

Quarry may be used

Gosford Council may buy the former Bull's Hill Quarry site for use as a "resource recovery park".

The council has resolved to advise the Department of Land that it wishes to lodge an expression of interest in the site.

Cr Terri Latella said that "this is only an expression of interest to the Department of Lands".

"There is nothing set in concrete that we will purchase the site.

"We are merely responding to a suggestion from the Department of Land.

"Should that expression of interest be supported then this particular issue would go through all the proper processes."

Cr Jim Macfadyen supported the comments made by Cr Latella.

The council considered a report in December which provided an update on alternate waste technologies, documented the difficulties in identifying a suitable site for the establishment of a green waste composting facility and for the processing of construction and demolition waste.

Council resolved to further

investigate opportunities for the establishment of resource recovery facilities.

A report to council stated that, given the previous difficulties in identifying suitable land for a resource recovery facility, contact was made with the Department of Lands to determine the status of the former Bull's Hill Quarry.

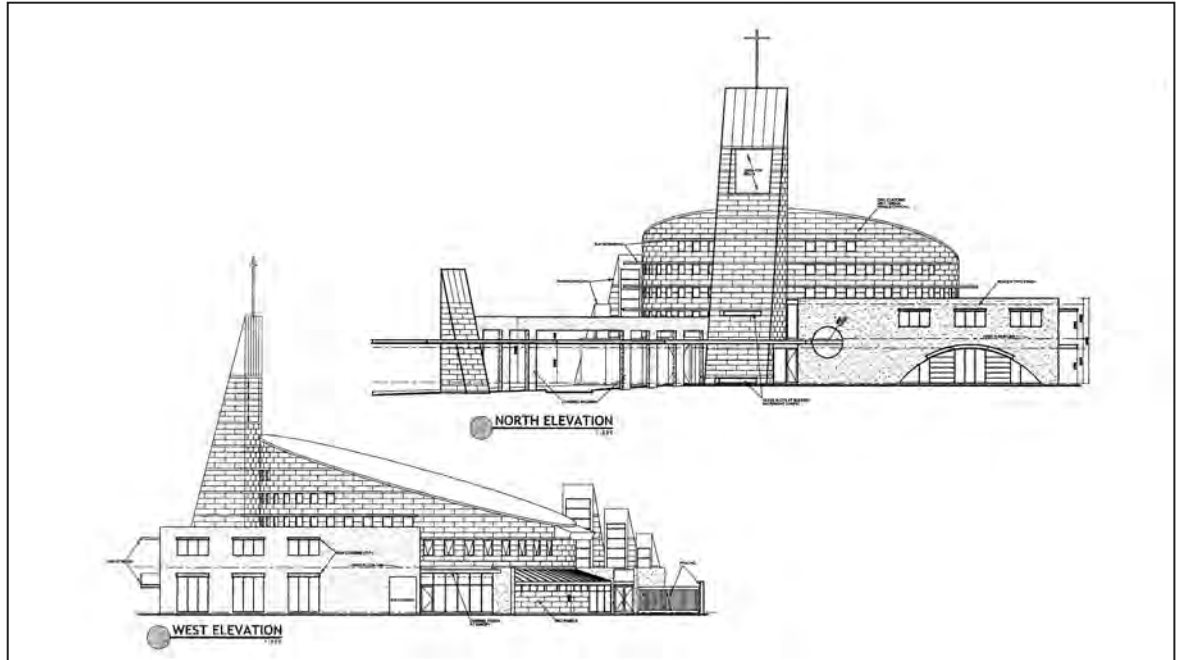
The Department advised that it was proposing to undertake a land assessment of the site to determine its best future use and indicated that council could submit an expression of interest for the purposes of a resource recovery facility.

A letter advising of council's possible interest in the site was forwarded on December 31, 2004.

The Department of Lands wrote to council on October 28 last year acknowledging council's letter and seeking confirmation of council's interest in the land.

Council has now resolved to advise the Department of Land that it wishes to lodge an expression of interest purchasing of the site if it became available.

Council agenda CIT.15, March 7



A north and west elevation view of the proposed development provided by notification plans

Catholics apply for new church

A new Catholic church has been proposed for 123 to 127 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

An application to Gosford Council for the proposed development by Kingston Building Pty Ltd stated

that the new church building would include associated offices, facilities and a parking area.

The new Woy Woy Catholic Church will also feature shrines, a gathering area and an undercover

walkway.

The building was designed by Marosszky architects.

Press release, February 23
Gosford Council

Australian citizen after 34 years

A 91-year-old Peninsula resident has become an Australian citizen after 34 years in the country.

Mr Charles Pearce has been a resident of Don Leggett House since it first opened.

"Aussie", as he is now known, came to Australia in 1971 with his wife Margret on a 12-month visa to visit eldest daughter Jayne who had married here.

Charles and Margret rented a small flat at Croydon Park and both found jobs.

Mr Pearce said they made lots of friends quickly and thought life in Australia was good.

They decided to return to the UK to settle affairs and returned again on an assisted passage scheme in 1972.

In the UK, Charles served as a police officer for 30 years with the Wiltshire Constabulary, serving

mainly in rural areas before joining the Shaw Saville Line as Master at Arms for 12 months.

When he came to Australia in 1971, he took a job as a handyman, staying in the same job until he retired aged 65.

His wife Margret passed away in October last year.

Mr Pearce said: "My wife and I had a wonderful life.

"We managed to cope with the First World War, the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, the Second World War, and the swinging 60s and that wonderful aircraft, the Concorde, having test flights over our house."

Charles has become quite a celebrity having been interviewed by major television and radio stations.

"I am proud to be an Aussie," Charles said.

Andy Taylor, February 28

Gosford Council has resolved to continue the Night Owl Bus service on its Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy to Gosford route to its current timetable.

Council has also resolved to continue to pursue a proposal to have the Night Owl Bus service routes included in the routes to be serviced by bus companies when the Ministry of Transport draws up the new area operating contracts for the Central Coast.

Wyong council recently declined to provide \$25,000 funding to the service, stating it was not local government's responsibility to provide bus services to the Central Coast.

But the council did unanimously resolve to support the service continuing.

Funds available to operate the Night Owl Bus service, jointly initiated by Gosford and Wyong councils, were expected to be

exhausted by February 26.

Gosford Council has continued with its commitment to contribute almost \$25,000 to the Night Owl Bus service to cover 50 per cent of the anticipated shortfall created by a cessation in RTA funding.

A review of the ongoing viability of the Night Owl Bus service was recently undertaken.

The Ettalong to Gosford route had a weekly revenue of \$770 and a total cost to operate of \$1545, with similar deficits for other routes.

Suggestions to reduce the trading deficit included variations to routes and timetables, an increase in licensed venue contributions and attracting private sponsorship.

A report from Gosford Council stated that minor variations to add or subtract licensed venues serviced by the Ettalong Beach, Umina, Woy Woy to Gosford and return route were possible but appeared likely to achieve very little in either increased patronage

or venue revenue.

It also stated that, as the Gosford to Ettalong Beach and return service was hourly and involved a single bus circulating continually, a variation in timetable did not appear feasible.

The report stated that "past endeavours to identify a cost sustainable basis for operating a Night Owl Bus service on any route within Gosford City or Wyong Shire have been unsuccessful".

"Action by way of varying routes, increasing licensed venue contributions or attracting private sponsorship all appear likely to be unsuccessful" the report stated.

The report stated that "the action endorsed by both councils to have the Night Owl Bus service included in the NSW Government local service contract(s) appears the most likely avenue in retaining the service in the longer term".

Council agenda CIT.18, March 7

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Sydney Avenue between Hobart Ave and Brisbane Ave

No crossing for Sydney Ave

Gosford Council has resolved not to provide a pedestrian crossing in Sydney Ave, Umina, between Hobart Ave and Brisbane Ave.

