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## Green lights for Ocean Beach Rd

**Gosford Council has decided to install traffic lights at the corner of Ocean Beach and McMasters Rds, Woy Woy.**

Lights will also be installed at the corner of Dunban Rd as funding becomes available.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said he could not believe council was doing this.

"I'm gob smacked," he said. "Within 200 metres, we are going to have two sets of lights and a crossing.

"It's going to be a nightmare at peak hour," said Mr Wales.

"They should put the lights at the (South Woy Woy) school crossing and get rid of the speed camera, and put the roundabouts at McMasters Rd and Dunban Ave," Mr Wales said.

"And we desperately need traffic facilities at Lone Pine Ave, where we've had a death recorded and the worst traffic history on Ocean Beach Rd and yet we get nothing there."

A supplementary report at council's meeting of June 6 advised of the outcome of the consideration of the intersection treatments at the local traffic committee meeting of June 5.

The report stated that a further investigation into the merits of traffic signals at the intersections of McMasters Rd and Dunban Rd with Ocean Beach Rd had been undertaken by Transport and Traffic Planning Associates (TPPA), along with further traffic counts, and traffic signals have been determined to

be the most appropriate treatment at the intersections of Dunban Rd and McMasters Rd with Ocean Beach Rd.

The vehicle and pedestrian counts, included future projections.

TPPA stated: "It is apparent that traffic control measures will be required at these intersections to provide for both existing and future traffic circumstances".

Councils report stated that traffic signals were considered safer for pedestrians and cyclists while providing greater flexibility for controlling traffic flow on the Dunban Rd, McMasters Rd route and a greater level of capacity for traffic growth.

The council was told that funding was only available to provide signals at the Ocean Beach Rd, McMasters Rd intersection at this stage.

Linemarking proposals associated with the Ocean Beach Road Traffic Management Study and the proposed roundabout at the Ocean Beach Rd, Wellington St intersection were discussed at the meeting and the committee was advised that these works were about to proceed.

It was also resolved that consideration be given to modifying the Ocean beach Rd, McMasters Rd design so that bus priority markings can be incorporated into the intersection design.

The council also decided to approach the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) about traffic signals at McMasters Rd, Blackwall Rd intersection as a result of the proposed upgrade of the Ocean Beach Rd, McMasters Rd intersection.

Cr Chris Holsten, chairman of the traffic committee, said: "Along this road, traffic movements can average between 7500 and 20,000 on any given day.

"This is fairly significant." Cr Holstein said that in light of the information received, and following lengthy discussions in traffic committee meetings, lights were seen as the best option.

**Lyle Stone, June 6, 8 Council agenda CIT.34, June 6**



Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club

## Council proceeds with rebuilding

**Gosford Council has resolved to spend almost \$6.5 million on the construction of Ocean Beach, Umina Beach and Copacabana Surf Clubs.**

The construction will be funded by loans, levy rates and grants.

Funding will include \$865,000 from the accumulated reserve funds from council's water safety levy rate, \$1 million from internal borrowings from council's waste disposal facilities reserve, \$175,000 from a surf club facility development grant, \$100,000 from capitol works funds for the replacement of the Ocean Beach toilets and \$4,349,818 from remaining special purpose loan funds.

Council resolved to approve expenditure of currently accumulated reserve funds from the Water Safety Levy Rate totalling \$865,000 and the additional rate revenue of \$230,000 a year internal borrowings of \$1 million from its Waste Disposal Facilities Reserves at its meeting of June 6.

The \$1 million would be repaid by Water Safety Levy funds of \$125,000 over 11 years.

Council has also resolved to

seek an external loan of \$6 million to fund the construction of Killcare and Wamberal Surf Club buildings and repay the remainder of the money borrowed from the Waste Disposal Facilities Reserves.

Council has reported that a total budget of \$11 million would be needed to fully fund reconstruction of the surf club buildings.

Council also resolved to pursue all opportunities to secure other funds to repay the external loan via surf club facility grants, regional partnership funding, the sale of surplus council land and possibly the inclusion in an extraordinary rate increase to fund civic infrastructure.

Council also resolved to seek a report on how the beach inventory for all surf clubs and life guards could be maintained at a satisfactory level using the remaining funds in the water safety levy, following a request from Cr Jim Macfadyen.

At a meeting on February 7, council resolved to invite tenders from seven short-listed companies for the design, development and construction of Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Club buildings.

A design for Killcare Surf Club building is also currently being prepared by consultant architects Andrews Neil Pty Ltd in discussion with the club.

It is expected that a development application will be submitted by July.

Tenders for the design, development and construction of Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Club buildings closed on April 11 with McKenzie Building and Construction Pty Ltd awarded the tender.

The works include demolition, preparation of detailed construction drawings (preliminary design and DA drawings have been approved), obtaining a construction certificate and construction.

The buildings are two stories with floor areas of 800 to 900 square metres including boat/surf craft storage, café/kitchen areas, amenities, function rooms, store rooms, passenger lift, external decks and ancillary areas.

The construction period is 41 weeks and the work is scheduled to commence late August.

**Council agenda SF.19, June 6**

## Winter stall

**Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary Winter Woollies Stall will be outside Woy Woy Hospital Kiosk, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, on Thursday, June 15.**

The stall will operate from 9am to 3.30pm.

"Be there to support your local hospital," said public relations officer Ms Pat Harding.

**Pat Harding**  
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

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## Probus info day

**Members of the Probus Clubs on the Peninsula attended an Information and Friendship Day for District 9680 during May.**

The Probus Clubs on the Peninsula are among 38 clubs which belong to Probus District 9680 which takes in most of the Central Coast.

The information day was held on Monday, May 15, at Forester's Beach Resort and 25 clubs attended.

Probus Head Office manager

Mrs Pat Atkinson and board chairman Geoff McLennan spoke about Probus Clubs of South Pacific Region.

The clubs are open to anyone who is retired or semi-retired, for friendship and social activities.

For those interested in a mixed club which meets on a Thursday, contact 4343 1039 or Probus Head Office on toll free 1800 630 488 for details of other clubs in this area.

**Press release, May 24**  
**Annette Strong, Probus Club of Umina Peninsula**

## Farmers' market starts at Ettalong

**A new organic food and farmers market will be held every Sunday from July 2 at Ettalong Markets.**

The organic food and farmers market will set up at 8am and disassemble at 2pm.

Food on offer will include organic fruit, vegetable, meat, chicken, groceries and dried goods, French bread, croissants, organic

bread, spelt bread, quiches and French pastries, organic grade A free range eggs, organic coffee, freshly brewed cappuccinos, jams, chutney, dips and dressing.

Food on offer will also include smoked trout, pies, pastries, biscuits, muffins, cheese, vegan food, seeds, bush food, teas, herbs, honey, cakes and Italian Deli.

There will also be other goods on offer such as plants, flowers, antiques, clothing, artefacts, CDs, aromatherapy, massage, shiatsu, naturopath and children's entertainment.

Ettalong Markets have also introduced a car boot sale, to operate at the markets every Saturday from 9am to 4pm.

**Lyle Stone, June 9**

## Competition

**Peninsula News, in conjunction with the Bondi Cigars band, is giving readers the chance to win one of five copies of the band's 12 Lies album.**

The Bondi Cigars are getting together to perform a special show at Lizotte's on Friday, June 16.

The band has performed only a handful of shows together this year,

with all members taking some time out for themselves and to work on some side projects.

