

Anzac services at Woy Woy

Anzac Day services will be held by Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay Sub-branch of the RSL on Tuesday, April 25, at the Woy Woy Memorial Park.

The 91st anniversary commemoration dawn service commences at 5.30am, with a morning service to follow at 10.30am.

The dawn march begins at Woy Woy bus interchange and concludes at Memorial Park for the 5.30am start of ceremonies.

Secretary to the Sub-branch of the RSL, Mr Jack Carney, described the dawn service as a "smaller" and more "traditional" occasion.

Those who are yet to experience the dawn service are encouraged to attend.

The morning march forms at K-Mart at 10am and continues through Woy Woy to Memorial Park where the service will begin at 10.30am.

There is expected to be at least a thousand marching this year, as well as school children marching alongside veterans.

Dedications will be made at the Woy Woy Memorial Wall.

The wall has been extended for ANZAC day with substantial support and donations from

the Department of Veterans Affairs, Gosford Council, the State Government, and the local community.

Mr Carney said that the involvement of young people in ANZAC day had been "quite good."

As well as local school children participating in the march, one student has prepared a speech for the 10.30am ceremony.

To reward children for their support, they can receive a ticket before the morning ceremony which grants them an ice cream and soft drink after ceremony's end.

After the day's services, a concert will be held at Ettalong Memorial Club, with tickets available for purchase at the club's reception.

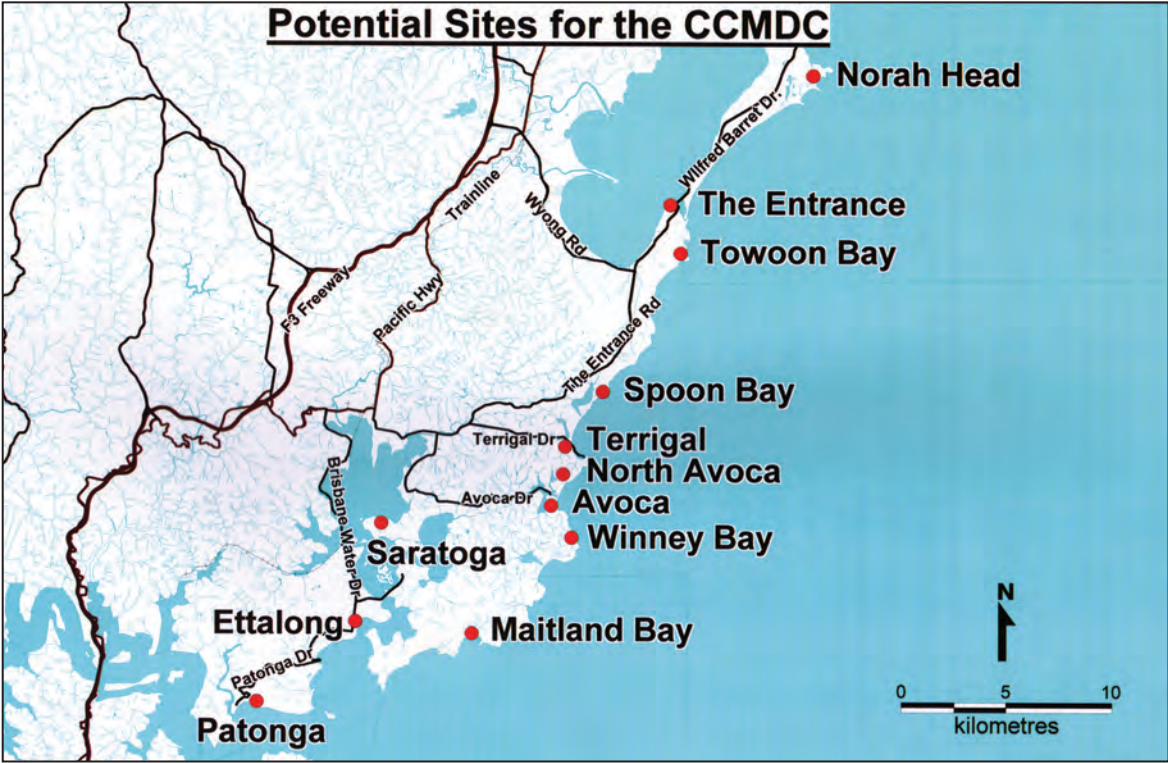
Veterans, families and the public are invited to attend and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in our nations various wars.

For further information contact Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay Sub-branch of the RSL on 4341 4594 or 4344 5855.

A service conducted by Ernie Carnaby will be held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on the April 25, at 10am.

All are welcome to attend, and there will be a morning tea after the service.

Aaron Goldsmith, April 6



Proposed sites for the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre

Peninsula considered for marine study centre

Ettalong and Patonga have been considered as two Peninsula locations for a possible marine study centre on the Central Coast.

A recent report from convenor Mr John Asquith said that a workgroup had been working for over 12 months to develop the concept of a marine centre.

The workgroup includes representatives from the Community Environment Network, Central Coast Tourism, University of Newcastle (Ourimbah Campus), Central Coast Area Consultative Committee, Department of State and Regional Development, Business Central Coast, Rumbalara Environment Education Centre, Wyong Shire Council, Gosford City Council, Department of Environment and Conservation and Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives.

Mr Asquith said it is envisaged that "the primary activity of the centre will be a working research and education centre with an outer layer of activities being tourism and associated business".

"The centre will be a regional

facility for the broader Central Coast region and will build on the high level of community involvement and partnerships."

A report on alternative locations for the development stated that a site at Patonga would be in close proximity to a range of ecosystems for research and education, and would provide access to a boat ramp and clean sea water which could be pumped up into the facility.

An Ettalong location for the development seemed more favoured in the report.

The report stated that the area would provide access to clean water, tourism support services, access to boat ramps and accommodation in close proximity.

The area would also be close to other tourist destinations with high visitor numbers and a range of ecosystems.

Suburbs currently being considered for the proposed centre include Patonga, Ettalong, Saratoga, Maitland Bay, Winney Bay, Avoca and North Avoca, Terrigal, Towoon Bay, Spoon Bay, The Entrance area and Norah

Head lighthouse and Rescue.

The report stated that other factors that would need to be considered would include easy access from F3 freeway, public transport services and parking, access to calm water for snorkelling and education activities and links to other tourism activities such as pelican feeding, whale watching, artificial reefs, fishing charters and restaurants.

The Marine Discovery Centre period for comments has been extended to April 17.

Mr Asquith said that "nearly 500 copies of the options paper have been distributed while approximately 30 responses have been received to date from organisations and individuals".

"Following requests to allow more time for comments, we have decided to extend the deadline for comments until after Easter."

An options report can be downloaded from www.cccen.org.au

Options Paper, March 31
Central Coast Marine
Discovery Centre

St Huberts DCP proceeds

Gosford Council has resolved to exhibit Development Control Plan (DCP) 145 for boating facilities in the St Huberts Island canals.

According to a council report, recent changes by the State Government to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act mean that only one DCP may be made by a planning authority to apply to any one parcel of land.

Current DCPs are "saved" and may continue to operate.

After April 30, they can no longer be amended, nor can new ones be prepared applying to the same land, otherwise "all existing DCPs

become invalid".

The report stated that "to meet this deadline the amendments to DCP 145 would need to be approved immediately to enable the appropriate notice to be placed in the local newspaper".

Council, at the meeting on February 7, resolved that DCP 145 be amended and be re-exhibited pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000.

The draft DCP was placed on public exhibition from February 17 to March 17 with seven submissions received.

Council agenda ENV.29, April 4

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Crusty demons in action

Double passes

Peninsula News, in conjunction with the Crusty Demons East Coast Carnage Tour, is giving away four double passes to the freestyle motocross show at Newcastle.

Four copies of Broken Records, the latest Crusty Demons DVD, are also being given away.

This will be the first time the Crusty Demons have appeared at Newcastle Stadium, with the show taking place on Saturday, April 29, at 5pm.

The show would be "three hours of action packed, mind-blowing,

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Entries close April 19.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.crusty.com.

Lyle Stone, April 6
Press release, April 5
Elke Sutcliffe, IRPR

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Branch has first birthday

The Ettalong Beach Community Bank Branch celebrated its first birthday last week.

To celebrate, the branch threw a party on April 5.

