Runs in the Family", "Beauty Queen of Leenane" and "Pack of Lies".

"It Runs in the Family by Ray Cooney is a farce to start the New Year with a laugh," Ms Taylor said.

"It will be performed between February 24 and March 12.

"Beauty Queen of Leenane by Martin McDonagh is a black comedy set in Ireland that will have the audience laughing one minute and crying the next.

"It plays between June 30 and July 16.

"Pack of Lies by Hugh Whitmore

is a drama which, although set in 1961, has present day overtones as a suburban family is plunged into the alien and sordid world of international intrigue.

"Performances take place between October 20 and November 5."

All subscriptions include a free program and tea or coffee.

The cost is \$46 for all three plays, a saving of \$11 on individual bookings.

Concession price is \$36.

Subscriptions are available until March 12 and details are available from Barbara Hickey on 4341 2931

**Press release, January 19
Jan Taylor,
Woy Woy Little Theatre**



Jason and Chloe Roweth

Roweths at folk club

Chloe and Jason Roweth will be performing at an upcoming session of the Troubadour Folk Club during March.

Troubadour representative Ms Marilyn Russell said that Chloe and Jason Roweth combine strong original songs, old style ballads and thoughtful arrangements of beautiful, but lesser known, Australian collected material in their repertoire.

"Their striking mix of older country and traditional styles, with

a contemporary edge and relaxed delivery provides a captivating concert experience, distinctly Australian in character," Ms Russell said.

"They strive to maintain the tradition of Australian music, and to continue on in the same spirit while breaking new ground."

Chloe and Jason Roweth said: "We are always happy to see this one in our diary.

"It's a great folk club and another wonderful chance to feature the new CD.

"It'll be great to go back.

"We'll be featuring material from the new CD, Daisy Hill, but expect a few surprises in the list as well."

The pair will be performing at the CWA Hall, Opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy on Sunday, March 12.

The concert starts at 1.30pm.

Tickets cost \$10, with concession \$8 and members \$7.

**Press release, February 8
Marilyn Russell, Troubadour
Acoustic Music Club**

Runs in family

Tickets are now on sale for Woy Woy Little Theatre's opening production "It Runs in the Family".

Publicity officer Ms Jan Taylor said the "hilarious" play is set in the doctor's lounge of a London hospital three days before Christmas.

"Planning for the annual pantomime is underway but Dr David Mortimore is more interested in rehearsing the important lecture he is to give to a conference of neurosurgeons," Ms Taylor said.

"His rehearsal is rudely interrupted by the sudden arrival of an old flame, hotly pursued by her (their) son, who is closely followed by the police.

"As his normally well-ordered life spins out of control, he tries to maintain his reputation by deceiving his wife, his boss, the police and even his new found son.

"All the elements that propel a good farce are in this comedy: deception, mistaken identity, double-entendres, puns and

revolving doors."

The play will be performed at the Peninsula Theatre, on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy.

Productions will take place at 8pm on Friday, February 24, March 3 and 10, and Saturday, February 25, March 4 and 11.

Productions will also take place at 2pm on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday February 26, March 5 and 12.

The booking office opens on February 13 and can be contacted from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday, on 4344 4737.

Cast members include Mike Jeffries as Dr Hubert Bonney, Christine Vale as Rosemary Mortimore, Damian Fitzpatrick as Leslie Tate, Brendon Flynn as Dr Mike Connolly and Graham Vale as Dr David Mortimore.

**Press release, January 30
Jan Taylor,
Woy Woy Little Theatre**

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Education



Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, School Captains Luke Hickey and Madeline Carr and President of the School Council Ms Julia Rooke

Top students give encouragement

Six of Brisbane Water Secondary College's brightest students from last year returned to the Woy Woy campus of the college on Wednesday, February 8.

The students addressed part of the 200 current Year 12 students in an effort to encourage them to gain the most from their few months left at school.

Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie said: "The students are more likely to listen to other students that only one year ago went through what they are going through now, than they are to teachers."

The six students were individually introduced to the assembly along with their achievements in the Higher School Certificate (HSC), as well as what they are doing now as a consequence of their HSC result.

Included in the group was one of two students who attained the highest UAI (University Admission Index) for 2005, Sarah Harvey.