A request for a pedestrian crossing had come from Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd on

behalf of local resident Ms M Rand.

Ms Rand had asked for a pedestrian crossing in Sydney Ave to assist the elderly and infirm in accessing the Umina shopping centre.

A report from council's traffic

committee said that access from the western side of Sydney Ave to the shopping centre was available via the footway to the existing pedestrian crossing in Ocean Beach Rd north of West St.

It also stated that pedestrians south of Hobart Ave could cross Sydney Ave in the low volume section of Sydney Ave via a pedestrian refuge and get to Umina via concrete footpaths and a pedestrian refuge in Ocean Beach Rd.

The report stated that "there does not appear to be any desire line across Sydney Ave between Hobart Ave and Brisbane Ave that would attract the number of pedestrians required to fulfil the warrant for a pedestrian crossing at this location".

Council agenda TR06.001, March 7

Lane naming deferred

Gosford Council has deferred naming an unnamed laneway at Woy Woy, that had originally been proposed to be named Stockman Lane.

Council had advertised the naming of the street, with one submission received suggesting the name Stebbing Lane.

A report from council stated that "substantiation for the alternative naming is based on the following history".

In the early 1950s, Frederick Stebbing owned and operated Ocean Beach Electrical Service.

In the 1960s, the Stebbing Family opened the first TAB in Umina Beach.

Frederick Stebbing's son, Frederick (known as Greg), was born at Gosford Hospital in 1956.

He attended Umina Primary and Umina High schools.

Greg played many sports and was a rugby league player for Umina Rugby League Football Club, according to the council report.

Greg built the first house in the unnamed laneway in 1987 or 1988.

Greg passed away in 2001.

The submission stated that it would be a "moving tribute to the Stebbing family who have resided on the Peninsula for 54 years to name the unnamed laneway Stebbing Lane in memory of Greg Stebbing".

The report stated that no documentary evidence of the above information had been provided or sought yet.

It also stated that both the Registrar-General and Department of Lands had advised they have no objection to the proposed naming of Stockman Lane.

The report stated that "if council was of a mind to accede to the request to change the proposed name to Stebbing Lane, this would mean an additional delay of at least two months to allow for a further exhibition of the new name and a report back to Council for final resolution".

The report stated that if council decided to approve the change in naming of the lane to Stebbing Lane council would then require the submission of documentary evidence to verify the information followed by a public exhibition of the proposed new name.

The original request to name the lane, considered by council in August, was from a resident who had moved into a new home which had its access via the laneway.

The resident was concerned that without an official address delivery of mail and other items as well as emergency responses would be affected.

This was the catalyst for council deciding to name the laneway.

The resident has contacted council several times to check the status of the process and has expressed some concern with the length of time.

The unnamed laneway is located between Squirrel St and Billabong St, Woy Woy.

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Plans for refuges approved at last

Gosford Council has finally approved plans for three pedestrian refuges on Barrenjoey Rd, between West St and Bourke Rd, Umina, more than two years after originally considering the request.

Council, at its meeting of February 3, 2004, adopted a traffic committee recommendation to prepare plans and estimates for the provision of three pedestrian refuges on Barrenjoey Rd.

The decision was made following a request from Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews in December 2003 on behalf of local residents.

Ms Andrews had written on behalf of residents in the Ettalong Beach area who were concerned about the high speeds at which vehicles travelled along Barrenjoey Rd at all hours of the day and night and the necessity for the installation of

pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of bus stops and shelters along the busy thoroughfare.

The residents had asked that council "reduce the increasing number of incidents whereby the speed limit is exceeded on Barrenjoey Rd and investigate the provision of pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of bus stops along this busy thoroughfare".

A report from council staff stated that "the provision of traffic calming devices would not be appropriate along Barrenjoey Rd given its length and status as a collector road".

Council later painted edgelines to assist in lowering traffic speeds by narrowing the travel lanes and better defining shared parking/cycle lanes, and also referred the matter to the police for appropriate action.

Council agenda R03.225, March 7

Three winners

Three people have won in the Peninsula News Double Act competition, published in Edition 135.

The winners are Mrs Atkinson of

Woy Woy, Mrs Burgmann of Empire Bay and Mr Hamill of Kariong.

They have won double passes to see Double Act at the Peninsula Theatre.

Luke Willis, March 8

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Cycle bridge tenders assessed

A concrete and steel pedestrian and cycle bridge has been planned adjacent to the Woy Woy Bay bridge at Koolewong.

Ms Andrews said that tenders were still being assessed and the successful tender would be announced shortly.

"Funded jointly by the State Government and Gosford City

Council, the project will involve the construction of a concrete and steel pedestrian and cycle bridge, which will be approximately 86 metres long and three metres wide," Ms Andrews said.

More information is expected once the tender is announced.

Press release, March 10
Member for Peats
Ms Marie Andrews

Dumped car cut for carrying

A car which had been dumped in bushland near Woy Woy had to be cut up before being carried from a Clean Up Australia Day site, according to Gosford Council media officer Ms Marion Newall.

Ms Newall said that about 600 volunteers collected 20 tonnes of rubbish at a record 70 Gosford local government area sites during the recent Clean Up Australia Day campaign.

The previous record was the clean up of 50 sites in 2004.

A council representative said seven trucks were 'hard pressed' to clear the volume of rubbish collected by volunteers.

"An abandoned car, as well as many shopping trolleys and push bikes were amongst the larger items collected on the day," Ms Newall said.

Press release, March 6
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Petition expected

A petition containing 1000 signatures objecting to high-rise on the Peninsula is expected to be tabled at Gosford Council, according to a council report.

Cr Terri Latella asked when the petition, received on February

23 from residents in Umina and Ettalong Beach, would be tabled at council.

General manager Mr Peter Wilson said that he believed the petition would be tabled at the next ordinary council meeting to be held on March 28.

Council agenda Q.16, March 7

Borefield gets funding

The Gosford Wyong Council Water Authority has endorsed funding for preconstruction of the "Woy Woy Borefield" at its meeting on February 15.

The authority resolved to commit \$875,500 towards the Woy Woy pre-construction works

as part of its use of groundwater as a contingency plan during the drought.

Excess funds from three other projects would be used to help fund the project, including \$300,000 in excess funding from works at Woy Woy, Narara and Ourimbah.

Council agenda WAT.6, March 7



Flood areas vulnerable to climate change

Flood-prone areas of the Peninsula are the most likely to be vulnerable to the increasing severity and frequency of storms associated with climate change brought about by global warming.

Dr Keping Chen, a researcher with the Natural Hazards Research Centre at Macquarie University, has produced maps of the Peninsula showing the most vulnerable areas of the Peninsula.

Dr Chen recently completed a study, the results of which he presented to the Insurance Council of Australia's flood briefing seminar in Sydney on February 16.

He named Gosford LGA as having the highest number of homes (22,796) in the State at risk of flooding in a storm surge event (which is expected to be increasingly frequent with climate change).

It is fourth highest in Australia.

Dr Chen told the Insurance Council: "Most vulnerable addresses are located near sea-connected coastal waters - along lakes and river banks, rather than

directly facing the open ocean."

The study defined addresses less than three kilometres from the coast and less than six metres above sea level as being "at risk".

"Therefore, we are talking about significant sea level rise for scenario-based analysis."

The Peninsula map produced by Dr Chen shows the most at-risk addresses - those with an elevation less than three metres, not six.

None of the Peninsula's sandplain has an elevation of more than 10 metres.

"For this area, we have very high resolution elevation data," he said.

"The study is about coastal exposures and coastal vulnerability, not on the physical aspect of potential events.

