

Trust opposes mosquito spray trials

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has called on Gosford Council to take a "balanced scientifically-based approach" to mosquito control, rather than short-term spraying.

Trust president Mr Eric Tucker said the trust was "categorically opposed to conducting spray trials" at Cockle Bay.

Mr Tucker said that the proposal to control mosquitoes by spraying breeding areas around Cockle Bay represented a risk to the ecosystem.

"The Cockle Bay Nature Reserve was established to protect 'the most important areas of unspoilt wetland within the Brisbane Water area'," Mr Tucker said.

"It is an area of special scientific interest established to conserve native plant and animal communities, most significantly its saltmarshes.

"It is difficult enough protecting them from weeds, rubbish dumpers, off road vehicles and urban runoff without deliberately imposing an experimental spray program.

"Although the Trust is categorically opposed to conducting spray trials on this site, we do support rehabilitation."

He said the Trust fully supported the need for a balanced scientifically-based approach when dealing with all issues related to

the environment.

"It is well recognised that mosquitoes have a significant negative impact on the social and recreational lives of residents," Mr Tucker said.

"Current mosquito controls include source reduction, encouraging an increase in the number of predators, biological controls, personal preventative measures and insecticides.

"It is important to choose controls that are the correct response to the risk, remembering that consideration must always be given to any risk posed by the control itself."

Mr Tucker said that the trust recommended that all man-made breeding sites such as drainage canals, wheel ruts and rubbish be removed.

"It is also important for each and every householder to ensure that they make every endeavour to protect themselves and reduce breeding sites around their homes," Mr Tucker said.

"Individuals must take personal responsibility for their own health with commonsense precautions, such as wearing long-sleeved garments and by screening areas in and around their homes.

"Short term solutions are never the answer to a problem."

**Press release, May 2
Eric Tucker,
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**

Life experience program

The Central Coast Community College, in partnership with Peninsula Community Centre, will be running a Life Experience Counts program at Woy Woy.

The program is aimed at those who are unemployed, did not finish high school, are sole parents or are older people.

The course is all about increasing confidence and showing people that they have valuable skills.

The program is free and runs for 14 days with sessions of two and a half hours.

For more information, contact 4341 9333 or 4349 4526.

**Newsletter, May 10
Woy Woy Public School**



Deretta Brown from the Peninsula Families Action Group, (front with children) is joined by the work for the dole crew led by Brad Thornton from Choice Australia (centre), and Terry Arnold from Gosford Council

Vernon Park to get child-proof gates

The Peninsula Families Action Group has secured a commitment from Gosford Council to install child-proof gates at Vernon Park, in Ryans Rd, Umina.

Group president Ms Sarah Tolmie said that Vernon Park would be the only fully-fenced and gated park on the Peninsula.

"It will offer peace of mind for many carers including grandparents, family day carers, parents with disabilities, and breastfeeding mothers with toddlers."

The Council plans to erect the new gates in the next few weeks.

Ms Tolmie said the decision would provide a much-needed safe haven for parents and carers with young children.

Ms Tolmie said it would also assist families with children with disabilities and special needs.

"One of our very first tasks as an action group was to get a fully-fenced, secure playground for the Peninsula," said Ms Tolmie.

"This commitment from Gosford Council will provide a safe play space for parents to bring their small children, without fear of them bolting onto the road.

"It is also an important resource for special needs groups."

The park will also benefit from a facelift thanks to a Work for the Dole project organized by the action group between welfare agency Choice Australia and Gosford Council.

Choice Australia, led by projects facilitator Mr Brad Thornton, is implementing this Work for the Dole project, called Beautifying Umina Beach and Peninsula.

It is funded by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

"The work will involve cleaning and repainting the play structure, some landscaping, re-mulching the swing set and creating a new border," said Mr Thornton.

"Work on cleaning up the park has already started, with Gosford Council supplying many of the

resources and materials."

The action group is trying to secure additional improvements to the park from the council, including providing new toddler-friendly playground equipment, a disability swing and a tricycle track.

"The park is a beautiful tree-filled space and, with a bit of attention and more resources, it could be transformed into a special place for all to come and play safely," said Ms Tolmie.

"We'd still like to see the disability access improved and some more stimulating play equipment.

"We will continue to lobby and fundraise to ensure it happens."

The Peninsula Families Action Group is appealing to businesses for support by donating prizes for its fundraising raffles.

New members and volunteers are also welcome and should contact Sarah Tolmie on 0418 640 901.




**Press release, May 10
Sarah Tolmie,
Peninsula Families Action Group**

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The Peninsula's Archibald

The Peninsula's answer to the Archibald Prize is now hanging at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, according to artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan.

It is an exhibition of portraits by Christine Stead, Robin Norling and Jocelyn Maughan.

"On exhibition are works that have hung in the Archibald, Portia Geach and Moran portrait prize exhibitions," Ms Maughan said.

"Two for the price of one - Salon d'accepter as well as Salon des

refuse - come and judge for yourself.

"Nothing is for sale, but if you hang around for long enough you might find yourself drawn and hung!"

Also at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is a small exhibition mainly of drawings by Jason Gai, a young artist from China, recently migrated to Australia and now a resident on the Central Coast.

"Jason was born in Harbin and is a product of the Chinese educational philosophy that values tradition skill and technique," Ms

Maughan said.

"Since Jason's arrival in Australia, he has been very productive, and has work accepted for hanging in quite a few prestigious awards; not only in our Gosford open award, but in the Royal Easter Show and the Adelaide Perry award for draughtsmanship.

"Jason is now a HSC student at the Henry Kendall High School, and despite his minimal English upon arrival is now excelling in subjects other than art."

**Press Release, May 3
Jocelyn Maughan**

Chance to win

Peninsula News, in conjunction with the Timber and Working with Wood Show, is giving readers the chance to win one of 20 double passes.

The show in Moore Park, Sydney, features a display of woodwork, from musical instruments and inlaid boxes to turned bowls and detailed carvings.

To enter the competition, write your name, address and phone number on the back of

an envelope and send it to the Working With Wood Peninsula News Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256.

The Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show will be held from Friday, June 2, to Sunday, June 4 at the Royal Hall of Industries and Hordern Pavilion, The Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park.

For further information, phone 8420 5404 or visit the website www.workingwithwood.com

Lyle Stone, May 12

Free light bulbs

EnergyAustralia customers who live on the Peninsula will be offered a free pack of six energy-efficient light bulbs, which can save families around \$300, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms Andrews said the "massive"

giveaway was part of the State Government's plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Bulbs are available through Woy Woy and Umina Post Offices on presentation of a leaflet received with their EnergyAustralia account between now and the end of July.

