

## Secret policy replaces beaches plan

**Gosford Council has revoked the Umina-Ocean Beach Management Plan which set environmental standards and cleaning practices for the beaches.**

It is being replaced by a secret Beach Management Policy.

The new policy will not be available for public viewing or the normal process of public comment because it is an internal "legal-risk management document rather than a public policy".

The new policy would prevail over an existing "services agreement" between the natural areas unit and lifeguard services unit within council and "no management standard in the Service Agreement shall be implemented".

The proposal was first raised in the Council's strategy-policy forum last August and was later deferred until the May 2 council meeting this year.

Gosford Council's risk management coordinator Mr Alan Collison said that council had not changed its dune restoration policy.

"The dunes will continue to be protected under the Code of Practice in the Beach Management Policy," he said.

The original plan included directives to restore the dunes that had been degraded over time by scouring from town drains, removal of dune vegetation and removal of sand from the beach.

A program of weed removal, vegetation planting and maintenance was also part of the original plan.

The original plan also included a regular cleaning program removing dangerous items such as broken

glass, syringes and litter from the beaches and dunes.

Mr Collison said that the plan was revoked because council staff had advised that they did not manage these beaches in the way it was set out in the original document.

Peninsula Dune Care convenor Mr Michael Gillian said he had approached Gosford Council three months ago to discuss the matter of dune protection on the Peninsula.

He advised council that machine raking of the beaches undermines the dune system and that hand cleaning was a more favourable option.

Mr Gillian said would welcome a change to the beach cleaning program if it specified hand cleaning but he was concerned that the new Beach Management Policy was confidential.

"There is no transparency. We need to know what is in the Code of Practice to determine whether it is acceptable or not."

"The Code should be freely available for comment."

"We want to know whether the new policy takes into account the information regarding the protection of the dune systems on the beaches," he said.

Peninsula Families Action Group president Ms Sarah Tolmie said that there was a lack of glass clean up at the beach.

"The group has put in a number of requests to remove the glass at the beach and implement a regular maintenance program," she said.

She said that the lack of public access to a beach management policy raised concerns that council were not willing to put appropriate funds towards what is a primary health and safety issue."

Jenni Darwin, May 27



The Woy Woy Substation on Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy

## Substation fire cause unknown

**Energy Australia is still trying to determine the cause of a power blackout that left around 10,000 customers without power on Friday, May 19, according to Energy Australia media officer Mr Anthony Obrien.**

Mr Obrien said a fire had been reported at the Woy Woy substation

at 9.20am on the Friday morning.

"Fire brigade officers and Energy Australia crew attended the scene and our crew switched off and isolated the power supply," Mr Obrien said.

"The fires put the fire out, and we were able to reroute the supply and restore power at about 10.55am.

"We had about 10,000 customers affected round the Woy Woy,

Saratoga, Kariong and Hardys Bay areas, who were without power for an hour and a half."

Mr Obrien said that Energy Australia currently had crews in "having a look" and that, as of Friday, May 26, Energy Australia was still unaware of the exact cause.

Lyle Stone, May 26

## Work to start on bike bridge

**Construction of a shared pedestrian and cycleway bridge over Woy Woy Bay Inlet is expected to start within the next month, after a tender was let at a cost of \$1.04 million.**

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said: "The project will involve the construction of a concrete and steel pedestrian and cycleway bridge, which will be approximately 86 metres long and 33 metres wide."

"The pedestrian and cycleway bridge will significantly improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in the area and will be the final stage of the Woy Woy to Point Clare cycleway project," said Ms Andrews.

Construction of the cycleway has been undertaken in stages since November 2002, with work on the bridge due to commence in June.

Gosford Council's manager of Engineering Services Mr John Cragg said: "No fishing will be allowed from the bridge".

"Council will be providing improved fishing facilities adjacent to the bridge and will be rigorously policing it."

Waeger Constructions have been awarded the tender for the project, which is being jointly funded by the State Government and Gosford Council.

Council will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the bridge on completion of the project.

Jenni Darwin, May 26

## Bore water to cost \$8.2 million

**The Gosford and Wyong Council Water Authority has recommended that council approve the construction of the Woy Woy bore field as part of its drought contingency plan, at a cost of \$8.2 million.**

The original bore field plan had been expected to cost \$2.2 million.

The plan follows a recommendation by the board to move to level three water restrictions, which is expected to be approved at Gosford Council at its meeting of May 30.

The restrictions would be effective as of June 3.

The joint water authority met on May 17 and has planned a special board meeting for June.

Council agenda WAT.13, May 30

## Unsuitable for irrigation

**Bore water at the Woy Woy Memorial Gardens would not be suitable for irrigation, a report from Gosford Council has shown.**

Cr Jim Macfadyen had asked city services director Mr Stephen Glen on May 2, what progress had been made to install a spear point

pump in the memorial gardens at Woy Woy.

Mr Glen said that recent analysis of bore water by council's water and sewerage directorate in the area had shown that bore water would not be suitable for irrigation without extensive treatment.





Council agenda Q.30, May 30

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## Track work planned

**Track works will be carried out on the Woy Woy to Newcastle line from June 10 to 12.**

The line will be closed between North Strathfield and Newcastle while works are undertaken along the rail corridor.

Railcorp stated that "alternative transport arrangements and/or amended timetables will operate during these works".

Work will commence at 2am on Saturday and continue through to early Monday morning.

Night works may also be carried out.

Work on the Woy Woy to Newcastle line will involve general excavation and investigation works,

electrical and trackside equipment maintenance and vegetation control and management.

The letter stated that there might also be some noise and additional road traffic associated with the works.

"Where possible, works that generate noise have been programmed for daylight hours. However, night works will occur in some areas.

"Track tamping and adjustment may continue through the night.

"Although noisy, work is progressive and moves along the line."

Further information is available from Woy Woy station.

**Press release, May 20 Railcorp**

## Chosen to perform

**Several Peninsula residents have been chosen to perform in the 15th Youth In Performing Arts concerts to be held at the Laycock St Theatre in North Gosford during June.**

The concerts feature dance, drama, vocal, instrumental, rap, comedy, jazz, school bands, original literature and choral.

Peninsula based residents and bands taking part in the concerts include Kimberley Kelly, Lara Low, James Luke, Tessa Nuku, Ellie Plummer, Rachel Coulson, Lucy Darnley, The Crows, Forty Footsteps, Ashley Knight, Michael Halcrow Group, Gosford Musical Juniors, Justeen Barber and Jessica Hind.

Empire Bay performer Kimberley Kelly will be performing "Ms Perkins", a drama monologue.