To enter the competition, write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Bondi Cigars Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256.

Entries close June 23.

**Lyle Stone, June 9**

**Two traffic incidents involving intoxicated drivers have been recorded on the Peninsula recently.**

Highway Patrol police were patrolling Ettalong when they attempted to stop a vehicle for a mobile breath test at around 5pm on Saturday, June 4.

The vehicle drove off at speed through a stop sign, then

accelerated harshly, however stopped shortly after.

The driver, a 30-year-old male from Kincumber, failed a roadside breath test, requiring zero blood alcohol as a red P1 licence holder.

A breath analysis conducted later returned a reading of 0.040.

General duties police attended a pedestrian injured in a crash in Woy Woy.

It was alleged that a vehicle being driven by a 42-year-old Woy Woy man collided with a 64-year-old woman while she was crossing the road at around 7.25pm on Friday, June 2.

The driver was breath tested and failed the roadside test and later returned a reading of 0.075.

**Press release, June 4**  
**Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water Traffic Services**

## Drink driving incidents

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## Awards for baking

**Two Umina Beach pastry cooks have won five awards at the Port Macquarie Baking Show.**

Under the Pie and Pastry Section, Carolyne Barber from the Bremen Patisserie came third in the Two Meat Pies section.

Ron Bruns from the Patisserie came first in the Two Gourmet Pies section, with Carolyne coming third in the same section.

Ron came first in the Two Palmiers (French Pastries Decoated) section.

Carolyne also came second in the Novelty Bread section.

Novelty bread was judged on appearance and craftsmanship.

**Press release, May 24**  
**Bremen Patisserie**

## Ettalong targeted

**Ettalong was targeted in Operation Stay Alert last weekend, according to Brisbane Water Traffic Services officer Mr Dave O'Shea.**

Mr O'Shea said Ettalong had featuring prominently in alcohol related crashes.

"Terrigal and Ettalong are featuring prominently in alcohol crashes and in addition to the other locations we will be performing targeted mobile and stationary RBT in those locations," he said.

**Press release, June 7**  
**Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water Traffic Services**

## Tickets won

**The winners have been chosen for the Peninsula News, Good Health and Beauty Show, to be held from June 16 to 18.**

The winners were Ms Mel Fleming, Ms M Fotheringham, B O'Rourke, Jenny Morley and Shirley Drake of Woy Woy, Manfy Hope and Mrs Jenni Chapman of Umina Beach, Beryl Butterfield of Point Clare, Mrs K Roberts of Tascott and Sarah Browne of West Gosford.

The winners each won a double pass to the Good Health and Beauty Show, to be held at the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre.

**Lyle Stone, June 9**

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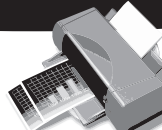
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## Traffic lights for school crossing?

**Woy Woy Public School pedestrian crossing may get traffic lights following an audit of pedestrian crossings on multi-lane roads.**

State Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the upgrade was part of the State Government's three year strategy to upgrade all pedestrian crossings on multi-lane state government roads, which do not currently have pedestrian signals.

Ms Andrews said the upgrade would help to improve the safety of our community, particularly for parents, children and older people.

"The audit identified 59 crossings on State Government roads that do

not currently have traffic signals," Ms Andrews said.

"The State Government is now looking at implementing a \$17 million program that will see all 59 crossings without traffic lights upgraded.

"Over the next six months the RTA will undertake a more detailed assessment of each site to determine the best options for these upgrades.

"Over the last 10 years, the RTA has gradually been upgrading these types of crossings across the State, but this new program will slash the period needed to improve all of them to just three years."

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



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

## Money for care unit and car parking

**A \$1.96 million Woy Woy transitional care unit will be built and \$1.75 million will be spent on the Woy Woy Commuter Car Park as a result of the State Budget, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews**

Brisbane Water Secondary College will receive a security fence and Woy Woy South Public

School will have a toilet upgrade. Brisbane Water Secondary College will continue to receive funding with the stage two upgrade project at an estimated total cost of \$4 million.

Umina Public School work will also continue with the facilities upgrade project with an estimated total cost of \$2.7 million

**Press release, June 7  
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

## Holstein defends Ettalong crossing

**Gosford's traffic committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein has defended the placement of raised pedestrian crossing in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.**

Cr Holstein said that there had been eight accidents in four years, with four pedestrians and two cyclists being injured.

Cr Holstein said the work had been approved by the committee which included representatives of the police, RTA, Gosford Council and Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

"The works are to be funded by a Federal Government program," Cr Holstein said.

"Three semi-mature trees are

to be removed, only to enable crossings and improve sight distance for vehicles.

"No palms will be removed. "The scenic amenity was always paramount in any works, but so was safety for the pedestrians."

Cr Holstein said the raised crossing had to go in Ocean View Rd, as it was the speed of vehicles into and from the roundabout that was the main factor in all injuries.

"The committee has a responsibility to exercise its duty of care.

"The facts were clear and the funding was secured," Cr Holstein said.

"I'm sure that no business in

Ettalong would wish any pedestrian injury.

"It should be noted that several other matters of traffic concern have been highlighted in close proximity, such as pedestrian safety around the markets and the Chamber of Commerce request for a 40kph speed limit.

"These are now under investigation.

"I am happy to discuss these matters with any resident or businesses who still have concerns."

For more information, contact Cr Holstein on 0418 432 731.

**Press release, June 7  
Chris Holstein, Gosford Council**

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**Forum**

# Barking owl affected by bushland clearing

**Tonight the barking owl was just over my back fence. I hear it calling most nights, mostly from just south of Ryan's Rd.**

But tonight he was close, calling from a big tree in the Umina Campus grounds.

That's where I first saw this large bird which is vulnerable to extinction. They need a territory of between 20 and 300 hectares to survive.

The barking owl is one of the species that would be affected by the proposed clearing of rare bushland on the Catholic land in Hillview St, removing habitat where it finds food.

The grey-headed flying fox is another species vulnerable to extinction that will lose food sources if this land is cleared. They've been there in great numbers this year, feeding on the nectar on the flowering trees.

Our unique bushland is also under threat from the proposed development on this site on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St in Woy Woy.

The DA documents acknowledge that the site is covered by an Endangered Ecological Community

**Forum**

(EEC) of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW).

At the time the previous DA was submitted, the coverage of this site by this EEC had not been acknowledged by the developer.

The Land and Environment Court rejected this previous application on the grounds that the destruction of half a hectare of UCSW on a 1.6 hectare site was significant. The LEC judgement can be read in full on their website.

The current DA should also be rejected on the same basis, as it would still require the destruction of half a hectare of UCSW on a 1.6 hectare site to build these prestigious, luxury apartments.

Further, the current DA is being rationalised as preferable to the neglect that the current landowner has allowed. However, there are many other ways to manage the site without destroying almost half its rare bushland.

Last year evidence was given to the Land and Environment Court of the names of residents who are trained in bush regeneration methods and who are prepared to

look after this bushland, eg remove weeds.

Additionally, I reject the suggestion that this rare bush has to be destroyed so wealthy retirees have somewhere to live. There are plenty of other up-market retirement villages for them to choose on the Central Coast.

We already have a lack of open space on the Peninsula, and Council's recent approval of the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS) means there will be even more people packed in to a finite urban area.

I encourage others to write submissions to Council to oppose this development so this rare bushland can survive, and to urge our Councillors to vote against it.