"It will be easier for families to save money on their electricity bills,

up to \$300 over the life of these light bulbs," Ms Andrews said.

"These bulbs shine just as bright as standard bulbs, they last up to eight times longer and use up to 80 per cent less energy.

"Saving money is as simple as changing a light bulb.

"This is good news for our environment.

"If every EnergyAustralia customer accepted the offer, greenhouse gases could be cut by almost four million tonnes over the life of the globes.

"This is the same as taking more than one million cars off NSW roads for a year."

Under the light bulb giveaway each EnergyAustralia residential customer in NSW and the ACT will be offered a free pack of six energy efficient long-life compact fluorescent light globes.

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From May 1 through to the end of July, customers will be sent a leaflet in their electricity bills containing an offer for the free globes which customers need to sign and take it to either Woy Woy or Umina Post Offices

The light globes available from post offices have standard bayonet fittings.

Screw-in globes are also available and these can be collected from selected EnergyAustralia depots and offices.

**Press release, May 2
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

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Winners chosen

The winners have been drawn for the Peninsula News Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen competition and the Circus Monoxide competition.

The winners of the Michelangelo competition were A Bubici of Umina and R Mettal of Woy Woy.

The winners each received a double pass to their concert at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, June 23.

The winners of the Circus Monoxide competition were Richie Hayne and Jennifer Barrett of Woy Woy, Cindy Dobbin of Killcare, David McDonald of Pt Clare and Christy Borg of Tascott.

The winners each received a

double pass to see Circus Monoxide when it appears at Gosford.

Lyle Stone, May 12

Correction

In the article "Music Scholarships at Pearl Beach" published in edition 140 of Peninsula News, it was incorrectly stated that the concert would be on Saturday, May 7.

The concert was actually held on Sunday, May 7.

The piano scholarships is currently in its second year.

Lyle Stone, May 12

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More money for bike path

A \$175,000 grant for a 1.1km extension of the Woy Woy pedestrian and bike path has been announced by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

The grant comes under the NSW Government's Coastline Cycleway Program, which is extending and improving cycling routes outside of metropolitan Sydney.

The grant will help Gosford Council to extend the path along the foreshore, from the Peninsula Leisure Centre to Blackwall Point.

"This is the second time the NSW Government has invested in this path under the Coastline Cycleway Program," Ms Andrews said.

"It is part of our commitment to invest in rural and regional infrastructure, including sustainable transport options which will help to reduce reliance on motor vehicles.

"The Woy Woy path is part of a longer planned cycle path, linking

Gosford and Ettalong."

Council will match the State Government funding dollar-for-dollar.

This year, the State Government has committed \$1.4 million in funding to regional councils for 10.9 kilometres of coastline cycleways.

Local councils, the Roads and Traffic Authority, private developers and community groups are also working to extend bike paths along the coast.

"This latest NSW Government funding means that around 300km of coastline is covered by new or planned bike paths, around one fifth of the entire NSW coast," Ms Andrews said.

Ms Andrews said the project was widely supported by the 23 NSW regional councils and by organisations such as BicycleNSW and local Bicycle User Groups.

**Press release, May 9
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**



Reverend Father Max Sainsbury, NSW Police Chaplain, blesses the War Memorial Wall during its official opening at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on May 5

Memorial wall unveiled

A commemorative War Memorial Wall at the Peninsula Leisure Centre was officially unveiled on May 5 by Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher and Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Designed to combine both modern and traditional themes, the wall features corrugated and curved stainless steel fronted by flowing water, glass, plants and rocks.

The water concept was chosen to represent the eternal memory of Australia's men and women who

served their country in times of war and conflict.

The words "Lest we Forget" are laser cut through the brushed stainless steel backing of the wall.

The wall features three plaques, including the original granite plaque featured at the Woy Woy Memorial Olympic Pool that stood on the site from 1968 to 2004.

The lyrics of Eric Bogle's song, The Band Played Waltzing Matilda, are also included on the wall.

During the official opening local town crier Mr Stephen Clarke read the lyrics to the 80 guests, many of them local ex-servicemen

and women, who attended the ceremony.

The wall was blessed by Reverend Father Max Sainsbury, NSW Police Chaplain.

Creative iD was commissioned in September last year to draft a concept for a permanent War Memorial at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The company plans to enter the design in the Australian Graphic Design Association's Awards later this year.

**Press release, May 9
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

Deadline nears for Fast Ships

Gosford Council will consider other options to provide a commuter ferry service between Ettalong and Sydney, if Fast Ships does not sign a deed of agreement by June 30.

Council, at its meeting of May 2, resolved to organise a report with options, including "proceeding to an open expression of interest" should the deed not be signed in time.

Cr Craig Doyle said the point of the deadline was to make it very clear that the "end of the line" would be June 30.

"The whole purpose of this is to make it quite clear to Fast Ships how long this piece of string is," Cr Doyle said.

"This council has been very supportive of this project.

"There is nothing fast about this particularly project. It's well overdue."

"We want to make it very clear, from a community perspective,

that D-day, the end of the line, is June 2006."

Council also resolved that Fast Ships Ltd pay an amount sufficient to cover "all of council's legal and administrative costs, estimated to be about \$32,000", prior to access to the site.

Access to the site would be allowed for preliminary investigation works.

"Bottom line is that I am recommending an amount sufficient to cover all of our legal costs," Cr Doyle said.

"These delays are not our fault and I don't think they should be borne by the community."

Cr Doyle said he was "sick to death" of having to field questions as to why council had not "got this going".

"It's got nothing to do with council. We've been very supportive," Cr Doyle said.

"The line in the sand is now drawn."

**Lyle Stone, May 2
Council agenda COR.42, May 2**

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Defamation spending was improper

Gosford Council has released records for 2003 which allow any reader to accept that well over \$10,000 was paid as a direct result of councillors resolving to ask the general manager "to pursue all issues of defamation" late in 2002.

A policy 00/22 pursuant to the Local Government Act signed by the Director General of the Department of Local Government

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Gary Payne seems clear when it reads in part 5: "A council may not meet the cost of an action in defamation taken by a councillor or council employee as plaintiff in any circumstances."

Councillors resolved to use council resources improperly in the pursuit of all issues of defamation.

This ignores the Ballina Shire Council v Ringland 1994 Supreme

Court of Appeal ruling which found in favour of William Ringland that an elected corporate entity has no entitlement to pursue defamation action.

This finding has been no secret, and has been referred to many times since 1994.