Umina performer Lara Low will be performing the song "Cry me a river".

A Woy Woy band consisting of James Luke, Tessa Nuku and Ellie Plummer will be performing "Live

to Survive".

Daleys Point dancer Rachel Coulson will be performing a dance to "Bubbly toes".

Umina vocalist Lucy Darnley will be performing "Black Velvet".

Woy Woy vocalist Ashley Knight will be performing "Pony".

The Umina-based Gosford Musical Juniors will be conducting a musical theatre called "Pantomand".

Umina Beach vocalist Jessica Hind will be performing "Don't Cry for me Argentina".

YIPA will hold five concerts from June 6 to 10, featuring these performers along with other young performers from the Central Coast.

Over 300 individual and group acts were auditioned by the YIPA Panel in February this year.

Of those auditioned, a panel whittled the program down to 28 acts each night for five nights.

Each night's concert features a completely different program.

Each night will also feature a guest presenter, being a past-

performer from YIPA who has gone on to further their performance career.

"These professional concerts are a fantastic opportunity to see a variety of talented youth performing dance, drama, instrumentals, comedy and vocal, either individually or in groups," said Laycock Street Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"Performers also have the opportunity to receive scholarship funds which are donated from the proceeds of ticket sales, along with scholarships from local businesses and community groups.

"This year we are pleased to announce that Woy Woy Little Theatre Group and Mad Cow Theatre Group have donated funds and tuition to YIPA."

Concerts will be staged on Tuesday, June 6, Wednesday, June 7, Thursday, June 8, Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10.

All concerts will commence at 8pm

**Press release, May 10 Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre**

## Help for cyclone victims

**Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club used its monthly car boot sale at Rogers Park in April to collect funds for victims of Cyclone Larry.**

It also held a raffle for the same cause.

The winner of the raffle was Mr Joe Nimmett of Penrith and a total

of \$2000 was raised.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions adder \$1000 from their own funds to the raffle and sent \$3000 to the Lions Club coordinator in the cyclone-devastated area for immediate distribution and local use.

**Cec Bucello, May 22**

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## Passes to Health and Beauty Show

**Peninsula News, in conjunction with the Good Health and Beauty Show, is giving readers the chance to win one of five double passes, valued at \$24 each, to the show.**

The Good Health and Beauty Show will be held over three days at the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre, from June 16 to 18.

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Visit [www.goodhealthandbeauty.com.au](http://www.goodhealthandbeauty.com.au) for more information.

The winner will be drawn at close of business on June 9.

**Lyle Stone, May 26**

## Group welcomes school zone lights

**Local group Save Our Suburbs Central Coast (SOCCc) has welcomed a State Government decision to install flashing lights in school zones.**

"The decision to install flashing lights in school zones is great news, and welcomed by Save Our Suburbs who have been heavily involved in lobbying for flashing lights at school zones around the Peninsula," said Woy Woy resident and media liaison officer Mr Mark Ellis.

"Installation will not begin until

2007, and we hope it is not another election con in the same vein of the fast train promise three elections ago."

"SOCCc agrees with the Minister's statement that 'We all have an interest in improving school zone safety' and we look forward to more enforcement of the tougher penalties announced in the NSW road safety project, as currently enforcement by police or council rangers is sporadic."

**Press release, May 25 Mark Ellis, Save our Suburbs Central Coast**

## Ticket winners

**Winners have been drawn for the Peninsula News and Working with Wood competition, announced in the last edition of Peninsula News.**

The winners were F Monk, Karla

Cairns and E Pople of Woy Woy, John Moreland, Umina, C Roberts, Tascott, W Teasdale, Pretty Beach and David McDonald, Point Clare.

Each winner has won a double pass to the Timber and Working with Wood Show.

**Lyle Stone, May 26**

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## Local RTA jobs under threat, says Andrews

**More than local 160 jobs will be lost "the day after the election" if the Member for Vaucluse, Mr Peter Debnam, is elected at the next state election, according to State Member Ms Marie Andrews.**

The Member for Vaucluse had vowed to abolish the Roads and Traffic Authority as part of his announcement to sack 29,000 public sector workers across the State, she said.

"The RTA employs 162 staff on the Central Coast, consisting of six motor registries, one of which is located in Woy Woy.

"The Central Coast head office for the RTA is also located in Woy Woy.

"How does the Liberal opposition leader intend to service the motoring needs of the Woy Woy Peninsula?" Ms Andrews asked.

She said that Mr Debnam had told NBN Gosford television news on May 16 that the RTA would be abolished "the day after the election".

"The Opposition has promised

to sack 29,000 public servants across New South Wales if elected - but has so far refused to explain which workers will be sacked," Ms Andrews said.

"Now we know at least 162 of them will be Central Coast RTA workers.

"Local families need these jobs - and the loss of them would be horrific not just for these families, but for the entire local economy.

"Liberal Candidate Chris Holstein has remained unusually silent on this proposed massive loss of jobs for the Coast," she said.

Liberal representative Mr Chris Holstein said the move was about restructuring the RTA, cutting the slack and natural attrition.

"It is streamlining it to be more effective, not about kicking people out of jobs," said Cr Holstein.

"It's about making it more effective and delivering what the community needs, which hasn't been taken care of for the last 12 years."

Lyle Stone, May 25  
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats



The intersection of Ocean View Rd and Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach

## Crossing plans to proceed

**Plans to construct two pedestrian crossings in Ettalong town centre will proceed despite protests by members of the Ettalong business community.**

Ettalong shopkeepers met last week to protest against the installation of the two raised pedestrian crossings on the corner of Ocean View Dr and Picnic Parade.

Peninsula Main Street coordinator Ms Debra Wales said the proposed works would ruin the Ettalong village charm that residents had worked hard to achieve.

"There has been no opportunity for community consultation on this project," Ms Wales said.

She said the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce sought legal advice to get an injunction to stop the

works, but had been advised that it would be liable for costs incurred by Gosford Council should they proceed.

The installation of the crossings would involve removal of gardens and trees planted nine years ago as part of the improvements to Ettalong town centre.

Local businesses raised \$40,000 in 1996 towards the improvements.

Council traffic committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein said that the trees needed to be removed for safety reasons, as they impacted on the sightlines for motorists approaching the crossing.

"Plans have gone through the police and the RTA and are in keeping with guidelines," Cr Holstein said.

"The raised crossings are to try and slow cars down as they turn

into Picnic Parade. "While it is important to maintain the ambience of the town, we must also maintain safety standards."

The area has attracted \$100,000 in Federal Blackspot funding, due to four pedestrian and two cyclist accidents there in the last five years, he said.