"We are not addressing where and when those events would occur, but where and how many coastal vulnerable populations are distributed along the national coastline.

"We feel the detailed identification of those vulnerable areas is useful.

"As a community, we should be more aware of the environmental

changes and the potential impact on local areas.

"To have a reality check first - how many people are living in low-lying coastal areas nationally? - that is the main objective of this study."

Cr Chris Holstein, chair of Gosford Council's floodplain management committee, said last week that "Gosford local government area has a long history of flooding not only that of flash flooding but also flooding from rivers and creeks".

He said the NSW Floodplain Management Authority had funded projects for Woy Woy, Pearl Beach, Ettalong, Umina, and Blackwall in the coming year.

"One can be assured as night follows day that flood will follow the drought," said Cr Holstein.

"And we need to be as prepared as possible."

He added that the uncertainty of flooding, how much rain, the length of the event, tides and winds, all made management perplexing and difficult.

Lyle Stone, Mark Snell, March 8
Email, Keping Chen
Press release, Chris Holstein



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Gnostic Corner businesses are celebrating their growth over 8 years.

Gnostic festival

A festival will be held on March 26 in the Woy Woy waterfront precinct to celebrate the growth of the "Gnostic" businesses over eight years near the corner of The Boulevard and Chambers Place.

"Preparations are underway for a fabulous celebration with

street activities," according to Ms Kerriane MacNamara, proprietor of Gnostic Healing Sanctuary.

The festival will include fire twirling, drumming, face painting, balloons, talks all day, mini-treatments and food and coffee from Gnostic Mana Café.

Gnostic Forest started in Woy Woy in 1998 as the vision of Mary Holstein and Jacquie Birch, Ms

McNamara said.

"Mary opened the Gnostic Bunch in October of 2005 and has a lovely range of flowers and gifts for all occasions.

"The separation of the Gnostic Healing Sanctuary and Organics Market have created a new energy," she said.

**Press release, March 10
Kerriane MacNamara, Gnostic**

Mosquito action is deferred

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision on mosquito control in the Killcare area until a report is presented on alternative strategies.

Council at its meeting of February 7 considered a report which examined the findings of a comprehensive mosquito risk assessment.

Council had commissioned the Department of Medical Entomology at Westmead Hospital to conduct the assessment of the estuarine wetlands and the surrounding residential areas of the southeastern end of Brisbane Water.

The study area included the suburbs of Bensville, Empire Bay,

Daleys Point, Killcare Heights, Killcare, Hardys Bay, Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe.

Following consideration of the report, council resolved, among other things, for the matter to be deferred for a report on the costing of a pilot trial of *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) to the Wetlands of Empire Bay.

The report stated that the estimated total cost of the aerial application program, dependent on the frequency of applications required would cost between \$35,000 and \$44,000 each season.

At council's meeting of March 7, Cr Terri Latella said that the matter had to be dealt with, with the greatest sensitivity.

Gosford Council ENV.24, March 7

Three-tonne limit imposed

Gosford Council has resolved to apply a three-tonne load limit to Gallipoli Ave, between Ocean Beach Rd and Memorial Ave, Woy Woy.

The resolution follows a decision three years ago to advertise the proposal.

The council was told that the proposal for a Light Traffic Thoroughfare "has now been

advertised calling for public comment".

No replies were received.

After initially rejecting the idea at its meeting on November 5, 2002, the council adopted a traffic committee recommendation on January 7, 2003, that a truck prohibition with appropriate load limit be advertised for Gallipoli Ave.

**Council agenda TR02.161,
March 7**

Fitness centre has food drive

Fitness centre Curves Woy Woy has run its first annual food drive by encouraging its members to donate a bag of groceries during March.

The food was donated to the Salvation Army.

This was the eighth annual international Curves Food Drive which last year donated over 4.9

million kgs of food to local food banks in 33 countries.

It was the first in Woy Woy.

**Press release, March 6
Gael Connop, Curves Woy Woy**

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Latella calls for coastal protection

Cr Terri Latella has called for a moratorium on coastal development with a ban on hard structures close to foreshore zones.

In a press release last week, she said this would discourage coastal development and protect these zones and their communities.

Cr Latella said that Ettalong and Umina were areas that needed this protection.

"The Ettalong and Umina areas remain sparsely populated, underdeveloped in the eyes of developers, and because of this, the land, housing, and labor of the region are viewed as significantly less expensive than national averages," Cr Latella said.

"This has attracted developers seeking to redevelop our coastal areas, areas which are identified as having the greatest sensitivity to accelerated sea-level rise.

"Given the level of scientific evidence on the effects of climate change, it would be logical to consider that it is environmentally, socially and economically irresponsible to overdevelop coastal foreshore zones in order to accommodate population growth.

"Currently, there are individuals and groups who appear oblivious to the impacts and the risks such development will provoke.

"Global warming has caused sea levels to rise and storms to become more frequent and violent, reshaping shorelines much faster than nature intended."

Cr Latella said dune grass, often ripped up or trampled upon unknowingly by developers, provided some of the best protection against beach erosion.

"So like the rest of the state, the Central Coast area has become a hotbed of development," Cr Latella said.

"However, overdevelopment of the coastal foreshore zones is particularly problematic.

"The constant pounding by wind and sea causes the shoreline to shift, erode and change shape year after year.

"The natural features of coastal zones provide significant protection.

"Sand and gravel beaches function as wave energy sinks; and barrier beaches, which act as natural breakwaters.

"Coastal dunes form natural buffers and sand repositories, from which sand may be extracted during storms without major shoreline retreat; coastal vegetation often absorbs wind or wave energy helping to minimise shoreline erosion.

"These functions of natural coastal systems contribute to the protection of the beaches and nearby properties."

"One of our most valued assets on the Central Coast are our beaches and if the majority of residents are inclined to accept this view then lobby your council to place these areas high on the protection agenda," Cr Latella said.

"This will benefit your environment which will in turn benefit your family and the community socially and economically against environmental degradation and the future destruction of what we most value."

**Press release, March 10
Cr Terri Latella, Gosford Council**



An artist's impression of the original proposed development

Reject Tesrol plan, says Andrews

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has called on Gosford Council to stop "dithering" and to make a decision on the Tesrol development at Ettalong.

Planning Minister Mr Frank Sartor had rejected a request from the developer to call in the application following a council resolution to defer its decision.

Ms Andrews said council had ignored advice from its own staff to reject the application, which

"proposes a major breach of local planning rules".

"Gosford Council needs to bite the bullet and knock this proposal on the head once and for all," Ms Andrews said.

"The plans put forward by the developer would breach the floor-space ratio currently permitted on the site by almost 300 per cent.

"To approve a variation of this size would throw planning in the area into chaos.

"Gosford Council has had 11 months to consider the proposal,

and further delays are not justified.

"The councillors have the facts in front of them on this development application.

"They have a recommendation from council staff to reject it.

"Why won't they just come clean and make a decision?"

"The people of Ettalong deserve better than a council trying to dodge its planning responsibilities."

**Press release, March 1
Ms Marie Andrews,
Member for Peats**

CEN joins the call

The Central Coast's Community Environment Network has joined calls for the Tesrol development at Ettalong Beach to be rejected.

"Gosford Councillors have recently shocked the community by deciding to prolong consideration of two developments far exceeding planning guidelines," according to a statement from the Network.

"A development application by Tesrol Holdings for a nine-storey mixed residential (89 units) and commercial premises on The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach, was considered.

"The proposal is on the site of the existing car park opposite the Outrigger Resort.

"Council staff had recommended refusal for several reasons.

"Reasons for refusal were that the development was inconsistent with the objectives of the zoning and inconsistent with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development."