Ms Harvey's UAI was 93.5 and attained a band six (over 90 per cent) in three subjects including Art, where she finished up in the top three per cent in the State, Drama, where she found herself in the top 65 in the State and Design and Technology where she finished seventh in the State.

The other visiting students also achieved band six levels in

subjects such as Business Studies, Industrial Technology, Community and Family Studies, Mathematics and Information Technology.

The other students were Justin Stewart, Rachael Mackillop, Sharon Doyle, Michael Mohrenberger and Alex Beaton.

All students were attending university this year, some on a scholarship

Each of them told what they were doing, how hard they needed to work to get there and answered questions from interested students.

The most common messages passed on to this year's class were: "Don't leave it 'till the end of the year", "Assessments through the year are important to get high marks", and "Start major works early".

Some of the students said that they studied two hours every night while others said that they did as much as five hours each night.

Some also had part time work.

Mr Beattie said: "Current statistics show that less than three per cent of Peninsula residents have a university degree and the college's own records indicate that many students in the current Year 12 class will be the first in their family to attain the HSC.

"This will be quite an achievement in itself for them."

Cec Bucello, February 9

Upgrade for Umina school

The Central Coast building industry is set to benefit from a major upgrade project at Umina Public School this year, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms Andrews said the Department of Commerce had invited tenders for the construction of a new two-storey classroom building, comprising eight classrooms with practical activities areas, a kiln room, students' toilets and storerooms.

"The classrooms and associated facilities will be fitted out with the most up-to-date technology and equipment," Ms Andrews said.

"Four companies have been

invited to tender for the project, including Artel Constructions in Gosford West.

"All the companies are on the Department of Commerce's pre-qualified list which means they have a good track record of managing and delivering projects on time.

"In addition to the new building, the upgrade includes a covered walkway to the existing covered outdoor learning area, an enlarged free play area and new landscaping.

"Most of the subcontracting work is expected to go to local trades and suppliers, as has been the case in recent projects at Brisbane Water

Secondary College campuses."

The new building will be located on the western side of the school, facing Melbourne St, where the Department of Education and Training purchased a number of properties to provide additional space for expanded activities at the school.

Ms Andrews said tenders for the upgrade closed on February 2 with a contract planned to be awarded later this month.

"Occupation of the new building is scheduled for Term 4 towards the end of the year," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, February 1
Member for Peats Ms
Marie Andrews

Consultant is appointed

Youth Connections Inc has appointed Alison Bush as its Peninsula consultant, advising on pathways from school to work or further education.

"She will offer services to both of the Brisbane Water Secondary College campuses, at Woy Woy and Umina," said manager Ms Maggie MacFie said.

"Alison is an experienced consultant having worked with 'at risk' young people for approximately 10 years," Ms MacFie said.

"Alison is a member of the Mingaletta Community, and has previously been working with 'at risk' youth at Woy Woy Campus for the past two and a half years.

"Alison is looking forward to continuing her work with young people on the Peninsula, and ensuring that all 'at risk' young people get accurate and up-to-date information and support, on their individual pathway from school to further education, employment or training."

Youth Connections Inc has gained a contract to service the

Central Coast with the Youth Pathways Program, from January to December 2008, said Ms MacFie.

Ms MacFie said that, for the first time, all schools across Australia would have access to structured work experience and industry-led careers guidance.

"The Australian Network of Industry Careers Advisers will include the newly-expanded Local Community Partnerships (LCP) Network to complement the new Youth Pathways program," Ms MacFie said.

"The role of LCPs has been expanded and will now cover Structured Workplace Learning, the Career and Transition Support program and the Adopt-a-School initiative.

"LCPs will partner with industry and career practitioners to support young people to obtain skills, relevant experience, and professional guidance to help them identify their potential, understand study, training and work options, and plan for their future.

"In addition, from 2006, Youth Pathways will replace the Jobs

Pathway Program and will enhance the effectiveness of ANICA by addressing the needs of those young people most at risk of not making a smooth transition through school and from school to further education, training and work."

Ms MacFie said the new program would aim to retain these young people in school through to Year 12.

"It will also facilitate access to and successful participation in non-school based education, vocational learning and training, and prepare young people for participation in Job Network activities," Ms MacFie said.