Grounds for objection are that the site is unsuitable for development, flora will be threatened with extinction by this development, and so this development is not in the public interest.

The documents and maps are still on display at Woy Woy Library, and submissions close on Friday June 16.

**Shirley Hotchkiss  
Umina**

# Serious damage proposed

**Forum**

It is sincerely hoped that Gosford Council will purchase this land for those of us living now and the residents of the future.

The land is needing the dedication and care of bushcare volunteers and a group will form when council hopefully purchases it.

**Norah Clark  
Woy Woy**

**In February this year, the Land and Environment Court rejected Providence Projects' proposed development on the Hillview St-Veron Rd site at Woy Woy.**

However, Providence Projects now has two new submissions before Gosford Council.

The site is still an Endangered Ecological Community and whatever is built there will seriously damage this precious site.

# Explain leisure centre costs

**Forum**

**I refer to comments made recently in the media by Mayor Laurie Maher on Gosford Council's Leisure Centre and the annual operating loss of \$1.3M.**

First of all I want to say "good on you Laurie Maher" for being so honest and upfront and taking it on the chin.

The previous Council made a horrendous mistake against all advice when the first took on this ambitious project, the cost of which the ratepayer will now have to wear.

Secondly, where's the "expert on everything" Cr Chris Holstein when the chips are down?

Nowhere to be seen! I want to know how the \$16M aquatic centre blew its budget out by millions of dollars with running costs at \$1.3M losses.

Put your hard hat on now Cr Holstein and explain this one to the ratepayers.

**Nick Kalantzis  
Booker Bay**

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# Ratepayer will wear losses

**Congratulations to Mayor Laurie Maher for being honest about the Peninsula Leisure Centre and the unacceptable operating losses it will now incur.**

The community should be extremely concerned at what is now a serious matter that Gosford Council will have to address in a fully transparent and fiscally-responsible manner.

As a former councillor, I am very angry when I recall the ridicule directed at me in the Council Chamber and publicly in the media, during my term, when

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I warned the chairman of the committee, Cr Chris Holstein, that the construction costs would blow out by millions because the project had not been fully costed nor the operating expenses adequately addressed.

It is not good enough to say "what a wonderful facility" and "the Woy Woy community deserves the best facility possible" as a means of justifying the cost.

When considering these types of multi-million dollar projects, fiscal responsibility is paramount

and decisions should be made by people with the appropriate level of experience and qualifications.

Council's failure to do so is exactly what sends Councils into unacceptable debt.

Liverpool City Council is testimony to that.

I cannot begin to describe the months of debate I and others in Council endured over the size of this project, the lack of sound-proofing, failure to address compliance issues, tendering before the construction certificate was issued, where the money was going to come from and the demolition of a facility 12 months out before work commenced all to no avail.

Unfortunately for the ratepayer, we are all now going to have to wear the \$13 million blow-out and dig deep to pay the estimated \$1.3 million operating losses for many years to come.

This is not a legacy that should be left to the ratepayers.

**Debra Wales  
Umina Beach**

# Roles are at odds

**Forum**

**I was really surprised at the letter from Lorraine Wilson from Community Chest (Peninsula News, May 29) discussing Cr Chris Holstein's political ambitions and defending his position as a part-time general manager of the organization.**

The fact that Ms Wilson has been dragged into the debate over Cr Holstein being paid for charitable donations while he is running for the Liberal Party at the State Election is clear evidence that Cr Holstein has a real problem in terms of conflict with his duties.

The fact of the matter is that running for State office is a full time, high profile undertaking which you

clearly cannot turn on and off to suit your work conditions.

But more importantly, this is quite at odds with an organisation such as Community Chest which is apolitical and non-partisan.

Cr Holstein is paid by an apolitical organization that depends on generous contributions from the community from which his salary is paid.

If one would be very reluctant to contribute to such an organisation if I thought for one solitary moment that Cr Holstein was politicking while being paid.

Can this be guaranteed?  
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You are invited to send questions in advance to:  
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## Drake opposes desalination

**Cr Trevor Drake has come out in opposition to the use of mobile desalination plants by the Gosford Wyong Joint Water Authority.**

A technical advisory group of the water authority has recommended the authority commission six plants, including one at Umina Beach.

The number would be increased to 20 over time.

Cr Drake said the first year cost of the initial six plants would be \$11.1 million "for 29 days of water".

He said: "I do not believe that if the public was truly aware of the economic and environmental costs associated with such installations that they would support or endorse such an approach."

Cr Drake said he supported Cr Terri Latella's call for public forums to discuss the proposed mobile desalination plants as advocated by some Wyong Councillors.

Cr Drake's opposition follows calls from environment groups to reject the proposal.

The Central Coast's Community Environment Network, the Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch and Sydney's Total Environment Centre have all called on the authority to find alternatives.

"The joint water authority should be concentrating on less environmentally-damaging solutions such as stormwater harvesting and be providing greater rebates or loans for purchase of rainwater tanks that are plumbed into the household," said ACF branch president Mr John Wiggin.

Cr Drake said: "I have had the opportunity to view a preliminary report which details the economic and environmental costs.

"The extra time we would buy is not worth it.

"As of June 5, we have total dam capacity of 33,529 million litres.

"Our average daily use is approximately 75 million litres.

"If we had no other source of water, our dams would be completely empty in 447 days, which is just short of 64 weeks.

Cr Drake said the set up for six

mobile desalination plants was estimated to cost \$2.4 million, at \$400,000 per site, and would take four months.

"The running and lease cost in the first year alone would be \$8.7 million," Cr Drake said.

"The environmental impacts on returning the leftover brine to enclosed lagoons are unable to be calculated."

"There is a suggestion that it be put in the sewers, which will most likely cause problems with current water recycling programs instituted by the Councils."

Cr Drake said that, in addition, the desalination plants use a significant amount of electricity.

"It has been calculated that for every 1000 litres of water produced, 4.5kg of carbon dioxide will also be produced," Cr Drake said.

"That equates to a daily output of 27 tonne or a yearly output of nearly 10,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide for six mobile desalination plants.

Cr Drake said this appeared to be in direct contrast with Gosford Council's policy on reducing Greenhouse emissions.

He said: "Both councils discharge 60 million litres of tertiary treated water from the Norah Head and Kincumber treatment works on a daily basis.

"This discharge is practically clear water, and the same technology as desalination exists to convert it to better than drinking water quality at a much reduced cost, both economically and environmentally.

"In the absence of public support I can not endorse mobile desalination plants as the cost to the community on economic and environmental grounds is too high.

"If we could recycle and return to our dams or rivers for reuse, all the water, we presently discharge from our sewerage works, the Central Coast would be drought-proofed forever."

**Press releases, June 6  
Trevor Drake, Gosford Councillor  
Community Environment Network  
ACF Central Coast  
Lyle Stone, June 6**



The Home and Community Care office in Woy Woy

## Boost in HACC funds

**Federal member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced a boost in funding for the Home and Community Care (HACC) program, located near the Peninsula Community Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.**

Under the program, the Peninsula Community Centre which operates the service will receive \$83,200 in funding while the Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service will receive \$1200.

The community centre will receive \$45,000 for a van and trade equipment, including ladders, leads, power tools, and other items,

building tools, office desk, chair and an outdoor storage shed.

The centre will also receive \$25,000 for home modification and maintenance and \$13,200 for assistance in clearing a back-log of home modifications.

The \$1200 for the Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service will be for office furniture to meet occupational health and safety standards.