The total floor space of all buildings is a 285 per cent increase above the allowable development guidelines.

Central Coast Design Review Panel (SEPP 65) recommended refusal of the application, the Network stated.

Council officers also stated that it did not comply with the Draft Peninsula Urban Design Strategy and that the development was considered inconsistent with State Environmental Planning Policy No 71 - Coastal Protection.

"At the council meeting the proponent was asked if he had been advised by staff that he should seek a rezoning (rather than submit a DA seeking minor adjustments)," the statement claimed.

"This is significant as a rezoning requires approval by the Minister.

"He acknowledged he had been advised however decided not to do so.

"A majority of councillors again ignored staff recommendations and voted to defer the item.

The other development application was for construction of six separate buildings of varying heights in Dwyer St, North Gosford, which staff had also recommended for refusal.

**Press release, March 8
CEN News**

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Several years ago, we downsized from our family home at Umina because we couldn't maintain the large backyard and gardens.

We've still got a few good years in us and we want to enjoy our time not having to struggle to maintain a house and garden.

However, when it came to a lifestyle choice, our only options were a villa unit or a retirement village.

Forum

The latter was not an option for us.

We would dearly have loved an apartment in Ettalong Beach as we enjoy the amenities at our local club, the medical services, supermarket and theatre complex which are all in walking distance.

We certainly couldn't afford the high-priced luxury units along The Esplanade.

That wasn't even on the radar but an apartment at Ettalong

Beach town centre would provide us with a variety of choice at our fingertips, public transport at our doorstep and more importantly, a zest for life for a "couple of oldies young at heart".

We recently enjoyed a night's stay at the Ettalong Beach Outrigger Resort courtesy of our wonderful family and what a treat it was.

If we had the choice to live in an apartment in the Ettalong Beach town centre, everyday would feel like a holiday.

Jack Galway, Woy Woy



Economic benefits

Well-designed multi-storey developments in town centres, such as the Tesrol development in Ettalong Beach, bring economic benefits to the area.

For one, it brings vibrancy to the

main street.

It encourages cafes and restaurants to open which in turn employ local people and it provides street security.

**Nick Kalantzis
Booker Bay**

Ettalong Development

Artist's impression of the proposed four storey mixed commercial and residential development at 207 - 209 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, on the old Somersby Fruit Market site.

The value of trittering

It may be strange to begin a book on trees with a discussion on bush fires.

Yet every Australian, and in particular the millions who live on the Central Coast with a number whose houses front the bush, know the ever present danger each spring and summer.

Having spent many summers in a cottage fronting Jervis Bay National Park, I was interested to know how they kept fires out of the park, with so many roads from which careless motorists throw lighted cigarette butts.

I asked the park people.

They showed me a trittering machine, basically a giant lawn mower drawn by a tractor with which they cut a 20 to 30 metre swathe of the bush along the roadsides to prevent fires.

I wrote to the world authority on fires in Australia, America and Europe on the value of trittering,

World Authority Professor Stephen Pyne replied it was as good as any other method to reduce litter; animal grazing, control burning or trittering which had the virtue it did the least damage to the bush.

Having no modesty, I add his opening paragraph from American Florida where he lives in retirement,

"Your letter of 27 January has finally caught up with me, and I confess it left me thunderstruck.

"I have known about your writings; anyone in the least interested with the story of the

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contribution conditions

Australian environment must, I am honored that you should write."

Also in his book Burning Bush, he congratulates our volunteer bush fire brigades as the best in the world.

In his opening chapters he give the best introduction I have ever read on that remarkable group of trees; the eucalyptus.

Roger writes: "Eucalyptus formed with fire and the genus Homo."

Charles Darwin in his Voyage of the Beagle was less complimentary.

"In the whole country, I scarcely saw a place without the marks of a fire." - a tribute to the energy of the First Australians who burned the country each spring as soon as the bush would take a fire; for ease of later hunting.

The white fellers fearful of their crops bribed them to stop the practice until disastrous wildfires showed forest experts how to protect their crop of timber by controlled burning which continues to this day.

Dr Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach

Foreshore is not council's

Re Paul Ward's piece, Dogs on Beach (Forum, February 13).

Firstly, the beach ends at "mean

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high water springs".

Secondly, the area between that line and the waters edge is "the foreshore", an area that is covered when the tide comes in.

This area is controlled not by council, but by a federal authority, it being an area that is covered twice a day by seawater.

I firmly believe that exercising dogs in this area is legal.

The only time its illegal is when crossing the strip of sand between the land and the high water mark.

Andy Palmer, Umina Beach

Contributions

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

The recent passing of Central Coast theatre stalwart and founder, Isobel Unsworth,

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touches the hearts of many Peninsula residents.

Along with Phyllis Bennett OBE, Isobel founded the Gosford Players in the 1970s. Gosford Players was the drama offshoot of the Gosford Musical Society and they performed in venues at Gosford till moving to Wamberal Hall in the 1980s.

There they continued till late 2001, then the theatre group disbanded.

Isobel and Phyllis guided and directed the group through

many fine years and plays. From the great playwrights as Shaw, O'Casey, Lorca, Ibsen, Stoppard, and Noel Coward to comedies, farces and later on, the music revue Wamby Follies, directed by Peggy Freeman and Jill Bough.

Many local talents graced the Gosford Players, such as Brian and Margaret MacGowan, John Holt, Sandra Coldwell, Brenda Bryant, Don Smith and Dennis Ward.

For such great talent and enjoyment in local theatre, we owe so much to pioneers such as Isobel Unsworth.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Talks given at environment centre

Talks about environmental issues will be given at the Woy Woy Environment Centre over the coming months.

Talks will be about sustainable homes, Permaculture and organic gardening, sustainable community living, the local exchange and trading system, solar power and the migration of whales.

There will also be a workshop for kids on recycling.

Talks will generally start at 10.30am, run for an hour and are free.

David McCarthy will give practical advice on making homes more environmentally friendly and sustainable on March 18.

A discussion about Permaculture and organic gardening will be held by a member of the Kariang Eco-Garden on March 25.

Equilibrium EcoVillage member Mr Mark Snell will discuss sustainable community living and Equilibrium's plans to build an eco-village on the Central Coast, at a talk on April 8.

A children's recycled garbage workshop by Point Clare Guide leaders will be held on April 22, for children aged 8 to 12.

Children will be taught how to cook a camp meal using cookware made from bits and pieces that would normally be thrown away.

Comfortable clothing and

enclosed footwear is preferred for this event.

Bookings for this event cost \$10 per child and can be made by contacting 0407 150 771.

LETS will hold a meeting for members and non-members on May 6.

This will be an opportunity to find out the Local Exchange and Trading System, a community-based non-profit trading system that enables members to exchange goods and services with little or no cash.

Anything from massage to gardening to home-grown vegetables can be traded.

Founder of the Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative, Ms Jeannie Lawson, will be holding a talk on where and when to see whales as they migrate along the coast, and to learn some information about them.

The talk will be held on May 21.

David McCarthy will be holding a talk on sustainable living on June 3, where participants will have the opportunity to learn about solar power.

Participants will learn about installing solar panels or solar hot water in their homes.

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is located at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, March 7
Woy Woy Environment Centre



Hardys Bay residents group president Mr Adrian Williams and vice president Mr Bill Egan

Residents' group forms

A Hardys Bay residents group has been formed at a meeting at the Killcare Beach Surf Club recently.

President Mr Adrian Williams has outlined his organisation's plans for the future which place a "strong emphasis on developing a close and harmonious liaison with government bodies, councils, businesses and community groups".

"Our commitment to the residents of Hardy's Bay and the neighbouring communities is to assist in providing and sustaining a

healthy environment and lifestyle," Mr Williams said.