Ms Wales said the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce called upon council to use the \$100,000 to upgrade a dangerous pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Lone Pine Ave and Ocean Beach Rd.

Studies show that there have been 12 crashes at the intersection between 1998 and 2003 involving seven injuries, including four pedestrians, far greater than the number of accidents at the Picnic Parade intersection, she said.

Jenni Darwin, May 26

## Fox trapping is conducted

**A fox trapping program has been operating at Woy Woy, Empire Bay and Bensville.**

The trapping was conducted to help protect the endangered bird, the Bush Stone-curlew.

"One of the major impacts on our local populations of the endangered Bush Stone-curlew is the fox," said council public relations officer Ms Tina Davies.

"In past years, Gosford Council has run successful fox control programs to help maintain and encourage growth of these populations.

"This year, the Biodiversity Conservation Unit of the Department of Environment and Conservation will run a fox-trapping program at

some known Bush Stone-curlew sites on Council lands."

Ms Davies said the program ran from May 22 to May 31.

"The increase in fox sightings in these areas means that trapping must be done now before the next breeding season begins," Ms Davies said.

"The fox-trapping program complies with national guidelines and relevant legislation. "Any foxes caught will be dealt with humanely."

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Press release, May 16  
Tina Davies, Gosford Council

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# Most flushed water is collected

**Gosford Council would like to assure local residents that every effort is made to capture water used during the Water Mains Cleaning Program and either re-use on local sporting fields, or transport back to a treatment plant.**

During the program so far, more than 99 per cent of water has been collected and re-used.

When an isolated discoloured water complaint is received that is not the result of a planned cleaning

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program, a Council worker may briefly flush the local main.

This is the only option to quickly clear the discoloured water and usually uses minimal amounts of water which is directed onto grassed areas where possible.

The only alternative is to leave the affected residents with discoloured water.

During a large-scale discoloured water incident that requires extensive mains flushing, tankers will be called to the area.

Gosford Council is working to deliver clearer water to Peninsula residents and is making every effort to re-use as much water from the process as possible.

The Water Main Cleaning Program will continue throughout the Peninsula over the coming months and we would like to thank local residents for their continued patience.

**Steve Martin  
Manager Operations  
Gosford Council**

# Satisfied with Chris Holstein

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**Suggestions that Central Coast Community Chest general manager Chris Holstein has acted improperly in continuing to work while standing for the new State seat of Gosford are both misleading and offensive.**

Board members of the Central Coast Community Chest have been kept informed of the political path chosen by Mr Holstein, and continue to make decisions which are in the best interests of the Community Chest.

I am on the record as saying the Community Chest is very fortunate to have three part-time staff who give full time energy, time and effort when required.

We are fortunate to have such people who are committed to the community and who work very hard to ensure and increase the capacity of the Community Chest to make a difference to the people who live in our region.

In the time Mr Holstein has been general manager, the Community Chest has increased its capacity to support volunteer groups from all parts of the Central Coast and we are confident this trend will continue.

Our corporate and workplace

partners are well aware of the results from our committed staff and volunteers.

Our community partners are making good use of the increased funding available to enhance our region.

As a part time employee, Chris Holstein is free to pursue any direction during his own time.

He has put in place measures to ensure none of his political activities will be at the expense of the Community Chest.

The Board is satisfied with these measures and, given Mr Holstein's personal integrity, is confident to continue his employment.

**Lorraine Wilson  
Chairman**

**Central Coast Community Chest**

# Don't develop in endangered ecology

**The revised development proposal for seniors living units on land owned by the Catholic church at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, is on display at Woy Woy library for public comment until June 16.**

The development will destroy 5000 square metres of bush,

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which the Land and Environment Court said should be treated as Endangered Ecological Community, protected under the Threatened Species Act.

The Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch believes such endangered

ecological communities should not be developed.

Gosford Council should reject this proposal and negotiate with the owner to bring the land into public ownership.

We urge residents to lodge their objections on this occasion as they did for the previous proposal.

**John Wiggin  
ACFCC president  
North Gosford**

# Doing more than required

**There is no doubt that Debra Wales has contributed a lot to the community over the years, as noted by Jack Galway (Peninsula News, May 14).**

My understanding is that as an elected representative to the Council you get paid an allowance

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regardless of your attendance at meetings or public functions.

During the last State Government election my husband Chris Holstein continued to represent the people of Gosford City as he has been doing since his election 14 years ago.

For someone to now suggest that he receive no salary during this campaign is ridiculous.

Chris always has and will no doubt continue to do more than required to create and maintain a strong sense of community, where we can all be proud to live and raise our families.

**Mary Holstein  
Narara**

# Kerbing is a waste of money

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roads need money spent on them to make them safe yet this council sees fit to waste money on this kerb and guttering.

I read today in other media "calls for a State Government inquiry into the alleged mismanagement of ratepayers funds".

Is it any wonder that this council is held in such contempt by a large number of residents when they throw our money away on unnecessary works like this, while the Peninsula's roads approach gridlock.

**Bryan Ellis  
Umina**

**Gosford Council will receive an additional \$968,000 from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program for Mt Ettalong Rd works, according to Peninsula News (May 15).**

I find it incredible that Mr Peter Dunn, council's project development coordinator, proposes to spend some of this money on "kerb and guttering the length of the road".

Certainly this road needs a footpath-cycleway for the safety of residents, but to kerb and gutter a road that runs beside a creek is a criminal waste of money.

So many of the Peninsula's

**Wayne Iles  
Woy Woy**

# Very concerned

**I want to voice my opinion about my State Member Marie Andrews.**

She has always helped me and I am very concerned about who will be preselected to represent me in parliament.

To me, she is the best person for job and I have lived on the Peninsula for 20-odd years.

Keep fighting, Marie, we need you.

# What do you think?

Under a radical refugee policy, Australia will turn its back on some of the world's most vulnerable people.

This policy will remove unannounced asylum seekers arriving by boat to remote and isolated offshore locations such as Nauru.

Yet again families face being torn apart, denied their basic rights and will be forsaken by Australia and face an uncertain future as they wait... indefinitely.

Once again, so soon after its recent commitment to protect children, the Australian Government could force them to spend years in detention, suffering conditions that will have a devastating effect on their development.

When asked why Australia can lock up children in Nauru but not on Christmas Island, the Minister for Immigration, Senator Amanda Vanstone, said 'Christmas Island... is part of Australia's territory. Nauru is another country.'

Dateline, SBS, May 3 2006

Under this policy, the Australian Government could use our Navy to forcibly turn around the boats of asylum seekers, returning them to the very places they may have fled in fear.

What do you think about this policy?

