

Tesrol deferred again

Gosford Council has again decided to defer an application by Tesrol Holdings for a development on the Esplanade, Ettalong Beach, with councillors split over the outcome of the development.

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said the item had been deferred "to give the applicant the opportunity to negotiate with officers to ensure the application was more complying".

Cr Maher said that councillors had decided that it could be a valuable application to the area.

"Both the applicant and staff are looking to see what can be done," Cr Maher said.

The council resolved at its February 14 meeting to defer the matter to consider the economic, social and environmental report provided by the applicant and report on the benefits of the project to the area and to allow the applicant the opportunity to submit alternate plans.

An amendment by Crs Craig Doyle and Chris Holstein to refuse the development outright was lost before the deferral was passed.

Crs Chris Holstein, Malcolm Brooks, Craig Doyle and Terri Latella called for a division.

Crs Holstein, Doyle, Brooks and Latella were recorded as being for the amendment to refuse the application, while mayor Cr Laurie Maher and Crs Vicki Scott, Jim Macfadyen, Peter Hale and Trevor Drake voted against the amendment.

The same councillors also demanded a division for the motion to defer the matter.

Crs Maher, Scott, Macfadyen, Hale and Drake voted for the motion to defer while Crs Holstein, Doyle, Brooks and Latella voted against the motion.

Cr Robert Bell was not at the meeting.

Lyle Stone, Press release,
February 14

Marion Newall, Gosford Council



The proposed development site on Hillview St, Woy Woy

Court protects Veron Rd bush

A retirement village proposed for land owned by the Catholic church in Hillview St, Woy Woy, has been refused in the Land and Environment Court.

The court found that the bush block at the corner of Veron Rd should be treated as an endangered ecological community and protected from development.

The decision has been welcomed by environmentalists and other community representatives across a broad political spectrum.

Local groups to welcome the announcement include the Liberal Party, Save Our Suburbs and the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

A number of them are now calling on the Catholic Church and Gosford Council to negotiate to bring the land into public ownership.

The Liberal Party's Peats electorate spokesperson Ms Debra Wales said: "It's just fantastic news to think there is still hope that this land may come in to public ownership.."

"We have come right to the wire on this one and the hard work and care of people in the community has paid off."

Ms Wales said that council now had the opportunity to negotiate with the Broken Bay Diocese, the owners of the land, in offering

a reasonable price for the land so that it can come into public ownership.

Save Our Suburbs Central Coast secretary Mr Bryan Ellis said: "It was a win for common sense and future generations."

"Construction on this site would have done immeasurable damage, with no amount of replanting replacing the beauty that currently exists."

Mr Ellis called on Gosford Council to resolve to rezone the land, to enquire of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay if the purchase option given to the developer has lapsed and to go into immediate negotiations for the purchase of the land.

Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast president Mr John Wiggin said: "This decision further strengthens the role of the precautionary principle and the other stated principles of ecologically-sustainable development that are embedded in the EP&A Act to preserve the environment."

He called on Gosford Council to rezone the land to protect it for future generations.

Environmental activist Ms Shirley Hotchkiss said: "The decision will be of great benefit to vulnerable native species and also for local residents."

"Although this bushland is just a small block, it provides crucial habitat for species already

vulnerable to extinction. These include glossy black cockatoo, barking owl, and grey-headed flying fox."

She said Gosford Council should be congratulated for defending the matter in the Land and Environment Court.

"I hope the Catholic Church will now donate this land to Gosford Council or arrange to have it placed in trust, so that its bush can be managed and restored."

She said she would support the formation of a community-based bushcare group if the future environmental management land was guaranteed.

Former Melaleuca Wetlands Bushcare coordinator Ms Norah Clark said: "On this particular site there are some rare and endangered species including bangalay, rough-barked angophora, swamp mahogany and hard corkwood trees, all precious to our local environment."

Gosford Council's development assessment unit manager Mr Gary Lofts said there were currently no plans to rezone the land.

Providence Projects managing director Mr John Zavolokin said he was not prepared to speak about the court case.

Representatives of the Catholic Church were unavailable for comment.

Lyle Stone,
Press releases, February 22

Police discover decomposed body

Brisbane Water police have discovered the remains of an elderly woman in Umina.

At 9.55am on February 15 an employee from the Umina post office called police out of concern for welfare for a 79-year-old elderly woman who had not collected her mail since August last year.

Police attended the woman's residence and found a woman's decomposed body in her bed.

The woman was unable to be formally identified and DNA forensic testing will be carried out to establish her identity.

Press release, February 16
NSW Police Media

Concern about bend

Gosford Council has received a petition from Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, on behalf of residents of Allfield Rd, Woy Woy, asking that the bend in Allfield Rd be discussed by the council's traffic committee.

The petitioners stated that there have been a number of incidents where speeding traffic had been unable to cope with the slight elbow bend in the road at Edward St.

The petition stated that the worst of these incidents occurred

recently when a car went through the intersection, mounted the footpath and ran a man down.

The petitioners further stated that there are elderly people and school children crossing the intersection and they fear for their safety.

There are also some potholes which continually open up, regardless of repairs by Council, according to the petition.

The petitioners have asked that the issue be raised at the next Traffic Committee meeting.

Council agenda P.11, February 28

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The Pavilion, George St, Woy Woy

Government to lease at complex

A government department is expected to lease vacant upstairs space in The Pavilion Shopping Complex at Woy Woy.

Managing agent Mr David Salter said last week that a “significant government department will be moving into the vacant space upstairs”.

The Pavilion has been open just over a year on George St, Woy

Woy, adjacent to Deepwater Plaza, but has had a low occupancy rate.

Mr Salter said that this was not for lack of interest in the property. He said the owners were “continually leasing shops and are only holding out for higher rents”.

The complex has two storeys with a balcony on the second floor and a courtyard area in front of the ground floor shops.

Aaron Goldsmith, February 23

Dune forum well attended

The Dune Management Forum hosted by the Peninsula Residents Association on February 18 was well attended, according to PRA secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan.

“Margaret Lund, an active duncare worker, spoke on the natural development of dunes over time, and their protective role in stabilising the foreshore and providing a particular ecosystem,” Ms Noonan said.

“They are the cheapest, most natural line of defence for the Peninsula.

“Instability will result in recession.

“Samples of native dune vegetation were shown, giving particular attention to their unique features in dealing with this extremely hostile environment.”

Ms Noonan said members of the audience were encouraged to join the Peninsula Duncare Group which meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9am at the corner of Barrenjoey Rd, and The Esplanade, to help with regeneration of the dunes and their essential vegetation.

“Warren Boyd and Lynn Smith from the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club spoke of their concern about rubbish and weeds in the vegetation in front of the club,” Ms Noonan said.

“They suggested there be a working party to clean the area, probably to be held in the cooler months.

“Also suggested was additional garbage bins to be made available for food scraps which otherwise attract rats.”

Further discussions are to be held between both groups in the hope of improving the area, Ms Noonan said.

“John Harrison spoke about the effect of Council beach machining on bird and animal life on the dunes,” Ms Noonan said.

“He described this as a ‘highly destructive activity’ which

eradicates insect-eating birds and ghost crabs.

“Correctly, beach machining is done not as a dune management procedure but as a beach management procedure to ‘clean’ the beach.

“Removal of the strandline (sea weed and debris at the high tide mark) damages the dunes by depriving them of nutriment and water holding organic material.

“Machining the beach kills the small creatures which live in the sand (some 250 square metres on these beaches).

“He recommended it be stopped completely.

“Bill McGilchrist stated the possibility of the dunes suffering the same fate as the Lance Webb reserve, if they are not protected.”

A copy of the Ettalong and Ocean Beach Dune Management Plans are available for reference by contacting 0419 609 942

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Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association

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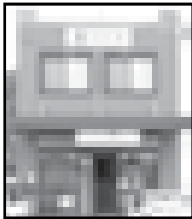
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Extensions completed

The Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort has completed extensions which include two new cinemas and several rooms linking various parts of the complex to make it suitable as a venue for weddings, conferences and special occasions.

The resort is planning a Bridal Expo in conjunction with Bridal Collections, a business specialising in bringing together a large number of wedding service providers.

The expo will take place on Sunday, March 5, from 10 am until 3pm and will include displays by 26 wedding service providers.

These will include photographers, limousine hirers, florists, wedding cake makers, make-up artists,

entertainers’ agents, menu and meal suppliers, marquees and venue décor service providers.

There will also be two bridal fashion parades including the showing of a wedding gown valued at \$7000 as well as tours of the wedding venues.

“This is something not to be missed by anyone looking to get married in the near future,” said the resort’s wedding planner Ms Karen Tooes.

Cec Bucello, February 23

Focus on domestic violence

A group to help women who have experienced domestic violence will be operating at the Peninsula Women’s Health Centre.

The Butterfly Group will cover topics such as the cycle of violence and abuse, what is a healthy relationship, impact of abuse on the family unit, brainwashing and emotional abuse, effects of stress and anger and isolation, your rights, self esteem, life skills and the effects of domestic violence.

The group will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, except for school holidays.

No bookings or sign in is required for this group.

The group will be held at the Peninsula Women’s Health Centre, 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, contact 4340 1052 or the PWHC on 4342 5905.

Press release, February 21
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women’s Health Centre

Correction

In Peninsula News edition 133, the introduction to the letter header “Education needed with emergency plan” stated that “Natural disasters require inadequate forethought and emergency plans”.

This should have read “natural disasters require adequate forethought and emergency plans”.

Lyle Stone, February 25

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Call on Minister over Tesrol

The proposed Tesrol development at Ettalong has been used by Sydney's Total Environment Centre as an example of where Planning Minister Mr Frank Sartor should intervene to refuse development approval.

The Centre has urged the Minister to intervene to prevent development proposals being approved by Gosford Council, where staff have recommended refusal due to breaching of planning regulations and standards.

The Centre requested the Minister "call in" two major development applications (DAs) that came before Gosford Council recently, including the Tesrol development at Ettalong Beach.