The branch was open for business as usual from 9am and the festivities commenced at noon with a sausage sizzle and birthday cake.

Coordinator Ms Debra Wales said the highlight of the day would be a visit from "Piggy" with balloon give-aways.

Branch Manager Casie Brewis said "The Ettalong Beach Community Bank Branch is very strong with over \$15 million in banking business and over 1,300 accounts."

"We are growing stronger everyday with a reputation for providing good personal service and competitive rates in the banking industry."

Ms Wales, who initiated the establishment of the bank, said that the town is now enjoying a mini boom since Bendigo Bank opened its doors.

"While the Community Bank took three years in the making, the timing couldn't have been better when we opened the doors," said Ms Wales.

"The Ettalong Beach Outrigger Resort commenced operations and the new Ettalong Beach Club opened its doors.

"Because of this, Ettalong is experiencing an influx of visitors exploring our beautiful waterways, new cafes, theatre complex, boutiques and retail outlets."

Press release, April 2
Debra Wales, Bendigo Bank

Different expectations

Peninsula residents have different requirements and expectations from people living in other areas of Gosford government area, according to Gosford Council's customer services and communications manager Mr John Moulard.

He said that customer service centres at Woy Woy, Erina Fair and Kincumber had shown the differences.

Mr Moulard said: "What

emerged was that Peninsula residents wanted quality, grass roots services, with emphasis on providing for the special needs of the area's many senior citizens.

"Our main priorities were combining a friendly staff with caring service and expertise in answering general enquiries."

Following the opening of the Woy Woy centre in 2004, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews wrote to council noting "only positive feedback" about its services.

From May, a new customer call

centre and one-stop shop will be opened on the ground floor of council's Mann St administration offices in Gosford.

Over 600 residents and business customers were surveyed prior to the plans progressing.

Mr Moulard said he would particularly like feedback from Peninsula business people after they had visited the centre once it had opened in May.

Press release, April 3
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Concert tickets

Peninsula News is giving away two double passes to Xavier Rudd's Connections Tour, which will feature special guest K'Naan.

The tickets are for the Central Coast Leagues Club concert to be held on April 21.

Multi-instrumentalist Xavier Rudd is back on deck after a "vicious" throat infection hospitalised him,

resulting in his initial tour being cancelled, according to publicity coordinator Stacey Piggott.

To enter the competition write your name, suburb and phone number on the back of an envelope and send it to Peninsula News Xavier Rudd Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256.

Entries close on April 19.

For further information and

tickets contact the club or visit www.xavierrudd.com.

Lyle Stone, April 6
Press release, April 5
Shannon Keays,
Two Fish Out Of Water

Winners

The "Passes to the Park" competition run by Peninsula News, in conjunction with the Australian Reptile Park, was drawn on April 7.

Passes for two adults and two children were awarded to five families from the Peninsula.

Aaron Robinson, Julie Peksis, Michelle Krucler, and the Sephton

family, all from Woy Woy along with Genevieve Ireland from Point Clare, were the winners in the competition.

They will experience a day at the Central Coast's own Australian Reptile Park, appreciating the diverse wildlife our country has to offer.

Aaron Goldsmith, April 7

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Decision deferred

Gosford Council has resolved to defer making a decision on including additional items of environmental heritage in its Draft Heritage Local Environment Plan (DLEP).

Council has deferred the item to a strategy policy workshop.

Several Peninsula properties were recommended for inclusion in the draft LEP along with shops and public areas.

Shops and public areas were the Booker Bay cemetery, the Patonga Store, the Phegans Bay walking track, an Anglican Church at Empire Bay and the Pretty Beach baths.

The Heritage DLEP was exhibited from July 20 to September 14 last year.

An adjoining owner to the Booker Bay Cemetery, in Bogan Rd, Booker Bay, submitted a comment that there "is no cemetery" and that "rate dollars should be spent on something productive like water shortage, roads, footpaths, not heritage rubbish".

With these comments, along with comments from the Environmental Heritage Advisory Committee, council officers subsequently recommended that the cemetery be removed from the draft LEP.

The owner of 9 Bay St, Patonga, an adjoining property owner to the Patonga Store, commented on its proposed heritage listing.

The submission stated that the shop had been completely demolished except for a few walls, open to the weather, "which will accelerate their decay until there is nothing left".

The submission also commented that trees shown on original development consent plans, but not the revised plans, had been removed.

"It seems that council has failed in its duty of care in the preservation of this significant heritage site and developers should be penalised for causing such damage to this unique store," the submission stated.

Council staff commented on the development stating that "the existing building has been substantially demolished in accordance with condition 32 of the original consent" and that a

site inspection by council officers showed that the demolition was compliant.

The owner of 94 Monastir Rd commented on the proposed listing of the Phegans Bay Walking Track from 80 to 100 Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay.

The owner objected to having the "unofficial pathway" listed for heritage conservation stating that it had previously run through the property but now had a house constructed over it.

The owner stated that council should be directing all its efforts to more pressing and long standing issues such as sewage odour control.

Council staff stated in a report to council that the listing of the track as a heritage item could not affect the existing house built on 94 Monastir Rd and did not mean that the track had to be reconnected.

At Empire Bay, the congregation, the Parish Council and the Trustees of Church Property strongly opposed the inclusion of the Rosella Rd Anglican Church as an item of environmental heritage.

The submission stated that the church building was a small weatherboard building which was completely eaten out by termites in the 1960s and replaced.

"The building itself appears to have no architectural merit," the submission stated.

Council staff commented in the report that heritage listing did not mean that the property could not be changed.

The report also stated that the Pretty Beach baths were in such a degraded state that removal "may be required in the future".

Changing sheds were rotting, and that netting and poles would need replacement.

"The pool is not used by the community and this indicates that it is not worth the cost of replacement.

"If any major maintenance is to be undertaken the pool needs to be brought into line with Practice Note 15 on water safety."

Under the DLEP heritage provisions, demolition of a heritage item is possible subject to development consent.

Council agenda ENV.37, April 4



The Rawson Rd level crossing, Woy Woy

Council seeks funds for underpass

Gosford Council has resolved to apply for funding for a railway underpass in Woy Woy Rd, which would see the closure of the Rawson Rd level crossing.

The submission will be made to the Department of Transport and Regional Development under the Auslink Strategic Regional Program.

The underpass, planned for the bottom of Bulls Hill, was one of two projects council plans to submit to the department.

A report from council staff stated that the project "constitutes a vital regional transport link that would enhance the ability of regional industries and communities".

The report stated the underpass would also improve safety with the removal of the Rawson Rd level

crossing.

The other project was a railway overpass in Racecourse Rd, Gosford.

Council considered reports on the Auslink National Land Transport Plan at its meetings held on March 5 and December 6 last year.

Under the program, council must fund at least 30 per cent of the project costs.

Council agenda ENV.44, April 4

PUDS adoption expected

The Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy is expected to be adopted by Gosford Council at its meeting this week.

The recommendation comes from the council's strategy policy workshops held in February and March, attended by nine of the 10 councillors.

The recommendation is for council to adopt the exhibited Draft Peninsula Directions Strategy and include its provisions as part of the review and preparation of a Residential Development Strategy and preparation of a City Planning Strategy and comprehensive local environment plan (LEP) for the city.

It has also been recommended that the strategy clarify that the building heights achievable in town centres are to be linked to public benefits such as site amalgamation, provision of public spaces and view corridors, as has

been used in the Terrigal planning controls.

It has been recommended that medium density housing take up rates be reviewed on an annual basis, and if such rates decline significantly, with potential to adversely impact on Contributions Plan 31C, that a further report be presented to council.

Other recommendations involve the preparation of an Urban Tree Policy for Gosford City as part of the forthcoming Comprehensive LEP and a review of the Peninsula's Contributions Plan 31 be held as part of the comprehensive Contributions Plan for the City.

The review would be used to "address the issue of funding the Peninsula Leisure Centre through a city-wide Contributions Plan".

According to a report from council staff, the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy was "intended to provide a broad strategic direction for future development within the Peninsula".

The report stated that the strategy would inform future planning controls, which would also be subject to further community consultation, as well as identifying other work that would be needed as a result of the strategy's recommendations.

The report stated that "as a strategic directions document, PUDS has considered all relevant issues, at a strategic level, that will impact on future development within the Peninsula".