Mr Williams stated that the effectiveness of the group would be based on the positive approach of finding solutions rather than seeking objections.

The group's blueprint embraces a broad range of issues, of short and long-term consequence, which contain matters of vital concern to the local communities such as siltation, mangroves, retaining walls, boating facilities, mosquitoes, drainage, parking, neighbourhood and boat watch,

bay and foreshore cleanups, water quality and birds and fishing.

Mr Williams said no particular political alliances would be sought.

The aim would be to work positively with all parties.

The general workload would be shared, with members of the Residents Group allocated issues for the necessary action to be taken.

Hardy's Bay resident Mr Bill Egan will serve as vice-president.

Press release, March 9
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Residents Group

Funding for fire trails

Two bushfire trail networks, one in Daleys Point and the other in Woy Woy, will receive funding for maintenance, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

This funding will be used for the construction, maintenance and signage of local bushfire trail networks.

Mr Lloyd said the electorate of Robertson had received \$12,400 in Australian Government Bushfire Mitigation Programme funding.

The Daleys Point fire trail will receive \$4767 in funding, while the Sanitary Depot to Woy Woy Tip

fire trail will receive \$7633 worth of funding.

"Fire trails are important resources in the facilitation of bushfire prevention and mitigation works," Mr Lloyd said.

Further information about the Bushfire Mitigation Programme is available from the NSW Rural Fire Service by contacting 8741 5436 and via the Department of Transport and Regional Services website at <http://www.dotars.gov.au>

Press release, March 2
Mr Jim Lloyd,
Member for Robertson

Waste service on the water?

Waste collection may be provided to remote waterfront communities near the Peninsula such as Little Wobby Beach and Patonga Creek under a regional waste collection tender currently being advertised.

Gosford's current waste management services contract expires on January 31, 2008, and council has been considering the development of either a regional waste collection contract with Wyong Council or a separate contract on its own.

A report to council stated that, as a result of the community

consultation sessions, council's strategy policy workshop and comprehensive staff discussion, a diverse range of service options had been identified and included in the regional waste collection tender.

The tender includes the provision of waste collection to remote river communities including Little Wobby Beach and Patonga Creek.

This would be a separate and limited service delivery for waste, recyclables and bulk clean up

only.

A report from council stated it was anticipated that the waste collection public tendering process would commence on March 14.

The tender evaluation report is expected to be presented to council in July with awarding of the tender predicted in August.

The proposed contract will be for a period of seven years with the option of a three year extension.

Council agenda CIT.17, March 7

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The intersection of Ocean View Rd and Picnic Pde at Ettalong

Intersection plan approved

Gosford Council has approved a plan for signposting and line-marking at the Ocean View Rd and Picnic Pde intersection. Council recently received a

grant from the Federally-funded Blackspot Program for pedestrian safety improvements for the intersection. The grant was for \$100,000. Council approved

recommendations that its Project Implementation Unit plan for signposting and line-marking be approved.

Council agenda TR06.005, March 7

Lane marking for roads to centre

Gosford Council has resolved to provide centreline marking in Welcome St, Alpha Rd and Alpha Lane to delineate through traffic movement and reduce the "perceived speed environment" near the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Council has also resolved to place No Parking restrictions on the western side of Alpha Lane to eliminate parking on the footpath

and provide two-way access and to provide bollards to prevent vehicle use of the footway near the driveway link.

Concerns about road usage in the vicinity of Alpha Rd and Alpha Lane were raised by Ms June Ross, Ms Margaret Steenson and Ms Frances Green.

According to Council, since the completion of the Peninsula Leisure Centre and the associated roadworks in Alpha Rd and

Welcome St, local residents have complained about the apparent undefined priority at the Alpha Rd driveway link, the speed of traffic through the two bends, the apparent lack of awareness of driveways, drivers using the footpath instead of the driveway link and parking along the footpath in Alpha Lane during peak usage of the centre.

The report stated that the road improvements in Alpha Rd and Welcome St were designed with narrow carriageways to provide a perceived low speed environment and to retain access for local residents to Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd.

It stated that an "inspection indicates that some drivers may be cutting the two main corners in the route to and from the centre".

Council agenda TR06.002, March 7

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Clean up at McEvoy

McEvoy Oval in Umina was one of several Clean Up Australia Day sites on Sunday, March 5.

Volunteer Ms Meredith Gilmore said: "In three hours on Sunday morning, a small group of volunteers collected 12 garden bags of rubbish, plus many other items," Ms Gilmore said.

"The most common items collected were stubby screw tops, cigarette butts, plastic drink bottles and cans, food wrappings (mainly chip and lolly packets) and used sports tape.

"Other items collected from the

bush and car park included broken chairs, a car battery and tyre, dead pot plants, parts of a fridge, carpet underlay, clothes, and building materials such as timber and broken up concrete.

"The collection on March 5 builds on the actions of people who walk at the oval and pick up rubbish on a regular basis.

"It is also aimed at highlighting that McEvoy Oval is meant to be a public reserve for everyone to use, not a rubbish tip."

Press release, March 8 Meredith Gilmore



Volunteers (at Burrawong Reserve clean-up)

Large roll-up at reserve

A large number of volunteers helped at the Burrawong Bushland Reserve when the Burrawong Bushcare Group hosted a Cleanup Australia event at the reserve in Hillview St, Woy Woy on Sunday, March 5.

The group has been hosting the cleanup day for several years and Sunday's event was the best ever for community participation, according to site coordinator Mr Jim Morrison.

"Fourteen participants from six to 60 registered for the day and all left a bit grubby, a bit tired but well pleased with a job well done," he said.

Around 500 Kg of rubbish was collected on the day.

"Probably the biggest component was food and beverage packaging but dumped shopping trolleys, motor vehicle body parts, tyres and batteries were also collected in substantial numbers.

"While it is pleasing that there are local residents who were willing to donate their time to help collect this rubbish, it should be remembered that the vast majority of the rubbish collected was the result of indiscriminate littering by the few."

Mr Morrison thanked the participants for their efforts and two local businesses, Active Hire at Blackwall and Halstead Plasterboard for use of equipment on the day.

Press release, March 8 Jim Morrison, Burrawong Bushcare

The Peninsula map produced by Dr Chen shows the most at-risk addresses - those with an elevation less than three metres, not six

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Events planned for Seniors' Week

Several events have been planned for Seniors' Week on the Peninsula, April 2 to 9.

A tour and morning tea at the Peninsula Lesisure Centre will be conducted by Cr Chris Holstein on Monday April 3.

The event will run from 9.30am to 11am and bookings can be made by contacting 4325 8123.

Also on April 3, a morning tea will be held at Somersby Falls.

The journey will then continue to Mangrove Dam where a short history of the dam will be explained.

Participants are asked to meet at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre on the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St, Ettalong.

The event will run from 9am to 1pm and costs \$4, which includes morning tea and the bus cost.

Participants are asked to wear appropriate footwear for walking.

Bookings can be made by contacting 4341 3222.

Space is limited to 21 people.

A "Law and the Older Person" seminar will be held at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre on April 4, at 1pm.

Guest speakers will be from the NSW Law Society.

The event includes free entry

plus tea and coffee.

An evening of entertainment will be held at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre on April 5, featuring Jo Lavelle and The Belle Birds.

The event costs \$10, which covers the luncheon and entertainment, and fashion from the 60's must be worn.

The event will begin at noon.

To book contact 4341 3222.

A morning tea has been planned for senior citizens on April 5 at the Umina Library.

The morning tea will begin at 10.30am.

A Woy Woy heritage walk has been planned for April 6 with Woy Woy Library.

Participants will be taken on a heritage walk around Woy Woy to discover its history. The walk will begin at the Woy Woy library, walk around the town centre, and finish back at the library.