Using its ratepayers resources to interfere with the people's democratic rights is probably unconstitutional.

Edward James Umina

Will Holstein stand aside?

Forum

The pre-selection of Cr Chris Holstein as the Liberal Candidate for Gosford over long-time favourite Debra Wales was certainly a shock to many of us who have followed her good work.

But it brings to mind that when Debra Wales was a candidate at the last State Election and a councillor, she stood aside from her councillor duties, unpaid, so as not to be a burden on the ratepayer while she ran a campaign.

I also recall that Cr Holstein was one of those who loudly insisted on this.

Therefore, I can only imagine that Cr Holstein will do the same now that he is running for State Parliament.

I would also imagine that he will stand aside from his paid Community Chest position to which many of us contribute financially.

I would hate to think that our hard earned rates and charitable dollar would be shoring up Mr Holstein's Liberal campaign through the payment of his councillor allowance and community chest salary.

Jack Galway Woy Woy

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Stable ecology is required

Among our best friends in the West were two landscape architects Rae and John Oldham, also great conservationists.

They had written a book which dealt with gardens from our Aborigines whose landscape was nature, on to Chinese Islamic finally to the cream the English garden.

The book was published in 1980 and is now a classic.

On the last page, they envisaged the future which our Australian Wildlife Society today is trying to save.

The Oldhams and Australian Nobel prize winner Sir McFarlane Burnett both spoke of this.

Sir Macfarlane speaking at conference of 1500 world leaders of science industry and agriculture in Sydney said: "Population increase, the evolution of weapons to the hydrogen bomb and beyond, the irresistible momentum of

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industrial technology, the plunder and pollution of our planet, are all becoming intolerable.

"I believe the concept of a stable global ecological system is the most important objective of our age."

The Oldhams wrote: "The city, the high point of Western civilisation, has become unfit for human habitation."

"The whole balance of nature is fast becoming destroyed."

The possible breakdown of our civilisation is no longer the gloomy prophecy of cranks, but the reasoned warnings of today's most eminent scientists.

Our Society is on the right track with our dream of a United Nations Bill of Environmental Rights.

Dr Vincent Serventy Pearl Beach

Simply Walk away

Forum

In May 2005, Fast Ships Chairman, Mr Alf Salter found delays in signing the lease agreement for the proposed fast ferry at Ettalong, "incredibly frustrating," because "the company has been in a position to sign the document for the last six months".

Now, just a year later, we learn that Mr Salter has asked council

to delay the signing of the deed of agreement and sub-lease for the proposed fast ferry at Ettalong.

I recall one councillor stating at that time that the fast ferry company should "put up or shut up".

I presume therefore that Council will simply walk away from this whole fiasco.

Margaret Lund Woy Woy Bay

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

A lick and a promise

Forum

The politicians, local, state and federal are intent on fostering ugly high-rise and massive population on the Central Coast.

One wonders if the drought continues for another five years, which is not unlikely, what does one do for water?

Perhaps a mixture of salt and sewerage water will suffice to keep us clean and alive.

Or possibly we could do as cats and politicians do, live on a lick and a promise.

Keith Whitfield Woy Woy



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Biggest morning tea planned

A local service club, a church and several local businesses are among those planning to take part in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council this year.

The Lioness Club will hold its morning tea on Friday, May 19, from 10am.

"You and your friends are welcome to join us for this event," said Lioness representative Ms Joanne McGill.

"We have great food, great fun and it's a great opportunity to raise money for the Cancer Council.

"We have several activities planned for the day, including a linen party, presented by Melissa Walsh.

"If you are interested in joining an intimate shopping experience while also raising money for charity, please contact our club."

The club can be contacted on 4342 4393.

The Good News Church will be holding its event on Tuesday, May 23, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

It will be held at the church on the corner of Norman and West St, Umina.

Umina ChemWorld will hold its event on Thursday, May 11.

"They will be holding morning

tea for their customers and the public from 9.30am to 12pm," said Cancer Council community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart.

"Other morning teas will be held in the Peninsula area in the coming weeks and on the official day of Thursday, May 25."

Peninsula groups holding events include the Westpac bank at Umina, Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy, and the Ocean Beach Holiday Park.

The Peninsula Community Centre will be holding its event on Thursday, May 25, from 9.30am to 11am, at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

"Help defeat cancer by stopping and having a cuppa for cancer on Thursday, May 25," Ms Chart said.

"The Central Coast Office of The Cancer Council NSW is looking for people who believe cancer can be beaten, to host an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on May, 25."

For more information contact 4325 5444 or visit the website www.biggestmorningtea.com.au.

Lyle Stone, May 10
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Joanne McGill, Lioness Club
Lesley Chart, The Cancer Council, Central Coast Region

Review strategy, says Brooks

The Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy would have to be reviewed upon release of the state government strategy for the Central Coast within the next three months, according to Cr Malcolm Brooks.

"The RTA and State Government have continually failed to provide a long-term transportation strategy for the Central Coast," Cr Brooks said.

"For years, the council has provided studies and input to the RTA but to no avail.

"In light of only ad hoc Band Aid proposals from the State Government, the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy will have to be reviewed upon release of the State Government strategy for the Central Coast within the next three months."

Cr Brooks said Sydney was "choking itself to death with ineffective transport planning and traffic congestion".

"We can't let Sydney's mistake be repeated on the Central Coast," Cr Brooks said.

"Any strategy by the State Government without a full blown transportation strategy is frankly not worth two bob."

Press release, May 2
Cr Malcolm Brooks,
Gosford Council

Pump for gardens

Gosford Council will investigate the installation of a spear pump in the Woy Woy Memorial Gardens, according to a recent council report.

Cr Jim Macfadyen asked Director

of Water and Sewerage Mr Rod Williams at council's meeting of May 2 about progress made to install the pump at the gardens.

Mr Williams said he would investigate and advise the councillor.

