

Council to display Ettalong Beach plan

Gosford Council has resolved to place the Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan and the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management on public exhibition.

The plans will be on exhibition at council's administration building and libraries from August 2 until August 30.

The dune management plan was prepared by consultant Andrews Neil to provide concept details for the dune treatment in the town beach area of the Ettalong Beach foreshore and expands on the detail contained in the beach management plan adopted by council on May 27, 2004.

A council staff report has stated that the dune management plan for the area between Beach St and Picnic Parade was developed "taking account of various stakeholder views".

Both the dune management plan and Ettalong Beach plan of management were endorsed for public exhibition by the Department of Lands.

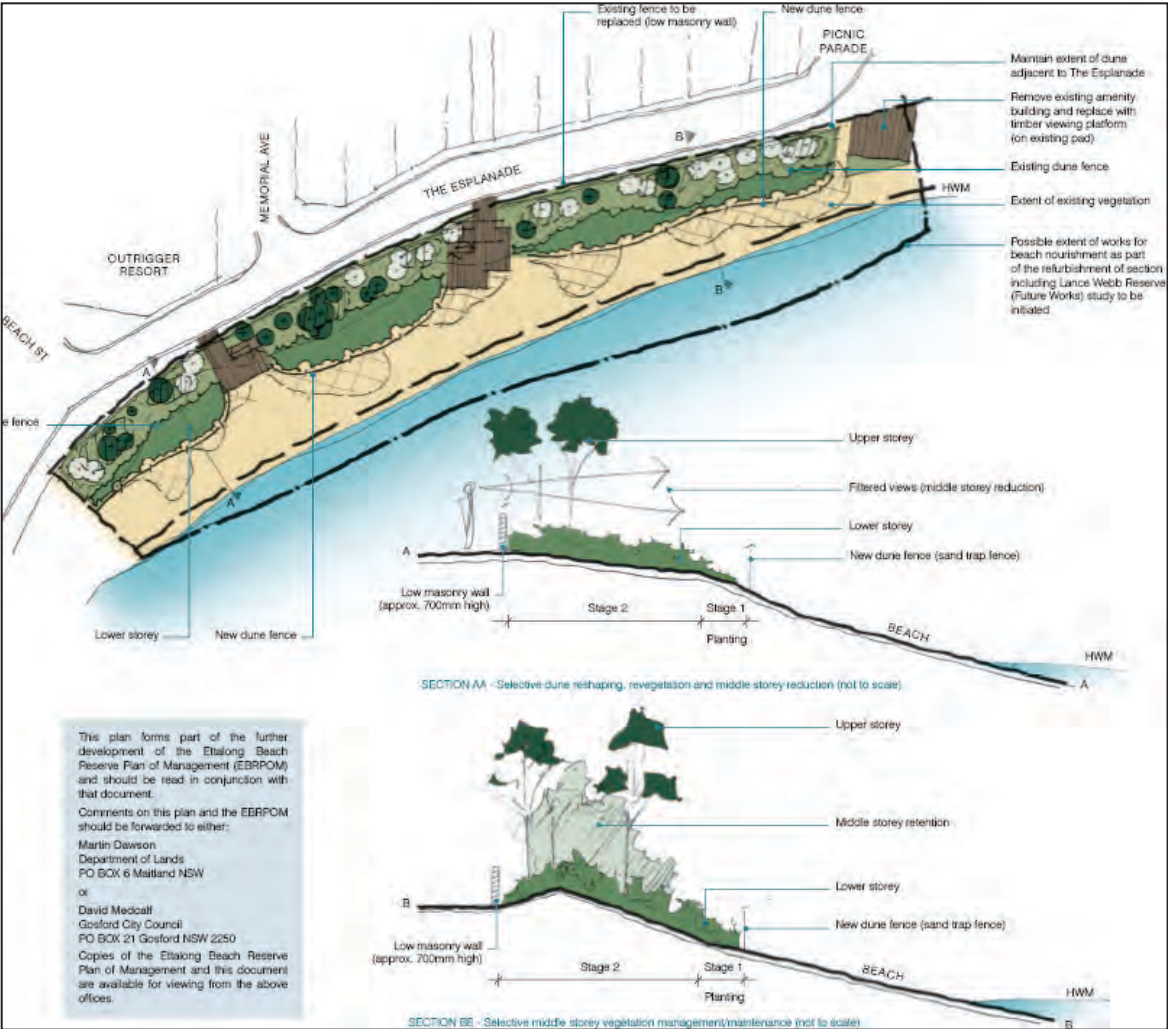
A council staff report stated that public comment received on the plan of management would be sent to the department for review and advice sent back to council.