Participants are asked to bring a hat, walking shoes, sunscreen, a bottle of water and other items that may be needed on the day.

Two sessions are planned, with the first sessions operating from 10am to noon and the second session operating from 1pm to 3pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting 4341 3808.

A Hawkesbury Cruise and Lunch will be held at the Broken Bay Sport centre on April 6.

This event has limited availability and tickets will be issued by ballot. Those successful will be notified by mail with further details, times, pick up options and payment

arrangements.

The 11th Annual Marie Andrews MP Barbecue and Concert will be held on April 7 at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club from 10am to noon and 1pm to 3pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club from Monday April 3 and entry cost is a gold coin donation with proceeds going to the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary.

An inspection of the Hydrotherapy Pool with a demonstration by the Woy Woy Arthritic Group will also be held on April 7 at Woy Woy Hospital, Ocean Beach Rd.

The event will run from 10.30am to 11.30am, and entry is free.

A Brisbane Water Cruise with morning tea provided will be held on April 7.

The Lady Kendall II will depart Woy Woy Waterfront at 10.35am and costs \$4.

Tickets can be purchased from the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre and is limited to 150 people.

There is no wheelchair access to this cruise and participants are asked to wear suitable footwear.

Cinema Paradiso will also be supporting Senior Citizens week with "Buy One Get One Free" offers on April 3, 4, 5 and 6, for senior citizens.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided on April 4, 5 and 6.

Offer is only available up until 5pm and can be booked on 4342 4666.

Cinema Paradiso is located at 189 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.

Newsletter, March 8 Gosford Council

Paul sings in The Messiah

Peninsula resident and bass singer Mr Paul Boland will be singing in Handel's "The Messiah" when it is presented by the Gosford Philharmonia Choir in April.

Choir publicity officer Ms Beverley Pinnock said that Mr

Boland recently moved from East Gosford to Woy Woy.

"Now retired, Paul's interests are Scottish Country Dancing and singing," Ms Pinnock said.

"A keen member of the Central Coast Scottish Country Dancers, Paul was a French teacher for many years.

"Now a bass singer with the Gosford Philharmonia Choir for nine years, Paul has also sung with the Newcastle University Choir and the Melbourne Opera."

Mr Boland will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 9, at Gosford High School Auditorium. The event will begin at 7pm.

Tickets are available at the Central Coast Conservatorium.

Press release, March 6 Beverley Pinnock, Gosford Philharmonia Choir

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Opera held at arboretum

The "Opera in the Arboretum" was held recently, raising about \$8000 for the Pearl Beach Bush Fire Brigade, according to event coordinator Mr John Greenway.

"Over 500 people attended the event on March 4," Mr Greenway said.

"They were presented with some wonderful arias from Tosca, Puccini and Strauss.

"The afternoon was started by Pearl Beach's Michael Archer with Quando m'en La Boheme.

"She was joined by Adam Player of Palm Beach for a number of wonderful duets including 'All I ask of You' from Phantom of the Opera.

"Russian born Larissa Oberveld as pianist and her son Evgeny Sorkin on the violin, followed on with some wonderful music by popular composers.

"Evgeny was the crowd's favourite with some stirring violin playing.

"The main part of the program was sung by Manuel Jimenez-Navarro, Vanessa West and Lucia Naviglio.

"All these artists have had extensive overseas experience and this showed in their presentations.

"Some of the highlights being 'O Mio Babbino Caro' by Lucia and Vanessa singing 'Mein Herr Marquis' from Die Fledermaus."

The event closed with two farewell songs, "Non Ti Scorda Di Me" and "Torna Surriento", by the three artists.

"However, the crowd would not depart until Evgeny Sorkin returned for a wonderful finale," said Mr Greenway.

Mr Greenway said that he was very pleased with the support for the first Opera in the Arboretum.

He said he hoped that the Woy Woy Rotary Club, which ran the event, would be able to donate over \$8000 to the Pearl Beach Bush Fire Brigade.

Press release, March 9 John Greenway, Opera in the Arboretum



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BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

CU, Club Umina, Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach 4341 2618

CWAHWW, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

EBACC, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Maitland Bay Dve & Picnic Pde, Ettalong 4341 3599

EBWMC, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341 1166

ECC, Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

MOW, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach 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.

Diabetes 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 appointment, 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**

Ladies Indoor Bowls-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 **EBWMC**

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

Australian 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, **ESCC**, 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**

Ettymalong 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**, **WWLC**.

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

Seniors/Masters training, **Trivia**, 1pm, **Jazz** 12pm, **Junior Talent Quest** 2pm **EBWMC**.

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery 11am Enq: 4379 1102

Arts, Entertainment & Education



Students of Brisbane Water Secondary College view the exhibits in the Nambus

Nambus visits college

Year 10 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College enhanced their study of Australian History recently when the Nambus visited the senior campus, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Operated by men who had fought in the Vietnam conflict, the Nambus is a museum on wheels featuring weapons, uniforms,

posters, models, videos and much more depicting every aspect of the war.

"Students were intrigued by the materials on show, but also by the first hand stories which the bus operators were able to tell," Mr Lewis said.

"While some students viewed and discussed the displays on the bus, others watched a big screen showing of 'The Odd Angry Shot' depicting the Vietnam

conflict and again and talked with ex-servicemen about their experiences.

"The groups then rotated so that students could experience both activities.

"The entire visit attracted a very keen interest from students who were complimented by the bus operators."

Press release, March 8
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

On show in Gosford

An exhibition by Patonga artist Jocelyn Maughan entitled "From Patonga" is currently on show every day at the Gosford regional gallery until March 26.

The show features over 70 paintings inspired by the fishing village of Patonga and includes fishermen, fishing boats and portraits.

"For me this is a major milestone, to achieve this kind of the opportunity does not happen this often in my life," said Ms Maughan.

"The exhibition 'From Patonga' surveys Jocelyn's wide appreciation of the 'quaint little drinking village with a fishing problem'," said artist Mr Robin Norling.

"Although some of the drinkers star, it is the fishermen; their annual mullet haul, repairing nets, maintaining their boats, and just relaxing, that forms the contract of

their artistic focus.

The exhibition was opened by Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd on February 3.

An audience of 200 people applauded his reference to Patonga being the Gateway to the Central Coast rather than just the bit hanging off the end of it."

Jocelyn Maughan also has water colours on display at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, as does artist Robin Norling.

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is open Sundays 11am to 3pm or by appointment.

There is also a special exhibition by local artist Christine Sread at the Bakehouse Gallery, where the artist displays her skills in a select group of portraits and landscape paintings.

Press release, March 6
Robert Penson, March 8
Robin Norling, Patonga
Bakehouse Gallery

Performers wanted for Seniors' Idol

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club is calling for performers for its Seniors Idol competition.

The heats will run daily from Monday, April 3, to Thursday, April 6, from 1pm.

The event will also include daily prizes.

The Grand Final will be held on Friday, April 7, from 6:30pm and will feature Ms Jeannie Little who will serve as special guest judge.

"I'm just so excited, darlings," said Ms Little.

"It'll just be too hard a decision, darlings, but I'll do my best."

The Club's publicity officer Mr Scott MacKillop said: "Jeannie will then show us all how it's done as she performs a set from her critically acclaimed show Marlene:

A Tribute to Dietrich."

Entry to the heats is free, with tickets to the Grand Final costing \$25, which includes an "elegant" supper and drinks.

To help celebrate Seniors' Week, the Club will also be offering a slice of cake and a cup of tea or coffee for only \$3 for the entire week, upon presentation of a Seniors' Card.