The DAs were deferred for consideration by a majority block of "pro-developer" councillors, according to the centre's coastal campaigner Ms Fran Kelly.

"The proposals were for major residential unit development in a business zone to the north of Gosford that does not allow such development and for a nine-storey block of units on the Esplanade at Ettalong which was a 285 per cent variation on the development standards for that area," said TEC coastal campaigner Ms Fran Kelly. "Councillors should look objectively at development proposals, taking their expert advice from staff recommendations, and make informed decisions based on that information."

"In this case, it doesn't seem to matter what is being proposed or what the experts recommend, this block of pro-developer councillors seems determined to rubber

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has backed council's decision to defer the Tesrol development application so that the applicant can bring back revised plans for further consideration.

"The Chamber is anxious to see good quality commercial and residential development on this key site in Ettalong Beach" said Chamber President Mr Matthew Wales.

"Above all else, it is our view that any proposal for the old club car park site is designed to the highest possible standard and delivers sustainable outcomes for both the community and those who will live in the new complex."

stamp,"

"The proposals lie far outside the boundaries of what is acceptable under current planning and development rules and would be serious overdevelopments in inappropriate locations."

"The staff rightfully recommended their refusal, but a majority of councillors saw fit to ignore the recommendations."

"This is not the first time wider issues have been brushed aside."

"Since the last election this majority block has got rid of the council's environment department and given their approval to other proposals that have been recommended for refusal."

"We have asked the Planning Minister to intervene because the community no longer trusts that a majority of their councillors will comply with their own council's rules and regulations."

**Press release, February 22
Total Environment Centre**

Chamber back Tesrol plan

"Ettalong Beach has experienced one of its best summers, in terms of business, on record and this is largely attributed to the Outrigger Resort and the new Ettalong Beach Club."

"The economic benefits of these key developments have been substantial."

"It has brought both locals and visitors alike back into the town centre which, in turn, has created jobs and improved business turnover."

"The success of this summer clearly demonstrates that good quality developments which target key business growth areas such as local tourism produce far reaching economic benefits."

"The Tesrol site will have similar outcomes if we give the applicant

the ability to be innovative in the design process," said Mr Wales.

Mr Wales said that good quality, well-articulated, moderately-scaled buildings will enhance the Ettalong Beach town centre and set design standards for future redevelopment in the precinct.

"Clearly the State Government through the Metropolitan Strategy will be targeting local town centres for additional residential accommodation," Mr Wales said.

"We have to be mindful that this is what the State Government will be pushing."

"So as a community, we have to ensure that the design outcomes are sustainable and that the local infrastructure is upgraded to accommodate any population increase."

"The Tesrol development is part of that process and it is our view that it is far better to work collaboratively with the property owners so as to achieve the best possible outcomes."

Mr Wales said that the applicant had gone to a great deal of expense to prepare an economic assessment and strategic plan for the Ettalong Beach CBD which underpins the Tesrol proposal.

"It is our view that the council should make use of this support information to assist in the ongoing planning of the Ettalong Beach town centre," Mr Wales said.

"It is a valuable resource that should be embraced, not wasted."

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Matthew Wales, Peninsula
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Veron Rd questions remain

You will know by now that the Land and Environment court has delivered its judgement in the Veron Road case.

In a rare victory for the residents, Justice Bignold has rejected the appeal for the construction of 40 residential units and ruled that the development will not proceed.

Invoking the "precautionary principle", Bignold J reasoned that if the experts could not agree on the amount of threatened woodland still intact then he must be cautious in his judgement.

The developer's expert reckoned 24 hectares while the court's

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expert could only stretch it to six hectares.

Which ever number it's bugger all.

Great result. However some issues remain.

While the residents responded overwhelmingly to calls to protect or purchase this obviously valuable land we ask:

Why did council not purchase this land when it was offered to them some three years ago?

Council had funds available in

the Developer Contributions fund that it has been collecting since 1992 for the specific purpose of acquiring open space.

The Peninsula is some 20 hectares short of the standard in open space for the population we now have.

Why is the Catholic Church prepared to flog of a piece of environmentally sensitive land, pretty much as God created it, to developers?

**Bryan Ellis
Secretary Save Our Suburbs
Woy Woy**

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Dedicated road space

It has recently been reported that local State politicians are hot-mouthing over road expenditure.

The city mayor has long shown his preference, gambling on oiled genocide.

Every day global warming and climate change caused through carbon fuels is reported.

Every minute that I choose to stand observing road-traffic I see large numbers of single occupant vehicles on unnecessary journeys.

I have a simple proposal that would not only improve our living conditions by reducing pollution, save the nation's oil bill, but also create local employment.

I suggest that all roads be reduced in width by 50 percent.

Half the road on city main roads

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be used for two way flow and, in suburban areas, a one-way system for internal combustion engined vehicles.

The other half be separated by crash barriers.

Dedicate this half to pedestrians, bicycles and solar panel recharged electric battery powered vehicles similar to those currently used by the disabled.

The electric carts generally have an ability to travel up to 50 km between charges ie. Woy Woy to Erina and back.

If the solar panel is incorporated into the vehicle as a sun and rain shield, recharging will continue throughout the day as the vehicle is being used.

Economies of scale will result in a very affordable vehicle which if assembled locally will create employment.

In fact that cost should be subsidised out of the tax levied on oil and rates used for road building/maintenance.

Other obvious advantages include increased use of public transport and resulting economy of scale, a reduction in the road maintenance costs and injury toll through enforced speed and volume reduction, a society that relearns "how to smell the roses", a reduction in mental afflictions, and encouragement for people to walk and speak with their neighbours thus creating real communities while reducing obesity.

Richard J Newby, Woy Woy

Reasons needed for large development

The Newbold report on the PUDS (Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy) quoted a staggering figure of \$100 million being needed to fix current drainage problems in the Peninsula area.

Surely this brings into question whether any large development should be allowed to proceed at present.

The approval by council, against the advice of professional staff, of

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the Bowden Rd development must be seen as disturbing, if not to say alarming.

Does this mean that any application regardless of size and other considerations will be allowed to go ahead?

Cr Latella is right in saying that council at least should give its constituents its reasoning for approving this development.

WR & R Maynard, Woy Woy

Notices should be conspicuous

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It was no surprise to read in Peninsula News (Forum, February 13) complaints concerning signage relating to dogs on beaches.

What took them so long?

My complaint to Council after the installation of the first of them, regarding the number and location of these inadequate notices, elicited the reply "We will fix more as they become available".

"It is all in compliance with the Companion Animals Act."

The Companion Animals Act 1988 No 87 reads, in relation to "Dogs prohibited in some places"

(including beaches), that "Notices to be conspicuously exhibited at reasonable intervals".

One must ask what part of "conspicuously exhibited" and "reasonable intervals" Council does not understand?

If these notices are to remain in their present form and locations, the sooner we teach the dogs to read them the better.

Some owners can't or won't do so.

Dean Hartigan, Umina Beach

Deferral gives wrong message

Forum

The council's latest decision has me totally bewildered.

After a comprehensive report from the professional officers of council, which recommend refusal, then an hour-long discussion with senior planning staff again highlighting why the application should be refused, this council defers the matter.

Why?

The development is inconsistent with the general business zoning.

It has a floor space ratio variation of over 284 per cent.

It exceeds the Peninsula Urban Design Strategy recommended building heights by 100 per cent, extra four to five storeys

It is out of character totally with the Development Control Plan 159.

The car parking plan is not only

short in numbers but unworkable and unsafe.

The recommendation is refusal, yet some councillors give hope to the project with a deferral.

My 15 years experience in council tells me that this is the wrong message to this developer and those waiting in the wings to see what they can get away with.

The Central Coast First councillors Hale and Maher, Labor councillors Scott and McFadyen and Cr Drake, all first timers to council, should listen if not to the experience of their fellow councillors then to the professional staff, and refuse this outlandish proposal.

**Cr Chris Holstein
Gosford Council**

Wrong impression

Forum

Letters published in the 13 February 2006 edition of Peninsula News give the impression that the majority of people who walk their dogs on Umina Beach do so without regard to others and without regard to the rules with respect to designated off-leash areas.

In all areas of life, there are some people who do not do the right thing.

This is no exception.

However by way of fair balance, it should be pointed out that are also a great number of people who enjoy the privilege of exercising their dogs on the beach every day while avoiding flagged and other designated dog-free areas.

Generally, they do their best to ensure other people are not disturbed and that the beach remains clean.

I do however add my weight to other correspondents in that the Council does show a remarkable reluctance to provide adequate signage.

For instance, if one enters at the very south end of the beach, an off-leash area, there is no sign on the beach indicating when the limit of the off-leash area has been reached.

Philip Le Geyt, Woy Woy

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Call for town centre service boost

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on Gosford Council to boost town centre maintenance and security funding to \$280,000 at the renewal of the Peninsula street cleaning, maintenance and security contract in July.

"The street cleaning, maintenance and security contract for Woy Woy, Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach comes up for tender in July and it is essential that the council boosts the available funding so as to provide an upgraded and more sustainable service," said Chamber President Mr Matthew Wales.

"For years, the Peninsula has been the poor cousin to the Gosford CBD in terms of maintenance dollars.

"We receive less than a third of what is spent in the Gosford town centre when in fact we have very similar demands.

"At present, Gosford Council allocates a paltry \$80,000 to undertake all the street cleaning, all the street maintenance and all the day time security in each of the town centres.

"Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the hard working ACS contractors, this budget only allows two staff which have to be rotated each day in each town centre,"

said Mr Wales.

"With our town centres growing steadily busier and with business thriving in places like Ettalong Beach, the council has to start getting serious about allocating adequate funds to deliver appropriate services.

"We need \$280,000 recurrent funding each year and it needs to start now."

Mr Wales said that the lack of maintenance funding often resulted in only cosmetic cleanups rather than intensive maintenance that was required to preserve the civic infrastructure.