The project has considered issues such as drainage, roadworks and economic issues as they relate to setting future development directions for the Peninsula.

The plan was prepared on the basis of limiting the impacts of growth upon infrastructure capacities with additional infrastructure provision being able to be provided through existing Contributions Plan provisions or normal capital works programming.

Council agenda ENV.47, April 11



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www.peninsulanews.asn.au

Your report on the clearing at 18 Kahibah Rd states that "bracken underscrub and the principle trees remain on site" requires further investigation.

Am attaching Photos that clearly show a bare earth clearing (some of which is outside the property boundary of 18 Kahibah Rd) and slap bang up against significant vegetation that has been roped off by council staff as it is critical vegetation for the regeneration of this much degraded creek.

It is worth noting that the roped off areas are so because council has an obligation/license under the Environment Protection &

Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to restore the creek and provide compensatory planting because of clearing for flood prevention

Note also no sediment control fencing.

In light of these pictures how can council staff claim that bracken underscrub remains on site?

Are they blind or is this a deliberate attempt to mislead the Director and Cr. Latella.? I also have photo that shows mature cheese trees that were completely removed.

Perhaps a visit to the site would be helpful for your reference.

Bryan Ellis
Woy Woy

Run-off areas sacrificed

Am I the only one on the Woy Woy Peninsula concerned that the Federal member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd continues to trade an important provision of my safety on the F3 for his continued electoral security?

The essential and expensive safety runoff areas the length of the F3 have been sacrificed to buy

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votes by adding another lane each way.

This is not something he will be thanked for when my fellow road users begin to understand the increased potential for repeats of the Mooney Bridge carnage and fatalities.

Edward James, Umina

Combat mosquitoes

Your article on mosquitoes in Killcare is of major concern to the local residents and Gosford Council should now reconsider the implications of further delays.

The cost factor of \$35,000 per season is a relatively small amount of expenditure, considering the population in the Killcare, Wagstaffe, Empire Bay and Daleys Point areas.

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It should be recorded that the money required is per season, which would be every 12 months and over a period of say five years, we could expect the mosquito problems and population, which affect our health, to slowly disappear.

David B Walker, Killcare

Australians will go hungry

A trade union official has likened the new industrial laws to those in operation in Communist Russia.

This is hardly surprising, considering the co-operation of big business with exploitative communist China.

With the leverage of the new laws, it won't be long before Australians will be working as slave labour, and the title "poor white trash of Asia" will really be true.

You can bet it won't be long also, before they have 10-year-old kids working down the mines, and

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slaving in what little manufacture we still have for a few pence in a 12- hour day.

Then courageous and idealistic people will have to start the whole reform business over again.

Just think.

Millions of Americans go to bed hungry every night in the most wealthy country in the world.

That's the future and it's not good.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

When the bands all cease to play

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Have you ever seen the veterans parading through the street, have you ever heard the rhythm of their weary marching feet?

Have you ever heard the jingle of the medals on their chest, when the bands all cease to play, and the pipers takes their rest?

Have you stood and watched them as down Martin Place they come, slowly marching to the beat of a lonely muffled drum?

Have you ever wondered why the flags are at half staff, have you ever seen their faces as they pass the cenotaph?

Have you ever caught a glimpse of the mist that fills their eyes as they think about old friends no longer by their sides?

Then have you seen them raise their heads and march as in years gone bye - when the bands commence to play again and the pipes their glory cry?

Here is the spirit of the Anzac and on this hallowed day their friends come back to join them, but in a special sort of way;

Because for every one you see marching down the street there's a thousand there beside them - but they march on silent feet.

For friendships forged in battle are of the rarest kind, they extend beyond the grave and withstand the tyranny of time.

So if you listen with your heart come next Anzac Day perhaps you'll understand why they are marching on parade:

It is for that sacred moment - that moment in the day - when the pipers take their rest, and the bands all cease to play.

Vic Jefferies, Patonga

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Mosquito control was the theme

Mosquito control, not eradication, was Sandy Robinson's theme when she addressed a packed monthly meeting of the Hardy's Bay Residents' Group at the Killcare Beach Surf Club on March 28.

Hardys Bay Residents' Group member Mr Allan Wilson said that the group's distribution of leaflets about the threat of the saltmarsh mosquito had heightened public interest and concern.

"The 100-strong audience made it abundantly clear where their feelings lay with an overwhelming endorsement of a motion to proceed with remedial strategies through the appropriate channels.

"Ms Robinson, the evening's guest speaker, who has waged a committed campaign for the last two years, spoke passionately on an issue which has confronted her since she first moved to Killcare Heights.

"Shortly after settling into their new home, she and her husband, Anthony, discovered that the mosquito problem had been prevalent in the area for at least 20 years.

"Keen to learn more about the insects and the potential threat

they pose, she has gathered information on the subject from the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Sydney University, the Department of Medical Entomology at Westmead Hospital and Runge Agrichems, a Sydney company which closely monitors the breeding habits of mosquitoes.

"Further investigations revealed that mosquito control can be complicated due to the large number of different species impacting on widely different environments."

Mr Wilson said control was usually within the power of the householder to reduce breeding sites and lessen biting opportunities."

Ms Robinson explained to the meeting that the saltmarsh mosquito was regarded as the most significant pest in coastal areas of NSW.

Mr Wilson said: "This species is a known vector of disease spreading Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses and is closely associated with estuarine wetlands."

Central Coast Health monitored mosquito populations and species across the coast.

Its program included mosquito trapping stations placed in strategic

locations.

This sampling helped identify trends in mosquito numbers, and the predominant species.

"Providing a sobering example of the serious consequences which can befall a victim, a heavily-bandaged Wagstaffe resident, Bill Teasdell, added dramatic impact to Sandy Robinson's address.

"He revealed that recent contact with saltmarsh mosquitoes, during which he suffered multiple bites to both legs, nearly resulted in a fatal outcome," Mr Wilson said.

"He was rushed to hospital, placed on an intravenous drip, and spent four days under observation after being diagnosed with cellulitis, an inflammation of the connective tissue caused by an infection from the mosquito bites.

"Mr Teasdell applauded the stand Sandy Robinson has taken to create greater public awareness of the mosquito plague and her desire to intensify the necessary official actions required to control the problem."

"I was most impressed with her talk at the meeting and her wide knowledge of this serious problem," Mr Teasdell said.

**Press release, April 5
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay
Residents' Group**



Killcare resident Sandy Robinson

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Please phone 4325 8903 if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you in our new centre!

Health



Marie Andrews welcomes new Probationary Ambulance Officer Belinda Procter

New ambulance officers

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has welcomed four new probationary ambulance officers to the Peats electorate, with some of the officers stationed at Ettalong.

The officers are part of a group of 46 new probationary officers across

NSW, who graduated recently from the Ambulance Training College at Rozelle.

"The new Probationary Ambulance Officers will be stationed at Ettalong and Point Claire," Ms Andrews said.

"The lemma Government will create an extra 250 Ambulance positions this year, including

qualified Ambulance officers, probationary and patient transport officers and rapid responders for metropolitan and rural areas."

For further information, contact 4342 4122

Press release, March 24

Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Memory therapy at healing centre

Ms Donna Markwell has begun Positive Memory Therapy at Gnostic Healing Centre, in Woy Woy.

Ms Markwell's describes Positive Memory Therapy as "the process of remembering positive events

and emotions to improve moods, perspectives and behaviours."

She said that the therapy is effective in treating an array of different problems, including low self-esteem, phobias, substance abuse, self-harming, and adjustment disorders.

Addiction to cigarettes, alcohol, and gambling are also treatable.

Ms Markwell has been on the Central Coast for nine months and was previously employed in the mental health area at the Gosford and Wyong Hospitals.

She is also involved in work linked with a community centre in Umina which involves "helping to redirect youth...and set them on the right path".

Her role in the field of mental health involves everything from acute assessment of patients and on-going support to counseling and work inside the community.

Originally from Sydney, Donna

moved to the Woy Woy area to be closer to her family.

She said that "it is a beautiful place to live" and she hoped to make it even better through the efforts of her work.

Ms Markwell, a registered mental health nurse for 15 years, soon discovered a growing need for her expertise in the local area.

She commented that depression in the elderly is a large issue and that a lot of people "suffer in silence".