It also stated that a report would be made to council on both plans once the public comments received had been reviewed and the Department of Lands had advised council on its own review of comments received.

Council agenda SF.29, August 1

Read more on page 5, 6 and 7

- Platforms come, vegetation goes
- Call to defer beach plan
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Assessed

Land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St may be acquired under the Western Coastal Open Space System (COSS).

Gosford Council's natural resource officer will conduct an environmental assessment of the land, the council has been told.

The results of the assessment will be presented at the following COSS Environment Task Group meeting.

A submission from the Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group has been tabled for the COSS Environment Task Group's consideration.

The submission asked that council give consideration to the purchase of land adjacent to Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, as public open space as it contained an "important vegetation community".

The land in question is currently subject to two development applications.

Council agenda EC.013, August 1

Peninsula rainfall was above average

Rainfall on the Peninsula last month was well above the monthly average for July, according to local rainfall records.

Rainfall of 116mm was recorded last month at Hillview St, Woy Woy, and of 105mm was recorded at Umina Public School.

This came after four months with rainfall well below average.

Mr Jim Morrison who recorded the rainfall at Hillview St said that July rainfall was 20 per cent up on what he believed was the July average of 97.5mm.

However, it was up to 50 per cent higher than July averages for weather stations at Peats Ridge and Narara.

Figures from the Bureau of Meteorology showed the July average at Narara was just 79.0mm and at Peats Ridge was 71.1mm, while at Sydney airport the average was 68.8.

Mr Morrison said that 243mm had fallen at Hillview St in the previous four months.

He said this was less than 50 per cent of the average rainfall for those months.

During the same four months, 238mm had fallen at Umina Primary School, according to teacher Ms Sonja Stein.

Rainfall for the year at Hillview St was 607.5mm, 73.5 per cent of the average rainfall for the period.

Mark Snell, August 2

RTA to move to The Pavilion

The RTA's Central Coast project office will relocate to larger premises in Woy Woy later this year to provide better service to the region.

An RTA spokesperson said the move to The Pavilion building in George St, Woy Woy, would help the RTA meet its needs as the Central Coast project management office expands.

"The new premises will allow the RTA to provide better service by integrating three separate smaller offices into a single premises, making the operation more efficient," the spokesperson said.

Roads funding for the Central Coast in this year's budget increased by 69 per cent as part of the State's biggest ever roads budget.

"A number of project management

and engineering positions are currently being filled to enable the Central Coast office to deliver the increased program of works," the spokesperson said.

"The new premises will be on the first floor of the Pavilion Building 27 to 39 George St, Woy Woy, and the relocation is planned for around November this year.

"The RTA will continue to operate from its current Woy Woy premises until this time.

"Customers are reminded that the RTA Motor Registry will continue in its current location at 39 Victoria Rd, Woy Woy.

"The move to bigger premises reaffirms the RTA's ongoing commitment to improving roads on the Central Coast."

Press release, August 3
RTA Media Unit

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- August 10

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Coda's members have all had extensive and rigorous music training including studies at the Sydney Conservatorium, The University of Sydney and the Newtown Performing Arts High School.

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

Entries close on August 18.

The concert will be held on Saturday, September 2, at Laycock Street Theatre, North Gosford.

Tickets are \$20.

Lyle Stone, August 3

Community forum to look at water

The Peninsula Residents Association Inc will be holding a community forum entitled "Water Management on the Central Coast" on August 19 at the Peninsula Community Centre.

CommunityEnvironmentNetwork chairman and environmental water campaigner Mr John Asquith will lead the forum on "Understanding issues with our water supply".

All Peninsula residents will be welcome at the meeting, which will provide opportunities to gain information and to ask questions, according to association secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan.