If you think it is wrong, please join many prominent Australians in signing a letter to be sent to all federal parliamentarians.

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# Heritage items to be decided

**Gosford Council is expected to decide which heritage items to list in a draft local environmental plan next Tuesday, May 30.**

Items to be considered in the Peninsula area include the Old Booker Bay Cemetery, the Old St Peters Church, the Wastaffe Store, the Empire Bay Anglican Church, the old store and residence on Sorrento Rd, Empire Bay, the Pretty Beach baths and the Phegans Bay walking track.

Council officers have recommended that council retain St Peters Church and delete the Booker Bay cemetery from the LEP.

The Wagstaffe store would be retained in the LEP.

Both the Anglican Church and the Pretty Beach Baths have been recommended for retention, but a decision on both has been deferred pending a "sighting of inventory".

The old store and residence on Sorrento Rd, Empire Bay has also been deferred.

A strategy policy workshop was held on May 16, at which the proposed heritage items were

discussed.

Officers recommended that the extent of the Phegans Bay Walking Track be reduced from numbers 80-100 Monastir Rd to numbers 80-92 Monastir Rd, to coincide with council-owned lots over which the track passed.

The DLEP proposed to include in council's planning instruments items currently listed in Development Control Plan No 34 (DCP) - Environmental Heritage Conservation and items identified in Stage two of the Heritage Review which were agreed to by council in 2002/03.

Those attending the workshop considered all the proposed heritage items for which objections were received from either the owners or the adjoining owners.

Council officers have also recommended that council re-establish its environmental heritage advisory committee.

According to the council report, the consensus at the workshop was that the heritage committee should be re-established with new terms of reference.

**Council agenda SF.17, May 30**

# Objectors to discuss bush development

**The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation will be holding a public display at the corner of Hillview and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, to discuss a proposal to develop adjacent bushland.**

"We find it incredible that the Land and Environment Court can make findings of adverse environmental impact on the ecologically endangered plant community for a previous proposal

and then a similar development can be put up again for approval by the council," said branch president Mr John Wiggin.

The public display and discussion will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10am on the public reserve at the corner of Hillview and Veron Rd.

For further information, contact John Wiggin on 4323 1843.

**Press release, May 24  
John Wiggin, ACF Central Coast**

# Barking dogs

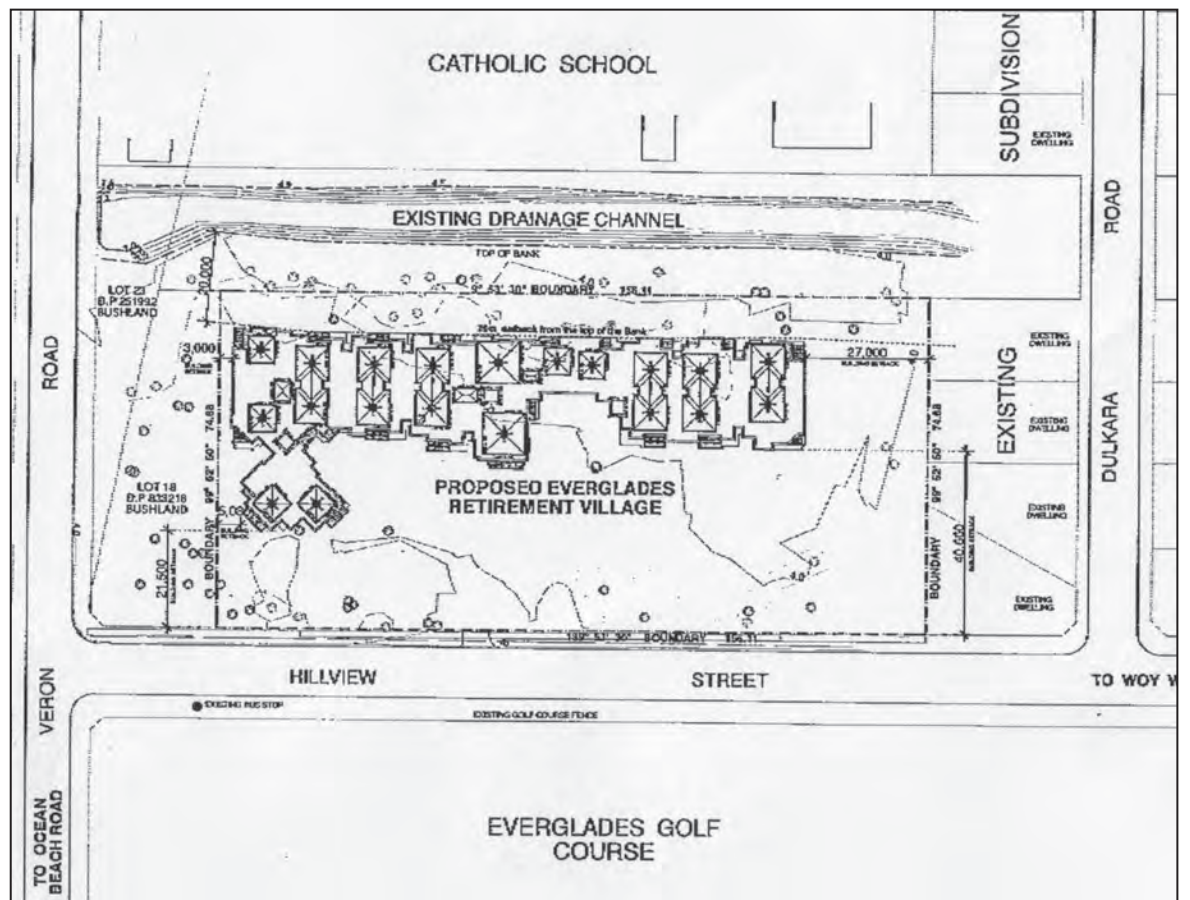
**Gosford council has received a petition about barking dogs from residents of on Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.**

The petition, with seven signatures, complained about three

dogs belonging to a neighbour.

The petitioners stated that the noise was detrimental to all the residents, and the welfare of the dogs on a small suburban plot was also in question.

**Council agenda P.30, May 30**



The proposed Everglades Retirement Village development

# Fresh application for retirement village

**A fresh development application for a retirement village is being advertised for bushland at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.**

A similar proposal for the land was rejected in the Land and Environment Court in February.

The new proposal for senior living housing and ancillary facilities, to be called Everglades Retirement Gardens, reduces the development footprint by 25 per cent.

The developer Providence Projects also claimed the proposed development was more environmentally friendly, using natural light and ventilation, solar power, unobtrusive irrigation, detailed attention to ground water and run off and the production of a "very thorough and extensive" Species Impact Statement.