Ms Markwell quoted the World Health Organisation's statistics for depression, saying studies "estimate that by 2020 it will become the second highest killer for the developed world behind those related to the heart.

"Depression," she continued, "is also strongly linked to cardiac issues."

Ms Markwell has had experience in aged care and said she can definitely help people to have a richer life.

She remarked that it is "always good to get advice...and having someone to talk to always helps".

She has seen patients with strong anxiety disorders "turn their lives around in only months".

Sessions can go from 30 to 50 minutes, and she said that people usually see "real changes in four to six sessions."

Ms Markwell is currently completing her masters degree at the University of Newcastle and she plans to release a book "Positive Memory Therapy: Hold That Thought" next month.

Aaron Goldsmith, April 7

Breast unit visits Woy Woy

The Breast Screen mobile breast cancer screening unit will be visiting Woy Woy from April 3 to June 30.

Local women aged 50 to 69 years will be able to have free screening mammograms at the unit, which will be located at the Woy Woy Council car park, Chambers Place, near Woy Woy Oval.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, and affects one in 11 NSW women during their lifetime, according to mobile van coordinator Mr Cameron Lindsay.

"Breast screening every two years for women 50 to 69 years is currently the best way to detect

breast cancer early, when there is a wider variety of treatment options," Mr Lindsay said.

"It is very important that all sections of the community have access to breast screening.

"Community support is vital to the success of the program and we hope that you will be able to spread the word that the mobile unit is coming.

Due to the demand for the service, bookings are essential and can be made by calling 4324 6722.

For more information, contact 9926 6575.

Press release, April 1
Cameron Lindsay, Mobile Breast Screening Unit

Support for family

Students at St John the Baptist, along with friends and friendly, recently came together to support a family at the school.

"Late last year a tragedy hit one of the families at St John the Baptist Primary School," family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley said.

Ms Riley said a hasty note went home informing families of the school that Ashley's Angels, a charitable body of people who

support the family, would love anyone to join them at the school at 8am Friday morning to participate in a radio competition.

"Most of the school turned up with family and friends in tow," Ms Riley said.

"We did not win the money but what a heartwarming response it was to see such a turn out with such short notice and so early."

Press release, April 4
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist

Annual fair

The annual Monster Trash and Treasure Fair will be held at Wagstaffe Hall on Easter Saturday, April 15, by the Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association

Proceeds will go towards improvements to the hall.

There will be a range of goods on sale with books, furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, soft furnishings, glass and china on offer.

All goods are donated by the local community.

The Wagstaffe Hall is located adjacent to Wagstaffe wharf.

Doors open at 9am and close and 1 pm.

Press release, April 4
Judith Wheatley, Progress Association

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Concert proceeds could reach \$8000

Donations from a benefit concert held recently could reach \$8000, according to coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

Ms Wales and Jenifer Green of G'day Hollywood Productions, entertainers Lucky Starr and Joey Fimmano, put on an afternoon of entertainment to raise funds for the Gosford Rural Fire Services at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

"The show was a great success with spectacular entertainment that kept us enthralled and laughing all afternoon" said Ms Wales.

"We had a full house and the audience was very generous in buying raffle tickets to help raise funds to support the RFS volunteers by supplying protective clothing that they would normally have to purchase themselves.

"Mo Award winners, comedy vocal duo, the Rhythmaires and ventriloquist Jack Beckett received a standing ovation after their side splitting comedy routine that had the audience calling for more."

Jenifer Green, who opened the show and went on to host for the afternoon, said that some of the entertainers had been effected by the New Years day fires and were only too happy to give up an afternoon to help raise money for the Rural Fire Services.

"Paul Wayne performed his Kenny Rogers Experience and pulled out members of audience as part of his show.

"He had us rolling in the aisle with laughter," said Ms Green.

Over 200 hundred people attended the show with all ticket sales going to the Rural Fire Services.

An auction of a framed Mariners

jersey and the Kali Meehan heavy weight champion boxing gloves raised \$1400, with the successful bid going to Alan Chislett of Woy Woy.

"The signed and beautifully framed jersey was donated by Gayle and Robert Ferry of Ferry Solicitors and Annie Rose Boutique Woy Woy," said Ms Wales.

"The Kali Meehan boxing gloves were donated by the Telegraph newspaper.

"The business community also contributed with the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce donating \$600 towards the fundraiser."

A door prize of a night's accommodation at the Ettalong Beach Outrigger was drawn by the volunteer fire fighters and the lucky winner was Gayle Ferry.

Terrigal Bowling Club donated a \$200 voucher for 20 people to enjoy barefoot bowls and was won by a Woy Woy local.

The major prize of a NEC 68cm wide screen LCD television and JVC home theatre system was won by Copacabana resident Frank Wilson and the \$500 Retravision gift voucher was won by local Geoff McMahon.

These prizes were provided by the five local clubs, Woy Woy Leagues, Woy Woy Bowling, Ettalong Bowling, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and Everglades Country Club.

Donations can still be made at any of the branches of the Greater Building Society which will go to the Gosford Rural Fire Services.

"With donations still coming in, the tally for the event could reach nearly \$8000," said Ms Wales.

**Press release, March 27
Debra Wales**

Social gathering

Local members of the Papua New Guinea community will be holding a social gathering at the Woy Woy Memorial Park, Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, on Saturday, April 29.

The gathering will be held from

noon onwards.

Participants are asked to bring their own foods and drinks.

For more information contact, Alice Marshall on 4342 3808 or Steven Gagan on 4342 9010.

**Press release, April 5
Alice Marshall**



Setting up a previous book fair

30th year for book fair

Pearl Beach will hold its 30th annual Pearl Beach Book Fair on Easter Saturday, April 15.

The Easter Saturday book fair was first held in 1977.

The event is held in the Pearl Beach community hall along with other stalls also held on the day.

Other stalls will include a bric-a-brac stall, plant stall and a cake

stall, and an Easter raffle will be held.

Members of the Pearl Beach Progress Association will be on hand to provide information about coming events and activities being undertaken throughout the year.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 10am to 5pm.

The event will be held at the Pearl Beach Community Hall, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

Proceeds will be used for Pearl Beach environmental Initiatives.

Gourmet lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea will also be available.

**Press release, April 1
Lynne Lillico**

Fashion store leases at plaza

National retail chain Miller's Fashion Club has leased 142 square metres of space at the expanded Deepwater Plaza shopping centre.

Millers Fashion Club, part of Millers Retail Limited, will lease the space for six years.

Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Julie Marr said: "The Plaza is currently undergoing a \$9 million refurbishment and expansion which has drawn a number of big

retailers to the centre including the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Best and Less and The Reject Shop.

"These retailers will increase patronage to Deepwater Plaza and draw shoppers from some larger

retail centres such as Gosford and Erina."

Millers Fashion Club is expected to be open at Deepwater Plaza in late July.