The forum will be held on Saturday, August 19, at 2pm at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

A gold coin donation will be requested.

Press release, August 7
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association Inc

CD-ROM

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has "unveiled" an educational CD-ROM at Umina Beach rock platform on July 24.

Local marine conservation group Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI) has been working for the past three years on the project designed to educate Central Coast school children about the marine environment.

The project was based on knowledge gathered from local shell collector and owner of Ettalong's "Nature's Harlequin's Shell Museum" Mr Roy Gifford.

Mr Gifford, 77, has been collecting shells and studying the marine environment since the age of four when he lived on Magnetic Island, Queensland.

Since moving to the Central Coast in 1962, he has studied the marine life of the local inlets, beaches and rock platforms, as well as being actively involved with the Australian Museum, and cone shell research for the American Navy.

The intensive work and research of OCCI volunteers has now been implemented with the production of the CD-ROM, entitled "The Mollusc Man".

The project was made possible by the grant of \$3250 from the Federal Government Envirofund scheme, and contributions from local businesses Precision Data Systems, PeterAdderleyMultimedia and Hop To It Graphics.

All Central Coast schools are set to receive copies of the CD.

Press release, August 3
Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI)

Church building

Woy Woy Presbyterian Church is expecting the completion and opening of a new church facility early in September.

Honorary secretary Ms Margaret Ricciardone said the church's parishioners were eagerly awaiting the opening.

"The official opening, date to be announced, will also celebrate 100 years of Presbyterian worship on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"The Heritage-listed church remains on site at Blackwall Rd and that building will be 100 years old in 2008," she said

Press release, July 31
Margaret Ricciardone, Woy Woy Presbyterian Church

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Development increases business

A significant increase in business activity has resulted from the new Outrigger Resort and Club development in Ettalong, a survey of local businesses has found.

"There were outliers and retailers who disagreed with this view but on the whole the results indicate a sizeable shift in the precinct's activity," the report stated.

Central Coast Tourism recently released results of the study, undertaken by TUNRA at the Ourimbah University campus, under the leadership of Dr Anton Kriz.

"The report suggests that similar (proposed) developments in the area would not just double the current figures but would have a much larger positive impact on business," according to Central Coast Tourism Inc marketing manager Ms Sarah Bennett.

The report stated that more than a quarter of those interviewed had extended their operating business hours and over three quarters of respondents perceived an increase in customers noting that these customers were from a kaleidoscope of backgrounds and cultures.

For a "sizeable number of respondents, the increase in trade was above 21 per cent, which was considerable for those businesses in Ettalong".

There was also a significant increase in visitors and tourism numbers to the overall Ettalong area.

The Outrigger Resort and Ettalong Club development had a "positive impact for the area" which was "only likely to increase with increased occupancy of the Outrigger and the expected major residential and commercial developments underway".

The aim of the study was to find what impact the two major tourism developments in Ettalong had on the rest of the business community in Ettalong Beach.

With 32 surveys distributed, 21 responses were received.

In addition to the surveys, in-depth qualitative interviews were conducted with willing participants and also key stakeholders such as the club, the Outrigger Resort, real estate agents and commercial operators.

Factors investigated in the survey included changes in operational hours, customer numbers, the number of staff employed, numbers of visitors, possible increase in tourism and changes in the general perception of Ettalong as a destination.

"From the results, it is evident



An aerial view of the Outrigger Resort and Ettalong Beach Club during construction of its carpark, courtesy of Google Earth

that this development has had a positive impact on the area, which will continue to rise with increasing occupancy in the Resort," said Ms Bennett.

"The study recommends that an independent body be established, with businesses as the major precinct stakeholders.

"With any new development there are risks and it appears that a more cohesive approach would be beneficial to this development".

This would help ensure that further development to the precinct would be cohesive with improvements to services, a brand tag line to identify the precinct's value, improvements in food services and quality, improvements in the aesthetics of the area and ideas to assist in the management of international visitors and their needs.

The study was a joint initiative of the Department of State and Regional Development and Central Coast Tourism.

The report made a list of recommendations including that an independent body be set up to represent the precinct stakeholders, named tentatively for the report as The Ettalong Redevelopment Business Cluster (ERBC).