It included "a commitment to a significant regeneration plan for the preservation of over one hectare of vegetation".

The retirement village would be located where the poorest vegetation occurred.

Two previous proposals for the site had been refused by Gosford Council, and also by the Land and Environment Court, which found the site should be considered an endangered ecological community.

Providence Projects managing director Mr John Zavolokin said that the court did not say that

development was not possible on the site.

He said that following criticism of the previous proposals he had revised the design and proposal significantly.

In a leaflet about the proposed development, he claimed that the development would provide benefits both to the community and bushland.

Benefits to the community would involve aged care support, the creation of job opportunities and the village becoming an "integral part of the community".

The development would enhance bushland regeneration and survival with a managed and privately-funded program to maintain and protect the bush, and the retention of 170 trees, the leaflet stated.

Everglades Retirement Gardens would have a single owner, to ensure the on-going integrity of the bushland.

The development would have environmentally-friendly bushwalks and the opportunity

to have someone manage the weed infestation and neglect near neighbouring fences.

It would provide neighbours with a safer alternative than the current "disused, unattended environment" and would create better protection against bushfires.

Mr Zavolokin described the proposal as "a win-win scenario by providing a community oriented and socially responsible development in harmony with the environment".

He said: "A do-nothing approach will continue to subject the site to an unprotected state with the current effects from haphazard tracks, illegal removal of grass trees and other plants, dumping of rubbish including an old car body and weed infestation."

Both the proposals are being advertised from May 17 to June 16.

**Lyle Stone, May 25  
Press release, May 26  
John Zavolokin,  
Providence Projects**

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# Health



Dr Kate Clair and Dr Arana Parslow from Leslie Street Veterinary Clinic, Umina

## Seminar on pet care

**Dr Kate Clair and Dr Arana Parslow of Leslie Street Veterinary Clinic, Umina, will be holding a series of free seminars on pet care.**

The talks will be held at the clinic on Wednesdays at 11am.

Topics will be Your Pets' Dental Health on May 31, Heart Disease on June 14, Arthritis and your Pet on June 28, Using First Aid on a Pet on July 12, Toxins and Poisons on July 26 and Your Pet and Parasites on August 9.

"According to a Petcare Information and Advisory Service survey, the pet care industry is one of the largest in Australia," Dr Kate Clair said.

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"Pets give unconditional love and companionship and these qualities promote the owners feelings of wellbeing," Dr Clair said.

For more information or to book a place, contact 4342 0500.

**Press release, May 24  
Leslie Street Veterinary Clinic**

## Funds granted for medical service

**Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced a grant of \$98,000 for the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service to provide community access to after-hours care from local doctors on the Peninsula.**

"The Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service has proven to be a huge success on the Peninsula, and I am pleased that I have been able to secure this additional Commonwealth Government funding for the service to meet costs and remain financially viable," Mr Lloyd said.

"I am also extremely grateful for the generosity of the local doctors who, in the past, have made every effort to maintain and administer

the service.

"The after hours facility is located at Woy Woy Hospital and complements existing health services at the hospital while also enhancing cooperative arrangements with health care providers to improve services to the community.

"This funding will ensure that the current service will provide people on the Peninsula with access to affordable, high quality after hours GP services

The funding is part of the "Round the Clock" Medicare initiative, a five-year \$106.2 million national plan to help after-hours GP care across Australia.

**Press release, May 24  
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

## Knit jumpers for children

**Woy Woy Guardian Pharmacy is encouraging local residents to support its eighth annual Guardian Angel program by knitting an outfit to keep a child in Mongolia warm.**

Woy Woy Guardian Pharmacy pharmacist Mr Raymond Kuoch said that through the program, disadvantaged children received warm clothing to help them survive the winter months.

"We take mild weather for granted in Woy Woy," said Mr Kuoch.

"But the cold affects the lives of poorer children immensely, leading to a lack of education, lack of nutrition and sickness."

Pattern books featuring garment patterns for children of all ages are available free at Woy Woy Guardian Pharmacy.

**Press release, May 24  
Ellen Marhn, Woy Woy Guardian Pharmacy**

## Domestic violence

**A group for women experiencing domestic violence, the Butterfly Group, is operating at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.**

The group is also for women who have experienced domestic abuse.

Topics covered by the group are the cycle of violence-abuse, what is a healthy relationship, impact of abuse on the family unit, brainwashing-emotional abuse, effects of stress-anger-isolation,

your rights, self esteem, life skills and effects of domestic violence.

The group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm, except in school holidays.

Bookings and sign-ins are not needed for this group.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is located at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Contact the centre on 4342 5905 for more information

**Press release, May 9  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

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# Holstein to take residents' views

**Newly-selected Liberal candidate for Gosford, Cr Chris Holstein, believes that Peninsula residents deserve better treatment from the State Government.**

"I am here to listen to local residents and take their views forward," he said.

"The area has always been Labor.

"It's time for a change."

Cr Holstein said it was about offering choices at the next State election.

"There is an infrastructure backlog on the Peninsula," he

said.

"The bottom of Woy Woy Rd is a disgrace."

He said the rail crossings at Rawson Rd and Koolewong needed to be removed for the rail system to move forward.

"Having rail crossings is like living in the 1800's," he said.

Other areas he said need to be addressed were better health services and improved links with the main hospital at Gosford.

He said that better policing and improvements to local schools were also on his agenda.

Jenni Darwin  
May 27



(Left to Right) Brett Cunningham, Bianca Eldridge, Christine McConnell, Wendy Zimmer, Tenesse Bettle and Steven Scott

## Call for more police at night

**Over 50 signatures have been collected from among concerned business operators and others calling for an increased nighttime police presence.**

Organised by Umina businessman Mr Ed James, the petition read: "We, the undersigned residents, property owners and business operators of the Peninsula, support Mr Edward James in his public call for a police

patrol car to be circulating full time on the Woy Woy Peninsula between the hours of 8pm and 7am each night."

The petition called for the car "in addition to the current unsatisfactory arrangement where Peninsula police are often called away to other areas, leaving our community isolated by time, exposed to crime, assaults, arson and criminal property damage."

Press release, May 18  
Edward James

**Staff of Coles Woy Woy recently took part in a Trolley Challenge to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.**

The store raised \$1133.70 for the Foundation, despite only half the team being available to walk due to a power black out.

Woy Woy Coles staff involved in the trolley challenge were Brett Cunningham, Bianca Eldridge, Christine McConnell, Wendy Zimmer, Tenesse Bettle and

Steven Scott.

More than 950 Coles and Bi-Lo team members have hit the road pushing the trolley from Maroochydore to Sydney, starting on April 19.