According to Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, existing HACC projects in his electorate have been allocated a total of \$898,226 in recurrent and non-recurrent funding to enhance

services, particularly in the areas of personal care, domestic assistance and transport.

"This boost in funding will go a long way to help providers of HACC on the Central Coast continue their great work and give those who need the services a higher level of independence," said Mr Lloyd.

"There is a high need for the Home and Community Care program on the Central Coast to assist frail aged people and young people with disabilities to continue to remain in their own homes with the support of their families."

**Press release, June 5  
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

## Flood consultant appointed

**Cardno-Lawson Treloar P/L has been chosen to conduct the Brisbane Water Foreshore Flood study.**

Five Firms were recently invited to submit proposals to conduct the study, with five proposals received.

Cardno-Lawson Treloar P/L was found to be the most suitable consultant with an upper limiting

fee of \$89,430 (excluding GST).

An estimated amount of \$25,000 had been committed by the NSW Government under the NSW Floodplain Management Program 2005-06 while further grant funding to continue the project in 2006/2007 had been requested from the State Government.

Council was also able to fund \$29,810 of the project under the 2005/06 and 2006/07 Capital

Works Program.

Commencement of the study will now be publicly advertised in the local press inviting expressions of interest from the general public to join the committee as temporary members for the duration of the Floodplain Risk Management Process, either as representatives of the local community groups or as individuals.

**Council agenda FM. 004, June 6**

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# Program could be stopped

**A program at Umina, helping school-age mothers complete their education, would stop with a State Government cutback in funding to Gosford Family Support Services, according to Liberal candidate for Gosford, Cr Chris Holstein.**

"Funding has been cut by 45 per cent to an organisation that for over 20 years has offered many needed services to the Central Coast," Mr Holstein said.

"This program has been run in conjunction with TAFE to assist these young mums in fulfilling their education or giving training to enhance long term job prospects."

However from the end of June, family workers dealing with those in high need will be cut from seven to three workers (138hrs to 51hrs per week), child minding services will be totally cut, drop-in services in advocacy, counselling and referral, totally cut, family workers home visits cut by over 50 per cent and waiting time for families in crisis to double from 10 to 12 weeks to up to six months.

"The funding cut will see over 300 families in crisis in Gosford City alone left without adequate support," Cr Holstein said.

Mr Holstein said he wanted to know why the Government had treated an organisation and their staff, with over 20 years of

impeccable service to those in need in this community, in such a despicable manner.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said Gosford City Family Support Services received more than \$411,000 a year in recurrent funding from the NSW Government.

"The service has been receiving this recurrent funding for more than 20 years and there is no plan whatsoever to alter this arrangement," Ms Andrews said.

"In his rather misleading press release, Mr Holstein appears to be referring to the fact that some one-off grants are coming to an end of the grant period.

"These programs have only been

running for one year and represent far less than the 45 per cent funding cut claimed by Mr Holstein.

"The service was aware that some of their funding would come to an end when these two programs began a year ago.

"However, if there's merit to continuing a program, it will be considered for further funding.

"It is my understanding that one of

these programs, a \$23,000 a year program for an Early Intervention Family Worker for young parents, is currently being assessed for possible renewable funding under the Families First program."

**Press release, June 3, June 8  
Chris Holstein, Liberal  
candidate for Gosford**

**Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

## Drug forum for parents

**An open forum for parents on the Peninsula, "But all the other parents...", will be held during Drug Action Week at Club Umina.**

It will be held in the club's auditorium, in Melbourne Ave, Umina, on Wednesday, June 21, from 7pm to 9pm.

A panel of members of supporting agencies will be on hand to provide parents with information and answer any questions that parents may have in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

People from various sections of Area Health, Umina Police and Community Youth Club, RAPT (Reconnecting Adolescent and Parents Team), and Regional Youth Service will take part.

The chairperson of the Peninsula Community Drug Action Team Ms Carolyn Carter said that alcohol in particular could be very dangerous because it was legal and used by 95 per cent of the adult population.

"We are so familiar with it, we sometimes forget the harm it can do," Ms Carter said.

"Alcohol is related to a very high percentage of road accidents and violent assaults.

"In particular, we are concerned about sexual assaults that happen amongst the teenage girls who have been at drinking parties on the Central Coast.

"Nothing is worse for a parent than to lose their child or to have their child's life destroyed in such tragic circumstances."

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team is sponsoring the forum for parents to help them help their children with issues associated with alcohol and other drugs.

"It's never too young to start teaching your children about managing the risks around alcohol and other drugs, or to work together to prevent the supply of alcohol and drugs in the first place," said Ms Carter.

"One of the aims of the forum is to help parents to come up with strategies to cope positively with pressure applied by their young teenage children when they want to go out to parties where adult

supervision is uncertain or non-existent."

Parents who would like to pose questions relating to alcohol and other drugs in advance of the forum are invited to email these to ccar6071@bigpond.net.au or phone 4342 3799.

**Press release, June 7  
Carolyn Carter, Peninsula  
Community Drug Action Team**

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## Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



Gosford City 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% 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 program, a Council worker may briefly flush the local main. This is the only option to quickly clear the discoloured water. It usually uses minimal amounts of water and this 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 City 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 over the coming months and we would like to thank local residents for their continued patience.



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## Council continues Night Owl service

**Gosford Council has resolved to continue the Night Owl Bus, which services Peninsula pubs and clubs, with ticket prices set to increase to \$10.**

The service was set to cease operations on July 1, but council had resolved to keep it operating until the Unsworth Report was presented, despite a recommendation to cancel the service after June 10.

The Unsworth Report makes recommendations which provide a framework for improvements to bus services for the people of NSW.

Council has ordered its officers to continue to pursue the proposal to have the Night Owl Bus routes included in those to be serviced by other bus companies, in conjunction with the State Government's bus reform program for the Central Coast.

Mayor Cr Laurie Maher will write to the Minister Eric Roosendaal, asking to accelerate the findings of the Unsworth Transport Report for the Central Coast, and to all local Members seeking their representation.

He will also write to the Minister supporting the long term funding of the service as part of the bus reform program.

Council's Grants Officer has also been charged with securing sponsorship to support the service, with all clubs, pubs and restaurants who contribute towards the support of the service to be identified as sponsorship partners in the weekly council page in the Express Advocate.

Council has also resolved to seek police and NRMA support via representations to the Minister and local Members for the maintenance and long term funding of the service.

Wyong Council, who recently resolved to cease its share of the funding, has been asked to reconsider its decision and join council in a funding partnership until the Unsworth report is handed down.

Cr Craig Doyle said these were all suggestions council should move forward on.

"We need to get the Roads Minister fully involved with this, and get him to bring that (Unsworth) report forward if possible," Cr Doyle said.

Cr Peter Hale stated that the ticket price increase would most likely make people in groups more inclined to catch cabs.

Cr Terri Latella said she thought the \$10 ticket price was a fair ask.

"We are ranked third in the number of car accidents that involve youth in the state," Cr Latella said.

"I believe that amount there is quite a nominal amount.

"If the State government can dictate population strategies to us then we should be at the least asking for services such as transport."

The weekly patronage of the bus from March 10 to May 13 was 56, well short of initial estimates of 118 passengers.

A report from council staff stated that the action "to have the Night Owl Bus service included in the NSW Government local service contract(s) appears the most likely avenue in retaining the service in the longer term".