**Press release, April 5
Julie Marr, Deepwater Plaza**



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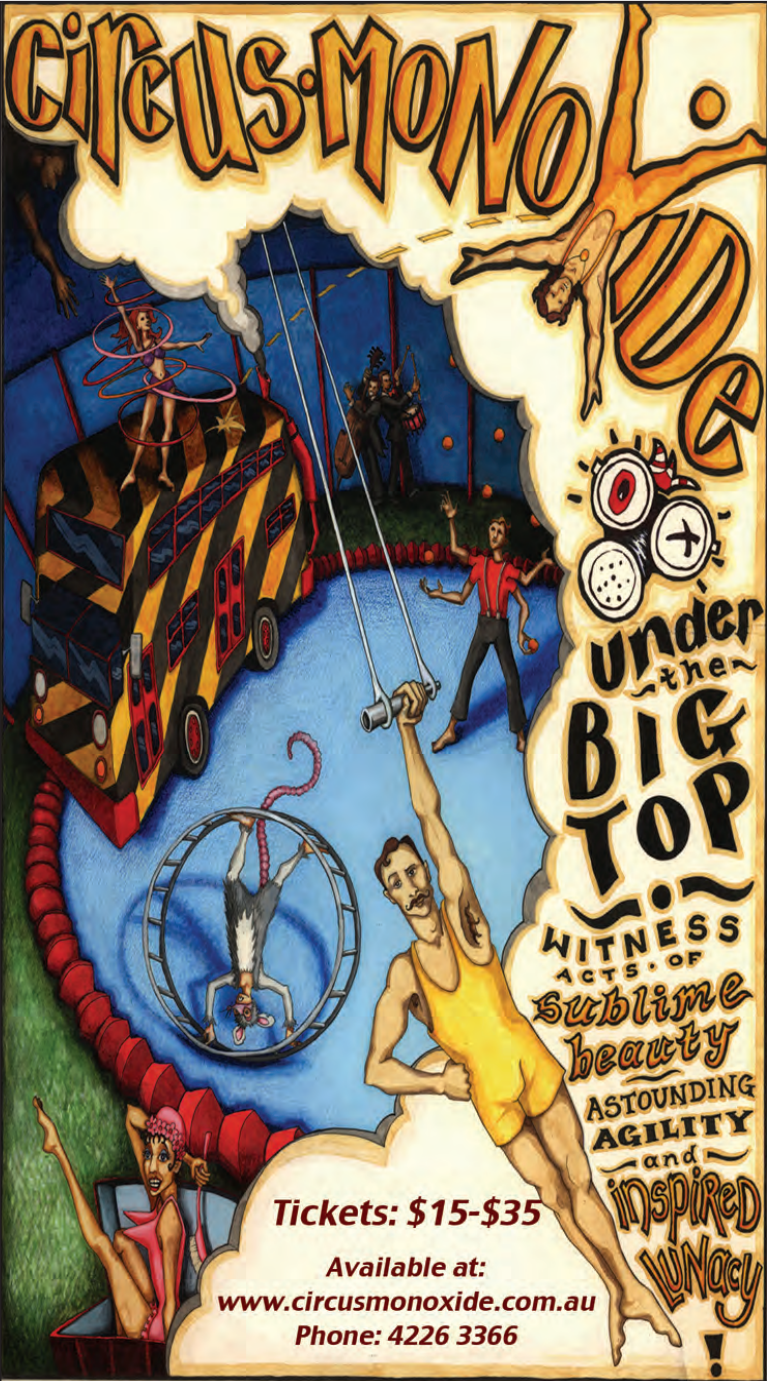
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 - * **GOSFORD** - Leagues Club Field, corner of Dane Dve and Vaughan Avenue, West Gosford
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Seeking descendants

The Pearl Beach Heritage Committee is seeking to make contact with descendants and friends of people who, from 1932 to 1960s, held leaseholds over one or more of the farms at Pearl Beach.

The families sought are Arnold, Berry, Boydell, Butler, Cattley, Crommelin, Devon, Dyson, Gallard, Garters, Gates, Hall, Hicks, Kane, Keech, Levik, Mallett, Mazlin, Moore, Newton, Petterson, Reilly, Rigelsford, Roblom, Roby, Saywell, Wallace, Whittaker, Wilde, and Woods.

The committee is seeking

information, stories and pictures for its Heritage Exhibition on April 22 and 23.

The committee is also seeking to make contact with those who have information about or involvement in the RSL in Pearl Beach from the 1940s to 1960s, including Armstrong, Butler, Charles, and Connacher, and the Chester Hill, Carramar SubBranch of the RSL in the 1960s.

Anyone with information should contact Kay William on 4344 4811 or email williams@terrigal.net.au

Press release, March 26
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach Heritage Committee

Church helps

The Umina Uniting Church is among over 100 congregations supporting "Lent Event" this year.

Through Uniting Church Overseas Aid, four projects are being supported to assist local communities achieve a better standard of life, according to church secretary Ms Strong.

"As we now come to the end of Lent and into Easter, many of our congregation have been participating in Lent Event, a period of '40 days of giving to make a life worth living'."

The four projects include AIDS treatment, providing preschools for tribal people, micro-credit program (giving women the opportunity to establish viable small businesses) and the building of concrete water tanks (so women don't have to walk three hours to fetch water).

Press release, April 5
Annette Strong, Uniting Church

Heritage festival

The Pearl Beach Heritage Weekend Festival and Exhibition will be held from April 22 to 23.

The focus of this year's event is on the eight farm sites in Pearl Beach and local families and their historical significance in settling and developing the sites up to current times.

In addition, the exhibition is also focusing on the five young men who gave their lives in World War II.

They are remembered on the memorial outside the Pearl Beach Progress Association hall.

Residents of Pearl Beach and Patonga will be able to order, at cost, a copy of their original title deeds.

Pearl Beach resident Vincent Serventy will open the exhibition at 1pm on Saturday, April 22.

Press release, April 4
Lynne Lillico



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Bank will move to plaza

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia has committed to a seven-year lease on 242 square metres of space at Deepwater Plaza and will relocate from its existing branch at Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"The convenience of parking is a major drawcard for the bank with an additional 101 car spaces created as part of the \$9 million refurbishment and expansion of Deepwater Plaza," according to Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Julie Marr.

"The deal is a sign of confidence in the shopping centre as well as the retail market in the Peninsula area."

The deal was negotiated by Savills Leasing Department.

The redevelopment of Deepwater Plaza is due for completion in July.

As well as new car spaces, the redevelopment will create an additional 14 specialty stores.

The main entries and verandahs will also be refurbished to create "a brighter, more appealing welcome for customers".

Best and Less and The Reject Shop will take the new space and support existing major retailers including K-Mart, Coles and Franklins.

The Commonwealth Bank is set to open at Deepwater Plaza on May 15.

Press release, April 5
Julie Marr, Deepwater Plaza

Residents will meet

The Peninsula Resident's Association will meet at 2pm on April 22 at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The association usually meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Community Centre, on the corner of Ocean Beach and McMaster Rds., Woy Woy, but will meet a week later this month due to Easter.

The Association's goals include promoting community identity and promoting effective dialogue with local and state government, according to secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan.

"We are committed to encouraging well-designed buildings for the Peninsula which consider social, environmental, and economic aspects.

"We also believe that the foreshores and open spaces of this beautiful area should be protected

for residents and visitors," she said.

Cr Vicki Scott is expected to attend the May meeting and Cr Terri Latella is expected at the June meeting.

"We are not aligned to any political party and deal with issues as they affect the Peninsula.

Since August last year the association has made submissions to Gosford Council on the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy and the Tesrol development application at Ettalong, as well as a submission to the Minister for Planning, Mr Frank Sartor.

For further information, contact president Ms Fran Armstrong on 4342 2359 or secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan on: 0419 609 942.

Press release, April 7
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents' Association

Sunrise service

The Umina Uniting Church has offered an open invitation to all to attend the Sunrise Service at Umina Beach at 6am on Easter Sunday morning.

Church secretary Ms Annette

Strong said it is "a very moving time to sit and watch the sun come up over Bouddi".

"This is run by the Combined Ministers Association and there is a fish breakfast to follow."

Ms Strong said that with inclement weather the event would

be held in the surf club rooms.

The morning worship services at Umina for April will be at 9am with Cafe Church at 6pm, and Ettalong services remain at 9.30am.

Press release, April 5
Annette Strong, Uniting Church

Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



A Water Mains Cleaning Program is being conducted in the Peninsula area as of Monday 10th April 2006.

The program is designed to reduce the severity of discoloured water in the area, using techniques such as mains flushing and air scouring. The program will take at least seven months to complete and some discoloured water may still be experienced within the Peninsula area during this time.

Gosford City Council will need to systematically interrupt the water supply for Peninsula residents throughout the program. Anyone affected will receive a letter from Council at least two to five days prior to the water supply being interrupted.

As the program requires large amounts of water and we are still in a prolonged drought, water used will be captured and recycled onto local sporting fields or within the supply system.