It travelled through the Central Coast area between Tuesday, May

16 and Friday, May 19.

When the trolley arrives in Sydney it will have completed a 34-day tour, travelled 1153km through 90 Queensland and New South Wales communities.

Press release, May 19  
Millie Skelley, Cox Marketing

## Staff help make a wish

## Questions asked about patrols

**Officers from Surf Life Saving Central Coast will be talking with the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club about roving patrols at Ettalong Beach.**

Cr Terri Latella had asked Gosford Council staff on April 4 why volunteer surf lifesavers were patrolling the beachfront on behalf of the Outrigger Resort.

Director of City Services Mr Stephen Glen said that, on discussion with officers from Surf Life Saving Central Coast,

confirmation had been provided by the president of Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club that volunteer surf lifesavers completed roving patrols in the Brisbane Water area at various locations including Ettalong Beach and Box Head.

"This is completed by inflatable rescue boat," Mr Glen said.

"Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club had confirmed that previous discussions with the Outrigger Resort at Ettalong occurred approximately 12 to 18 months ago regarding a possible service

arrangement.

"However, an agreement was never reached."

Mr Glen said officers from Surf Life Saving Central Coast would discuss the continuation of the patrols with Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

"Currently there are no patrols conducted at Ettalong Beach by Council Lifeguard service," Mr Glen said.

Mr Glen replied to Cr Latella on April 10.

Council agenda Q.25, May 30

## Mobile unit at Woy Woy in June

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## Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



The Water Mains Cleaning Program currently underway in the Peninsula Area, was divided into two stages in order to test the required procedures and logistics within a small suburban area. The results of the first stage could then be used to effectively manage the program throughout the rest of the Peninsula area and minimise effects on local residents.

The first stage of the Water Mains Cleaning program in the Peninsula area was recently completed with great success. Air scouring around Woy Woy and Blackwall was undertaken during late April and early May, with minimal effects on local residents.

Tenders have been sought and are now being reviewed in order to undertake the second stage of the program, with work expected to re-commence in mid June.

Further updates will be available throughout the program on Gosford City Council's website at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au).

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# Education



## Stage Two works proceed

**Stage Two of the Brisbane Water Secondary College refurbishment program is well under way, according to principal Mr Pat Lewis.**

"At the Umina campus, the main structure of the new administration block is close to finishing and internal works are under way," Mr Lewis said.

"The building should be ready for occupation at the beginning of Term 4.

"Once this has occurred, work can begin on refurbishing the current administration block to the new staffroom.

"This is expected to be finished by this time next year, if there are no significant delays."

Mr Lewis said some staffrooms had already been vacated and that these were being refurbished into seminar rooms and storerooms this year.

"When staff occupy the new staffroom, considerably more collaboration and teamwork can occur as all team and faculty staff will be in the same staff preparation area," Mr Lewis said.

"On the senior campus, work has also gone a long way on the refurbishment of the Tiered Learning Space to a Human Movement Studio like the one built at Umina in Stage 1.

"At the same time, the top quad is being completely transformed from the current vast asphalt expanse to a grassed area."

Mr Lewis said this would be traversed by crossing pathways and would form a kind of amphitheatre.

"This will be a very peaceful place for students to sit and, together with the movement studio, will be an outstanding resource for students of drama and dance," Mr Lewis said.

"The other main student quad will also have much of the asphalt removed and be completely landscaped.

"During the coming school holidays, the gas tanks will be removed from the front of the campus and the campus connected to natural gas.

"These environmental changes will provide much more of a soft adult learning environment for senior students.

"Finally, a commercial kitchen bay will be installed into the technology area for use by the large number of students in the vocational hospitality course."

Mr Lewis said the new facilities were expected to be ready for occupation by the end of October.

**Press release, May 24  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College**

## School plans 50th anniversary

**Umina Beach Public School is planning its 50th anniversary celebrations for September 22 and 23.**

The school is looking for people who have attended the school as students, teachers or parents in the last 50 years, according to principal Mr John Blair.

"The celebrations include a whole school musical to entertain, a display of memorabilia, a special assembly for visitors to catch up with acquaintances, morning tea and guided tours of the old and new buildings."

Mr Blair said that the building program was moving ahead at a

remarkable rate and that it was already four weeks ahead of schedule.

"This eight-classroom, two-storey block should be ready for occupation prior to the end of the school year," Mr Blair said.

**Newsletter, May 23  
John Blair, Umina  
Beach Public School**

## St John's in cross country

**St John the Baptist Primary School has performed well at the recently held Central Coast Catholic Primary School Cluster Cross Country, according to family liaison officer Ms Beth Riley.**

"On Wednesday, May 11, 60 children from St John's Primary School headed off by bus to Allen Davidson Oval at Wyoming for the Central Coast Catholic Primary School Cluster Cross Country," Ms

Riley said.

"We competed against 12 other primary schools.

"The course varied from 2.2km to 3.2 km depending on the age.

"In each age heat, there were six from our school running.

Ms Riley said the school performed well with 13 children going onto the Catholic School Zone Cross Country.

**Press release, May 17  
Beth Riley, St John the  
Baptist Primary School**

## Gifts prepared

**More than 1700 gifts were recently prepared for a Mother's Day stall held recently at Umina Beach Public School, according to school principal Mr John Blair.**

"Wendy Bidner, Kaye Debrincat and Susan Harrington worked for

many months preparing over 1700 gifts for the stall," Mr Blair said.

"The stall was a resounding success and I am sure the students greatly appreciate the opportunity to buy mum a gift and also the quality of the gifts prepared.

**Newsletter, May 16  
John Blair, Umina  
Beach Public School**

## New P&C

**Umina Beach Public School has recently selected its new P&C council.**

"All positions are now filled and the school is in great hands to continue the work done by these parent bodies," according to school principal Mr John Blair.

"Ms Leanne Anderson and Catherine Serventy have been elected as school councillors and

Mrs Julia Rooke has again taken up the P&C president's position.

"Nicole Mottlee is our new treasurer, Doretta Brown the correspondence secretary, Amanda Cowell the minutes secretary, Tracy Forbes and Jenny Darwin are both vice-presidents."

**Newsletter, May 16  
John Blair, Umina  
Beach Public School**

## Vacation program at Empire Bay

**BayCare Outside School Hours Care has conducted a "vacation" program at Empire Bay recently.**

Management committee president Ms Jennifer Parker said: "Established in 1993, BayCare is a community service, open to all children."

Coordinator Ms Libby Haines said she was delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the children for all the vacation activities.

"They especially loved the circus workshop," Ms Haines said.