It stated that there was no indication when the bus reform program for the Central Coast would be finalised and that there was no guarantee that the Night Owl Bus service would be included in the program.

Council agenda CIT.32, June 6

## Decision deferred on 'home industry'

**Gosford Council has deferred making a decision on an application allowing a property on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, to operate a wharf and jetty business as a "home industry".**

A council report stated the site had allegedly been used for building wharves, but was stopped recently following complaints from neighbours.

A previous application for a shed had been recommended for refusal by council officers.

The application for a home industry stemmed from a proposed order issued by council's compliance unit seeking the alleged unauthorised business and industrial use activities on the site to stop.

The application proposed the construction of a new shed, six metres square, to be used for the home industry, in association with a wharf and jetty business owned and operated by the property owner.

The application was refused

in February because approval would hinder future redevelopment of nearby residential properties and create an "undesirable precedence", undermining the planning objectives of the residential zoning.

It was also refused for not being in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.

It was also refused for not being consistent with the definition of a home industry.

The applicant submitted two letters disputing the reasons for refusal, including the proposed use of the shed and its affects on the character of the surrounding area.

The letters stated that "Mr Singleton has operated his business from the premises for in excess of eight years with no known complaints having been made".

It further stated that, in order to clarify his intentions regarding the proposed "home industry" Mr Singleton wrote to council on February 2 advising that the proposed shed would be used only for the secure storage of equipment

and tools and for occasional repairs of equipment.

It also stated that the premises were not intended to be used for storage of major items of equipment nor for the construction of jetties or wharves or any other major items of construction.

"Such works are undertaken at the location of proposed wharves and jetties using materials delivered directly to the sites."

A council report stated that the proposal did not comply with the definition of a home industry and was better defined as an industrial use which was prohibited within the 2(b) Residential Zoning.

The report stated that "approval of the application would not be considered to encourage proper management of development or promote and co-ordinate the orderly and economic development of land".

It noted that the site had been cleaned up since the refusal was issued and the signage had been removed.

Council agenda ENV.58, June 6

## Detainees at Empire Bay

**Shadow Juvenile Justice Minister Ms Catherine Cusack has called on the Government to explain what a group of detainees in plain clothes were doing at Empire Bay, 20 kilometres away from the Baxter Detention Centre after sunset recently.**

Two detainees aged 16 and

17, from the detention centre at Kariang, escaped from youth officers at 5.30pm on May 31, at Empire Bay, while on a supervised activity.

The two detainees who escaped custody may have been rock climbing at Wards Hill as part of a range of programs available to inmates of Baxter Juvenile Detention Centre at Kariang,

according to Ms Cusack.

"Baxter detainees are supposed to be in their rooms, locked down from 5.30pm to 6pm in preparation for dinner," she said.

"They certainly should not be wandering close to bushland in plain clothes after dark."

Press release, June 1  
Catherine Cusack, Shadow Juvenile Justice Minister

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**Skate Clinic 1**

From an ollie to a kick flip. "Jam" down to Narara skate park this school holidays. Learn the basics of skateboarding on this 3 day course. This course is selling fast, for more information speak to Nick.

When: 4th - 6th July  
Time: 10 am - 12 noon  
Where: Narara skate park  
Who: Girls and boys 10 yrs +

**Skate Clinic 2**

When: 11th - 13th July  
Time: 10 am - 12 noon  
Where: Narara skate park  
Who: Girls and boys 10 yrs +  
Cost: \$60.00



sports hall clinics

**Netball Clinic**

Would you like to play centre or learn to shoot a goal? This clinic has all the tips and tricks.

When: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 8.00 am to 3.00 pm  
Where: PLC Sports Hall  
Who: Girls and boys 6 - 13yrs  
Cost: \$30.00

**Basketball Clinic**

Want a 3 pointer or swoosh the ball through the hoop? Put the "Magic" back into your game.

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## Support for regional library to be sited on Peninsula

**A number of people responding to a survey have suggested that a regional library be sited on the Peninsula.**

However, the majority of those surveyed were the 2982 respondents suggesting the library site be retained in Kibble Park, Gosford.

The survey was undertaken for 28 days at eight local libraries including Woy Woy and Umina.

One suggestion was received from Woy Woy Library, asking for the regional library to be placed there, while suggestions from Umina Library included building a new regional library at Umina, two suggestions for Ettalong Beach, and one suggestion for next to the Woy Woy or Gosford Swimming Pool.

Council resolved on December 6 last year to undertake a "fair and equitable conciliation process" through surveys in all its libraries with the public and particularly with library users to determine the community preferred site for Gosford Regional Library.

A draft survey document was

prepared and agreed to at a council workshop held from February 3 to February 5 at Nelson Bay.

To ensure that the public, with a particular focus on library users, had all the information to determine a preference for a location of the Regional Library, a package was developed.

The package contained concept plans for possible locations, Kibble Park and adjacent to the Mann St building, information on indicative costs for the construction of the libraries in their different configurations at the two separate locations and the agreed survey form. The survey document will be tabled at this meeting.

The survey kit was placed in all council library customer service locations and advertised in the newspapers and on radio to ensure maximum awareness of the survey by the community.

Council has now resolved that a facilitated workshop be held on the establishment of a Regional Library within the Gosford Local Government Area and the results of the survey by considered in the workshop.

Council agenda SF.18, June 6



Penny Jones, Jonathan Inkpin, (Anglican Church), Fr Geoff Bugden, (Catholic Church), Graham Mundine, (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission) and Bruce Edgell, (Uniting Church)

## Reconciliation gathering

**Executive Secretary of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission Mr Graeme Mundine was the guest speaker at a special service at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Umina**

recently.

The service was an ecumenical gathering for the week of Prayer for Reconciliation and Christian Unity involving the different denominations on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Mr Mundine spoke about

the continued challenges to all Australians to overcome the hurts of the past and to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians in the campaign to Make Indigenous Poverty History.

Press release, June 9

Kathy Martin,

Woy Woy Anglican Church

## Consultants study floodplain

**Webb McKeown and Associates have been engaged as consulting engineers to perform the Mudflat (Fraser Rd) Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.**

The Fraser Rd (Mudflat) Creek Flood Study was recently

completed.

The consultant is expected to publicly advertise the commencement of the study and will investigate various options to effectively manage the risk of flooding in Killcare.

Two-thirds of the project cost of \$49,545 had been committed by the NSW Government under the NSW Floodplain Management Program.

Gosford Council is also contributing \$33,030 to the project.

The potential flooding impact and structural stability of dams within the Mudflat Creek catchment will also be investigated with the results included in the flood study.

Council agenda FM. 001, June 6

## Outdoor areas approved

**Everglades Country Club has approved the construction of two outdoor smoking areas.**

"Government regulations require the smoking areas of the Club to be reduced in size from the July 3," club secretary manager Mr Wayne Dean said.

"The Board has approved the construction of two out door areas, one inclusive of the front lounge space and the other adjacent to the rear hallway.

"We envisage completion by July."

Club president Mr Brian Crawley said a third area was still under negotiations with Gosford Council and would be started as soon as all relevant paper work was completed.

"All these sections should be operating before the complete ban on smoking takes place in July 2007," Mr Crawley said.

Newsletter, June 1

Wayne Dean,

Everglades Country Club

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## Director inspired by Sydney production

**Woy Woy Little Theatre's June-July play is the multi prize-winning Martin McDonagh play, "The Beauty Queen of Leenane".**

Director Mr John Hickey said he wanted to bring this play to the Coast since he saw the Sydney Theatre production four years ago.