For a copy of the brochure What is 'Dirty' Water or a guide to areas being air scoured over the next few weeks, please visit a Council Customer Service Centre or see the Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

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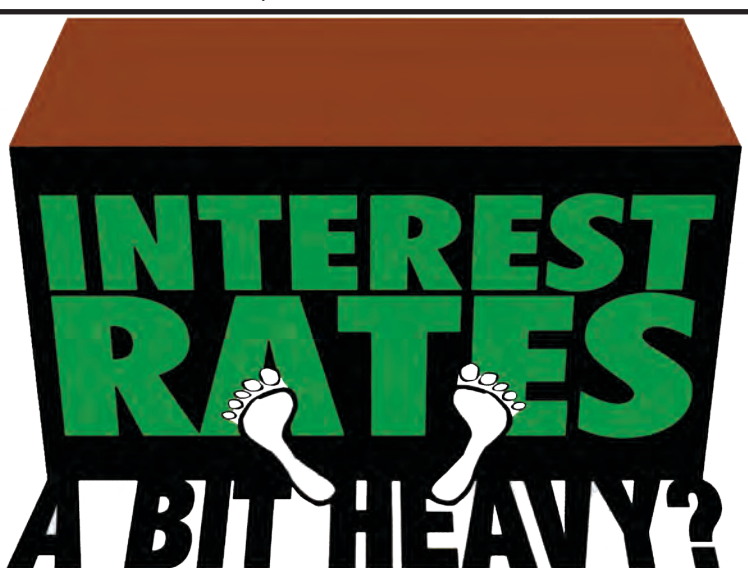
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach 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**, 7.30pm, 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, **Belly Dancing**, 1pm, **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

Bowls; 10am, Card Club; 7.30pm, Chess Club; 1pm, **EBWMC**

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

Folk Art 9.30am, **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 **EBWMCB**

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**, 10.30am to 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, **Scrapbooking** 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 2pm, **Pastels** 11.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 9am **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, **Music 2-5yrs** 9am, **Yoga** 10am, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm, **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,

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

Cash House Nights, **Gosford progress hall**, 7.30pm, 4325 3608

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

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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 Academy** 5pm **Kindygy** 0 - 3yrs 9.15am, 3 - 5yrs 10.20am **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.

Scrapbooking 12pm, **PCC**. enq 4342 3712

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**

Dancing Club; 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

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am, **EBWMC**

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

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

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

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

Second Monday of every month

Save the Children St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina 1-30pm Enq 4324 4389

RSL Women's Auxiliary, **EBWMC**, 9am.

Pretty Beach/Wagstaffe **Progress Assoc** **WH** 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546

Killcare Heights **Garden Club**, 10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520

Coastal **Crones** (over 50's), **PWHC**

Third Monday of every month

War widows Guild, **EBWMC** 1pm, Enq: 4344 3486

Fourth Monday of every month

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, **CWAHWW**, 1pm.

Carers support group, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.

Last Monday of Every Month

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy P.S. 7.30pm , Enq: 4341 2931

Every Monday

Cash Housie Nights, Umina Beach **Bolwing club** 7pm 4325 3608

Walking with other Mums Enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741

3Cs—Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm **BFC**. Enq: 43 431929

Yoga **WH** 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854.

Bowls **EMBC** 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.

Computers, 1pm, **ESCC**

Dancing 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Mahjong** 1pm; **Fitness** 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm; **ESSC**.

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

Fairhaven **Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **CU**

Evening **Bowls** 6pm **Line Dancing** **Classes**, 7pm, **EMBC**

Card Club 500 1pm **Punters choice** 12.45pm **EBWMC**

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333

Patchwork & Quilting, 9am & 12.30pm, **Pottery** 10am & 1pm **EBACC**

Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am

Gentle Exercise for over 50's, 9.30am, **Yoga**, 10am, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**. 12.30pm, **BJP School of Physical Culture** 3.45pm, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Gambling & general Counselling** by appointment, **Music** 2-5 yrs 9am **PCC**

Craft group, 1pm **BFC**

New production at theatre

A new theatrical production, "This Is Not An Exit", will be staged from April 21 to 23 at the Peninsula Theatre.

Devised by local actors Rosemary Parsons, Brenda Logan, Paul Karton and Richard Goodwin, the production has the support of Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc, Laycock St Theatre and Macquarie University.

"Unlike a conventional play, This Is Not An Exit did not begin from a script," Ms Parsons said.

"Instead, the actors used methods of character building and improvisation to create the play from scratch.

"The result is a dynamic and innovative work of theatre, combining realistic characters with a highly visual style.

"This Is Not An Exit weaves the past, present and future into a surreal journey examining the ramifications of choice throughout the lives of four very different characters.

"Exciting multimedia effects complement the abstract style as the actors explore a variety of controversial social issues with

both humour and pathos.

"This Is Not An Exit will appeal to all lovers of contemporary theatre, as well as being of particular interest to theatre and drama students as it is the result of group collaboration."

This Is Not An Exit was first previewed as "Fragments of Lesley" at the Cultural Laboratory in November last year.

"Due to its style and themes, This Is Not An Exit is probably best suited to an audience aged 16 and over," Ms Parsons said.

Performances will take place on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at 8pm.

A performance will also take place on Sunday, April 23, at 5pm.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

The performance will take place at the Peninsula Theatre on the corner of Ocean Beach and McMaster's Rds, Woy Woy.

For more information, contact 0401 362 371

Press release, March 27
Rosemary Parsons, Peninsula Theatre

Concert of native drums

A concert of native drums, flutes, songs and stories for "Send Bear Over There" will take place on Easter Sunday, April 16.

The event is a fundraiser to send native North American Indian Standing Bear to Canada, in search of his mother.

"In the weeks since my return from the gathering in Tasmania, friends of mine have managed to track down 13 possible addresses of my mother.

"This is the closest I have ever come to actually having places to go and search," Bear said.

"These are in the US, Canada being my planned staging ground for this.

"Being a Commonwealth country, it is easier for me to stay for a prolonged time."

A matinee performance of the events, as seen at Brackets and Jam and CoastFest, will be held



A fundraising concert called 'Send Bear Over There' will be held on April 16

at 11am to 1pm, with an afternoon performance from 5pm to 7pm.

Participants are asked to bring blankets, cushions, drums, food and drink.

Entry is a gold coin donation.

There will also be readings by

Julie Landers, with fortune cards.

The Umina Community Hall is located at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach.

To book for the event, contact 0409 916 097.

Press release, April 6
Standing Bear

Nikkita had top personality

Local model Nikkita Dries finished in the top five in a Swimwear Model of the Year contest held in Surfers Paradise.

The contest ran for a week from April 1 with 40 models from around Australia and New Zealand competing.

Nikkita took the title of "Miss Personality" in the competition, an accolade she said was more "satisfying than anything else".

Ms Dries said that as a girl she wanted to become a model, however, it was hard to find support to do so.

At the age of 14 she moved out of her Budgewoi home and moved to Umina where she has since lived.

She started entering modeling contests last January at the age of 18, where she had been an in-house model for Bonds, had competed in Miss Indy contests, and is now set to appear on the cover of Street Sport magazine.

This year, she has won the final at the Auto Salon Car Show in Sydney and was awarded the title of Sydney Miss Auto Salon.

She will compete later in the year for the national title.

She is also promoting the Australian version of the hit American TV show "Pimp My Ride".

Aaron Goldsmith, April 7

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters is looking for new members, according to member Mr Greg Hoffman.

"Toastmasters is an International non-profit organisation whose aim is to foster self-esteem and confidence," Mr Hoffman said.

"It helps men and women learn the art of speaking, listening and thinking, vital skills that promote self-confidence, enhance leadership, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of mankind."

Mr Hoffman said that Toastmasters started in the California in 1924 by Ralph C Smedley, with the aim of helping people speak more effectively in front of groups.

It has now over 800 clubs in 125 countries, with over 200 000 members world wide.

Each club has 20 to 30 members who meet regularly to improve their communication and leadership skills.

A typical meeting consists of impromptu speaking and presenting prepared speeches.

An impromptu speech is the art of speaking without any preparation.

The speaker is asked a question without notice and speaks on that topic for up to one minute.

The prepared speeches are usually five to seven minutes long and after speakers have finished they are given feedback.

Club president Ms Jan Cummings said: "Even in this age

of instant messaging and email, it is still important that we are good communicators.

"Being a good speaker will help in careers, relationships, really in all areas of one's life.

"At Ettalong, we pride ourselves on being a friendly and approachable group."

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome.

For more information, contact 4341 6842 or visit www.d70toastmasters.org

Press release, March 27
Greg Hoffman, Ettalong Beach Toastmasters

Celebrating the games

Judith Hoste and her art students celebrated recently with Marie Kearns, grandmother of swimmer Leisel Jones, following her recent Commonwealth Games success.

Marie Kearns is an art student of Judith Hoste.

"Marie has been attending oil painting classes since 1987 and is an accomplished artist," Ms Hoste said.

"Marie attended the Commonwealth Games to watch Leisel swim and returned to her art class after the games were finished."