"The footpaths in our town centres need to be steam cleaned more often, our gardens need to be better maintained, footpaths need to be upgraded and made safe and security needs to be extended into the evening hours especially on Friday and Saturday nights," said Mr Wales.

"Terrigal has recently been given a boost in maintenance and security funding with security officers now patrolling streets on key nights.

"If this can be done for Terrigal, then Peninsula CBD's deserve the same".

**Press release, February 21
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce**



2006 Woy Woy Relay for Life committee members

Relay entrants compete again

One of the largest teams and fundraisers at last year's Peninsula Relay for Life will compete again this year.

The management and staff of Campbells Building Materials are on track for another big year, according to community relations coordinator for the Cancer Council, Ms Lesley Chart.

Campbell's owner Mr Mark Campbell said the Peninsula Relay for Life is one of the company's major fundraising events for the year and one which involves most of its staff.

"I've never seen an event that unites the local community like the Relay for Life," said Mr Campbell.

"We became involved because family, friends and staff have been affected by cancer and we have shared their struggles and

successes with treatment as well as shared their pain when someone has been lost to the disease."

Last year, the Campbell's team raised close to \$12,500 for the Cancer Council and this year, Mr Campbell and his fellow team mates are out to raise more.

Donations can be made at the Woy Woy store.

"When you think about the people who live with cancer 24 hours a day, seven days a week, giving up 24 hours of your life is a small sacrifice to help others live a longer and healthier one," Mr Campbell said.

The event will be held from March 18 to 19 at the Woy Woy No 1 Oval, Oval Ave, Woy Woy.

It is the major local fundraising event for the Cancer Council with a fundraising target of \$75,000.

The 24-hour event will start at

10am on Saturday with an opening ceremony and Survivor's Walk.

It will conclude at 10am on Sunday with a closing ceremony and announcement of the provisional fundraising total.

"Each year on the Central Coast, 1750 people are diagnosed with cancer and there are approximately 730 cancer related deaths," said Ms Chart.

Relay for Life raises funds for cancer research, education and support services for local Central Coast families.

To register, contact The Cancer Council on 4325 5444 and ask for a registration form.

Early bird registration of \$11 closes on March 3.

After March 3, registration is \$15 per person.

**Press release, February 22
Lesley Chart, The Cancer Council**

Call to clean up

Clean-up at Burrawang

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve Bushcare group is coordinating a Clean-Up Australia Day project for Sunday, March 5 at the reserve.

It has invited interested residents to participate in the day.

The bushcare group has carried out similar Clean-Up Australia Day projects in the reserve and its environs for the past four years, removing rubbish from the area.

Anyone who would like to assist in this Clean-up Australia project, and help to prevent rubbish becoming part of the scenery, has

been invited to attend.

Participants will meet in the playground in Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy, at 9am for registration and the clean-up will continue until noon.

Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes and gloves, and to bring sunscreen.

Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Further details can be obtained from the site coordinator Mr Jim Morrison on 4341 9583.

**Press release, February 17
Jim Morrison, Burrawang
Bushland Reserve Bushcare group**

Peninsula residents should consider taking part in Clean-Up Australia Day on March 5, according to McDonald's Woy Woy owner/operator Mr John Ursino.

"We'd like residents to think about how important it is to preserve the environment for future generations and get out there and lend a hand on Sunday, March 5," he said.

McDonald's has been a sponsor of Clean Up Australia since it began in 1989.

"McDonald's is committed to cleaning up every day and we hope our local community will join us in taking up the challenge to make

this year's Clean Up Australia Day the most successful yet."

McDonald's Woy Woy Litter Patrol operates each day, with crew members scouting the area surrounding the restaurant and picking up any rubbish which may have been disposed of carelessly.

"By keeping our restaurant and local community tidy, we are attempting to set an example to our customers to take care of the Central Coast by not littering," Mr Ursino said.

"Although there is only a minority

of people who litter, it does detract from our community and I encourage people to participate by registering a site to clean up or help clean up at an already registered site."

People who would like further information about Clean Up Australia Day can call 1800 282 329 or visit the Clean Up Australia Day website at www.cleanup.com.au

**Press release, February 13
Fiona McGill, McDonalds**



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The work at Gosford RSL Club will mean that the meeting venue will be the Erina Centre from March until August, inclusive. It will also be necessary to change the day of the April meeting from Tuesday, 4th to Wednesday, 5th April.

For further details you can contact:
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A rally at the proposed site on Veron Rd in August 2004

Court decides to protect endangered bushland

The Land and Environment Court has found that a bush block owned by the Catholic church in Woy Woy should be treated as an endangered ecological community and protected from development as a retirement village.

The court found that the adverse impact on the environment outweighed factors in favour of the development.

The judgement was delivered on February 17 in the case of Providence Projects Pty Ltd versus Gosford Council.

Providence Projects had taken council to the Land and Environment court to appeal against its refusal of two development applications for the land on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

The major application proposed the construction on the site of a managed retirement village comprising 39 residential units and associated communal recreational facilities.

The second application proposed the creation of an allotment upon which the retirement village was to be located.

Although the managed retirement village was not a permissible use in the zone under the local environment plan, because the proposed development was to be erected on land that was residentially zoned, the over-riding provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy Seniors Living made the proposal allowable.

The main question considered by the court was the extent to which the endangered ecological

community, Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW), was found on the site.

The court found that, while it was agreed that UCSW was found over much of the site, "significant and irreconcilable differences" existed between the four ecological experts who presented evidence about the extent of the ecological community on the site.

In his judgement, Mr Justice Neal Bignold stated that the uncertainty of its extent gave rise to the application of the "precautionary principle".

The precautionary principle was one of the stated principles of "ecologically sustainable development", he said.

The precautionary principle meant that if there were threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.

The judge said he was of the opinion that there was legitimacy in applying the precautionary principle to resolve the uncertainty of whether UCSW was widely distributed over the development site.

The judgement stated that "the application of the precautionary principle in the present case justifies an approach which avoids the risk of serious or irreversible environmental damage by assuming the existence of the wide distribution of UCSW over the development site".

There were also significant differences between the parties

as to the importance and legal adequacy of a species impact statement (SIS) prepared on behalf of the applicant.

The SIS presented two scenarios for the extent of UCSW on the site, the second being referred to during the hearing as a "contingent SIS".

The judgement commented that the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act did not provide for a "contingent" SIS and that this part of the SIS had been included as a precaution to guard against a possible result of the court accepting a wider distribution of UCSW present on the site.

The judgement observed that a statutory obligation for an SIS to accompany a development application existed "if ... the (proposed) development is likely to significantly affect threatened species".

The judge stated that this helped to support and justify the application of the precautionary principle.

The judgement also found that no town planning case had been raised against the proposed development, with the applicant relying upon the established residential zoning of the development site and the permissibility of the proposed development.

The judgement found that the "adverse environmental impact of the proposal on the natural environment outweighed the competing factors weighing in favour of the grant of development consent to the proposal".

**Lyle Stone, Judgement,
February 17
Land and Environment Court**

Decision welcomed

The Land and Environment Court decision to prevent development on Catholic land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St in Woy Woy has been welcomed by Peninsula environmentalists.

The decision will be of great benefit to vulnerable native species and also for local residents, according to Ms Shirley Hotchkiss, one of the environmentalists who initiated opposition to the land's development.

The court decision has confirmed the bushland as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, an endangered ecological community, said Ms Hotchkiss.

Ms Hotchkiss said Gosford Council should be congratulated for defending the matter in the Land and Environment Court.

She said the court's decision reflected community support "across a broad political spectrum".

"I hope the Catholic Church will now donate this land to Gosford Council or arrange to have it placed in trust, so that its bush can be managed and restored.

"I understand this land was initially donated to the Catholic Church by a community member, so it would be fitting to have it donated back to the community," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"Although this bushland is just a small block on the Woy Woy Peninsula, it provides crucial habitat for species already vulnerable to extinction. These include glossy black cockatoo, barking owl, and grey-headed flying fox. Preserving this bushland will reduce the risk of extinction for these native animals and birds."

She said she would support the formation of a community-based bushcare group if the land was placed in trust.

**Press release, February 22
Shirley Hotchkiss**

Appeal history

Appeals for the development of the land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St have had a chequered history, according to Mr Justice Neal Bignold.

The original phase occurred in June last year, with two days of hearings on the original application for a retirement village, which was a slightly more intensive form of development than that which finally went before the court.

The proposal included 43 units with a slightly greater building footprint overall.

As part of that hearing, the judge inspected the development site.

He also inspected another small area of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW) located nearby in the grounds of Umina High School.

During the course of the original hearing, the applicant's expert witness on ecological issues gave evidence that, based on the extent to which she accepted the presence of UCSW on the site, a buffer zone to those areas of 10m was the minimum required to permit protection of the ecological community.

This represented a significant concession by the applicant which had originally promoted its case upon the basis that there was very little or no UCSW on the development site.

Such a buffer zone then required significant modification of the proposed development, according to the judgement.

On the basis of the evidence, the applicant applied for and was granted an adjournment to permit it the opportunity to revise its plans to provide the buffer zone.

The judgement stated that council was opposed to the revision of the application and instead sought the dismissal of the appeal.

The hearing, based on revised plans, then resumed and was completed in December.

Prior to the resumption, the council had opposed the grant of leave for the applicant to rely upon the revised plans stating that the revision was a new proposal which should be processed again.

After leave had been granted to the applicant, the revision and the supporting Species Impact Statement (SIS) were publicly exhibited.

Having publicly exhibited the revised proposal and the SIS, the council maintained its opposition to the revised proposal, and raised objections to the legal adequacy and competency of the SIS.

It had been prepared on an "alternate" basis, accommodating the possibility that UCSW was more widely distributed on the development site than the more limited minor distribution that had been conceded by the applicant in the original phase of the hearing.


The report stated that the applicant "no doubt took this course in the knowledge that the court appointed expert, Ms James held, and expressed, the opinion that the distribution of the UCSW was throughout the development site".