He said he was thrilled with the dramatic relationships and timing his cast of four local actors is creating in rehearsals.

Mr McDonagh is the first playwright since Shakespeare to have had four plays running simultaneously in the West End.

His first play, The Beauty Queen of Leenane, is "wildly funny, deeply affecting and grotesquely macabre all at the same time", according to Mr Hickey

"Action is set in the Irish Connemara home of Mag Folan, a manipulative and complaining old

biddy.

"Both younger sisters have married young and moved away leaving Maureen, the 40-year-old spinster of the family, to take on the thankless task of caring for their mother. "When a handsome neighbour and old flame, Pato Dooley, briefly returns from England Maureen desperately grabs at her last chance for love, and escape.

"McDonagh re-invents the Ireland of the classic playwrights such as Synge and O'Connor.

"The Galway village has become a global village as the characters stare at Australian soaps on the box.

"It is an Ireland where "everybody leaves" drawn by jobs and money in England and America, yet it is a part of Ireland where some people still speak, and listen to, the ancient language.

"The play concerns the sometimes poisonous relationships

between parents and children, an Irish theme since Playboy of the Western World.

"McDonagh creates four characters, Mag and her daughter Maureen, Pato and his young brother Ray.

"With just these four he creates a dramatic world of black comedy and tension."

The season opens on Friday, June 30, at 8pm at the Peninsula Theatre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The play will run on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm until July 15 with weekend matinees on Saturday July 15, and Sundays July 2, 9 and 16.

Bookings available and can be made by contacting 4344 4737.

Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$16 concessions.

Press release, June 6  
Jan Taylor, Woy Woy Little Theatre

## Exhibition for aged care centre

**Umina artist Judith Hoste and her students will hold an art exhibition to raise funds for the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre on Saturday, June 24.**

The exhibition will be held from 10am to 3pm at the centre's village square in Kathleen St, Woy Woy.

Refreshments will be served between noon and 1pm, with an official opening at 1pm by Dennis O'Donald.

All paintings in the exhibition will be on sale and will be original works by Judith and students attending her art classes.

Works in oil, acrylic, watercolour and pastel will be exhibited.

Judith Hoste has been teaching in all mediums for 20 years at her Amber Arts business, with some students traveling from Sydney to attend her classes.

For more information, contact 4341 7302.

Press release, June 6  
Judith Hoste, Amber Arts

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**The film "Since Otar Left" will be screened at Wagstaffe Hall on June 20.**

Bouddi Society vice-president Mr David Dufty said that thanks to the efforts of documentary film maker Michael Rubbo, classic films were now being shown to appreciative audiences in local communities in the Gosford area.

"The next opportunity for local people to see films not usually shown at commercial outlets is on Tuesday, June 20, at 7.30pm at Wagstaffe Hall," Mr Dufty said.

The film shown will be "Since Otar Left" which won the grand prize in the international Critics Week at Cannes last year.

It is set in Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, and involves three generations of women living together in a book-filled apartment.

The film is directed by Julie Bertuccelli and has received excellent reviews.

David Stratton described it as "touching and beautiful: a trio of sublime performances". Jonathon Dawson of ABC Tasmania tips it for an Oscar in the best foreign picture category.

Press release, June 7  
David Dufty, The Bouddi Society

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## Too many crossings

How sad it is to read that Gosford Council and Cr Chris Holstein will destroy the look of Ettalong Beach when so many others have put their time and effort into making it a lovely place to visit.

I have lived in the area for many years and have never had trouble crossing the streets or walking to the markets and theatre.

And now we will have five pedestrian crossings in one block. It's reminiscent of the days not so

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long ago when Cr Holstein wanted to put a shipping container on the Ettalong foreshore because some had chopped some trees down.

The headline, as I recall, was 'Beautiful one day...Ridiculous the Next'.

I guess he finally achieved what he wanted.

The ridiculous.

R Mayes  
Ettalong Beach

## Thanks to hospital

I have recently had an operation and spent five days in ward S4, Gosford Public Hospital.

The surgeons, doctors, nurses and all the supporting personnel were excellent.

Their dedication, skill, professionalism and compassion

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towards their patients had to be experienced to be appreciated.

My heartfelt thanks to all concerned.

Gordon Saxby  
Horsfield Bay

## Bureaucratic Partocracy

I am appalled at the arrogance and contempt of Council and the RTA in regard to the crossing butchery at the intersection of Oceanview Dr and Picnic Parade.

For six accidents in five years. Are they mad?

The smallest street in Woy Woy would have treble that amount.

Again this destruction of the ambience at Ettalong, is the measure of government and

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bureaucracy doing what they damn well like and the people can mind their own business.

We don't live in a democracy, we live in a Bureaucratic Partocracy.

Hopefully, one day enough people will wake up to that fact to make a difference.

Keith Whitfield  
Woy Woy

## Wrong time for police

No it is not enough to have five or perhaps seven police present in West St, Umina, at 5.30pm.

Real criminals will emerge to kick in the doors and vandalise the windows of businesses on the Woy Woy Peninsula in the small hours.

I am supported in my call for an additional police car on the Woy Woy Peninsula to remain there during the wee small hours between 8 pm and 7 am each night.

What I am concerned about is that five police are out and about

at 5.30 in the evening. Inquiries I have made of the duty officer at Gosford allow me to understand this presence is not related at all to my calls for an extra car.

It is simply a part of the normal roster which results in these increased police numbers at various localities from time to time.

I call for a safe work place for my police, and I expect to hear the local Minister John Della Bosca and the Local Laborite Marie Andrews to call for exactly that in our State

Parliament in the next few days!

Edward James  
Umina

## Scientific spraying is a positive step

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a way of avoiding bites.

Spraying my own or my children's skin with these chemicals to be absorbed into their systems is an unknown risk I am not prepared to take.

However the risk assessment study carried out by The Department of Medical Entomology, Westmead Hospital in 2005 recommending applications of small amounts of laticide applied to the swamp areas of Cockle Bay at a specific time of year when the larvae have hatched was a sound and formal scientific study.

It states emphatically that the mosquitoes do not breed around our homes (these are a different species).

Removal of our banksias, native shrubs (which create breeding sites for small native birds) and shade areas around our homes is

useless when the wind emanates from the direction of the salt marsh mosquito breeding area.

These weeds of the insect kingdom are carriers of Ross River and Barmah Fever.

Both are seriously debilitating illnesses, recurring often for many years after the first bout.

The numbers of these diseases are increasing in the Central Coast area and over 80 people contracted either one in the past year.

The Trust states "short term solutions are never the answer to a problem" and I agree.

This scientifically-based spraying of the mosquito larvae is at least one positive step in the direction of cutting down their plague proportion numbers.

Many small steps often get us where we want to go.

Susan Munro Ross  
Killcare Heights

## Raise school starting age

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A vast majority of these children would not have been ready for school at 4 years 9 months but were allowed into the system even earlier.

Almost every experienced, caring, nurturing teacher would prefer the school starting age be pushed back to 5 years of age.

Ask any teacher and they will tell you the pressure on children at school is continually increasing and yet children are far less able to cope with the higher unrealistic expectations placed upon them at an earlier age.

I have been personally telling parents for years that it cannot possibly do any child any harm to wait another year to start school but it can do harm for them to start too early.

Children who start early spend their entire school life competing

with children up to 18 months older, more mature, more experienced at life, more ready.