Judith and the students surprised

Marie welcoming her back by celebrating with champagne and cake and a special medal presentation.

They also decorated the studio with green and gold streamers and balloons with "Advance Australia Fair" playing in the background.

Press release, April 1
Judith Hoste

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History & News



Wondabyne Sculpture Park on Mullet Creek, 1987

History of Wondabyne

Whenever a Sydney train goes either to or from Woy-Woy, it goes past the small station of Wondabyne.

Most people never stop there, but the station has an interesting history.

Here are some facts about this station:

The Wondabyne rail stop was named after Mt Wondabyne, located adjacent to the station across the bay, known as Mullet River or Mullet Creek.

It was originally built in 1889 for quarry use only and known as Mullet Creek Station.

It was later renamed Hawkesbury Cabin station, then finally Wondabyne.

Wondabyne shares the same postcode as Woy Woy, 2256.

The Australia Post Delivery Centre responsible for delivery to this area is Woy Woy Post Office.

You can reach this station in four ways:

By boat to the public wharf adjacent to the station

By walking along the Great North Walk and taking the turnoff to Wondabyne. The walk from the Mt White RTA Inspection Station takes two hours.

By rail, less than 15 minutes from Woy Woy

By public floating water airplane from Rose Bay.

The house next to the station was originally built for the quarry manager, but is now leased to a family.

There are also a number of "squatter" houses along a few of the creeks and can be seen from the train, which used to be fishermen's huts.

As all these leased houses are in a National Park, and under NSW law they cannot be bought or sold, but can only be occupied by other members of a family.

Wondabyne is one of the few railway stations within a National Park, Brisbane Water NP in this case.

The others include Como on the Southern Line, and Zig-Zag on the Blue Mountains Line.

Express services will not stop here, and for other services the guard must be notified to have the train stop.

The stop is less than the length of a carriage, and is one of the shortest platforms on the network.

The Wondabyne Sculpture Symposium featuring sandstone sculptures by Bruce Copping and

11 other sculptors from six different nations was undertaken along the foreshore area near the railway stop.

Due to access and liability issues, they were relocated to the then-new Mt Penang Parklands in 2004 and are still there.

You can see photos of the sculptures on the internet at http://www.pbase.com/lisalent/wondabyne_sculpture_park

The Wondabyne Quarry next to the station is owned by Gosford Quarries.

In 2000, Wondabyne stone was quarried from this site for the St Marys Cathedral spire renewal project in Sydney.

Matching yellow discoured sandstone was not available from any other site.

In 1889, there used to be a pub at Wondabyne called "The Centennial", which closed in 1891, a short time after the original Hawkesbury River Bridge opened.

There used to be a steam-boat ferry in 1889 that took people from this station to Brooklyn.

Pindar Caves are located 15 minutes walk up the hill behind the railway stop.

You can also join the Great North Walk here.

Fishing off the public floating pontoon near the station is renowned for good catches of bream and mullet.

Being a very popular bushwalking spot, a number of university walking clubs use this stop, as well as Scouts and Guides.

Alex Portnoy, April 4

Business increases

Michel's Patisserie at Peninsula Plaza has increased its business by about 30 per cent in its first year, according to proprietor Mr Lynn Tippett.

Peninsula residents Lynn and Paulette Tippett took over the business and now employ 17 other Peninsula residents.

The business trades seven days from 6.30am and the owners believe that the secret to their success is quick service and

quality product.

"People these days don't want to wait to be served and they don't want to wait too long for their order," Mr Tippett said.

The business sponsors a lawn bowls tournament held at Woy Woy Bowling Club.

It also provides cakes for local charities.

Michel's at Woy Woy is one of only 10 of the 190 Michel's franchises to have a sandwich bar.

Cec Bucello, April 4

Passover meal served

A Passover meal will be held on April 14 at the Peninsula Community Centre as part of the Good Friday celebrations on the Peninsula.

A two-course meal, similar to the Last Supper, will be served.

There will also be Israeli folk dancing.

The family event is presented as a community service to all denominations and is open to anyone interested.

It will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

The event will be held on Friday, April 14, from 1pm.

The event costs \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

For more information, contact Margo Crossing on 4343 1100 or 0438 431 100.

Press release, April 3
Margo Crossing

Council works

Gosford Council has released a list of projects which it conducted last week and this week including operations in Blackwall and on St Huberts Island.

Works conducted last week included the renewal of a sewer rising main in Gallipoli and Memorial Ave, Blackwall, and watermain renewal on the beachfront at St

Huberts Island.

The sewer rising main renewal at Gallipoli and Memorial Ave continued this week along with mains clearing by air scouring at Blackwall Rd, Blackwall, and other areas north east of Blackwall Rd.

The watermain renewal on St Huberts Island will also be continued this week.

Press release, March 28, April 4
Karen Weber, Gosford Council

Hardware renovations

Campbell's Hardware is embarking on a major shop renovation with work already commenced, according to store manager Mr Noel Annand.

"We have got the John Danks team, our buying group, to supervise and work with our staff to provide a great finished product," Mr Annand said.

"Regular shoppers will notice a lot of changes, particularly the

relocation of the paint division.

"A lot of research and planning has gone into this project with the ultimate outcome to achieve a more streamlined operation which will be of great benefit to customers and staff members alike.

"With any renovations comes disruptions so we apologise for any inconvenience this project may cause."

Newsletter, April 6
Noel Annand, Campbell's Home Hardware

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Harmony Day is celebrated

Ettalong Public School recently celebrated Harmony Day.

There was a parade of flags at the school and some students wore national costumes from different countries.

The school also held an assembly in its Cola, including special performances by the infants and senior choir, Kindergarten, Year 6, 5M and 4C.

Harmony Day is a day designated across Australia to focus on our multicultural society and specifically to provide social and cultural tolerance and understanding.

School publicity officer Ms Jenny Jackson congratulated those people who contributed to the event and those who supported it.

**Press release, March 28
Jenny Jackson, Ettalong Public School**

Students graduate at Toastmasters

Ten Brisbane Water Secondary College students have graduated from a youth leadership program presented by Ettalong Beach Toastmasters.

A graduation ceremony conducted last week followed five weeks of learning and practice of all the facets of meeting procedure including proposing a toast, chairing a meeting, moving and debating motions, and impromptu and prepared speech making.

College principal Mr Pat Lewis said: "Each two-hour session was full of laughs proving to students that fun, enjoyment and learning are a very good combination."

"Middle school students Ben Bredon, Amanda Bruce, Kirstin Rowbotham, Liam Scarratt, Amy Stables, Bethany Leggett, Brooke Egan and Simon Woods mixed

easily with senior campus students Rebecca Gaston, Jacqui Steward, Josh Knox, Regan Mitchell, and Brittany Russell to make each session a much-anticipated event.

"Throughout the course, all students made exceptional improvement in both prepared and impromptu speaking and in the confidence to speak in front of others."

"This has been a wonderful addition to the college curriculum and will be offered to students again later in the year."

"From there, it will become a regular part of the yearly college program."

The program was organised by Ettalong Beach Toastmasters members Elsie Mills, Lyn Smith and Greg Hoffman.

**Press release, April 5
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College**



Gosford Council donated native trees to Woy Woy South Public School

Council donates native trees

Gosford Council recently presented Woy Woy South Public School some native trees as part of its Water Is Life initiative.

Ms Maree Whelan from Gosford Council presented the trees on

April 3.

Maree also presented School Environmental Monitors with their badges at the presentation.

The environmental group will be planting the trees in the school surrounds and spend each

Wednesday working in their school gardens to eradicate noxious weeds and promote the growth of more native plants with water saving ideas.

**Press release, April 5
Steve Collins, Woy Woy South Public School**

Breakfast for fathers

Breakfast was served for fathers and grandfathers with their children and grand children at St John the Baptist Primary School, Woy Woy, on March 23, according to family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley.

Breakfast was served from 6.30am until 8.50am when school commenced with an assembly and a performance by the school choir.

Forty-five fathers and four grandfathers came along with 68 children to enjoy cereal, juice and bacon and egg rolls.

"This was not a fund-raising

exercise but a way of recognising the important role our dads play in our children's lives, their development and our school community," said Ms Riley.