It stated that a group of commercial players was getting together but "this needs supporting and further encouragement".

"This body should be made up of a cross-section of the retail community as well as key staff from the Club and Outrigger.

"The ERBC will add cohesion and a strategic direction to the cluster.

"This cluster has the potential to be seen as a role model for others."

The report stated that a brand and slogan seemed appropriate to clearly identify that the precinct represented "old town values" but with a new standard of service and quality.

"The ERBC will have an important market development and lobbying role for the business players in the precinct.

"It is important that the precinct be developed in a cohesive way with improvements in food and service quality and in the aesthetics of the area."

The report also highlighted a need to improve the product offerings for locals particularly at the newly developed Club.

"It also acknowledges that there is likely to be an increase in international tourists and this needs to be managed effectively given the traditions of the Ettalong/Umina area."

Press release, August 3
Sarah Bennett,
Central Coast Tourism Inc

New chief for community centre

Mr Michael Nesbitt has been appointed as the new chief executive of the Peninsula Community Centre.

The Peninsula Community centre, a non-profit organisation located on the corner of Ocean Beach and McMaster's Rd, Woy Woy, claims to be one of the Peninsula's biggest employers.

The centre offers assistance and service to over 6000 clients, for which it receives funding for only 400 of these, according to Mr Nesbitt.

The Centre boasts 117 qualified staff and 45 volunteers.

The services range from child playgroups, kindy gym, before and after school care and vacation care.

It also offers adolescent support services such as The Web, which provides an outlet for both parents and children while also ensuring a "safe and nurturing environment", according to Mr Nesbitt.

The centre also hosts sporting and recreational activities, such

as belly dancing, drama, yoga, latin salsa dancing, judo, physical culture, weight watchers, sculpting classes, scrap booking and hobby craft classes.

The centre demonstrates its ability to cater for all ages of the Peninsula by further extending its assistance to aged and disability care, catering for home modification and maintenance, personal nursing, transportation, companionship and social activities.

The centre additionally offers Coast Care Counseling and frequently holds meetings for problem addictions in one of its five function rooms.

The community centre encouraged everyone in the area to use the facilities.

Mr Nesbitt urged anyone who had any suggestions or who would like to volunteer "to drop in and have a chat".

He said people with handyman and maintenance skills would be particularly valued.

Natalie Thom, August 3



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Where is there help?

As I was driving back from Woy Woy shopping centre along Ocean Beach Rd, near Kathleen St, on Friday, July 21, around 3:30pm.

I noticed a man pushing an empty shopping trolley yanking on the leash of his dog impatiently.

The dog was young and, as dogs do, was attempting to take in all the many sights and smells along the footpath.

It had difficulty keeping up with its owner.

The yanking on the leash quickly turned into an impatient dragging of the dog.

Being a dog owner myself, this was upsetting enough but nothing prepared me for what happened next.

The gentleman lifted the dog into the air by its leash, grabbed the dog in mid-air with both hands and, with all his strength, repeatedly smashed the dog into the footpath.

The traffic was heavy and moving quickly.

I couldn't stop immediately.

As I made my way back to the scene, a lot went through my mind. As a woman, was I going to be able to confront the man without being hurt myself?

Call the police you say?

No point, they are so understaffed and poorly resourced on the Central Coast, it's almost an impossibility to get any kind of response in a timely manner for incidents such as these.

I pulled into a driveway near to where the man was walking by

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and mustered enough courage to tell him never to treat his dog that way again.

He didn't reply.

He gave a half-turn of his head and scowled.

And what of the dog?

The man had by this time, thrown it into the shopping trolley.

It sat there motionless and non-responsive.

I so badly wanted to pick it up and carry it to safety but fears for my own safety, and that of my mother waiting in the car, stayed my hand.

The question begging to be asked was: Where was everyone else?

Why weren't there several people surrounding that shopping trolley?

Are we all too busy, too afraid, too apathetic?

As one person alone, I was powerless.

If even one other person had cared enough to stop, we could have rescued the dog.

Someone else driving by must

have witnessed this.

Someone in the community must know who this dog owner is.

Please report him and let's get this dog, if indeed it survived, out of harm's way.