Parents who start their children early don't realise the long-term effect on children who strive to do their best but will be judged as E or F on the new Federal School Report Cards.

I accept that some children do well enough starting school early but they would have done at least as well and been happier in doing so had they started school a year later.

Boys are particularly disadvantaged being slower to mature.

They are less capable of attentive listening at an early age.

This proposed change shows just how out of touch the previous and present federal ministers for education are.

Stephen Laming  
Horsfield Bay

I have been a Primary School teacher for over 25 years usually teaching Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

More than 10 years ago the NSW Department of Education decided to lower the starting age for school children from 4 years 9 months to 4 years 6 months.

This was done at the time to allow a very very small number of advanced children to enter school earlier, rather than wait till the next year.

This change has been a monumental failure.

The reasons are many.

Many parents took the opportunity to dump their immature children into the school system early so the parents could go back to work or resume their social life sooner.

### Contributions

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## Women golfers take pennant

**The Everglades women's golf team has won Division Three pennants, the team's first pennants win in seven years.**

"It was a brilliant win," said vice president and publicity officer Ms Jan Binstead.

"The last match, held on the May 15, saw the team win five to one.

"There were a few champagne corks popping when the girls returned to the club that afternoon and the celebrations continued on the following presentation day."

The team included Jan Montgomery (Captain), Veronica

Jordan, Jacqui Crawford, June Cooper, Julie Elliott, Coral Walker, Margaret Coutts and Jan Johnson.

Ms Binstead said the Division One and Division Two teams came second in their grades.

**Newsletter, June 1  
Jan Binstead, Everglades  
Country Club**

## Teachers have professional learning conference

**Staff at Brisbane Water Secondary College have held their annual professional learning conference.**

The conference is designed to keep their skills and knowledge at a peak to provide the best in learning outcomes for their students, college principal Mr Pat Lewis said.

"This is the fourth of these innovative conferences held by the college and all have received high praise, most recently from the Director General of Education," Mr Lewis said.

"Held over two days, the conference began on separate campuses of the college where middle school and senior teachers addressed issues directly related to the students taught by those teachers.

"On the middle school campus, activities covered boys' education, Aboriginal education, assessment tasks, and the innovative Rock and Water welfare program, while the senior campus concentrated

a range of strategies on the use of technology in teaching and learning.

"The second day of the conference saw staff from both campuses coming together at the Ettalong War Memorial Club for an outstanding keynote speaker and a range of workshops.

"This was also a great opportunity for staff of the two campuses to meet and discuss issues affecting the college as a whole.

"Beginning the day, students from both campuses of the college addressed staff on their perspective on being a teenager today and on the type of schooling they were experiencing in the college."

Mr Lewis said that each of the students, Josh Keen, Alex Irving, Liam Scarratt, Chris Blair and Jacqui Steward, spoke confidently and positively on their lives and interests and in their praise of the commitment and encouragement shown to them by their teachers.

"Keynote speaker Mark

McCordle followed this with an outstanding insight into the thoughts and actions of generation Y, the name given to the group of young people of the age of the students currently in the college," Mr Lewis said.

"This entertaining but informative address challenged staff to better understand the young people they are teaching so as to fully engage them in their learning.

"The workshops which followed covered strategies for engaging boys in learning, motivating students, use of technology in teaching and learning, student assessment and mental health issues for students and staff.

"Evaluations of the conference by staff were extremely positive and all felt that the experience had greatly enhanced their professional capacity to teach their students," Mr Lewis said.

**Press release, June 7  
Pat Lewis, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College**

## Holiday activities at leisure centre

**The Peninsula Leisure Centre is currently taking bookings for its school holiday activities.**

Marketing officer Mr Andrew Stuart said the centre had interviewed two mothers whose children used the centre.

"We wanted to find out how their kids had enjoyed the centre's Easter Holiday program, and what they would be doing this time around," Mr Stuart said.

Joanne has two boys, Lachlan 11 and Joe 7.

Louise has Lauren aged 11 and Amy just 6.

"Lachlan did the skate and surf day last time and had a great time," Joanne said.

"He came back full of new ideas for tricks and moves, and has spent weeks at the skate park perfecting them.

"I put Joe in the intensive swim school program.

"He just loves the water, but I wanted him to gain more confidence, particularly so he can enjoy the waterslide at the weekend with his big brother.

"This time he's swimming again, because he got so much out of the daily lessons and his technique came on in leaps and bounds.

"But I'm also going to put him in for the basketball clinic too.

"He's just started playing at school."

Louise said: "Lauren did the netball, which I was a bit worried about, but she came back full of enthusiasm.

"This time she wants to learn about being a goal attack or shooter.

"I put them both in the kids club for a couple of afternoons.

"They had a ball with all the different activities."

**Press release, May 25  
Andrew Stuart, Peninsula  
Leisure Centre**

## Sorry Day at Ettalong

**A special Sorry Day Ceremony was held at Ettalong Public School on Friday, May 26.**

The K-6 assembly was addressed by Mr Ray McMinn, an elder of the local aboriginal community.

Mr McMinn gave a traditional welcome and explained the meaning and importance of National Sorry Day and its place in National Reconciliation Week.

The school was then treated to performances by the McMinn traditional dance troupe and the junior school choir.

"These performances were enjoyed by all and reflected the true spirit of reconciliation," publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said.

**Press release, June 6  
Michelle Pathirana,  
Ettalong Public School**

## Drug theme at special meeting

**Drug use will be the themes of a special meeting of the Parents and Citizens Associations of Brisbane Water Secondary College on June 21.**

The meeting be held at Woy Woy Campus at 7pm and will be open to the public.

Guest speakers will be Mr Dion Richardson, manager at Web Youth Services, and Web Youth Services drug and alcohol counsellor Mr Ben Hunt.

Woy Woy campus P&C president

Ms Stephanie Francis said: "Both Mr Richardson and Mr Hunt have extensive knowledge of the local community and work with the resources and services throughout the Peninsula, including Brisbane Water Secondary College, for the benefit of local children.

"On the evening they will provide information about the Web and its services and particularly the relationship between the Web and the College."

**Press release, May 31  
Bruce Graf, Stephanie Francis,  
Brisbane Water Secondary College**

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## Distinctions in computer skills

**Pretty Beach Public School has gained two high distinctions, one distinction, and six credits from 26 children sitting computer skills test.**

Students receiving high distinctions were Aidan Clout and Liam Newell.

Oliver Sanasi received a distinction.

Students receiving a credit were Ella Canty, Isabella Sanasi, Nina Attwooll, Kane Tufuga, Eliza Cross,

and Tom Passmore.

Participation certificates were awarded to Joseph Cole, Emily Cameron, Janine Joseph, Rafael Lagos, Ben Canty, Tom Hagistefanis, Luke Hayter, Ebony Taylor, Marielle Birchall, Sean McCann, Archy Obradovic, Patrick Weine, Cian Donnellan, Naomi Jones, Jake McCarthy, Tim Prosser and Nick Souter.

**Newsletter, May 25**  
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School

## Money for arts project

**Pretty Beach Public School will receive \$550 for an arts group project.**

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said "Arts Away" was an arts education initiative that gave primary and secondary students a unique opportunity to "enrich their experience of the visual and performing arts".

Last year, Arts Away grants were received by 157 government schools throughout NSW.

The grants supported a variety of visual and performing arts activities and projects drawn up by teachers and are additional to the normal arts curriculum.