**Press release, April 4
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist**

Flinders house wins swimming

Ettalong Public School held its annual swimming carnival on February 13,

The winning house was Flinders.

The school swimming champions for 2006 were Adrian Caesar in the senior boys, Dean Elice-Flint in the under-11 boys, Alannah Whyte in the senior girls, Tahlee Gollege in the under-11 girls and Madeline Whyte in the junior girls.

Tahlee Gollege and Madeline

Whyte also went on to become zone champions when the zone swimming carnival was held on Tuesday, March 7.

They will now represent the zone at the regional swimming carnival.

Other Ettalong students to qualify for regional competition were Kasey McNamara, Laura McGlone, Alannah Whyte and Kai Elice-Flint.

**Press release, March 22
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Public School**

Leaders at college

Six student leaders from Empire Bay Public School attended a leadership day at Brisbane Water Secondary College on Tuesday, March 28.

The students were provided with a morning tea, listened to talks by principal Mr Frank Gasper, school captains and SRC representatives.

High school students who attended the same primary school took the student leaders on a tour of the school.

**Newsletter, March 29
Empire Bay Public School**

Preparing for new rooms

Preparations are well underway to commence work on a new classroom block on the recently acquired property adjacent to Umina Public School, according to principal Mr John Blair.

"Within the next couple of weeks,

two classrooms will be moved on to the old Hobart Ave laneway so that the contractor can begin," Mr Blair said..

"Disruption will be minimal and students will have only a couple of days in alternative rooms."

**Newsletter, March 28
John Blair, Umina Public School**

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Fourth cricket premiership

The Umina under-16As have accomplished a remarkable achievement in the final year of their junior cricket careers, according to parent Ms Kerrie Friend.

"Yet another great season was capped off with a comprehensive display in both the semi and grand final matches to give this team its fourth premiership in a row," Ms Friend said.

"Such a feat is a Umina Junior Club record and equals the First Grade record set in the 90s.

"The majority of these boys have been together for six or seven years.

"Together they have moulded into a team that plays dynamic, exciting cricket and has earned them the well deserved title The Entertainers."

Ms Friend said their run home to success this year was highlighted by an emphatic semi final victory over Wyong at Adcock Park.

"The match saw Umina smack 276 runs to destroy the Wyong attack," Ms Friend said.

"Umina's response was to dismiss Wyong for 198 runs with five overs to spare.

"This performance was followed by the grand final where, on a much slower, wetter EDSACC ground, Umina set Kincumber 150 runs to win.

"Umina then destroyed the Kincumber bats having them all out for 86 runs, with nine overs remaining.

"The boys will be presented with their Premiership Baggies from the Central Coast Junior Cricket Association on May 15."

Press release, March 31 Kerrie Friend

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Sports funding workshop

A workshop will be held at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Wednesday, April 26, commencing at 7pm, to assist sporting groups in applying for funding.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews had urged local sporting groups to apply for funding to build more local sport and recreational facilities.

Ms Andrews said the funds would be made available under the NSW Government's Capital Assistance Program.

"This grants scheme is a practical solution to the obesity problem.

"It's about getting people more active, more often," Ms Andrews said.

Those eligible to apply for the grants include not-for-profit sport and recreation groups and local councils.

"This grants program provides groups with up to 50 percent of the net project cost, with the value of voluntary labour and donated materials from the community included as part of the applicant organisation's contribution," Ms Andrews said.

Ms Andrews said over the last three years, groups in the Peats area had received funding including \$8200 for synthetic cricket wickets at Rogers Park and McEvoy Oval, Umina.

Press release, April 5
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats



The Woy Woy Judo Club enjoyed success in the second round of selections for the NSW team

National success in taekwon do

Members of the Umina Dojang of Authentic Taekwon-Do had success on March 18 and 19 at the International Taekwon-Do Federation National Level tournament at Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

Black belts Penny Moore, Luke Watson and Kylie Hawkins, along with colour belts Tara Alamango and Ken Dixon, attended.

Luke won heavyweight sparring and was second in power breaking.

Kylie came second place in

women's black belt sparring, power breaking and special technique.

Tara won women's colour belt sparring and special technique.

Ken won men's colour belt patterns and colour belt sparring.

Instructor Gary King said he was extremely pleased with the results.

Both Gary and Penny graded the day before the event, with Gary achieving fourth dan black belt and Penny achieving second dan black belt.

The grading went over two full days.

Press release, April 3
Gary King, Authentic Taekwon-Do

Judo success in selection rounds

The Woy Woy Judo Club has had success in the second selection round of three for the NSW state team, according to club secretary Lindy Simmons.

"Woy Woy Judo Club attended a tournament at Sydney Olympic Park vying for a first, second or third place to make the NSW state team," Ms Simmons said.

"The first round held on February 26 saw nine of the competitors bring home four gold, five silver and two bronze in their individual age and weight categories.

"Thirteen members dominated the second round of Junior State Selections on March 13 with outstanding results.

"Brandon Stokes, aged 9, under -30kg, competed in his first under-13 tournaments, having three bouts.

"Brandon won his first two cleanly to take the silver medal.

"Keiren Handley in the boys under-13 under-35kg won all four bouts for his gold medal.

"Bradley Handley 10, showed much improvement in this his second time in the boys under-13 under-40kg giving the higher grades some stiff competition in five bouts.

"Bradley unfortunately had to pull out in the last bout due to injury.

"Jordan Smith who won the bronze medal at the 2005 Nationals entered in two divisions under-50kg and under-55kg and won gold and silver.

"The girls proved they meant

business when Shantelle Ward in the under-13s under-45kg took gold, then followed the under-16's, Courtney Wye under-48kg, gold, Kayla Wells under-57kg, silver. Rebbecca Steward, under-70kg silver then went on to get silver again in the over-70kg mixed division where she competed against Naomi Cole who won the gold.

"The girls backed up again to compete in the Junior Women with Kayla Wells in the under-57kg taking silver, Samantha Travers in the under-63kg obtained a bronze, while Jacqui Steward in the same division was unplaced.

"Naomi Cole in under-78kg won gold and then in another mixed division Naomi won silver and Rebecca a bronze.

"Jacqui Steward went on to the Women's under-63kg and won bronze.

"The boys under-16 was no problem for Jordan Smith under-50kg and Shane Ward under-60kg who both won gold.

"Shane's first bout against the

current NSW champion did not deter him, Shane proved to be too good and won by a hold down.

"Beau Murphy had four bouts but was unplaced."

Overall the medal tally was eight gold, six silver and four bronze.

This year the Australian Junior National Titles will be held in Perth on the June long weekend.

Woy Woy Judo Club is a non-profit organization that operates at the Peninsula Community Centre and has had state representation every year since 1983.

Last year in Tasmania, nine members made the NSW State Team.

Naomi Cole and Courtney Wye both won gold in the girls under-16.

Rebecca Steward won bronze in girls under-16 and Jordan Smith won bronze in the boys under-13.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the players in their quest to Perth can contact the club secretary, Lindy Simmons on 4342 4121.

Press release, March 25
Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club

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11th annual seniors concert held

The Peninsula's 11th annual Seniors Concerts were held recently at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club as part of Senior Citizens' Week.

Two concerts were held on Friday, April 7, because the number of people expected could not be accommodated in the new club's smaller auditorium.

Identical concerts were held at 10am and at 1pm.

The event featured Chris King, followed by The Gals and King Kids.

Senior Constable Corina Hassett from Brisbane Water Local Area Command

was a guest speaker at the concert.

She was followed by Chris Dillon and ventriloquist Jack Beckett.

After Mr Beckett, the Gals performed again, followed by guest speaker Wendy Barr from the Office of Fair Trading.

This was followed by the Red Hot Chili Mamas and more from The Gals.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, who organised the concerts, closed the event and drew the lucky door prizes.

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College assisted with both concerts, showing guests to their tables and serving sandwiches, cake and drinks.

The event was supported by Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Chris King and entertainers, King Kids, St John Ambulance, Brisbane Water Local Area Command, Mr John Ursino of Woy Woy McDonalds, management and staff at the Woy Woy St George Bank, Brisbane Water Secondary College Students, the Office of Fair Trading and local volunteers.

Ms Suzanne King from Ms Andrews' office said that both concerts were full.

She praised the work of Brisbane Water Secondary College students for their effort and positive attitude.

Cec Bucello, April 8

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