Council agenda Q.30, May 2

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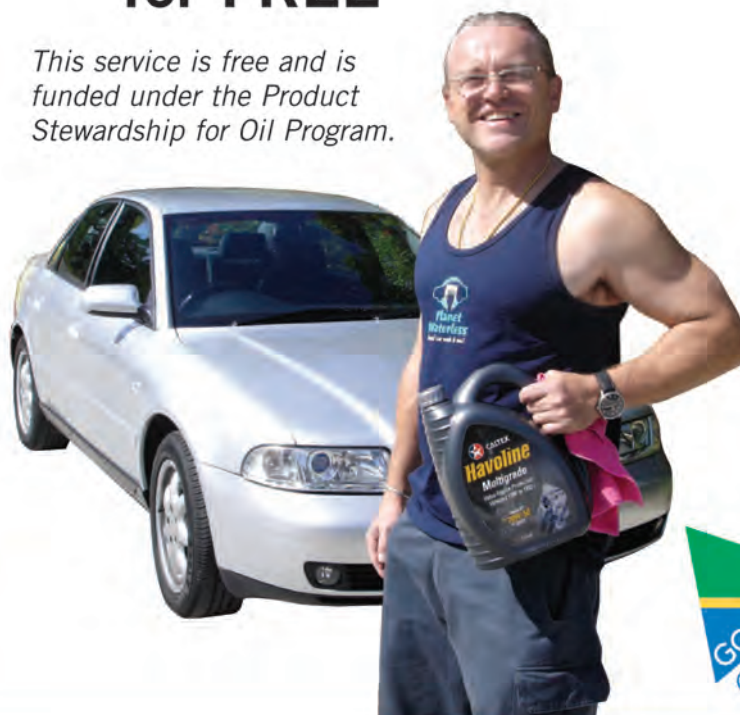
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The program is funded under the Product Stewardship for Oil program.

Woy Woy tip is open 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

It is located at the end of Nagari Rd, Woy Woy.

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Lyle Stone, May 11

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Mary Mac's holds lunch for volunteer workers

Mary Mac's Place held a luncheon at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy on Friday, May 12, to celebrate the achievements of its 50 volunteers in the lead-up to Volunteer Week.

Volunteer week starts today, Monday, May 15.

Officiating at the event was Fr Geoff Bugdon from St John the Baptist Parish, and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, who awarded Certificates of Appreciation.

Cr Chris Holstein was on hand to report on the activities of Central

Coast Community Chest, which, through its payroll deduction scheme, has made donations to the running costs of Mary Mac's.

"Also contributing to our service are many local businesses including weekly donations of food from Brumby's Bakeries, South St. Fruit Market and B & M Butchers at Umina.

Mary Mac's Place is a project of St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Woy Woy with the support of Centacare Broken Bay and St Vincent de Paul Society," said project officer Ms Robyn Schacht.

"Last year, the volunteers

prepared and served over 7000 hot nutritious lunches to families and individuals in need.

"Working in daily teams of six, the volunteers, from all walks of life, have fun, make friends, and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing they are putting something back into the community.

"However, the volunteers, who are predominantly older and retired, women and men from the community, say they get more out of their time at Mary Mac's than they put in."

Press release, May 2
Robyn Schacht, Mary Macs

Podiatry practice expands

Umina Podiatry recently expanded its practice, and now has five podiatrists, said podiatry owner Ms Stephanie Vidler.

"All our podiatrists are committed to furthering their knowledge and expertise, in order to provide up-to-date treatment options for their patients," Ms Vidler said.

"Three have recently received accreditation for continuous professional development from the Australian Podiatry Council, and the other two podiatrists are undertaking post graduate studies in podiatry and/or occupational health and safety."

The podiatrists are Stephanie Vidler, Damian Gough, Cath Nankervis, Liz Madden and Clare

Linton.

Umina Podiatry is located at 276 Trafalgar Ave, Umina Beach.

Podiatrists are university-educated health professionals who deal with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of medical and surgical conditions of the feet and lower limbs.

Press release, May 2
Stephanie Vidler, Umina Podiatry

Divorce recovery workshop

A workshop on divorce, separation and bereavement recovery will be held at the Umina Uniting Church.

The workshop is a non-religious self-help workshop for the "healing of wounds and recovery of self

confidence and hope".

The course runs for seven weeks, commencing Tuesday, May 16, running from 7.30pm to 9.45pm.

Cost of the workshop is \$40 and supper is provided.

The workshop will be held at the Umina Uniting Church on the

corner of Neptune St and Ocean Beach Rd.

For further information, contact Pam or Margaret for details on 4360 1890.

Press release, May 10
Bruce and Helen Edgell,
Umina Uniting Church

Aromatherapist opens centre

Niomi Moore of Koolewong realised her dream in April when she opened her new business, the Fragrant Philosophy, in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Ms Moore has a diploma in aromatherapy and is a remedial massage therapist and hot rock

message therapist.

A Koolewong resident for three years, Ms Moore's love of the area led her to select the present site for the business.

"I left the corporate world five years ago and have never looked back," Ms Moore said.

"I wanted to create a sanctuary

and to have my own wellbeing centre."

When treating people, Ms Moore uses a blend of essential oils specific to each person's emotional and physical needs.

Ms Moore also makes her own skin care products.

Cec Bucello, May 12

Jobs wanted for job week

Scouts from the Blackwall and Umina Scout groups are looking for small jobs to do as part of Scout Jobweek.

"May is the month of Scout Jobweek," said Scout Jobweek coordinator Rob Pilon.

"It is the time when Scouts and Cubs help people complete those tasks that have been put off since last year or last month.

"Whether it's a small gardening job, clearing some rubbish or a cleaning job around the house,

Cubs and Scouts will help you out."

Scout Jobweek is used as a fundraiser to help people in the community and goes towards Scouts' badgework as well as raising money to pay for Scouting activities.

This year a contingent of 11 scouts from Blackwall and Umina Scout Troops are heading to Victoria in January for the International Jamboree.

Anyone with suitable jobs should contact Rob Pilon on 4342 2992 or on 040 297 9031.

Press release, May 10
Rob Pilon,
Blackwall and Umina Scouts

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New proposals for Veron Rd land

Providence Projects has submitted two new separate proposals to Gosford Council for the land owned by the Catholic Church on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The Land and Environment Court recently knocked back two previous development proposals by Providence Projects for the site on the grounds that the site contained Endangered Ecological

Community protected under the Threatened Species Conservation Act.

Council officer Mr Jim Davies said two submissions had been received, one for a subdivision, and another for a development with a reduced number of units.

Providence Projects managing director Mr John Zavolokin said he would discuss the proposals once they had been advertised as part of the planning process.

Lyle Stone, May 12



Looking towards Mt Ettalong on Mt Ettalong Rd

Tea follows fete success

The Patonga Beach Progress Association has held a successful Easter fete and is now planning a "Biggest Morning Tea" event to support the Cancer Council.

The association will be holding the event on Wednesday, May 24, from 10am, in the progress hall at Patonga.

"The community would make visitors most welcome," association secretary Ms Joyce Chambers

said.

"This is the fourth year the Patonga community has held this event and an enjoyable morning is had by all."

A gold coin donation is required. Another recent fundraising initiative by the progress association, an Easter Fete, saw a donation of \$1485 made to the Patonga bushfire brigade.