Since living on the Central Coast for the last three years, I have been given so many different numbers when seeking help for lost or abused animals, I have found it altogether confusing.

Who do you call when a lost dog wanders into your yard?

Who do you call to report an injured koala on the fire trail?

Who do you call to get a venomous snake removed from your home?

These are the numbers I have been given so far:

RSPCA Main Office: 9770 7551

To report cruelty: 9770 7555

RSPCA Central Coast:

4372 2044 (only open on certain days and times)

Gosford Council ranger:

4325 8473

Mobile: 0418 292 504

Gosford Council: 4325 8984

Emergency: 1800 680 828

Animal Rescue: 0500 551 121

Woy Woy Police: 4379 7399

Animal Welfare League:

4344 6650

Can we make getting help for animals less confusing?

Could we establish a 1-800 Help-An-Animal hotline of some kind so that you are transferred to the appropriate agency which can provide you with immediate assistance?

Rosemary Ruthven
Pearl Beach

What have they got to hide?

I am sick and tired of Gosford Council doing as they please.

I live in Gallipoli Ave and at no time at all was I informed of the proposed water plant in my street. I did go down to the library and the proposal was on show to the public but only for three days and even when I asked to see it the council clerk said he didn't have it and it just magically disappeared.

So how on earth can residents view what is going on in their area?

They can't because the council doesn't want us to know.

All I can say is that the Gosford Council does have something to

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hide.

Why else would they be so secretive?

I have lived in Woy Woy for 41 years and I can remember my mother watering her garden with a bucket because we were on water restrictions back then.

So, has Gosford Council done anything about our water problem? No.

They have had 41 years to fix a water problem.

Do you think they can fix it now?

I doubt it very much.

Kerrie Stirling
Woy Woy

Tackle both ends of Haynes Ave

I refer to the article in the Peninsula News (July 10 from Council agenda TR.06.040, July 4) headed 'Median strips consideration'.

Whilst in full support of the proposal, I would ask council as a matter of some considerable urgency, to include the Ryans Rd end of Haynes Ave in the works.

I consider the Lovell St, Ryans Rd, Haynes Ave intersection to be of an even greater danger than the Lone Pine end.

Apart from the blatant cutting of corners, on two occasions, whilst waiting to turn right into Ryans

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Rd from Haynes Ave, I have experienced a vehicle coming from Lovell St and wishing to turn right into Haynes Ave from Ryans Rd, cut the corner and pass my vehicle on my left hand side.

On one of these occasions, it almost collided head on with a vehicle proceeding along Haynes Ave towards Ryans Rd.

I hope that both ends of Haynes Ave are included in the council's decisions.

Brian Phillips
Umina Beach

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March held

The Gosford Sub-Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association will be commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, South Vietnam, on Saturday, August 12.

August 18 marks the anniversary of the battle.

The association will be commemorating the day with a march and memorial service followed by a dinner and show at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

The march will commence at 3.45pm from the corner of Beach St and Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong, and proceed around the block of the club ending at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on the Ettalong foreshore.

The memorial service will commence at 4pm.

The march is anticipated to be twice the size of previous years.

Tickets for the dinner and show are available at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and are on sale now.

Entertainment will be provided by Digger Revell, veteran of 11 entertainment tours for the troops during Australia's 10-year involvement in the war, and comedian Calvin de Gray, son of one of Australia's better known World War Two Changi prisoners of war, Slim de Gray.

For further information on the march contact 4344 4760 or email vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com.

Press release, July 24
Robyn Creswell, Vietnam
Veterans' Gosford City Sub-branch

Guarantee

The Fast Ferry is set to go ahead according to Gosford Council, with the council having received a bank guarantee of \$100,000 from Fast Ships Ltd.

The Council, at its meeting of July 25, resolved to execute a development deed of agreement, a lease and a sub-lease.

General manager Mr Peter Wilson said that \$32,000 for legal costs had also been received by Fast Ships.

Press release, July 25
Tina Davies, Gosford Council



Pool costs examined

Pool blankets, vending machines and fewer concession tickets are among the recommendations for ways to help get the new Woy Woy pool to pay for itself.

Gosford Council had asked Stratcorp Consulting to review its previous projections for the Peninsula Leisure Centre and make recommendations.