"The Australian Government strongly believes that no young person should feel that the value of their life is determined by the educational choices they make.

"Apprenticeships, TAFE or University must be equally valued and all students have a right to professional, accurate and balanced careers advice."

Press release, January 16
Maggie MacFie, Youth
Connections Inc



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Parents hand over canteen operation

Operation of the Umina Public School canteen has been taken over by the school, according to P&C President Ms Julia Rooke.

The canteen had previously been operated by the P&C.

"The canteen has grown into a relatively big business (with a school population of over 800) and turns over in excess of \$100,000 per annum and employs two staff - a business too big to be operated by volunteers," Ms Rooke said.

"In consultation with the P&C executive committee, the canteen committee, the principal and the P&C Federation, a decision was taken to hand the operation of the canteen to the School."

Ms Rooke said that the canteen ceased to operate under the control of the P&C Association as at close of business on December 21 last year.

"This decision will see relatively no change to the day-to-day operations of the canteen, but it will ensure that all guidelines, policies and procedures required for small businesses are properly adhered to," Ms Rooke said.

"This decision also enables all profits to go directly to the school and releases the P&C from finding

volunteers to head up a canteen committee.

"Basically a win-win situation for the P&C and Umina Public School.

"This decision was not taken lightly and we hope all our members will appreciate all the reasons behind making such a major decision."

Principal Mr John Blair echoed the sentiments of Ms Rooke.

"Due to increasing difficulty in managing the school canteen, the P&C Association has relinquished the operation of the canteen to the school," Mr Blair said.

"As of Wednesday, February 1, the canteen will be run through the school office and all administrative matters should be referred to me at the front office.

"Volunteers will still be eagerly sought to assist in the daily service to our students and staff.

"I would like to extend on behalf of students and staff my thanks to Lorraine Bransby for her contribution to the canteen and also to the P&C's canteen committee for its support of our students."

**Newsletter, January 31
John Blair, Julia Rooke, Umina
Public School**



The site for a new two storey classroom block at Umina Public School

New principal at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School has a new principal.

Principal Mr Bob Bourke said he had been overwhelmed by the richness of the welcome extended to him since it was announced he was coming to Ettalong.

"I am greatly impressed with what I have found here and particularly the excellent regard the broader community has for the school," Mr Bourke said.

"I am looking forward to working with the children and staff during the coming months and to meeting and working with parents as we team together to achieve the best for the children."

Mr Bourke had previously been principal of Umina and Bateau Bay Public Schools.

**Newsletter, February 8
Jenny Jackson, Ettalong Public
School**

New classroom as numbers increase

Umina Public School has ordered an additional classroom to cater for an increase in its enrolment numbers, according to principal Mr John Blair.

"The school population has

increased to 800 and we are one classroom short," Mr Blair said.

"An additional classroom has been ordered to cater for the increase in enrolment and will be delivered as soon as possible."

**Newsletter, January 31
John Blair, Umina Public School**

Umina Public School and Brisbane Water Secondary College will receive a total of almost \$3 million in Australian Government funding for new and continuing infrastructure projects.

Umina Public School and Brisbane Water Secondary College are two of four schools that will share in \$2.92 million in funding for infrastructure projects in the Robertson electorate, according to local Member Mr Jim Lloyd.

The money for Umina Public School will go towards the provision of a two-storey classroom block.

The project is expected to cost \$3 million with \$2.4 million coming from the Australian Government Grant.

A grant of \$400,000 will also be given to Brisbane Water Secondary College, on top of a previous government grant of \$2.8 million.

The grant is to go towards the construction of a movement studio, two basketball courts and staff facilities, conversion of a staff study to a science laboratory, and upgrade of general learning spaces and canteen to provide a cafeteria at Woy Woy campus.

It will also go towards the construction of a special education unit, a performance workshop, a car park, staff facilities and administration area and upgrade of library and hall/gym at Umina campus.

The estimated project cost is \$4 million.

"The significant amount of funding announced indicates the importance the Australian Government places on developing and maintaining school infrastructure to achieve the best possible learning environment for Central Coast students," Mr Lloyd said.

"State schools have been neglected by the NSW State Labor Government for some time now, and this announcement strengthens the Australian Government's commitment to a strong and effective school system."