The donation was presented to the brigade on Saturday, May 6.

Lyle Stone, May 11

Mt Ettalong Rd works budgeted

Roadworks will take place on Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, following an allocation to Gosford Council from the federal budget.

Gosford Council's project development coordinator Mr Peter Dunn said council was most appreciative of the additional "Roads to Recovery" funds allocated in the budget.

"This funding will allow council to bring forward urgent works on Mt Ettalong Rd into the 2006/2007 budget year," Mr Dunn said.

Mr Dunn said works on Mt Ettalong Rd would include kerb and guttering the length of the road, a cycleway-footway, pavement works and a new pedestrian bridge on the downstream side of the existing bridge.

"It's great to be able to pull those projects forward," Mr Dunn said.

Member for Robertson and Territories and Roads Mr Jim Lloyd recently announced that as part of the Federal Budget, Gosford Council would receive an additional \$968,000.

Mr Lloyd said the new funding will be paid in advance, which meant work could start immediately.

"The Roads to Recovery program has been enormously successful on the Central Coast, and this timely boost in funding will help both Gosford and Wyong councils upgrade roads infrastructure earlier to meet the demands of a growing population," Mr Lloyd said.

Lyle Stone, May 11

Press release, May 11

Peter Dunn, Gosford Council

Press release, May 9

Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

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Lay-bys welcome



Senior constable Jo Plummer speaking to the Hardy's Bay Residents Group

Residents urged to phone police

"Pick up the phone and report it immediately" was the message of Senior Constable Jo Plummer from Gosford's Crime Prevention Unit at the recent monthly meeting of the Hardy's Bay Residents Group.

"She strongly urged people to pick up a phone whenever they have any concerns or suspicions," said the group's publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

Mr Wilson said she told the meeting: "It may not seem much at the time but, from our experience, these situations which might at first appear to be of minor importance, frequently develop into something

serious.

"Even if there is merely the vaguest suspicion of something that's not right, it is possible that, by contacting us, you could be preventing a serious felony."

Sen Const Plummer told the meeting the region was the highest in the State for reported incidents of malicious damage, according to Mr Wilson.

Even so, she believed many incidents were not reported, he said.

For instance, although there were only five reported incidents in the Hardy's Bay-Killcare neighbourhoods throughout the month of March, those modest figures were viewed as a

misrepresentation of the true state of affairs because many people were uncomfortable in contacting the police.

Mr Wilson said the calls were regarded as vital in assisting to stamp out crime and residents shouldn't be afraid to phone in.

The police wanted the public to pick up the phone and report all incidents, as they relied on them for information.

Weekly reports were closely studied and police allocated 'tasking' personnel to certain areas as a result of the reports

The Police Assistance Line operates 24 hours a day.

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

Fire fighters recognised

Volunteer fire fighters from Gosford District have been recognised for their efforts during the Peninsula New Year's Day bush fire emergency, presented with unit citations at the Commissioner's Award Ceremony held on Thursday, May 4.

Each brigade from Gosford District sent representatives to the Rural Fire Service Headquarters at Homebush to receive the Commissioner's Unit Citation for Service.

The citation is awarded to crews, brigades or groups to recognise

outstanding service of meritorious nature relating to fire service or group performance.

Representatives from 23 Rural Fire Brigades, communications, catering unit, group officers and district staff will be receiving awards at the ceremony.

District manager for Gosford district, superintendent Mr Steve Marsh said: "It is important to remember and recognise the incredible efforts in suppressing

the bush fire that affected so many people on the Central Coast."

"On New Year's Day, four fires burnt out of control across thousands of hectares and directly threatened over 600 homes.

"The local community should be very proud of the service that these dedicated people have made to their community."

Press release, May 3
Rolf Poole,
NSW Rural Fire Service

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Acoustic afternoons at bowling club

The Troubadour Central Coast folk club has begun operating "Open Acoustic Mic" afternoons at the Woy Woy Bowling Club on the last Sunday of each month, from 1pm to 5pm.

Performances can include acoustic, blues, roots, world, folk, alternative, singer-songwriter, spoken word and comedy, with other suggestions considered.

"The Troubadour Central Coast wants to provide performing artists with an opportunity to perform in front of live audiences and to provide the audience with a taste of things they might not be used to enjoying," Troubadour publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"We feel it is important to provide a local venue for all types of performing artists to grow so music can be accessed by everyone."

The afternoons will provide new and experienced artists including

musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. Performers will have up to 15 minutes each.

"It may be your first time in front of an audience, or maybe you're a seasoned veteran trying out some new material," Ms Desborough said.

"This is a great chance to get experience with your performance as well as a way to share your talents.

"We want to have a friendly nurturing environment to encourage everyone and positive feedback will be welcomed.

"If you just want to watch, you are more than welcome."

Entry to the event is free.

For more information, contact 4344 1810 or mail.web@troubadour.org.au.

Press release, May 8
Leila Desborough, Troubadour Acoustic Music Club



Members of the Cultural Laboratory Team.

Cultural Laboratory is recognised

The Cultural Laboratory arts event held throughout the year at the Peninsula Theatre has been recognised in the local government cultural awards.

The awards were organised by the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shire Association of NSW.

The awards were announced at a dinner in State Parliament House, where 40 entries from 34 metropolitan and regional councils were showcased.

While not receiving an award, a media release on the nominees

stated that the Cultural Laboratory provided a catalytic, spontaneous and innovative environment for cultural expression and exchange on the Central Coast.

"At its very heart, it is a special day where the doors of the Peninsula Theatre are thrown open to welcome all cultural practitioners across all art genres," the report stated.

"During the day, selected presenters are invited to meet and stage their ideas, knowing that each presentation must not exceed its 10-minute time slot.

"Production and recording protocols and processes are

established.

"In the evening the general community is invited to attend the presentations and participate in a forum with the practitioners.

"The mood is relaxed, exciting and edgy.

"The interplay of ideas and transfer of knowledge extends beyond the evening to radio and written reviews by professionals and students alike and performers receive a DVD of their presentation."

Press release, May 4, 5
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre
Michael Ross, LGSA NSW

Classical pianist heads festival line-up

One of Australia's most brilliant and versatile young classical pianists, Simon Tedeschi, will highlight the line-up of this year's Pearl Beach Music Festival, according to publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

The festival, now in its 13th year, will again be held on the June Queen's Birthday long weekend in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Simon Tedeschi will present the Sunday evening's concert on June 11 at 7.30 pm.