The SIS for the revised proposal mainly concentrated on the scenario of a more limited distribution of UCSW on the site, but did suggest an alternate scenario of a widespread distribution of UCSW.

The report stated that "this feature of the SIS was naturally enough seized upon by the council at the hearing as demonstrating a perfunctory, token and inadequate appraisal of the alternate scenario".

The council's submission was that the SIS was legally inadequate and invalid on account of the deficiencies in its consideration of the impact of the revised development on the UCSW, if it were so widely distributed as the alternate scenario had recognised."

**Press release, February 17
Land and Environment Court**



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ACF commends decision

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has commended the decision handed down in the Land and Environment court rejecting a development application on land in Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

It found the site was occupied by the endangered ecological plant community known as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW).

The branch, along with wide

variety of community groups and residents, have been fighting for the protection of this extraordinary piece of bushland since mid-2004, said branch president Mr John Wiggin.

"The UCSW on the Veron road site is one of the few remaining bush blocks on the Peninsula and is in much better condition than some of the other known UCSW sites," he said.

It also had an intact specimen of the regionally significant corkwood tree *Endiandra sieberi*.

On reading the judgement, he said: "This decision further strengthens the role of the precautionary principle and the other stated principles of ecologically-sustainable development (ESD) that are embedded in the EP&A Act to preserve the environment."

The branch called on Gosford Council to rezone the land to protect to it for future generations, he said.

Press release, February 22
Mark Ellis, ACF Central Coast



A view of the proposed development site from Veron Rd

Recognised as endangered

The existence of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW) was only finally recognised by the NSW Scientific Committee as an "endangered ecological community" on December 6, 2002.

The woodland is recorded on coastal sands on the Woy Woy Peninsula from the local government area of Gosford.

The committee's report lists 75 species as those which characterise the UCSW.

The total species list of the community is considerably larger than that, according to the report, with many species present in only one or two sites or in very small quantity.

The report stated that the species composition of a site would be influenced by the size of the site, recent rainfall or drought condition and by its disturbance (including fire) history.

It also stated that at any one time, above ground individuals of some species may be absent, but the species may be represented below ground in the soil seed

banks or as dormant structures such as bulbs, corms, rhizomes, rootstocks or lignotubers.

The list of species includes vascular plant species, micro-organisms, fungi, cryptogamic plants and a diverse fauna, both vertebrate and invertebrate.

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland is a low woodland dominated by trees of eucalyptus botryoides and angophora floribunda with a diverse understorey of sclerophyllous shrubs species including banksia integrifolia, banksia serrata, monotoca elliptica, macrozamia communis, acacia ulicifolia, platysace lanceolata, acacia suaveolens and allocasuarina littoralis.

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland has been recorded on coastal sands on the Woy Woy Peninsula at Umina Beach and Pearl Beach.

The woodland was described in 1952 by Burges and Drover, who described eucalyptus botryoides as predominating immediately behind the beach with angophora floribunda predominating for up to one mile from the beach.

They described the soils as iron podzols and distinguished them from humus podzols with angophora costata which occurred further away from the beach.

UCSW was described as being only known from three small areas at at Umina Oval, at McEvoy Oval and at Umina High School.

There is also a tiny remnant at Little Patonga Beach.

The total area still surviving in 2002 was estimated at less than 2 ha.

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland has been extensively cleared for suburban development and remnants are not within conservation reserves.

Remnants are very small and threatened by mowing and slashing, weed invasion, sand extraction and modified fire regimes, according to the report.

Weed species include lantana camara, chrysanthemoides monilifera, ipomoea cairica, paspalum urvillei, bidens pilosa, pennistum villosum, coreopsis lanceolata and ehrharta erecta.

Websites, February 17
Scientific Committee and Land and Environment Court

Court judgement a surprise

Gosford Council has had a win in the Land and Environment Court with the announcement that a retirement village proposed on sensitive bushland site at Woy Woy has been rejected, according to Liberal party spokesperson Ms Debra Wales.

Ms Wales said the proposal by Providence Projects Pty Ltd. for a 41-unit retirement village was a contentious issue with the locals who put a strong argument that the land was worth saving from development.

Ms Wales and Norah Clark, who organized an outdoor rally in August 2004 to save the 2.1 hectare site, said it had come as a wonderful surprise to them.

"It's just fantastic news to think there is still hope that this land may come in to public ownership," said Ms Wales.

"The land is zoned 2(a) single residential land and should never have been considered for medium density units.

"We have come right to the wire on this one and the hard work and care of people in the community has paid off."

Ms Clark, who until recently headed the Melaleuca Wetslands bushcare group, said that the land was one of the few remaining parcels of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

"On this particular site, there are some rare and endangered species including bangalay, rough barked angophora, swamp mahogany and hard corkwood trees, all precious to our local environment," said Ms Clark.

Ms Wales said that council now had the opportunity to negotiate with the Broken Bay Diocese, the owners of the land, in offering a reasonable price for the land so that it can come into public ownership.

Ms Wales said that it could no longer be valued as a potential 2(b) medium density and should be valued at raw 2(a) land after the court's decision to reject the proposed retirement village.

"I am certain that the Broken Bay Diocese building committee will consider the feelings of the local community and be willing to negotiate a reasonable outcome for all," said Ms Wales.

Press release, February 22
Ms Debra Wales, Liberal Party
Peats electorate

SOS calls for rezoning

Save Our Suburbs has called on Gosford Council to rezone the land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

It has also asked it to enquire of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay if the purchase option given to the developer had lapsed with the court decision to reject development proposed for the site.

Save Our Suburbs Central Coast secretary Mr Bryan Ellis said that, if it had, council should

go into immediate negotiations for the purchase of the land.

The endangered ecological plant community on the corner of Hillview and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, which Save Our Suburbs was involved in protecting, is one step back from destruction according to Mr Ellis.

Mr Ellis said: "It was a win for common sense and future generations."

"Construction on this site would have done immeasurable damage, with no amount of replanting

replacing the beauty that currently exists.

"With so little of this endangered community left, any loss of it would have been tragic."

The UCSW on the Veron Rd land is in much better condition than some of the other known UCSW sites, Mr Ellis said, and it included the intact specimen of the regionally significant corkwood *Endiandra sieberi*.

Press release, February 23
Bryan Ellis, Save Our Suburbs

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The six-week course is designed as an easy learning package to develop skills in self-awareness, assertiveness, self-esteem and communication.

The course will operate from Thursday, March 2, to Thursday, April 6, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The course facilitator is Ms Jeannie Lawson.

A gold coin donation is required.

Participants are asked to confirm their booking one week before the workshop.

This group was made possible through Gosford Council community grants.

Press release, February 21
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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Mains flushed at Pearl Beach

Gosford Council carried out water main flushing at Pearl Beach on February 22.

The council's major mains cleaning campaign, which follows on from a trial cleaning program last year, is aimed at reducing water discolouration problems, particularly in Peninsula areas.

Council sent letters to all Pearl Beach residents notifying them that the main flushing operation in their area would run from 9am to 3pm on February 22.

The letter advised that water supplies might have an increased chlorine taste and smell following the cleaning program but that the change was "quite normal" and that the water meets drinking water standards.

As the mains cleaning program can stir up iron and manganese deposits in the water main,

residents were urged to limit their water usage and not wash clothes during the operation to minimise the risk of minerals causing discolouration of washing.

Any resident experiencing discoloured water after the cleaning operation has been advised to run the tap situated farthest away from their home, such as a garden tap, for five to 10 minutes.

If the discolouration problem persists, they should contact council's water and sewer emergency number on 4325 8401 or, after 4pm, 1800 680 828.

A follow-up cleaning program will begin in the Pearl Beach area this week.

Residents and their water supplies will be unaffected by the operation, according to a report by council.

Press release, February 15
Marion Newall, Gosford Council



Staff from Bi-Lo and surrounding Coles supermarkets together with emergency RFS members and the cheque presentation

Donation to fire service

A retail store recently donated \$10,000 to the Gosford District Rural Fire Service's bushfire control fund.

Representatives of Coles Myer said the donation was a thank-you for the effort put in by the NSW Rural Fire Service during the New Year's fire crisis.

The donation will assist in supplying local brigades and volunteers with equipment.

The cheque was presented in front of Umina Bi-Lo on February 10 with members of Empire Bay Rural Fire Service, Bi-Lo and Coles Myer attending.

Gosford District Superintendent Steve Marsh received the cheque on behalf of the fire service.

Mr Marsh said: "It is always pleasing to see businesses supporting the efforts of local volunteer fire fighters."

"The Central Coast will always have sections of the community at risk of bush fires, with volunteer fire fighters providing a vital role in protecting those communities."

"Ultimately the volunteers will make the decision on where these funds can be best utilized to ensure our community is better prepared and well protected into the future."

Aaron Goldsmith, February 23
Press Release, February 9,
Coles Myer

Petition about land clearing

Residents of Olive Ave, Phegans Bay, have written to Gosford Council about land clearing in a council reserve to the rear of several properties in the street.

A petition with 11 signatures said earth moving equipment was used in the council reserve to the rear of numbers 12, 14 and 16 Olive Ave.

The petition stated that residents were concerned that the clearing would degrade the conservation belt and expose the land to an incursion of noxious weeds.

The petitioners have asked the council to regenerate bush in the area.

Council agenda P.10, February 28

Inspection requested

Residents of villas in Flathead Rd, Ettalong, have petitioned Gosford Council to inspect and assess a disused property in the street.

A petition with 11 signatures claimed that the property was a potential fire hazard due to excessive ground fuel, had white ant infested trees, and contributed to vermin infestation since late last year.

The petitioners asked that council inspect and assess the property and that they receive a documented response to their letter.

Council agenda P.9, February 28

Call for dredging

Petitioners have contacted council regarding the dilapidated state of Mt Ettalong Creek, asking that the creek be dredged.

Council received a petition with 10 signatures from residents of Umina regarding the state of Mt

Ettalong Creek.