Recommendations included restructuring staff to create a more sales-focused team, redesigning the café, buying food vending machines and pool blankets, reviewing the pricing structure for group fitness, and an independent energy audit.

Stratcorp stated that the marketing position was "not required".

It stated that council should use its existing public relations and media liaison staff.

However, staff at the centre have responded, saying that the level of support from council's marketing and communication section was "inadequate" to support the centre.

They also stated that the sales-focused doctrine was not preferred. "A difficulty with having a sales team is that other staff tend to shy away from selling as part of their role.

"The management philosophy currently in place is that all staff have a role to play in selling the features and benefits of the centre and its programs."

Stratcorp also suggested that a solid brick wall between the food preparation and serving area in the café be removed, so the centre would not have to staff both the wet and the dry areas resulting in a

saving of \$45,000 per year.

Stratcorp suggested that council purchase food vending machines, as its current rate of return, 22 per cent, was well below the expected returns.

The vending machines are currently supplied by external contract.

It stated that council could receive 100 per cent of revenue from vending.

Stratcorp suggested that council review its group fitness pricing structure as the rate of \$10 "did not encourage regular use through membership" and was "too low and well below other community leisure facilities in NSW".

Staff agreed but said the issue of pool multipasses was a higher priority.

They stated that as of July 18, over \$60,000 worth of multipasses had been sold to over 460 people, while only 74 pool-only memberships had been sold.

They stated that lost income potential could be as high as \$160,000 per year, recommending the removal of pool passes.

Stratcorp suggested that council invest in \$50,000 worth of pool blankets for the 50 metre pool, which would result in an energy saving of 25 per cent or \$21,000 per year.

Council would make its money back on the investment in just over two years.

Stratcorp also suggested that council conduct an independent energy efficiency audit.

The final direct operating costs above budget for both the Peninsula centre and the Gosford Pool for the last financial year was expected to be \$1,196,261.

Council agenda SF.24, August 1

Staff support treatment plant

Gosford Council officers have recommended approval of a proposed water treatment plant at council's Woy Woy Depot on the corner of Gallipoli Ave and Ocean Beach Rd, Umina Beach.

The proposed development would treat groundwater for inclusion into the town water supply system.

Council received seven public submissions about the development, mainly focused on a perceived lack of sufficient public exhibition, its effects on the Peninsula water table and noise issues.

One submission commented that the proposal was poorly exhibited for a "very short period of 14 days" and asked that it be re-exhibited for a month.

Council officers stated that the proposal was exhibited in accordance with council's policy, which did not require exhibition for more than 14 days.

Another submission commented that there was inadequate information and public consultation prior to submission of the application.

Council officers stated that with the current drought, it embarked upon a drought contingency strategy and part of the strategy was looking at groundwater options.

It stated "there will be ongoing community awareness and an extensive education program specifically aimed at the Woy Woy Groundwater Scheme which is still subject to Department of Natural Resource license".

One submission stated that the long-term environmental impact on groundwater had not been addressed including the structural stability of properties close to bores, the groundwater table, gardens and lawns.

Council officers stated that the application only related to construction of the treatment plant but that the licensing of the bores and monitoring of groundwater levels was required by the department.

"It is noted that the Department of Natural Resources require

extensive details of environmental impacts and monitoring."

The council staff report also noted that extensive hydraulic modelling had been carried out on the recharge as part of the department's licensing requirements.

Other submissions relating to cumulative impacts on the water table and the recharge of groundwater were also rejected on the basis that it was a matter for the department.

The report from council staff stated that the maximum noise impacts on the nearest residences would be 60dBA in the daytime, 50dBA in the evening and 45dBA at nighttime.

A submission stated that the noise impact was not adequately addressed, and the nominated 5dBA above current background noise levels would be "noticeable, disturbing and annoying" on residents, particularly at night.

"This can disturb sleep and be injurious to health," the submission stated.

Council officers stated that the noise assessment indicated the proposal would comply with requirements and that noise monitoring of the plant after operations commence should be carried out.

One submission stated that council should use the old Woy Woy abattoir site for the plant, while another said council should only be allowed to extract water no further down than the restrictions placed on Coca Cola by the Land and Environment Court.