"A youth virtuoso, Mr Tedeschi first performed a Mozart Piano Concerto at age nine in the Sydney Opera House.

"Since then he has played as soloist with the Queensland, Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide Symphony Orchestras, as well as the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra, Texas," Ms Lillico said.

"He has toured Taiwan, New Caledonia, Italy and Malta as soloist with the SBS Radio and Television Youth Orchestra."

"Simon has recently recorded Tchaikovsky's 1st Piano Concerto and Grieg's Piano Concerto with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Richard Bonyng, which was released in September 2005.

"Richard Bonyng himself commented 'an extraordinary young pianist... I felt a true musical togetherness with Simon ... his sensitivity, his passion and his superb technique'."

Ms Lillico said this year sees Simon performing in New York, North Carolina, in San Francisco with Roger Woodward, in Philadelphia and New Mexico.

Tickets are \$30 with proceeds going to local projects.

On Saturday, June 10, Romanza will perform a program by Harpsicord and cello of baroque music at 3pm.

Flautist Ms Jane Rutter will present an evening of music from 7.30pm.

On Sunday, June 11, the Gagliano Quartet, a string quartet, will perform an all Mozart program to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his birth.

Press release, May 8
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Music Festival

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Two Peninsula artists, David Meehan and Meredith Gilmore of Umina, will be among several artists displaying their work as part of an exhibition at the Gosford Arts Centre Regional Gallery.

The exhibition "Friday on my mind" will take place from May 19 to 26.

"Friday is the day this group of people looks forward to all week, for the art lesson and the support and socialising that go with it," said artist Ms Meredith Gilmore.

"Artist Kerry Elias Moore has been running weekly art classes at Gosford Arts Centre since 1998.

"Around 20 people who have

studied with Kerry during the past eight years have combined under Kerry's leadership to put on an exhibition of their best works from recent years.

"The result is a vibrant exhibition of over 100 works, including pastels, oils, acrylics and prints.

"Several artists represented have had solo exhibitions, do work on commission, or have exhibited overseas."

The exhibition will be held in Studio One at the Gosford Arts Centre Regional Gallery, with opening night on Friday, May 19, at 6.30pm.

The exhibition will be open daily

from Friday, May 19, to Friday, May 26, 10am to 4pm.

The exhibition will also feature artists at work most days, Ms Gilmore said.

Artist David Meehan paints pastels and acrylics while Meredith Gilmore paints pastels, especially dog portraits.

Press release, May 9
Meredith Gilmore


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Sport



(Left to right) Phillip Page of Umina, Terry Lester of Tascott, Frank Russell of Umina and Race Officer Mr Allan Bicknell at Terrigal

Wins with radio yachts

Umina resident Frank Russell has won the NSW state title with his radio-controlled One Metre Soling yacht in races during May at Terrigal.

Umina resident Phil Page came in third.

The win was Mr Russell's first championship win since making a comeback after 10 years away from the sport.

The Soling One Metre is a recognised design class based on the inexpensive Soling plastic kit.

The class has been adopted by the Central Coast Radio Yacht

Club as an introductory class for its bigger Ten Rater Class yachts.

"The class is proving itself popular with many new boats being built locally and interstate," Mr Russell said.

"It is proving itself to be an excellent sailing yacht giving close, exciting racing."

The event was hosted by the Central Coast Radio Yacht Club and was sailed at their Terrigal venue in near perfect conditions over two days.

Skippers competed from throughout the state and the

competition was close throughout the series.

At the end of day one with 15 heats sailed, Phillip Page led the event from defending champion Robert Hales with Frank Russell third.

The second day, having lighter conditions, suited Robert Hales and Frank Russell better, but did not suit Phillip Page and he slipped to third overall.

Frank Russell won seven out of the 10 heats sailed on the second day to clinch the title.

**Press release, May 11
Frank Russell**

First home game in four years

The Umina Bunnies hosted their first night rugby league game in four years against Wyong Kangaroos at Umina oval recently.

Club official Mr Ian Sonter said that club sponsor, Active Hire Group, lit the oval with seven banks of lights in addition to the council lights.

"There was plenty of light to shine," he said.

"The football played throughout the games was outstanding with plenty of points scored throughout the night.

"Those in attendance saw a great first half of footy by the Bensville First grade team and having a comfortable lead at the break.

"Spectators were also treated to some half time entertainment by the way of a streaker who braved the elements of a cold night."

Mr Sonter said the Bunnies showed their true colours in the second half with a superb display

of attacking football to run out convincing winners over the Wyong Kangaroos to the tune of 54 to 16.

In earlier games, the Umina second grade side maintained its momentum with a 26-12 win over Budgewoi-Buff Point, Mr Sonter said.

"The under-19s once again fell agonizingly two points short in going down 16 to 14 to the so-far-undefeated Wyong team."

In the under-17s, the Umina team scored a dramatic 22 to 20 win to maintain their unbeaten run in 2006."

Todd Maloney has been selected in the Central Coast Division Representative First Grade Team, while three of the club's under-17s in Michael Paterson, Jeremy William and Brett Sonter have also been selected in the under-18s Central Coast Representative team.

**Press release, May 9
Ian Sonter, Umina Bunnies**

Development day for Woy Woy juniors

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club held a development day program, joined by the West Tigers first division, premier league and SG ball teams recently.

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League

Club reporter Ms Wendy Smith said: "The juniors were put through there paces by the experienced Tigers outfit, concentrating on skill based activities, goal kicking, tackling, footwork and passing drills which were all covered in a 20-minute sessions.

"Injured Tigers first division fullback, Lee Bennett impressed upon his attentive audience the importance of having fun and maintaining fitness while playing rugby league.

Coaching development office Mr David Kelly said: "This is an important part of our roster - getting together with the kids and going through some of our own training techniques.

"If there is an opportunity to develop more Benji Marshalls or even some Chris Heighingtons, then all the better.

"This is our second successful year and we hope to continue the relationship."

Development coordinator Mr John Jewiss said: "The 200 participants were run in two sessions for the mini and mod league age groups.

"The program came about from my association with Balmain Tigers and will be held annually.

"The reason behind the development day is to prepare the kids for a future in rugby league and give them the opportunity to rub shoulders with their heroes."

The West Tigers brought their 2005 Premiership Trophy with them and Woy Woy club members took the opportunity to have photographs taken with it.

**Press release, May 9
Anita Uptin, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club**



Local cycling pro Mr Phil Thuaux

Heart week cycling event

A Gosford to Woy Woy Cycle for Life event was held on May 5 as part of Heart Week.