"Last year's competition drew 500 people to the Seniors' Idol Grand Final, and the competition is back to celebrate Seniors' Week 2006," said Mr MacKillop.

Anyone over 55 who is interested in competing should contact the Club reception on 4343 0111, as soon as possible.

Press release, March 9
Scott MacKillop, Ettalong Beach
Memorial Club

Support for garden project

Students in the support unit on the senior campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have received community support for their vegetable garden project, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"The students had identified an ideal site enclosed in a protected area of the senior campus to learn

to grow, harvest and prepare a range of vegetables but needed the materials to carry out the project," Mr Lewis said.

"Several local businesses came to their aid and the project is now well and truly up and running."

Campbell's Building Supplies provided timber to form up the beds, Roy Lamb provided soil, Courtyard Capers of Ettalong provided the plants, House to Home provided

rolls of wire, Thoroughgood Plumbers installed a tap, and Mitre 10 Umina provided the hoses and fittings for watering.

"Now, spinach, tomatoes, peas and beans are flourishing and students studies in Science, Home Economics and Technology offer real hands on learning," Mr Lewis said.

Press release, March 8
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Poet headlines at bush festival

Patonga resident and poet Mr Vic Jefferies will headline Narrandera's John O'Brien Bush Festival.

The annual festival boasts a five-day line up of Aussie-Irish music, dance, bush poetry and humour.

Mr Jefferies, who coordinates the Gosford Bush Poets group, will entertain more than 5000 enthusiasts in the tiny Riverina town from March 15 to 19 with his distinctive style of bush poetry.

"We are thrilled to have Vic Jefferies at the John O'Brien Bush

Festival," said festival organizer Ms Julie Briggs.

"He has a big following and his traditional poems are always a crowd favourite.

"Vic was awarded the much-sought-after Jim Angel Award for Original Poetry at last year's festival and we're looking forward to seeing him defend his title this year.

"We have people from as far a field as Brisbane, Melbourne and Newcastle coming to hear him and join in the fun."

Ms Briggs said: "There'll be songs about Bourke and songs about Louth, poems about riverboats and rivers, outback dunnies and the funny side of caravanning," Ms Briggs said.

"There'll be Irish airs, classical suites, and a little jazz and light opera from the likes of the Canberra Celtic Choir, the Kioloa Harp Ensemble and meter maid turned singer Jo Hicks.

Press release, March 8
Liane Sayer-Roberts, Narrandera
Visitors Centre

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Ashley Austin has been selected as a Youth Ambassador for the Australian Limousin Cattle Breed Society

Former student is ambassador

A former student of Brisbane Water Secondary College has been selected as a youth ambassador for the Australian Limousin Cattle Breed Society.

"One of the outstanding students from Brisbane Water Secondary College's HSC class of 2005 has gone on to further honours since leaving the school," college principal Mr Pat Lewis said.

"Ashley Austin has been selected by the Australian Limousin Cattle Breed Society to be a Youth Ambassador at the upcoming International Limousin Cattle Conference to be held in conjunction with the Sydney Royal Easter Show in April.

"Throughout her six years at the college, Ashley was a stalwart of the college cattle club, earning

numerous ribbons in shows for parading, judging and preparing limousin cattle at shows throughout NSW and in Brisbane.

"As part of her ambassador's role, Ashley will be greeting international visitors, presenting awards at the main conference dinner and in the judging ring, and supervising in the hospitality tent within the cattle pavilion.

"This role will be a great addition to Ashley's studies in Rural Science at the University of New England at Armidale and will add greatly to her resume when she graduates."

College agriculture teacher Mr Rob Forsberg said: "This is an outstanding achievement for Ashley, who gained many fine results in the agricultural arena while representing the college and Umina campus Limousin cattle

stud at a range of agricultural shows throughout NSW.

"Ashley, along with five other junior ambassadors, was selected from young men and women who were actively involved in the production and showing of the Limousin breed of cattle from all over Australia."

The youth ambassadors will be included in all aspects of the International Limousin Cattle core conference in Sydney in April.

"Ashley will undoubtedly do an excellent job," Mr Forsberg said.

The youth ambassadors will be sponsored by the Australian Limousin Breeders Society with clothing and some conference costs.

**Press release, March 8
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Women's Day presentation

A forum to celebrate International Women's Day was presented by female students at Brisbane Water Secondary College recently.

It was one of the most impressive activities ever presented in the college, according to principal Mr Pat Lewis.

Led by deputy principal Pamela McAlister, school Captain and Vice Captain Samantha Sultana and Emily Francis were joined by Rebecca Gaston, Jacqui Steward, Karly McLaren, and Lisa Sareyeldinin to present the forum to female students from both campuses together with female family members and many female members of staff.

The gathering also welcomed three special guests to the celebration.

The first of these was Anita Selwin, an elder from the Mingaletta community, who welcomed all to Darkinjung lands and later told some of her story in which she moved with determination from limited educational opportunities, through several TAFE diplomas to her current university studies.

Children's magistrate from Woy Woy Court, Ms Elizabeth Ellis, also described how she had grasped opportunities to train in the law and move on a non-traditional career path for women, and encouraged students present to do the same if such was their dream.

Ms Ellis pointed out to the girls present the strengths which women possessed and that these were more than sufficient to ensure their success in any career or life path they may wish to pursue.

Head Teacher PDHPE on

the senior campus Ms Kirrily Harvey described her entry into teaching and the many and varied adventures she had experienced as a result of her taking advantage of opportunities when they were offered rather than just letting them pass by.

The keynote address was given by Deputy Regional Director for the Hunter Central Coast Department of Education and Training Ms Maree Roberts.

"In an inspiring presentation, Ms Roberts traced her own journey to the leadership position she now holds, reflected on the contributions of women who have fought for women's rights and the freedom of opportunity which women now enjoy, and expressed some hope for further improvements in the equality of opportunity and reward for women," Mr Lewis said.

"In particular, Ms Roberts emphasised that the women's movement is not a women versus men conflict but that men and women should work together as equals, each contributing the unique attributes which they possess.

"Following a wonderful slide presentation of a range of possible female role models and an outstanding vocal presentation by 2005 Year 12 student and Talent Development Project graduate, Tessa Nuku, a brief forum was held followed by morning tea.

"This completed an outstanding presentation and a further tribute to the teaching of values which is such a hallmark of the college."

**Press release, March 8
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Radio broadcast from school

A local radio station broadcast from Empire Bay Public School last week, presenting school captains with a cheque for \$1000.

Star 104.5FM's breakfast show with Vic, Todd and Kim broadcast live from the school on Friday, March 3.

Vic, Todd and Kim brought along lots of giveaways, temporary airbrush tattoos, a jumping castle and a balloon maker for the kids.

The show was broadcast live from 5:30am to 9am.

Money raised went towards the purchase of an interactive whiteboard that would be installed in the library.

The school's P&C also organised a breakfast on the morning of the event.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society provided sponsorship for the event.

Chloe Gregory nominated the school for the breakfast.

**Newsletter, March 1, 8
Empire Bay Public School**

Extensions progressing

Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair said work on extending the school's

playground was progressing steadily.

"An extension to the bore watering system has been finalised and turf will be laid this week and paid for by the Department of Education," Mr Blair said.

"The new playground area will be available to students after Easter."

**Press release, March 7
John Blair, Umina Public School**

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Laneway to be blocked

Gosford Council has resolved to close an unnamed laneway between Bangalow St and Ridge St, east of Springwood St, to stop through traffic.

The laneway will be blocked midway, according to a council report.

Council, at a meeting last July, adopted a traffic committee recommendation to advertise the permanent closure of the un-named laneway between Ridge St and Bangalow St, Ettalong Beach.

Three responses were received from residents of Bangalow St.

All three responses requested that the closure be relocated closer to Barrenjoey Rd.