Council stated that although the abattoir site was classed as contaminated, it may be considered in the long term if the drought continued.

It stated that due to the urgency of the need to supplement town water supplies, the current location was preferable due to the short time in which it could be implemented.

"The proposal is an essential part of the overall contribution to maintaining water supply in the current drought," the report stated.

Construction of the treatment plant would take about six months.

Council agenda ENV.85, August 8

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Ettalong Foreshore

Plan encourages sport at foreshore

Non-motor sports will be encouraged on and off land under the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management currently on exhibition for public comment.

As part of the plan "non-motor watercraft such as catamarans and sailing boats would be encouraged" on the water, with non motor pedestrian activities such as bicycle riding and volleyball to be encouraged around the reserve.

Under the proposed plan, a shared bicycle and pedestrian path would be built the length of the site.

The plan was produced by McGregor and Partners for Gosford Council and is being exhibited at the request of the Department of Lands.

It outlines the management and design proposals for the "revitalization of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore".

The most recent revision is from November last year.

Construction will take place in four stages.

Stage One would involve the Town Beach precinct, where council plans to construct viewing platforms and access ramps in the beach area of the Ettalong foreshore.

A dune vegetation fence would protect the dune area and "retain the dunes and vegetation".

As part of a town centre upgrade, council plans to upgrade Picnic Parade and Memorial Ave

to integrate it with the foreshore design.

The Picnic Parade amenities building would be demolished and relocated to the Ferry Rd wharf area and to the proposed Fast Ferry terminal.

The rock wall seaward of the Picnic Parade toilet block would also be removed.

A new "multi-use" building near the existing storm water drain at Beach St would be constructed to house a café-kiosk and hire facility.

Stage Two, and part of Stage Three of the plan, would take place in the Ferry Park precinct, where the existing barbecue and picnic facilities would be replaced by three barbecue pavilions.

Another barbecue area would be provided at the new Picnic Parade pavilion.

The foreshore carpark would be removed to allow for greater open space and replaced with grassed areas, a playground and "bioswales".

A bioswale would be constructed adjacent to The Esplanade to filter the road runoff before it entered Brisbane Water.

Parallel parking along the foreshore side of The Esplanade would be replaced with a bicycle track.

A raised "scramble crossing" would be built at the new ferry interchange at Bungalow St, with parking provided along The Esplanade for three buses.

The Stone sea wall would

be retained to accommodate the extension of the Beach St stormwater drain.

A timber boardwalk would be constructed along its length.

Stage Three of the project would take place at the South Beach Precinct, where existing boat launching facilities at the Kourung St boat ramp would be upgraded, including a new reinforced concrete ramp and sealed vehicle and trailer turning area.

A new boat launching facility for small dinghies adjacent to the ramp would also be built.

A seating wall would be built next to the shared footpath.

Dune planting would be extended towards the water where the dune is narrow.

New fencing would also be built.

The dune vegetation would be rehabilitated along with the introduction of new groundcovers.

Stage Four of the project would involve the Lance Webb Reserve Precinct, where the Schnapper Rd toilet block would be removed.

A turning circle would be constructed at the end of Ferry Rd and angle parking would be constructed on the west side of the road along with the planting of trees.

A shared cycle and pedestrian path would be built next to the dune fence line.

In front of residential properties timber paths would be built, connecting residential gates to the pathway.

A band of low indigenous vegetation would be planted along the fence line.

Weeds would be removed from dunes in the area, and the stair access kept along with native dune vegetation.

The dune would also be rehabilitated with new species to imitate an "estuary foreshore system".

Ground cover and low shrubs would be placed on bare areas to retain views.

Site-wide strategies for the project would include foreshore maintenance such as the sweeping of footpaths and surrounding hard surfaces after buildup of sand.

A traffic and parking study would also be commissioned under the plan of management.

The Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management is currently on exhibition at council's administration building and libraries from August 2 to August 30.

**Development
Application, August 3
Gosford Council**

Call to defer plan

Local resident and Dune campaigner Ms Margaret Lund has called for a deferral of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan.

She told the council meeting that it was destroying everything that was truly Australian, citing the removal of dune vegetation.