The ride included pit stops on the Gosford-Woy Woy shared user path where Gosford police, the Central Coast Cycling Club and Council's cycleways officer provided tips on bicycle safety and repair, road safety and track cycling.

The participants also visited local pro cyclist, Phil Thuaux, and Australian Olympic Soccer team goalkeeper and local cycling talent, Cass Kell.

With the theme Healthy Weight, Healthy Life, this year's Heart

Week, April 30 to May 6, focused on raising awareness of the link between cardiovascular disease and excess weight.

**Press release, May 1
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**



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School seeks demountable

Empire Bay Public School has made a submission for a multipurpose demountable building, according to school principal Ms Sharon McEvoy.

A team of parents and teachers worked to prepare the application for the "investing in schools" Federal funding, Ms McEvoy said. "Details of the application for a

multipurpose demountable building was shared and discussed at the P&C meeting.

"The application has now been submitted and we look forward to a positive outcome."

**Newsletter, May 10
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**



Member for Peats Marie Andrews and newly appointed Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley

Umina principal thanks students

Umina Public School principal Mr John Blair has thanked students who represented the school on Anzac Day.

The school was represented by 34 students, led by school captains Madeleine Carr and Luke Hickey, Mr Blair said.

"Ms Lauren Ford organised the students to join the Woy Woy Anzac Day March and to lay a wreath at the Woy Woy War Memorial.

"The students were certainly a credit to their school and their families.

The students gave up a morning during the holidays to represent Umina Public School during the Anzac Day March and service in Woy Woy, Ms Ford said.

The students included Isabelle Pearson, Kiarna Nikora, Melissa

Dowd, Annie Sultana, Kiera North, Erin Pearson, Alysha Grundy, Daniel Edwards, Zane Petrinovic, Madeleine Carr, Luke Hickey, Jake Lent, Ryan Dierikx, Elly Fisher, Whitney Baharoglu, Belinda Ramsay, Kate Toner, Brittany Sneddon, Tegan Parsons, Matthew Wilson, Tenisha Newham, Sarah Nicholls, Megan Cox, Amy Williams, Candace Williams, Mia Stephenson, Tahlia Howe, Amanda Gaston, Ben Nicholls, Emily Baker and Ben Adams.

Ms Ford said the students "many of whom proudly wore their relative's war medals" were to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and participation.

**Newsletter, May 2
Lauren Ford,
Umina Public School**

Funds for cola

Woy Woy Public School will receive \$14,245 in Government funds for a covered outdoor learning area.

The money has been allocated for the facility as a minor capital works project in partnership with

the local community.

The funding is being provided under the Education Department's Joint Funding Program, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

"Under this program the school community chooses its own project

and the P&C raises part of the funds, through fetes, raffles and other fundraising activities, for the building work," Ms Andrews said.

"The Government then tops up their fundraising efforts."

**Press release, May 12
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

Building starts

Construction of the new school building at the Umina Public School has begun.

"The new school building has commenced with work being done on the foundations over the holiday period," according to school principal Mr John Blair.

"The construction site has now been defined and some additional playground space has been gained and is ready for student use."

**Newsletter, May 2
John Blair, Umina Public School**

Catholic education was celebrated

St John the Baptist Primary School recently celebrated Catholic Education along with other Catholic schools in the Broken Bay Diocese.

The school held an enrolment information evening at the school on May 8 for families interested in sending their children to the school.

Many members of staff gave parents an overview of the ethos, expectations and policies of the school.

The Central Coast cluster cross-country event was held on Wednesday, May 10, at Allan Davidson Oval, Wyoming, with about 60 children from St Johns taking part.

Former student Rebecca Lockwood also visited the school to speak to the children about sportsmanship.

Rebecca holds state, national and world titles in Surf Life Saving.

The St John's Cookbook was also launched last week as a major fundraiser for the schools Parents and Friends Association.

Families, friends along with local and national celebrities contributed many recipes to the edition.

"The Fund Raising Team of St John's P&F has produced a recipe book as part of this year's fund raising effort," school family liaison

officer Ms Beth Riley said.

"Professionally printed and bound, it contains over 300 recipes.

"Over 20 celebrities have contributed their favourite recipes including The Wiggles, Rove McManus, Belinda Emmett (an ex-student), the Mariners, and the Prime Minister.

"Our students participated in an art competition to design the

cover and illustrations for the cook book."

A kindergarten to Year 6 school assembly and a liturgy also acknowledged the mothers and grandmothers in the school community in recognition of Mothers Day.

**Press release, May 7
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist Primary School**

Contributions used for whiteboard

School contributions from parents have allowed Empire Bay Public School to purchase an interactive whiteboard.

School principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said: "The \$6000 already received has been allocated to purchase the interactive whiteboard for the library for use by students.

"If all parents who have haven't sent in their contributions pay the remaining \$5000 that is still outstanding, then this amount can be used for a fence."

**Newsletter, May 10
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**

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Beach wheelchairs for surf clubs

Minister for Disability Services Mr John Della Bosca recently introduced six beach wheelchairs for the Central Coast at the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club at Umina Beach.

"The additional beach accessible wheelchairs will improve the quality of life for many people with disabilities by providing access to the region's beautiful beaches," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The new chairs have been designed with large rubber wheels that make it easy to push them through the sand.

"This initiative will improve the quality of life for people with a disability by giving them access to beach activities with their family and friends that they previously weren't able to enjoy."

The surf lifesaving clubs receiving the new

chairs are Ocean Beach, Killcare, Wamberal, North Avoca, MacMasters and Copacabana.

The wheelchairs are jointly funded by Life Without Barriers, Gosford Council and the NSW Government at a cost of \$20,700.

Mr Della Bosca also presented a certificate to local 13-year-old surf lifesaver Kayla Hannell who lobbied to have the new wheelchairs made available.

"I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Life Without Barriers and the Gosford City Council for helping deliver this project to the local community," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The lemma Government funds Life Without Barriers to provide various services for people with a disability on the Central Coast.

"In 2004, the organisation first introduced beach accessible wheelchairs to Toowoomb Bay, Umina Beach

and Terrigal.

"The NSW Government provides about \$11 million to 21 services to support people with a disability on the Central Coast.

"In addition, the Home and Community Care program, managed by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, provides \$21 million to support older people, people with a disability and their carers in the region.

"The funding supports a range of services including respite, accommodation, community participation, home modifications, food services, day support, case management, therapy services and early intervention strategies," Mr Della Bosca said.

Press release, May 5
 Andrew Plumley, Office of

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Repairs at Pretty Beach

Repairs and maintenance have taken place at Pretty Beach Public School, according to principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

"A very large dead tree near the playground equipment and the rubbish behind Mr McInterney's room has been removed," Ms Redrup said.