The petitioners stated that they could no longer ignore the situation the creek was in, with the smell, pollution and the disappearance of the wild life.

The petitioners further stated that they had requested council's chief health and building inspector

to have the water tested as they believe it was a total health hazard.

The petitioners have asked that the creek be dredged and to have council drain a section adjacent to Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina.

Council agenda P.12, February 28

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Artists to display at cultural festival

Peninsula residents Ms Dawne Fahey and Ms Judy Hoste will be displaying some of their work at the Central Coast Community Cultural Diversity Festival at the Gosford Arts Centre regional gallery in March.

Ms Fahey will be displaying some of her photography work while Ms Hoste will be displaying some of her paintings.

The festival will include an art exhibition open to all Central Coast Artists, being held 9.30am to 5pm on March 18 and 10am to 4pm on March 19.

A forum will be held on Saturday, March 18, from 2pm to 5pm.

The Master of Ceremonies for the forum is lecturer and researcher in linguistics Dr Verna Rieschild,

The focus of the forum is "Past, present and future of multiculturalism on the Central Coast", with guest speakers and question time.

Speakers include local history librarian Mr Geoff Potter who will speak on the wave of migrations to the Central Coast and manager of the Central Coast Multicultural Project Ms Joan Jones who will speak on the history of the project.

Hunter Migrant Resource Centre director Ms Violetta Walsh will speak on the recent settlement of a Sudanese community in the Hunter region while Fair Media executive director Ms Kuranda Seyit will speak on multiculturalism and the media.

There will be a time for questions at the end of each speaker.

Also after the last speaker there will be a "focus and feedback" session from the audience.

Audience members will be invited to sit around tables of 10 to further focus on issues touched on during forum.

Sunday will also feature entertainment with a varied and exciting list of performers who are representative of the range of talented cultural performers and artists found on the Central Coast.

Food stalls will also offer a wide range of food.

The festival is presented on behalf of the Multi Arts Confederation (Central Coast) and Friends of Caroline Bay inc. and the Central Coast Multicultural Project.

Newsletter, February 22
Multi Arts Confederation



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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 4342 1459

PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

PWHC, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20a McMasters Rd Woy Woy 4342 4905

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym

PCYC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, **UCH** 7pm.

Second Tuesday of every month

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

Senior's Idol, 1pm; **Toastmasters**, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842; **Seniors Day** 12 noon **EBWMC**

Get Together afternoon tea, **ESCC**, **Pearl Beach Craft group**, **PBPH**, 1.30pm.

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

Diabeties Support Group 10am, **ECC**

Third Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, **UCH** 7pm.

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

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

Toastmasters, **EBWMC**, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

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

Every Tuesday

The Web, **TWYS**, Drop in centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm

Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-12.45pm 4369 2034

Judo 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm,

Dragon Kung Fu 6.30pm, **Gambling Counselling** by apointment, Latin Salsa Dance 8pm, **School for Learning - over 55's** 10am **PCC**.

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

Gym Sessions 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9:15am & 6pm; **PCYC**

Early Bird Bingo, 11am; **Come in Spinner**, 12 noon; **Club Bingo**, 2pm;

Mystery members, 5pm.**WWLC**.

Ladies Golf, 18 hole 8am; **Ladies outdoor bowls**, 9.30am; **Rotary Club of Woy Woy** 6pm **ECC**

LadiesIndoorBowls-9am;**Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **Computers**, 9am, **ESCC** .

Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: 4379 1132

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

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.

Sports bar raffle **EBWMBC**

Sahaja yoga meditation **CWAHWW**,10:30am enq: 4328 1409.

Playgroup 10am Kids 0-5yrs, **WWPH** , Ph: Juhel 4342 4362

Butterfly Group Drop In (**Domestic violence** support), 12.30pm **PWHC**

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 View Club, friendship day, **MOW**, 11am, enq: 4344 1440

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.,

Third Wednesday of every month

Woy Woy View Club - luncheon & guest speaker, 10.30am, **ECC** 4344 1440

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 pm, **Pick A Prize** 6pm, **WWBC**

Young Women's Group 12-18 yrs, **TWYS**

Rock'n'Roll Dance Class **EBMC** 7pm

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 9.30am & 7.30pm 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, **Weight Watchers** 5.30pm, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm; **School for Learning** 9am, **Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm; **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; **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC**

Social Darts, 7.15pm **EMBC**, **Gym Sessions** 8am (Incl **Self Defence** for Young Women 1pm; **Gym Circuit** 6pm; **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup **WH** (ex sch hols). 10am 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 & 6.30 , St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Handicraft **CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month

Outsiders Club, 9am; **Brisbane Water Seniors** 1pm Enq: 4344 5670

EBWMC

Australiana Bus Trips **PCC** Women's Health **Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741

Fourth Thursday of every month

9am **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, **BFC**

Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.

Women's Health **Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741

Every Thursday

Creative Writing **CWAHWW** Enq 4369 1187

Gambling and general counselling by appointment, **Yoga** 10am, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Judo**, 5pm Enq: 43424121;

The Web, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, 4342 3684; **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**.

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

Scrabble, 12.30pm.**WWPH**

Bingo, 9.30am, **Karaoke** 6pm **EBWMC**

Treasure Chest 11.30am, **Club Bingo**, 2pm, **Mystery Members** 5pm, **WWBC**

Ladies 18 hole golf **ECC**

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

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

Stitchery Circle 9.30am, **EBACC**

St John's Ambulance; **Brisbane Water Cadets**, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

Children's story time, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30am (Except Jan).

Gym Sessions 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am & 6pm **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC** .

Social Tennis 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

Adult tap dancing, **EPH** 10am; enq: 4342 3925

Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12.30pm, 7pm.

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month

2pm **Peninsula Twins Club** Free. **BFC**

RSL Sub branch **EBWMC**, 2.30pm.

Third Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, **WH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.

Civilian widows, **ESSC**, 1pm.

Every Friday

Kids entertainment Yrs 7 -12, 7.30pm, **Playgroup**, 10am Umina Uniting Church.

Bingo 11.30am, **UCH** Enq:4343 1664

Lollipop Music Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, **WH** (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

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, **Computers** 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**

Gym Sessions 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training** 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior) **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 11.30am; **Mystery Members** 5pm, **Free Entertainment**

Players Lounge 7.30pm, **Players Niteclub** 10pm ,**WWLC**

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

Kids Club (Primary) .4pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Weight Watchers** 10am, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm; **The Web**, 2pm-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, Brophy Circus 5pm

Kindygyim 0 - 3yrs 9.30am, 3 - 5yrs 10.30am **PCC**

Women's walking group, 8am **PWHC**

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans** Assoc Aust meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Enq: 4340 4160

Second Saturday of every month

Melaleuca Wetland **Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.

Pretty Beach **Bushcare** group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.

Save our Suburbs, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251 **WWPH**

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, **UCH**

Last Saturday every month

Wagstaffe **Bushcare** group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

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

Every Saturday

The Web, **Activities** for 12-18yrs old, 4.30-9.30pm; **Weight Watchers** 8am, **PCC**

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm .

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, **Drama & Discovery** 9am **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.

Woy Woy Environment Centre 10am-. 267 Blackwall Road. Enq 4342 6589

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, 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, 9am Enq: 43692486

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

Ettyalong **Creek Landcare**, 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**, Nambucca Dr playgrnd 9am 4341 9301.

Last Sunday of every month

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market Enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

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

Free **Jazz** 4pm, **Players Lounge**

Sculpture at Gosford

Peninsula sculptor Annabel Atkinson will be displaying some of her sculptures in the Japanese gardens at the Gosford Arts Centre on March 5.

The display forms part of the International Women's Day celebrations being held at the centre.

The day will also feature guest speaker Senator Kerry Nettle and entertainers Belynda Whyte, Keep on Rockin and the Mad Cow Theatre Company.

There will also be a display of profiles in the art centre of significant women of the Central Coast, and afternoon tea on the terrace by donation.

The celebrations are to be held at the Gosford Arts Centre, 36 Webb St, East Gosford, on March 5, from 2pm to 4pm.

They event is supported by Gosford Council and the Multi Arts Confederation, Central Coast.

Newsletter, February 22
Multi Arts Confederation



Open day on fifth birthday

The Umina Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) held an open day promoting the club and celebrating its fifth birthday on February 18.

It was a day of entertainment for the local community with a mixture of events catering for those of all ages and backgrounds.

In the morning, entertainment included performances by the Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts group (Pipa) and also a barber shop chorus.

The Nambus was present and there were many stalls, including face painting and temporary tattoos for young children.

In the afternoon, the scene catered for more of a teen audience with performances by bands Vetna, 3 Days Ago, All That Bleed and

The Jimmy.

PCYC manager Mr Tim Keogh said that there was a "really good response to the open day" and estimated that around 400 people attended the event.

The day was used to promote the many activities and courses run by the PCYC and affirm their commitment and importance to the community.

Mr Keogh said that the prevention of youth crime was the core principle of the PCYC and that the police worked alongside young people to achieve this aim.

They organised Oztag and ran a fishing program called "Hook, Line, and Sink" to help broaden mainstream youth activities.

The PCYC also fulfilled many other functions within the community including gym facilities

and aerobic boxing that catered for all ages, he said.

On the last Friday of every month, the PCYC runs dance parties for young people aged 10 to 16 which include lots of music and a large video screen.

These dance parties run from 7pm until 10pm and are safe and drug-free events.

A drop-in area is open for young people and provides a pool table, an air-hockey table and an X-Box.

This is open after school hours up until 8pm on weekdays and on Saturday mornings from 9am until 12pm.

There are also drama and tiny-tots classes on Saturday and Monday to help develop young children's singing and acting.

A wide variety of courses is run for all ages including computer

courses for seniors, a work opportunity course for women, and first aid courses.

Mr Keogh said that there has been a steady flow of memberships at the PCYC following the open day, and the hope is that this will continue.