The funding has been awarded under the Australian Government's Capital Grants Program for Schools, and it is designed to improve the educational outcomes of educationally disadvantaged students, he said.

**Press release, January 30
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

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Changed hands

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Ettalong Pet and Garden Supplies has recently been taken over by Paul and Bronwyn Murphy.

In the short time that they

have been there, Paul and Bronwyn have made several improvements to the shop with the addition of 13 new fish tanks, new products and new live stock.

They are also planning to place ponds, water features and cubby houses on display in their outside area.

Bronwyn had a bird shop in Sydney and has managed pet shops on the Central Coast.

The couple have three

children between the ages of two and six years.

"One of the surprises has been the amount of money that locals spend on buying seed for local wildlife, particularly ducks," Mr Murphy said.

A popular feature of the shop is their 55-year-old sulphur crested cockatoo, "Cuddles", that walks around the shop at will.

Cec Bucello, December 9

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Dog owners spoken to

Rangers have spoken to dog owners at Albion St, Umina Beach, following complaints of barking by nearby residents.

Council received a petition asking for its assistance with the dogs on December 6 last year.

The petition had 17 signatures.

A report from council stated that rangers had attended the address on a number of occasions, though no barking was heard.

Council agenda COR.6, P.86, January 24

Public Notices

The Troubadour Acoustic Music Club

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Junior golfer meets big names

An Everglades Junior Golfer won the opportunity to meet some of the big names in Australian Golf, according to Everglades Country Club men's golf president Mr Ian Elliott.

"Everglades conducted a round of the Cadbury Schweppes Shootout and as part of this event the winners of each division were part of a draw for the opportunity to attend the PGA Championship at Coolum on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Elliott said.

"Brenton Mills was successful in his age division in the shootout and was lucky enough to have his name drawn and along with his mother made his way to Coolum where he rubbed shoulders with some of the big names of Australian golf.

"Rain played havoc with some of the scheduled events but Brenton enjoyed his trip and importantly proved a fine ambassador for Everglades."

**Newsletter, February 8
Ian Elliott, Everglades Country Club**



Cheyenne and Curtis Pickin with Jared Crouch and Paul Bevan from Sydney Swans

First round bowls win

Barry and Suzanne O'Connor have started well in the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Australian Mixed Pairs Bowls Challenge, according to AER representative Ms Di Gatehouse.

"The Challenge is a new national event in which club bowlers have the chance to compete on Commonwealth Games turf and participate in the Australian Open Championship during the first week

of April," Ms Gatehouse said.

"Barry and Suzanne are over the first hurdle of the event after winning the club round at Everglades Country Club."

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.

**Press release, February 10
Di Gatehouse, Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation**

Swans at sport expo

The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans took part in a three-day "Live Life, Be Active" sporting expo from January 27 to January 29.

The event was held in The Hive, at Erina, according to Woy Woy Swans AFC committee member Ms Belinda Campbell.

"The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans held a stall and it turned out to be a great weekend," Ms Campbell said.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for publicity and the club had a lot of enquiries at the stall.

"It was a busy day on the Sunday generated by the visit of some of the Sydney Swans.

"It was terrific for the supporters to meet some of the Sydney Swans and see the Premiership Cup."

Ms Campbell said there were photo and autograph signing

opportunities.

"Then players did some ball work with the kids," Ms Campbell said.

"Jared Crouch, Paul Bevan and some up-and-coming youngsters turned up.

"Josh Brown, the under-18s' captain for the Woy Woy Swans, got to meet Jared Crouch personally and get some game tips and a photo.

"There were some supporters there who said they had followed the Sydney Swans for over 60 years."

Ms Campbell said that interest was also shown in starting a Central Coast Sydney Swans Supporter club.

"At this stage, names and contact details are being gathered to see if numbers are there to start up a club," Ms Campbell said.

"If you are interested please

email swans@bdafl.com.au or call Danny Brown on 0404 743 081."

Ms Campbell said that numbers were growing at training at Umina Beach on Tuesday and Thursday nights as the start of the season got closer.

"Training will continue at the beach for a few more weeks as the council has advised the club not to use the home ground at Rogers Park until the middle of March, just two weeks before the start of the season," Ms Campbell said.