A report from council stated that due to the issues of equity for the other residents of Bangalow St and Ridge St, it was considered that the original proposed location for the lane closure should remain.

It stated that "to relocate the closure point any closer to Barrenjoey Rd, would begin to impose an unreasonable detour for residents near the middle of the laneway needing to access their properties from the rear".

"This is a long section of laneway where vehicle speeds could be in excess of those expected for a low speed environment," the report stated.

Council agenda TR05.114, March 7

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The Brophy Circus Academy is offering scholarship schemes for teens and adults

Circus offers scholarships

Brophy Circus Academy will be offering a scholarship scheme for teens and adults, according to Brophy productions owner Mr Ashley Brophy.

"Brophy Circus Academy has been running classes at the Peninsula Community Centre for the past three weeks," Mr Brophy said.

Mr Brophy said Ms Fiona Miller from Youth Services at the

Gosford Council had organised funding through the Department of Sports and Recreation to support the circus academy setting up a scholarship scheme.

"For the scholarships, we are looking for young people who are enthusiastic, hard working, may have a back ground in dance, gymnastics, brake dancing, or skate boarding.

"Brophy Academy specialises in many circus arts including the aerial silks, trapeze and aerial

hoops, floor activities such as the German wheel, tumbling, and fire twirling.

"This is a fun and interesting way to keep fit, meet people and even make a profession out of it."

An open day for teens and adults will be held on Friday, March 17, at 6pm at the community centre.

For more information, contact the centre or just turn up.

**Press release, March 10
Ashley Brophy, Brophy Productions**

Youth week events planned

Several events will be held on the Peninsula during Youth Week, April 3 to 8.

Events include a skate and BMX competition, a Hip Hop stage hosting an MC battle and a graffiti arts workshop, a Waterless Car Wash fund raiser, a Dive in Disco, a basketball session and indoor soccer session.

The Umina skate and BMX competition is in its fourth consecutive year and growing each time, according to Gosford Council's Youth Services team leader Ms Fiona Miller.

It will be held on April 8, between

10am and 4pm.

It is free to attend and registration forms can be found at Umina Community Hall.

Ms Miller said pre-registration was strongly advised as there were loads of great prizes to be won.

Ms Miller said that "in previous years we've had entrants from as far a field as Canberra attend".

A waterless car wash will be held at the Umina Skate Park on April 8, and costs \$5 a car.

The indoor soccer session will be held on April 3 at the Peninsula Leisure Centre and is also free, but must be booked before the event.

On April 4, Boxercise for

Beginners will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Entry to the event is free, but must be booked.

The basketball session will be held on April 5 at the centre between 3pm and 5pm.

The session is free but a booking is required.

The Dive in Disco will be held at the centre on April 7 between 6pm and 9pm.

Entry to the event costs \$10 and is presale only.

Bookings for the centre can be made by contacting 4325 8123.

**Press release, March 6
Fiona Miller, Youth Services**

Children's bowls holiday program

A lawn bowls program for eight to 12 year olds will be held during the April school holidays in Woy Woy.

"It's no longer just a game for the adults.

"Kids as young as 10 years old are regularly playing and loving lawn bowls," said NSW Sport and Recreation administrative coordinator Ms Jennifer Murray.

"Kids get on the green and learn how to drive at the head, sit the jack and draw the shot."

The program will be fully supervised and coached by

experienced trainers.

The event will be held on Tuesday, April 18, from 10.30am to noon at the Woy Woy Bowling Club, North Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

Entry cost is \$5 per child.

Bookings for the program are essential.

For further information on this and other children's school holiday programs, contact NSW Sport and Recreation on 4362 3184.

**Press release, March 3
Jennifer Murray, NSW Sport and Recreation**

Real estate agency claims new approach

A new real estate agency has been established in Umina, claiming to take a different approach to the real estate business.

Woodpark Coastal Realty principal Mr Craig Sheilds has joined with his father Mr Robert Sheilds to purchase The Professionals of Umina Beach and then relocated to other premises that will be renovated to comply with their new real estate business philosophy.

Craig Sheilds has been a real estate agent in Umina for five years while Robert Sheilds comes from a marketing and promotions background.

They say have looked at the industry from a fresh perspective and have discovered what they believe has been missing from the industry.

They believe that real estate agents do not provide a level of service that they should and that individuals within most agencies are doing too many different things.

They have decided to separate key roles and set up specialities

so that they have a property listing specialist, a marketing specialist, whose job is to attract prospective buyer interest by preparing innovative promotion of properties for sale and a buyers' specialist to service all prospective property purchasers.

The agency also has a specialist finance officer to arrange mortgages.

Commissions earned on sales will be shared by all parties.

Property management has also been separated not only by having a property manager but also physically so that all aspects of property management are dealt with in a separate part of the building with its own entrance planned.

Here they plan to have tips for property owners to increase their rental income, open houses for rentals, rewards for good tenants paid for by the agency and even a tenant of the year award to receive a special prize.

All employees and service suppliers are local and the agency is looking to employ more people in many of the areas mentioned.

Cec Bucello, February 23

Church holds market day

A market day will be held at the Umina Uniting Church on March 25.

The market will feature a wide variety of stalls selling cakes, jams, craft, plants, second hand books, trash and treasure, cards, cosmetics, jewellery, morning tea, hot scones and drinks.

A barbecue will also be held at the market.

Entertainment at the market will be provided by the Central Coast Leagues Club Barbershop Chorus.

The Umina Uniting Church is located at 346 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

The market will operate from 8am to 1pm.

**Press release, March 3
Umina Uniting Church**

Council projects

Gosford Council is undertaking projects in both Woy Woy and Empire Bay.

At Woy Woy, kerb and shoulder work was conducted at Hillview St and Railway St.

The operation started last week and was expected to continue this week.

At Empire Bay, the rehabilitation of pavement was conducted on Empire Bay Dr. The night work operation was expected to run for two weeks from February 26.

Press release, February 28, March 7

Karen Weber, Gosford Council



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A fundraiser for the Rural Fire Service and local firefighters will be held on Sunday, March 26.

The Benefit Variety Concert will be held on March 26 at 2:30pm in the Woy Woy Leagues Club auditorium.

The concert will be sponsored by the Woy Woy Leagues Club, G'day Hollywood Productions and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Organiser Ms Debra Wales said Jenifer Green and Wayne Cornell of the Back to the Tivoli shows would be hosting and performing at the variety show.

"All the entertainers have graciously donated their time and talents for this big event," she said.

The entertainers will include Lucky Starr, Paul Wayne of the Kenny Rogers Experience, comedian David Proust, The Rhythmaires, ventriloquist Jack Beckett, the Juggling Allisons and instrumentalist Joey Fimmano.

"We are really proud to be able to announce this fundraiser for the Rural Fire Service after the devastating bushfires that destroyed three homes and burnt out

hundreds of hectares of bushland on New Years Day," said Ms Wales.

"The people of the Peninsula want to say thank you to our fire fighters and show their support to the hundreds of volunteers who fought so bravely to save homes and property during the bushfires nearly eight weeks ago."

Ms Wales said that leading up to the Benefit Variety Concert, a signed and framed Central Coast Mariners jersey would be auctioned off on Radio Star 104.5FM, from March 20.

The Mariners have each signed the jersey, which has been donated by Bob and Gayle Ferry of Anne Rose Boutique, Woy Woy.

Woy Woy Leagues Club, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, Woy Woy Bowling Club, Ettalong Bowling Club and Everglades Country Club have also contributed by sponsoring a raffle prize of a home entertainment centre.

"The Peninsula community has always opened their hearts and wallets to those in need," said Ms Wales.

Press release, March 2
Debra Wales

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