Aaron Goldsmith, February 23

Start the year with a laugh
"It runs in the family"
(By Ray Cooney)

a hilarious play set in the doctor's lounge of a London Hospital 3 days before Xmas

	8pm	8pm	2pm	2pm
	Fri	Sat	Sun	Sat
Mar	3	4	5	11
Mar	10	11	12	

The Peninsula Theatre
Cnr Ocean Beach and
McMaster's Roads WOY WOY
Bookings 4344 4737
10am to 2pm weekdays

PENINSULA THEATRE, cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds, Woy WOY



Christine Harris & HIT Productions present

Tina Bursill & Joe Petrucci
in
Double Act
by Barry Croxall

George & Alex are a once happily married couple who meet after their divorce and rekindle their relationship, with hilarious results.

16-18 MARCH

LAYCOCK STREET THEATRE, North Gosford

LaBoite Theatre Company present



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21-23 MARCH

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Need help with a State Government matter?



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will be at
Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre
from 1pm &
Umina Library from 2pm

Call Marie's office on 4342 4122 to book in.

20 Blackwall Road or PO Box 223 Woy Woy PH: 4342 4122 FAX: 4341 2368

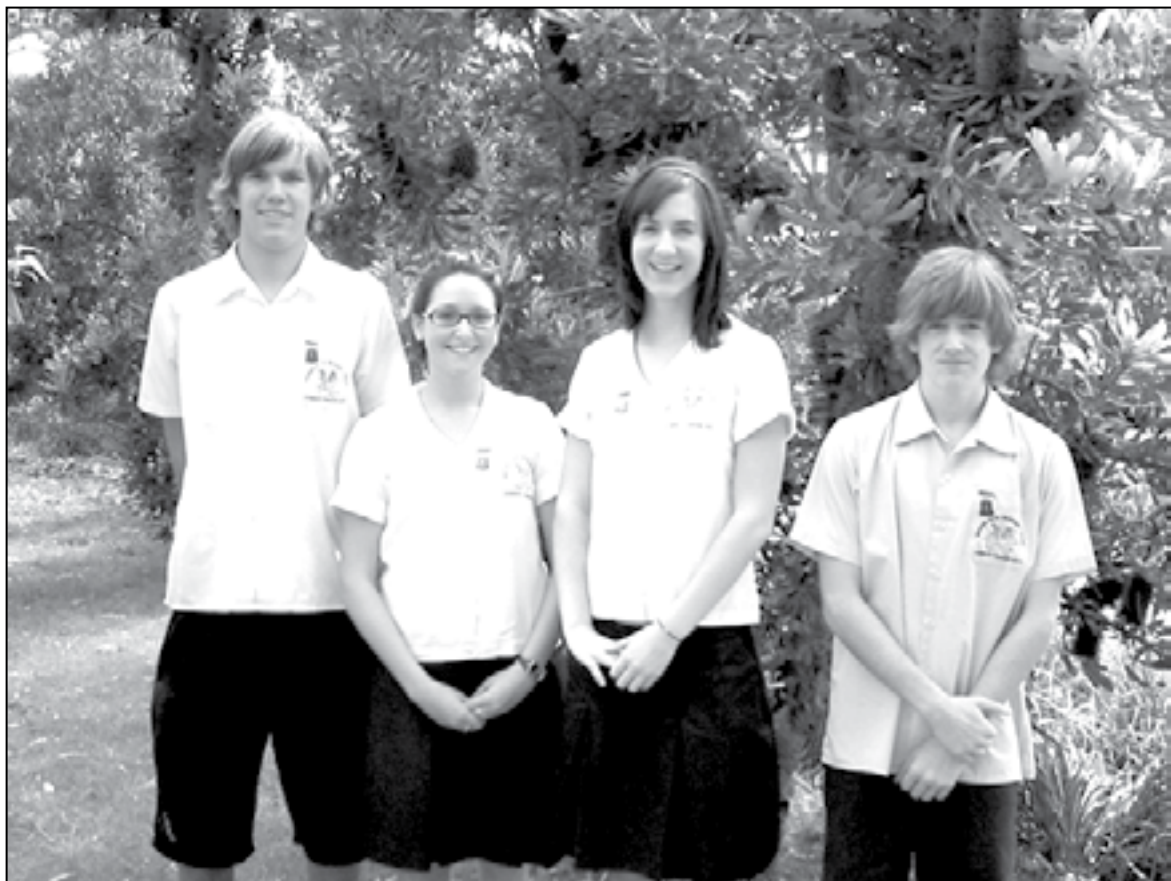
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Education



Senior campus captains Daniel Eastwood, Samantha Sultana, Emily Francis and Joshua Knox

SRC ceremony impressive

Brisbane Water Secondary College principal Mr Pat Lewis has described as "impressive" the ceremony where the new senior campus Student Representative Council was sworn in and received their badges of office.

In his Principal's address, campus principal Mr David Beattie encouraged students to have

a dream and strive to make a difference as they lead the senior campus during the year.

Inducted as Captains and Vice captains were Samantha Sultana, Daniel Eastwood, Emily Francis and Joshua Knox.

Office bearers for the SRC for 2006 are Jacqui Steward (President), Jacqui Renshaw (Vice President), Kristie Baird (Secretary), and Rebecca Gaston (Treasurer).

In all, the SRC is made up of 10 students from each of Years 10, 11 and 12 and they are charged with being the voice of students as they meet each week with their teacher mentor.

Throughout the year they also conduct a student assembly once per week where campus notices from students and staff are conveyed to the student body.

Press release, February 22
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Activities start at church

Activities at the Umina Uniting Church have started for the year, according to Broken Bay Uniting Church secretary Annette Strong.

"A coach load of folk had a most informative tour over Burnside Homes recently," said Ms Strong.

"There is a wonderful museum established detailing so much of the history of that great activity which for so many years was home to so many children, and today is still very involved with foster care and numerous other activities under the banner of Unitingcare.

"It is open for public inspection and well worth a visit.

"Unitingcare is the recipient of the well publicised Pancake Day which is normally held on Shrove Tuesday, February 28, and numerous forms of activities are held all over NSW to raise funds."

At Umina Uniting Church, pancakes will be served for morning tea after services on Sunday, March 5.

"Everyone is welcome," Ms Strong said.

"Plans are well under way for the first Umina Market Day on Saturday, March 28, and many folk

are busy preparing for the Religious Education Ministries Fete at Umina High Campus on Saturday, March 11.

"This year the World Day of Prayer will be held at 10.30am in the Umina Uniting Church.

"The order of service this year has been prepared by women of South Africa and the speaker will be June Cameron, of Belmont Uniting Church and leader in the Guiding Movement."

Press release, February 22
Annette Strong, Broken
Bay Uniting Church

Yellow Day at Umina

A Yellow Day will be held at Umina Public School on March 20, according to Safety House Program representative Ms Michelle Te Puia.

The Safety House program holds Yellow Days in public schools where Police attend to talk with children and teach them about the Safety House Program.

The children are provided with information to help them gain the skills and confidence to feel safe within the community, especially while travelling to and from school.

The aim is to provide the Kindergarten children with a "Safety House Bag" which includes all information about the Safety House and donations collected by local businesses.

"We are also holding a Yellow Day later in the year at Empire Bay Public School," Ms Te Puia said.

"We still require the help of a school representative from the local community to assist the Police with preparation for this program.

"This involves a small amount of time discussing and preparing for the Yellow Day with the P&C and liaison with our police representative.

"We are asking local businesses on the Peninsula to support this program with donations of stickers, food vouchers and raffle prizes."

For further information or to help with donations, contact 4342 3266 or 4341 1347.

Press release, February 17
Michelle Te Puia, Peninsula
Safety Houses

Tribute to former principal

A Peninsula teacher Mr Robert Landow has paid tribute to former Woy Woy Public School principal Mr Bob Jackson who passed away on February 22.

"Bob was the principal of Woy Woy for many years, a staunch Federation member of the Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers Association and one of the most respected and loved principals by the kids, parents and staff I have ever known.

"One memory I have of Bob, which shows the kind of person he

was, at a learn to swim course, he was in the pool taking the hardest group.

"I know he would come into classes and tell the teacher to have a break.

"He never asked anyone to do what he couldn't do himself.

"Although we have lost the body of a great person, his values, friendship, dedication and bravery through adversity will last forever."

Letter, February 23
Robert Landow, Woy Woy
South Public School

Coach Landow Calls Time

Long serving educator Rob Landow of Woy Woy South Public School is retiring after a career spanning thirty-five years.

Robert has taught for the past twenty-five years WWSPS after previously teaching at Goulburn, Toongabbie and Leeton.

Robert joined the NSW Teachers Federation in 1970 and has been the President of the Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers Association since 2000.

Federation issues have always been important to Robert and he has strived hard to inspire others in this regard.

Many children on the Peninsula have benefited from Rob's expertise as an accredited Basketball Coach.

He has literally coached hundreds of children at both school and Representative levels. One of his former charges was Brooke McInnes who went on to play in the WNBL Finals for Adelaide Lightning.

In a busy teaching career Robert still made time for community

involvement and has been active with Umina SLSC, Umina soccer club, Woy Woy Little Theatre and Woy Woy Bowling Club.

Although retiring from teaching Robert intends to keep busy and has formed Apex Installations with his two sons, Peter and Adam. They will be installing cable to the residents of the Peninsula and beyond.

Rob's teaching philosophy was to "prepare young people for life by creating a thirst for knowledge in a fun way".

In keeping with this fun approach Rob's many friends and colleagues are cordially invited to his "Retirement Roast" to be held at Woy Woy Bowling Club on Friday 31st March at 7.00p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase from Woy Woy South front office. For enquiries phone 43411899.

A special book for past parents and pupils to pass on their best wishes will be available in the school foyer.

This memento will be presented on the night of the function.

Press release, February 24
Chris Newell

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Students train at club

Six Brisbane Water Secondary College students have spent nearly four months as trainees at the Ettalong Beach Club.

The club offered the traineeships to Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus late last year.