Parents David Abrahams and John Birchall trimmed tree branches on the weather shed."

Ms Redrup said a toilet refurbishment was also nearly complete.

"New toilets, cisterns, taps and

painting have been completed," Ms Redrup said.

"The skylight will be finished this week.

"It certainly does look and smell better.

"The exterior of the kindergarten room and library have been cleaned.

"Some very uneven concrete slabs have been removed, replaced and grinded.

"The staff room also now has hot water running into the sink."

Press release, May 10
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School

Netballers go to next round

Students from Umina Public School will travel to Sydney to compete in the next round of the PSSA Netball Knockouts.

Umina participated in the PSSA Netball Knockout at Lemon Grove netball courts on Tuesday, April 11.

The team of nine girls who played four games throughout the day against other schools from

the Central Coast and Northern Sydney.

Umina made it to the final and played against Point Clare.

"Umina did very well to be the winners on the day," said teacher Ms McLean.

The girls will now travel to Sydney in a couple of months to compete in the next round.

"The team of Elly Fisher, Brea Singman, Jessica Mensforth,

Brittany Thomson, Kimberley Braddish, Tahlia Howe, Melanie Imber, Kelsea Manuel and Madison Roots represented their school proudly," Ms McLean said.

Breannan Singman and Kimberley Braddish gained selection to represent the Woy Woy Zone at Regional tryouts this term.

Newsletter, May 9
Ms McLean, Umina Public School

Sponsors sought for fence

Empire Bay Public School is currently seeking sponsorship from local businesses to help construct a fence for the school.

Principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said businesses would be asked to

sponsor a panel of the fence.

"The sponsorship would include the opportunity to advertise their business on the panel," Ms McEvoy said.

Newsletter, May 10
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School

Games-a-thon

Empire Bay Public School will be holding a Games-a-thon at 10am on Friday, May 10, to celebrate Education Week.

The Games-a-thon will involve students participating in variety of games based on the theme of the

Commonwealth Games.

Parents and community members will be welcome as spectators.

Education week runs from May 15 to 21.

Press release, May 12
Sven Wright, Department of Education and Training

Teams in finals

Two football teams represented Umina Public School in the Woy Woy Cup held on Thursday, May 4.

"The Open Team made it through to the semi-finals," said principal Mr John Blair.

"Unfortunately they lost the game 4 to 6 to Empire Bay."

Mr Blair said the under-10s side made it all the way to the grand

final.

"When the final whistle sounded the score was 6 to 6.

"Unfortunately it went back to the first try scored which was Woy Woy South."

Lachlan Boullir was voted as the best player for Umina and received a football for his efforts.

Newsletter, May 9
John Blair, Umina Public School

St John the Baptist Primary School is currently looking for community members to be part of its Learning Assistance Program.

The school has conducted a Learning Assistance Program at the school since July 2004.

The program is a student-centred program, providing individual support for students through the

participation of volunteers.

Volunteers in collaboration with teaching staff, work with students on a one-to-one basis for a one-hour session each week.

Students are referred to the program by teaching staff and volunteers are matched carefully to each student.

Activities are planned in consultation with the referring teacher and the co-ordinator of the

program.

Parents give consent for their child to be involved in the program.

Anyone in the community who would be interested in being involved in the program should contact Beth Riley on 0421 226 255.

Press release, May 5
Beth Riley, St John the Baptist Primary School

Parents join school council

Two parents will be appointed to the Umina Public School Council without election, following the close of nominations.

School principal Mr John Blair said that as only two nominations

were received there would be no need for an election.

"The parents who will now join the Umina Public School Council are Mrs Leanne Anderson and Mrs Catherine Serventy," Mr Blair said.

"Both of these ladies have spent many hours over a number of years

involved with education at Umina Public School and will certainly be welcome new members on our school council."

Newsletter, May 9
John Blair, Umina Public School

Funding for toilet upgrade

Umina Public School will receive \$104,368 to upgrade the infants' toilets.

The school will receive the funding under the latest round of the Federal Government's "Investing in Our Schools" program.

The school was one of 15 Central Coast schools recently named to receive funding under the program.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, announced a total of \$1,450,587 in the latest round of the program

He said the program allowed schools to add or upgrade vital infrastructure to enhance the education and wellbeing of

students.

"I am delighted to be able to have worked with Central Coast schools to identify much needed infrastructure for the benefit of local students," Mr Lloyd said.

The Investing in Our Schools program was significant as it

provided funding to projects that had been identified by schools themselves that desperately needed to be actioned, he said.

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Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

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Music students Madeline Swan, Matt Paavola, Jennifer Stevens, Ruth Tiffen, Jack Owens and Amy Brinkley.

Music scholarships were presented

The annual presentation of two music scholarships took place in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Sunday, May 7, before a large and appreciative audience.

The awards were made to young music students of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music.

Director Chris Bearman compered the competition and recital, which was adjudicated by Mr Patrick Brislan.

Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship was awarded to the jazz singer Madeline Swan for her stylish vocal control and mastery of the jazz idiom, as well as her warm communication with her audience.

"Madeline sang Paper Moon and Sky Lark," Ms Lillico said.

"The Irvine Family Scholarship for piano playing was won by Matt Paavola, who demonstrated his prowess and versatility in both baroque and romantic music by playing from memory Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C minor and Chopin's Nocturne in C# minor."

The Association's fine Kawai piano and the ongoing piano scholarships have been given by the Irvine family in memory of their parents, Helen and Alex Irvine, pioneer residents of Pearl Beach.

Their four sons, Alex, Jim, Warwick and John, were on hand to make the presentation to Matt Paavola.

Of other competitors, Ms Lillico said: "Violinist Jennifer Stevens showed splendid melodic and tonal control in Beethoven's Romance in F and Wieniawski's Legende."

"Ruth Tiffen's fine operatic soprano

voice and her sense of drama were impressive in O My Beloved Father by Puccini and Show Me from My Fair Lady by Rogers and Hammerstein.

"Beautiful flute tone was produced by Amy Brinkley as she played an Andante by Mozart and Sicilienne by Faure.

"Jack Owens' scintillating saxophone playing of Paule Maurice's Tableaux de Provence and Paul Desmond's Take Five won well-earned applause."

"These young artists were brilliantly accompanied by pianist Allyne Brislan."

"Great music played and sung by superbly taught young people is obviously thriving on the Central Coast," Ms Lillico said.

For further information, contact 4344 2319.

Press release, May 9
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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