A new initiative has also been added to the after school program.

A new award called "Random Acts of Kindness" will be given out on a monthly basis.

Staff will be on the lookout for children who are making a difference to other people by their actions.

**Press Release, May 23  
Jennifer Parker, Baycare**

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# Students have their own Environment Day

The students of Pretty Beach Public School will experience their own Environment Day this week in the lead up to the international United Nations' celebrations held annually on June 5.

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said the school had long supported the UN's efforts to raise awareness of the global sustainability issues affecting our planet and has become a beacon school in the area when it comes to championing the environment.

The school held its first Environment Day in the mid-90s and called in local knowledge and parental support to help educate the pupils about the natural local habitat they live in.

This year Rumbalara Environmental Educational Centre principal Mr Mark Attwooll will be talking to students about the ecology of the Brisbane Waters estuary, on which the school is located, and the importance of keeping the foreshores healthy.

The Taronga Park Zoo Mobile will also be visiting, local Aboriginal art expert Ms Donella Waters will help the children paint the school fence, chef Brian Lizotte will be making bush tucker and the Australian Museum In-A-Box will give information about molluscs.

The children will also be making musical instruments out of recycled materials and volunteer parents will be teaching how to transplant seedlings using juice from the school's worm farm.

Gosford Council's sustainability communications officer Ms Maree

Whelan will be telling a Water Wise Tale, which was "very apt considering the theme for this year's World Environment Day is Deserts and Desertification", according to Ms Redrup.

The slogan is Don't Desert Dry lands.

Ms Redrup said the School's initiative was a great way of making the children aware of the part they play in looking after the beautiful surroundings in which they live.

"Involving the whole community gives them an appreciation of where they live and teaches them the positive difference they can make to their future," said Ms Redrup.

"It also connects them to the environmental issues affecting the rest of the world.

"Our day is just one of many people's events such as street rallies, bicycle parades, green concerts, essays and poster competitions in schools, tree planting, as well as recycling and clean-up campaigns taking place all over the globe."

World Environment Day was set up by The United Nations in 1972 to give a human face to environmental issues; empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues; and advocate partnership which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

Press release, May 26  
Vicki Redrup,  
Pretty Beach Public School



Former students from left – Vicki Brown, Kim Margin, Ruth Brown, Graham Judd, Garry Varley, Robina Healey with current students Cameron Heggie, Brianna Shaw, Regan Mitchell, Brittany Russell and Rachel Gordge

# Schools celebrate Education Week

Peninsula schools celebrated Education Week recently on their own grounds and in a public exhibition coordinated by Brisbane Water Secondary College, according to principle Mr Pat Lewis.

"Through the generosity of Deepwater Plaza, an exhibition of student works by most schools was set up in the plaza.

"Its very colourful display of outstanding student work drew many admirers and positive comments from shoppers," said Mr Lewis.

"As well as displaying some of its students' artworks, the college took the opportunity promote its values to the community by displaying attractive posters with photos of students demonstrating these values.

"Under the main headings of Respect, Commitment and Relationships, the photos

demonstrate the very important values which the college teaches to and encourages in its students.

"In another part of the plaza, four schools, Umina Campus, Pretty Beach Public, Woy Woy Public, and Ettalong Public provided performances of singing, dancing, debating and drama to large gatherings of shoppers.

"Umina campus also visited all of its partner primary schools with an array of performing arts talent and thrilled audiences in every one."

Mr Lewis said that, on the senior campus, a unique activity was very much appreciated by its participants.

"Six ex students were invited back to their old school to see its changes and to share with today's students some of the secrets of their success," Mr Lewis said.

"The visitors included Robina Healey, Ruth Brown, Vicki Brown, Garry Varley, Graham Judd and Kim Margin.

"After a tour of the campus, the ex students were treated to a lesson which included making an air propelled rocket with a balloon and straw, maths teasers and impromptu public speaking.

"Needless to say all passed with flying colours and were presented with merit awards by the Year 10 students who shared in the activity.

"Over morning tea, the visitors reminisced over their time at Woy Woy High School, all recalling what a good school it was and what great teachers they had.

"They also had wonderful advice for the students including following their passion in whatever they did, serving their community and making strong networks, and making the most of the many opportunities which always come along."

Press release, May 24  
Pat Lewis,  
Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Money raised for Stewart House

Umina Public School raised \$300 for Stewart House during Education Week celebrations, according to school principal Mr John Blair.

"The Education Week Open Day was well attended by parents and friends of Umina Public School students," Mr Blair said.

"The morning tea provided by the P&C was greatly appreciated and was supplemented by the Stage 1 students providing cakes.

Performers entertained a large crowd of parents at a concert held after a picnic lunch.

The week was marked by a visit from NSW Director General of Education Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood.

"Mr Cappie-Wood dropped in for a brief visit and met a number of our students, teachers and parents who were at the school," Mr Blair said.

"The school captains Madeleine Carr and Luke Hickey accompanied myself and P&C president Mrs Julia Rooke in showing the Director-General our wonderful school."

Newsletter, May 23  
John Blair,  
Umina Beach Public School

## Money raised for safe houses

Umina Beach Public School recently helped raise \$647.90 for the Peninsula Safety House program, according to Safety House president Ms Brooke White.

The school recently hosted a talk about the program, where the money was presented.

"The children were all well

behaved and Constable Griffin was very well received," said Ms White.

"It is always great to have full child participation in educating them about Safety House, such a worthwhile program.

Newsletter, May 23  
Brooke White,  
Peninsula Safety House

## Tender let for drainage

Gosford Council has resolved to award Kerroc Constructions Pty Ltd the tender for stage one drainage works at Wagstaffe.

Works include concrete pits, pavement restoration and associated works, as well as the supply and installation of piping.

The construction period is 10 weeks and the work is scheduled to commence mid July.

The works are expected to cost \$353,679.

The awarding of the tender is still subject to a grant being obtained from the State Government worth \$263,333.

Council agenda COR.41, May 2

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## Carnival held at pool

**The Ettalong Pelicans swimming club hosted a Masters swimming carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on April 29.**

Over 250 swimmers, aged from their 20s to over 80, competed in 12 events in five year age groups.

Clubs came from throughout the state, with Sydney and Hunter Valley clubs dominating.

"Ettalong had 27 members competing and, for quite a few of them, it was their first Masters carnival experience," said carnival organiser and director Mr Gordon Ferguson.

"Local swimmers who did well included Fred Elsom, Bill Cook, Irene Collins and Bill Heber.

"The point score was won by the strong Newcastle club, Novocastrians, that had 32 swimmers competing, followed by Cessnock, with Warringah third, and Ettalong fourth, out of the 29 clubs there.