It began the traineeships in November as part of the Beacon program that works toward minimising unemployment for school leavers.

Traineeships were offered in information technology, in hospitality and in events, functions and business management.

College careers teacher Mr Rob Harwood said: "On the whole the traineeships have been going extremely well, the only one that's had teething problems has been IT and we are working on those."

"Kristy Baird, the trainee who has been doing Events and Business Services, is doing really well."

"Apparently she's a real wiz," said Mr Harwood.

"I've learnt a broad range of office skills and I've also learnt that I can actually cope with a fair bit of work," said Kristy.

"It's been really worthwhile."

"I'd really like to move into hotel management and work on the floor."

One of four hospitality trainees, Emma Hardcastle said "It's been hard work but I'd definitely recommend it to my friends."

"I think I'd like to work in a bar when I'm old enough, everyone has been so friendly."

The club plans to offer a number of traineeships to students from the college each year.

**Press release, February 23
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic**



Six of the ten grandfriends with their certificates of appreciation

'Grandfriends' are thanked

Umina Public School has officially thanked the 10 "Grandfriends" who helped at the school and Council on the Ageing recently.

The Grandfriends were presented with certificates in recognition of their contribution to the school.

The Grandfriends were senior citizens who had been helping for one to two hours per week in classes with Ms Hughes, Ms Crossland, Ms Pritchard, Ms McKenna, with Year 1 in the Book Nook, and with

some Year 6 children, individually sharing their carpentry skills.

The Grandfriends commented on their experience at the school this year stating "It makes me feel younger", "It keeps me young and active", "I am amazed at the ability of the kids for their age" and "It keeps my mind active and brings back memories of 40 years of teaching".

Some of the Grandfriends also commented that they were "tremendously impressed with the

standard of work in Kindergarten these days" and that they "like the respect and the good manners the children have".

Currently six schools on the Peninsula have the Grandfriends Program.

Anyone wanting more information about becoming a Grandfriend at Umina Public School can contact 4342 2340 or 4341 1630.

**Press release, February 17
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre**



Sarah Harvey, Alex Beaton, Amanda Lilleyman, and Daniel Stone had their group drama item nominated for the State-wide On Stage production and Daniel had his individual project exhibited

All HSC students gain certificate

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have continued to perform, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

All 185 students who sat the HSC were successful in gaining the certificate.

"This is a triumph for our local school in raising the educational profile of our community and is only the beginning of what can increasingly be achieved as the college continues to improve student learning outcomes," Mr Lewis said.

"Teachers and students in design and technology, drama, English extension, computing studies, textiles and design, construction, business services, hospitality, primary industries, and information technology all produced results above State average with a large number of other courses also improving on 2004 results."

"Outstanding students who were placed in the State's top performance band in a range of subjects were Sarah Harvey, Alex Beaton, Daniel Stone, Rachel

McKillop, Justin Steward, Andrew Hurl, Amanda Lilleyman, Cameron Matthews, Jack McPhee, Dale Miller and Michael Serra.

"Several of the HSC courses have practical components and again students have performed outstandingly."

Sarah Harvey, Alex Beaton, Amanda Lilleyman, and Daniel Stone had their group drama item nominated for the State-wide On Stage production and Daniel had his individual project exhibited, Mr Lewis said.

"Sarah Harvey also produced outstanding works in Visual Arts and Design and Technology and had her works exhibited among the state's best."

"In Design and Technology, Sarah was placed seventh in the State."

"Not to be outdone, the college's outstanding entertainment student Chris Richardson was named as the Australian Vocational Student of the Year in the entertainment field."

**Press release, February 22
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Enrolments have exceeded expectations at both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"These increased enrolments included a significant number of students returning to the Peninsula's high school after attending other schools in the college's formative years," Mr Lewis said.

"At the Umina campus, 272 new Year 7 students had the campus to themselves for the first two days in an innovative orientation program."

"With the help of a large group of Year 9 Peer Support leaders who generously gave up the last two days of their school holidays, the new students experienced a wide range of activities designed to introduce them to the mysteries of a school timetable and the essential routines of high school life."

"On Wednesday, it was a full school day for all students when Years 8 and 9 returned and all students and staff were straight into learning action for the year."

"In total, the Umina campus will enrol almost 1000 students this year."

"At the Senior campus, no time was wasted for Years 11 and 12

College enrolments exceed expectations

students who returned on Tuesday, received their timetables, attended lessons in all of their subjects, and received homework to tide them over until Thursday.

"On Wednesday, Year 10 students returned to school and had the campus to themselves in a very successful orientation day."

"As on the Umina campus, Thursday saw the whole campus enrolment return and get immediately to work on the year's studies."

In total, the Senior campus will enrol over 700 students this year, Mr Lewis said.

"Week one was also a new experience for several college teachers who swapped campuses from last year," Mr Lewis said.

"Industrial Arts teacher Ian Reynolds transferred to the Umina campus while Denise De Pauli (Science), Michael Wilson (Industrial Arts), John Lynch (Creative Arts) and Doug Grave (English) all transferred to the Senior campus."

"This is a process unique to multi campus colleges such as Brisbane Water and ensures that teachers over a number of years have the opportunity of teaching the full range of students from Years 7 to 12."

"It also improves the collegiality of staff across the college by many teachers being known to each other on each campus."

**Press release, February 22
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

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New fashion in Ettalong

A new fashion shop has opened in Ettalong

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The family originally came from Russia and have lived in Australia for 11 years.

Natasha is a qualified art teacher and uses her skills

to hand paint scarves as well as select colours, fabrics and styles for her business.

The business traded at The Rocks for six years and in December relocated to Ettalong Beach for the lifestyle.

The range of clothing is made up entirely of "very bright, happy colours on natural fabrics such as

cotton and linen", according to Natasha Serga.

All of the scarves are hand painted on silk and are one-off creations.

The business wholesales as well retails and also does well through the internet.

"Our prices are very reasonable with nothing over \$80", Ms Serga said.

Cec Bucello, February 23

Council works

Gosford Council will be conducting works in both Empire Bay and St Huberts Island this week.

Night work will be conducted on Empire Bay Dr, Empire Bay, from February 26, for two weeks.

The work is to rehabilitate the pavement.

Works to take place at

St Huberts Island will be conducted on the beachfront and involve water main renewal.

Works were also conducted last week at St Huberts Island and Woy Woy.

Works at St Huberts Island included water main renewal on the beachfront, while the building of a footpath at the Rawson Rd rail crossing, Woy

Woy, was also conducted.
Press release, February 14, 21
Vicki Brown, Karen Weber, Gosford Council

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Dunes work where other projects fail

It is sad to see that 347 people see fit to pressure our Council to remove the dune and vegetation at Ettalong, so that they can have their beach back.

As Cr Hale said only a few months ago, we cannot live in the past; we cannot expect to keep Ettalong township as it was.

Nor then can we expect to have our beach as it was.

We have to live in the present; many things are changing including our climate.

The Umina sandplain was originally a series of "parallel dunes" never more than 15m above sea level.

Much of it was a system of lagoons and swamps, with Blackwall Mountain standing high at 114m like an island.

Dunes protect our coast by absorbing the energy of waves generated by storms.

They are also reservoirs of sand which nature uses to replenish our beaches during times of wave erosion.

Dune vegetation traps and holds the sand blown from the beach, preventing it being blown inland and lost from our beach system forever.

All the projects put in place by previous councils to stop nature taking its course, and to keep our beaches as they were, have failed.

You only have to look at the rock wall near to Kourang Street and the rock groynes at Lance Web

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Reserve.

The one that does seem to have been successful is the dune system in front of the club-resort.

There is no sand across the Esplanade there.

I wonder if these people ever stop and really consider what it is they are asking.

Are they really willing to put in jeopardy the homes and perhaps even the lives of many people living on the Peninsula?

Perhaps they didn't see the devastation caused by storms in Louisiana.

Authorities were warned about the likelihood of this happening at least eight years before. Like our authorities they ignored the warnings.

We have been told to expect more frequent storms and particularly storm surges.

Land that may be vulnerable to erosion or tidal inundation within the next 50 years, should be maintained and no development permitted, unless it is considered expendable.

That is why we have SEP 71 and why informed authorities are reluctant to permit the destruction of the dune system at Ettalong.

These are all very serious matters and not to be put in jeopardy by a small group of petitioners who have obviously not considered all the implications.

M.Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Another form of recycling

It was at University that I learned of recycling.

Not of water which was quickly dismissed when it was explained how the waters of the Rhine passed through six human bodies on their way to the sea.

Treated by water supply engineers for each big city before being passed on with new domestic wastes to the next.

It was the recycling of ideas which fascinated me.

I learned of it first from the written words of the great Isaac Newton.

He claimed, if he seemed to see more clearly than other humans; it is because he stood on the shoulders of great people of the past.

How did those great people of the past communicate?

By their writings.

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With my interest in nature, I read Darwins's Origin of Species realising how humans evolved.

Down the years I devoured many great books of western civilisations, written by both men and women of many different nations.

Jane Austen of England, Simon de Beauvoir of France, Confucius of ancient China of 2000 years ago; who taught humans are part of nature.

My knowledge of many of these came from encyclopedias.

The first Arthur Mee's Children's Encyclopedia; latter the English Science of Life by the Darwins and Huxleys of England; finally the American World Book Encyclopedia.

With lack of modesty, I can claim a part in this great stream of ideas - 74 books, 50 television documentaries; articles galore with finally in conjunction with Bob Raymond; to write the great five volumes series of our Wildlife Heritage.

Sir David Attenborough was kind enough to tell me those books were his encyclopaedia when he prepared his own television documentaries dealing with Australian Wildlife.

I have obeyed American Thoreau's great desire.

When I come to die realise I have lived, I also have passed on some thoughts of Australia's great natural history wonders.

Dr Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

Advertising signs are hazardous

Many new illuminated signs with advertising above are springing up across the Gosford Local Government Area.