Ms Redrup said that the program was a wonderful way to engage students in extra and diverse arts

activities.

"The students are really looking forward to enriching their visual arts experience. And the teachers are pretty excited too," Ms Redrup said.

The Arts Away program is sponsored by the ANZ Bank.

Ms Joanne Hardie, from the ANZ branch at Pretty Beach said: "We are very impressed with the way community members are involved."

"It's a great program and we're very proud to be involved."

The students from Pretty Beach will exhibit their works in an exhibition to be held at the school later in the year.

**Press release, May 30**  
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School

## Students qualify

**Empire Bay Public School had success recently in the Zone Cross Country.**

Several students qualified to participate at the next level which will be held this Thursday, June 15, at Gosford Race Course.

The students are Nicole

McNamara, Alexandra Laing, Sian George, Jack Ellwood, Jaimee Prisk, Slade Napier, Jake Kelly, Andrew Clayton, Tyla Bambridge and Blake Osborne.

**Newsletter, June 7**  
Empire Bay Public School

## Students tour Europe

**During the recent school holidays a combined group of students from Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes Secondary Colleges participated in an historical and cultural tour of some of the major cities and sites of Europe including Brussels, Ypres, Paris, Rome, Pompeii, Assisi, Florence, Venice and Vienna.**

Emma Meyers, one of the students from Brisbane Water Secondary College, reports:

After a 22-hour plane ride halfway across the world, a total of 34 students and teachers arrived in Brussels, Belgium, where we began a 21-day tour of Europe.

Although we had not slept or showered for an embarrassing two days, we were still excited to breathe in the fresh European air for the very first time.

Despite the fact that the temperature was below 10 degrees, we explored the old city before moving to our quaint and beautiful hotel in Ypres.

After a 50-minute break in which 34 people, including 17 girls, had showered and eaten dinner, we arrived at the historic Menin Gate.

The Last Post has been played here every evening since 1920, other than during the Second World War.

The Menin Gate stands as a tribute to over 58,000 soldiers who died during the Great War.

We came bearing an original 1916 bugle as a gift donated by the local branch of the RSL.

The organisers of the ceremony were so moved that they invited our students to lead the ceremony which included the laying of a wreath on behalf of students of the Central Coast.

The following day, the group explored the Somme Battlefields and other war memorials on the way to Paris, which would be home for the next five days.

Here, we experienced the Metro where we were taught our first two vital lessons of the tour.

The first we learnt, at the expense of our head teacher Mr Macey who was left behind; to be quick when boarding the train.

The second was that train tickets are demagnetised if kept inside mobile phones.

Day by day, we ventured further into the realms of the Parisian life through experimenting with the foreign language.

Inevitably, the group became absorbed in the city's magnificent



Students from Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes Secondary Colleges in Paris.

culture and history, drifting through museums, cathedrals, tombs, and crowds.

We climbed the famous Eiffel Tower and Arc De Triomphe, strolled the Champs Elysees and gazed into the eyes of Da Vinci's most well known artwork, the Mona Lisa in the grand Musee Du Louvre.

Our next destination was Italy. Through the window of our overnight sleeper train, we glimpsed our first impression of the busy city, Rome.

Streets branched from narrow alleyways and into busy piazzas that were filled with fountains, statues and cafés.

Spring flowers bloomed from windowsills, illuminating the pale yellow, pink and orange coloured buildings that we later identified as shops, hotels and restaurants.

At one of those restaurants, we were served our first traditional Italian meal of pasta and veal, which we continued to enjoy for most of the next 10 days.

In Rome, we spent time touring the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, The Pantheon and the Vatican Museum, whose walls and ceilings were covered in paintings, sculptures, and artworks.

Although having to push ourselves to the front, we each made a wish at the Trevi Fountain before getting lost on the way back to the hotel.

Our next stay was at the Sorrento coast where our hotel was situated on a cliff overlooking the Bay of Naples.

Already overwhelmed by the view from our balcony, we were amazed to find a crystal chandelier

decorating our ceiling, and a bidet in our bathrooms.

We spent two days exploring the ruins at Pompeii and Herculaneum, whose ancient civilisations were destroyed nearly 2000 years ago by the eruption of Mt Vesuvius, which we later climbed.

We were excited to find sites that we had seen previously in textbooks.

Upon our arrival in Venice, we caught a ferry to the mainland where there really are thousands of swarming pigeons.

After taking yet another detour (lost again) through the narrow, residential streets and having to get a local to direct us, we eventually made it to the famous Grand Canal.

We rode on a gondola and did some final shopping before departing Italy.

We got off the small propeller plane and arrived in freezing cold Vienna, Austria.

Over the next three days, we explored the city, toured the enormous Schonbrunn Palace and attended an amazing concert performance of the music of Mozart and Strauss in the wonderful Vienna Konzert Haus.

A pleasant stroll through the streets of Vienna back to our hotel concluded our final night in Europe.

The three-week tour of Europe has been an amazing and life changing experience for both students and teachers and many of us are already planning to return some time in the future.

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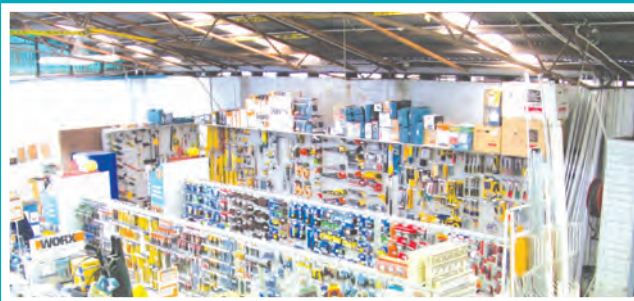
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## Pharmacist receives OAM

**St Huberts Island resident Ms Patricia Ann Payne has made the Queens Birthday Honours list.**

She has been awarded the medal for the Order of Australia (OAM), for service to pharmacy, and to community, through fundraising for children's medical research.

Ms Payne is currently a pharmacist on the Central Coast and has been a community pharmacy proprietor in Castle Hill, Sydney, for over 20 years and a registered pharmacist since 1961.

Ms Payne has been an Australian nominee for the executive committee in the community pharmacy section of the International Pharmacy Federation and is a current member of the Graduate Review Panel for the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales.

She is also a current member of the Pharmacy Alumni Association, University of Sydney; and the founder and current Chair for Women in Pharmacy.

She is also a member of the National Organising Committee for the Annual Women for Pharmacy Conference.

Ms Payne has been a member of the Biological Safety Committee since 1996, a member of the Beercroft CMRI Committee from 1969 to 1979 and president of the committee from 1972 to 1973.

She has also been a member of the National Organising Committee for the Jeans for Genes appeal since 1994, and a founding member and president of the Hills District CMRI Committee since 1991.

Ms Payne has also been a board member of the Children's Medical



Patricia Ann Payne

Research Institute, since 2000.

She has also been president of several organisations throughout her career including president of Friends of Harrisford, King's School, from 1990 to 2000, president of the Women's Auxiliary, Kings School, from 1982 to 1984 and president of the Women's Auxiliary, Tara School for Girls, from 1989 to 1990.

She was the governor of the Kings School Foundation from 1982 to 1984

and a volunteer religious education instructor at West Pennant Hills Public School from 1976 to 1999.

Ms Payne said she was still trying to get over the shock.

"I am very honoured, very humbled," Ms Payne said.

She said she had done the work for the great satisfaction it gave.

Lyle Stone, June 7

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