"Star of the day was Lynette Stevenson of Blacktown who broke three National Masters records and a State record in the 60-64 age group.

"The Blacktown club clearly won the average point score."

Mr Ferguson said that Alan Brown of Tattersalls and Barbara Vickers

of Manly set new National records, and six State records were set, including the 200metres Butterfly for men 45-49 by Cameron Horn of the Ettalong club.

"A highlight of the day was the 50mx8 swimmers Challenge Relay," Mr Ferguson said.

"In an exciting finish amidst loud encouragement, the Ettalong team just managed to hold out the fast finishing Novocastrians by less than a metre.

"The Peninsula Leisure Centre will be the venue for the State Masters Short Course Championships in October and the visitors were impressed with the pool facilities, the Centre staff and the organisation of the carnival.

Jan and John Hilton undertook computer work before and during the carnival.

Mr Ferguson said that the Ettalong Pelicans were still welcoming new members on Thursday nights at 7pm.

"Swimmers of all ages over 20, from plodders to champions are welcome to come for three sessions without paying to join," Mr Ferguson said.

For more information contact 4369 3194 or 4341 9897.

**Press release, May 11  
Gordon Ferguson, Ettalong Pelicans**



## Umina hosts bowls play-offs

**Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club hosted D Group Pennant Play-offs from Monday, May 15, to Wednesday, May 17.**

"In spite of a wet start to the competition on Monday, Grades three and four played their first two play-offs," said publicity officer Ms Carol Hadley.

"The weather improved on Tuesday and brought a large crowd

to watch the keen competition in all four grades.

"The sun shone down on Umina on the final day of the play-offs, for the culmination of a successful event for our club."

Ms Hadley said that the five districts of Central Coast, Hunter River, Lake Macquarie, Upper Hunter and Newcastle had played off on the Peninsula and then had a post-sectional play-off to see who

would win the flag for their district.

"The winners of these play-offs, Grades 1 to 4, competed in the D Group Pennant Play-offs held at Umina," Ms Hadley said.

"The winners from here go direct to play for the State Pennant flag, this year being played in Dubbo in July."

**Press Release, May 23  
Carol Hadley, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club**

## Locals swim in Sydney

**Four Peninsula Leisure Centre swimmers attended the Australian Age Swimming Championships held recently at the Sydney Aquatic Centre.**

They were Ryan Kenny, Nathan Broadbent, Tim Schofield and Lucy Wild.

Ryan Kenny, 14, won the 200m Butterfly event and took third in the finals of the 100m Butterfly and the 200m Individual Medley.

Kenny also picked up a silver medal as part of the NSW 4x50m Medley Relay team.

Nathan Broadbent, 15, won the 200m Individual Medley for his age

division.

As a result, he has been invited to attend the upcoming Australian Men's Individual Medley swim camp conducted by national youth coach, Leigh Nugent.

Both Kenny and Broadbent were also selected as part of the Australian All Stars Team that will train and race throughout Australia this year.

Tim Schofield took silver in the final of the 15 years 200m Backstroke and Lucy Wild picked up bronze for the 15 years final of the 100m Breaststroke.

**Press release, April 26  
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

## Reunion on long weekend

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans will be holding a 30-year reunion over the long weekend, June 9 to 12.**

Woy Woy Swans committee member Ms Belinda Campbell said a competition game would be held at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, on Saturday, June 10, followed by a reunion dinner in the Woy Woy Bowling Club auditorium at 7pm.

Ms Campbell said a family day

and Golden Oldies game would be held at noon at Rogers Park on Sunday, June 11.

Ms Campbell said the Swans were currently searching for past players and supporters to take part in the reunion.

For more details, contact 0408 236 456.

**Press release, May 23  
Belinda Campbell, Woy Woy Peninsula Swans**

## Local signs with Mariners

**Local Peninsula resident and former Leeds United starlet Jamie McMaster has become one of the Central Coast Mariners' first new signings of the 2006-07.**

McMaster first joined the Mariners in December last year for a brief stay as cover for a horrific spate of long-term injuries.

McMaster managed six appearances, including a start against the Queensland Roar in the final match of the season.

McMaster, 23, was raised at Umina Beach before joining then English Premier League heavyweights Leeds United as a 16-year-old.

After nearly five years with Leeds, which included UEFA Champions League squad appearances against 1860 Munich and Premiership starts against

Blackburn Rovers, Everton, West Ham and Liverpool, McMaster is set to reinvigorate his career.

His career had stalled somewhat in recent times as a consequence of shifting between five clubs since September 2004, according to the club's media and communications officer Mr Ben Coonan.

"Jamie came to the Mariners with a fantastic reputation and, in

time, we've started to see what he's capable of," said coach Laurie McKinna.

"Last season his opportunities were limited, but with a full pre-season under his belt and the history he now has with the squad, I'm sure we'll see what Jamie is capable of in 2006/07."

**Press release, May 9  
Ben Coonan, Central Coast Mariners**




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Some of the delicacies at Australia's biggest morning tea at Umina Beach Soul Pattinson Chemist

## Morning tea raises thousands

**Several Peninsula businesses and organisations have celebrated Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, raising several thousand dollars for the Cancer Council.**

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was officially held on Thursday, May 25, with several groups holding theirs on other days.

Venues involved in the morning tea included Everglades Country Club, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, Dar De Dar Gifts, Umina Beach Soul Pattinson Chemist, Ettalong Baptist Church, Ettalong Beach Hut Café, Woy Woy Anglican Parish and Ocean Beach Holiday Park.

Several schools also took part in the

day including Woy Woy Public School, who were to write "Let's Cure Cancer" on the basketball court using coins.

Everglades Country Club representative Ms Judy King said that close to \$450 was made on the day.

"The day went pretty well, and we made a lot of money," Ms King said.

Michael Cunico of Soul Pattinson Chemist said that their event had raised \$600.

"We had a really good day," Mr Cunico said.

Ettalong Baptist Church spokesman Ms Jan Rose said the adult day care section had raised \$204.

"We had 46 people attend," Ms Rose said.

Ettalong Beach Hut Café representative Mr Andy Walker said he believed the final figure would be \$2175.70.

Mr Walker said a raffle was held, which raised \$1400 alone.

The café also had a sausage sizzle, and served cake and coffee.

A representative of Brisbane Water Private Hospital said the event collected \$255.

Ocean Beach Holiday Park had about 35 to 40 people at its event.

The Anglican Parish of Woy Woy held its morning tea on Saturday, May 20, raised \$670.

Cec Bucello, Lyle Stone, May 25  
Press release, May 19  
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