"The Woy Woy Swans Seniors will travel to Singleton for their first game of the season on April 1.

"The first home game for the senior club is on April 15 against Terrigal Avoca.

"The under-18s play at 10am and the 1st Division play at 12pm."

**Press release, February 7
Belinda Campbell, Woy Woy Swans AFC**

Money for new wickets

Rogers Park in Woy Woy and McEvoy Oval in Umina is to get synthetic cricket wickets with a State Government grant of \$8200.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the money was allocated under the State Government's 2005-2006 Capital Assistance Program.

"This is one of the most important funding programs for sport right across the State," Ms Andrews said.

"This year the funds will help develop a total of 346 NSW sport and recreational facilities at a total cost of \$3.9 million."

Under the annual Capital Assistance Program, the State

Government helps local councils and not-for-profit sport and recreational groups to develop community oriented local sports facilities.

The Government funds up to 50 per cent of the net project cost.

"Our aim is to ensure the people of NSW have increasing opportunities to participate in their chosen sport or recreational activity," said Ms Andrews.

"It's a continuation of our commitment to promote a healthy lifestyle for all sections of the community."

**Press release, January 27
Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews**

Umina cricket

Umina Cricket results were:

1st Grade Results Umina 6/195 V Kincumber 187 Ben Smith 53, Warwick Botfield 28, Matt Watson 3/37

2nd Grade Results Kincumber 208, Umina 135 - 1st Innings to Kincumber Daniel Fiddock 3/40, Michael Barry 35*

3rd Grade Results Kincumber 165, Umina 98 - 1st Innings to Kincumber Grant Pride 3/17, Ian Rand 29

4th Grade Results Kincumber 131 & 8 dec 133, Umina 110 & 111 - Outright win to Kincumber Ryan Clement 7/21, Mar Grothen 32, Tim Knight 5/27, Craig Smith 41

5th Grade Results Kincumber 188, Umina 76 & 8/96 - 1st Innings to Kincumber Josh Wakem 3/24

6th Grade Results Kincumber 142, Umina 50 & 80 - Outright win to Kincumber Steve Cattley 4/25

**Press release, February 6
Mark Smith, Umina District Cricket Club**



Cody, Josh and Trent Brown with Premiership Cup and young Sydney Swans players

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Relay for Life patron Cr. Chris Holstein leads Peninsula Relay for Life committee members in a trial walk at Woy Woy Oval

Peninsula Relay for Life launched

The Peninsula committee for the Relay For Life 2006 has held an information session and a morning tea at Woy Woy Oval to launch the event, to be held on March 18 and 19.

Invited to attend were the local newspapers and Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

Speaking about the cause and the event were Kevin McCaskie and Marie Mazaroli from the Cancer Council of NSW and the patron, Cr Chris Holstein.

Phil Carr, who is currently battling lung cancer, also delivered an emotional speech on his struggle with this debilitating disease.

Three years ago Mr Carr was diagnosed with months to live and now, in 2006, he is beating the odds and fighting to survive while still contributing to his community and cancer sufferers

everywhere.

Phil, who is quoted as having a "never say die attitude", has been involved in the Relay for Life for the past two years to help raise money for cancer.

Members of the Cancer Council and the Peninsula Relay For Life committee are hopeful yet again to achieve a community best by raising over \$75,000 to assist in cancer research.

The Relay for Life raises awareness for people living with cancer and their families and offers support and hope in their time of need.

It takes place from 10am Saturday and finishes 10am Sunday.

There are many teams and during the 24 hours team members take it in turn to walk around Woy Woy Oval.

While participants are walking, residents and visitors are all welcomed to stay the night or to pop in for a short time.

There will be plenty of food and drinks available, and entertainment for the whole event.

Cancer survivors will walk the first lap to promote courage for people living with cancer and to remember people that have been have lost.

For more information on Relay For Life, contact the Cancer Council on 4325 5444 or look them up on the web on www.relayforlife.com.au/nsw.

The Cancer Council also organises the Central Coast Soiree, a monthly meeting for women under 50 living with breast cancer.

It provides information on breast cancer and offers support and friendship to sufferers.

The meeting is held from 7pm to 9pm at Iguanas Waterfront Bar on the first Wednesday of every month.

Melinda Buckley, February 6

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