While I am happy to share the revenue benefit licensing road reserves generates. I am not prepared to sit idly by and ignore the increase in number of roadside hazards.

Cables Downunder chairman Mr Peter Downing, Mr Paul Gibson of the Stay Safe Committee and others are directly concerned with long-term safety of road users.

Responsible parties, including the Roads and Traffic Authority, should wish to address the oversight of my Councillors, the Gosford Council Traffic Committee Chair and Claude Neon and the State and Federal Government.

Installing 10-centimetre square steel post in concrete for the benefit of advertisers is extremely short sighted.

In fact, I doubt the improved safety argued for by councillors wishing to rid the roadside of power poles, because of the threat to life and limb fits in with putting these poles on street corners.

This offensive grab for revenue presents ratepayers and road users with a previously unconsidered and numerically more offensive threat to the health and safety of motorcyclist and other road users.

I must point out that following extensive research, overseas companies are installing breakaway infrastructure.

These items are made from reinforced resin.

Power poles, lampposts and anything else which needs to be so close by the roadside is first measured against the hazard potential.

I expect Councillors Holstein and Brooks to come out publicly in support of a rethink of the commercial arrangements with advertisers which ignore the potential to increase road safety

particularly when intersections are a focus of death and injury.

It is already accepted internationally that the safest possible roadside infrastructure is the minimum acceptable intrusion from items placed simply for commercial return of a third party.

Claims of negligence are prosecuted against councillors and council.

The question asked is: Who neglected to act in the best interest of ratepayers and road users?

Edward James, Umina

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Real action needed on climate change

In Australia we have just 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 in the international community to address climate change.

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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

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Coaching academy held at Everglades

Almost 200 bowlers attended the Central Coast District Bowling Association coaching academy sessions held at Everglades Country Club on February 6.

Sessions were provided by Bruce Jewell from Bateau Bay and from internationals Steve Glasson and Brett Duprez.

Bruce dealt with the role of coaches and club coaching practices.

Steve and Brett shared the history of their development from childhood to senior levels of the sport.

After pointers on goal-setting and playing techniques, they opened up to general questions.

Norma Barry, representing the State Ladies Coaching Association provided a short session on the importance of the visualisation technique and outlined how it could be employed in contributing to an improvement in results for individual bowlers.

Jeff Ison, chairman of State Umpires, foreshadowed some of the possible changes to the game and its laws that are currently under consideration.

Newsletter, February 22
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News



Andre Gumprecht



Jamie McMaster

Umina cricket results

Results from Umina District Cricket Club in Round 10 playing Terrigal were:

1st Grade: Terrigal 204 V Umina 3/223 (Colin Smyth 5/56, Mark Cattley 2/47, Ben Smith 104*, Simon Blake 78). First innings win to Umina.

2nd Grade: Terrigal 9/199 V Umina 119 (Paul Sharpe 4/16, Greg Shirley 4/76, Craig Brown 35). First innings win to Terrigal.

3rd Grade: Terrigal 100 V Umina 115 (Grant Pride 4/50, Mark Smith

3/35, Oliver Whatnal 37) First innings win to Umina.

4th Grade: Umina 71 & 205 V Terrigal 295 (Ryan Clement 88). Outright win to Terrigal.

5th Grade: Terrigal 363 V Umina 7/194 (Noel Gaunt 53, Mitchell Rumph 5/49).

6th Grade: Umina 130 & 106 V Terrigal 4/178 & 2/65 (Rick Jones 35, Chris Caller 30, Chris Caller 3/51).

Press release, February 21
Mark Smith, Umina District Cricket Club

Ettalong Eagles lose

The Ettalong Eagles lost to Redhead in semi-finals of the Big Bowls Challenge recently.

This was the finals series of the challenge.

Redhead defeated Ettalong 6 to 3.

The second round final game was played from February 22 to 24.

Newsletter, February 22
Kevin Dring, Coast Bowls News

Champion triples

The Everglades women's triples team of Judy King, Goldie Edwards and Sue O'Connor continued their CCDWBA Triples championship winning streak when they captured the title for the third year in a row at Davistown RSL on January 20.

"This championship got away to an unfortunate start due to inclement weather with one game being totally washed out on the first day," publicity officer Ms Margaret Evans said.

"But once the weather cleared on subsequent days, the tournament produced some very good bowls and some close games.

"The Everglades girls continued their dominance of this event and

had a convincing win over Bobby Jones, Marlene Trounce and skip Pat Reay from Toukley District in the final 28 to 10.

"The District Fours followed on Monday, January 30, with some very tight games in the early rounds.

"The final was played at Gosford City Bowling Club on February 3.

"There was never much in the game but the Umina Beach team of Dot Craber, Lila Gilmour and Jean Lane skipped by Betty Cusack ran out the winners 22 to 18 over the Avoca Beach combination of Elise Amundsen, Gwenda Simpson, Margaret Jones skipped by Ann Monk."

Newsletter, February 22
Margaret Evans, Coast Bowls News

Peninsula players fly to Adelaide

Two Peninsula-based soccer players were preparing to take on Adelaide in the preliminary final of the Hyundai A-League last week with the Mariners.

The Central Coast Mariners played host to Newcastle United Jets in the A-Leagues minor semifinal at Central Coast Stadium on February 17.

A record attendance of 17,429 spectators came to watch the Mariners defend their 1-0 lead from the first leg in Newcastle.

The final score line of 1-1 was just enough to secure the Mariners a place in the preliminary final against Adelaide United.

The players might be excited and a little nervous about facing league leaders Adelaide in the preliminary final, but have said they remain

focused on the task ahead of them and are determined to reach the grand final.

A similar squad to that which played Newcastle on February 17 can be expected to travel to Adelaide for the preliminary final.

This means that Umina Beach resident Andre Gumprecht, who has started for the Mariners in all but one game this season, should fulfill his usual role in the central midfield.

Peninsula local and relative newcomer to the Mariners, Jamie McMaster, spent the minor semifinal against Newcastle on the sideline.

But with experience playing for English clubs, including Leeds, the former Umina United junior could be a dangerous substitute in his role as an attacking midfielder.

Mariners media liaison officer

Mr Benjamin Coonan said that preparations for the match against Adelaide would be no different from what had given them success in the finals so far and throughout the season and that they would be treating it like any other match.

The only exception to the Mariners line-up could be right-midfielder Matthew Osman, who might still need time to recover after a bout of pneumonia.

A farewell for the departing Mariners was held at 4.30pm on Wednesday, February 22.

The event took place in Kibble Park, Gosford, and featured addresses from Minister for the Central Coast Mr Grant McBride, Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher and Wyong mayor Cr Bob Graham.

Aaron Goldsmith, February 22

Woy Woy Physical Education results

Results from the Bjelke Petersen School of Physical Education, Woy Woy, at the recent zone competition were:

Tanika Hynds placed second at zone In the five years category

Simone Bradley place first at zone and was a national finalist In the six years category.

Amber Antonio placed fourth at zone.

Edwina Clune-Purcell placed first at zone In the seven years category.

Lauren Riley placed first at zone In the eight years category, with Keeyah Robertson placed fifth.

Rebecca Hutchins placed fourth at State in the Repechage finals.

Keiryn Payne placed at zone In the 10 years age division, while Charlotte Clune-Purcell placed fifth and was a national finalist.

Kiara Hoste placed fifth at zone In the 11 years age division.

Hannah Clune-Purcell placed fourth at zone In the 13 years age division.

Lesla McNeil placed fourth at zone In the 14 years age division and fourth place at nationals.

The years five to seven team placed second at the national team competition at the State Sports Centre, Homebush.

The years eight to nine team and 10 to 11 team both placed first.

Overall the Bjelke Petersen School of Physical Education, Woy Woy, had 11 places at zone, one place at State, two national finalists, one place at a national level, a second and two first places at national team competition.

Press release, February 10
Robyn Stephen, Bjelke Petersen School of Physical Education

Umpire is recognised

Woy Woy Bowling Club umpire Mr Max Ross was recently presented with a framed certificate recognizing 25 years' service.

Mr Ross's was also presented with a merit badge.

"It's a magnificent achievement, and Max can be very proud of his wonderful contribution to the sport," said Zone 15 Umpires chairman Mr Leo Finn.

Newsletter, February 22
Leo Finn, Coast Bowls News

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Woy Woy Cricket Club members Tristen McDonald, Jason Hayward, Alex Pitty and Dominic Tonkin holding the Moore Shield

Part of district cricket success

Woy Woy Cricket Club members Tristen McDonald, Jason Hayward, Alex Pitty and Dominic Tonkin were part of the recent success of the Central Coast under-14s representative cricket team in the Moore Shield and Country Cup finals.

The Central Coast team won the Moore Shield, which is the representative title for the 20 district teams from Newcastle to Illawarra, on Sunday, February 5.

The Central Coast boys then repeated their success in the final of the New South Wales Country under-14s Championships beating Riverina at Cowra on Sunday, February 12.

"This is an enormous achievement for these cricketers, and our Woy Woy boys were significant contributors," secretary Ms T Lovett said.

"Bowlers Alex Pitty and Dominic Tonkin have taken wickets all season including for Alex 3/11 and for Dominic 3/12 in the Country Final.

"Captain Tristen McDonald has led the team with the bat and good strategy while Jason Hayward has continued to show his dominance as one of the stronger batsmen in his age group.

"Tristen finished with 67 in the final of the Country Cup, while Jason was 91 not out."

"This tournament is the first opportunity for the NSW Country selectors to have

a look at these boys and I know that they were impressed with a number of the performances," said coach Mr Glen Rowlands.

"There is certainly a lot of talent which, with continued effort and coaching, will develop into major contributors to cricket on the Central Coast and with further potential representative possibilities.

"Success in these two tournaments adds to the success enjoyed by this team over the last four years, having achieved the rare feat of winning the Creak and Cawsey Shields in the past and now adding the Moore Shield."

**Press release, February 22
Paul Tonkin, Woy Woy Cricket Club**

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