Ms Lund said that meddling with a dune was a "very serious matter".

"We want complete plans that show what you're going to do," Ms Lund said.

"We need to know the ongoing cost for sand replenishment.

"We need to know what will happen to the road.

Ms Lund said that the minute fungi that made up part of the dunes created a natural sea wall.

"Minute fungi hold grains of

sand together," Ms Lund said.

"It does it all free of charge.

"There will be no Australian flora left at the rate your going.

"Nine months ago Mr Hale was quoted as saying we can't live in the past.

"You can't have your beaches as they used to be in the past either."

"Are there any more middens?"

"We need to see the Deed of Agreement between the club and council.

"Has the \$300,000 been paid by the club.

"Will this set a precedent for the whole of the Peninsula?"

Ms Lund said the plan would be "viewed as acquisition of public land by stealth".

"You are setting a dangerous precedent for people of the Peninsula."

Council agenda SF.29, August 1

Businesses not happy with beach plan

The business community was "less than happy" with the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management which has been placed on exhibition by Gosford Council, according to Peninsula Mainstreet co-ordinator Ms Debra Wales.

The Ettalong CBD Committee, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee were especially disappointed with the lack of substantial view lines and the masonry wall proposed along the footpath edge, she said.

"Whilst this plan is long overdue, the business community is disappointed in that the plan does not go far enough in retrieving accessibility to the beachfront and opening up view lines", said Ms Wales.

"The Ettalong Beach CBD Committee initiated the Plan of Management in 1998 under the Council's Financial Strategy with the objective to restore the town beach to its glory days.

"The Ettalong Beach Plan of Management was approved by Gosford Council in 2003 after much public consultation.

"Regrettably, after eight years and countless delays, what is now going on exhibition is a water-downed version of that same plan."

Ms Wales said that, as a result of countless compromises, the plan to be exhibited was a poor cousin to the original adopted plan.

"Those who worked hard for the plan were given very little opportunity to be involved in the design process.

"The Department of Lands intervened and wanted a concrete wall to be constructed from the Picnic Parade toilet block, along the entire beachfront to Beach St.

"The Department also insisted on much of coastal wattle scrub be retained outside the line of the dune fencing which has resulted in less beach being available for public use.

"In our opinion, the viewing platforms should be connected with a timber walkway along the edge of the concrete cycle-way and bordered with timber and stainless steel fencing which would protect the remaining areas of vegetation.

"However, we acknowledge that after eight years we need to move forward and therefore support the plan going on public exhibition so that the community can have input.

"Whatever the outcome, the business community will continue to work towards a people-friendly beach and foreshore area so that residents and visitors can once again enjoy Ettalong Beach."

**Press release, August 3
Debra Wales, Mainstreet**

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Lay-bys welcome

Platforms come, vegetation goes with dune plan

Viewing platforms would be installed and dune vegetation removed under a Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan currently being exhibited by Gosford Council.

The dune plan provides greater detail of the dune section of the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management.

The dune plan aims "to revegetate and selectively reshape the dune so that from The Esplanade, the dune falls gradually toward the water level with vegetation consisting of a lower storey (to 1.5m height) and an upper storey (>4m height) to maintain view lines".

The proposed plan covers the area from Beach St to Picnic Parade.

Works would include the construction of viewing decks at Memorial Ave and Picnic Parade and the replacement of the dune fence to create a 10 to 20 metre wide "vegetated dune corridor".

The toilet block at Picnic Parade would be removed with a new amenity building constructed near the southern part of the beach.

Vegetation seaward of the new dune fence would be removed, and vegetation on the road side of the new fence lowered and possibly replanted.



An artist's conception of the proposed plans for the Ettalong Beach foreshore, including the Fast Ferry wharf and terminal

The plan would involve the selective "removal of vegetation" and "reshaping of sand dune" to provide viewing corridors.

It would involve the planting of trees, plants and selective weeding, and the selective pruning of trees to raise the lower canopy.

A foreshore nourishment plan study would also be initiated.

The plan suggested the toe of the incipient dune "could" be reshaped beyond the line of existing banksias.

The construction of a central viewing deck would be built "with funds from adjacent development".

Ongoing maintenance would include selective pruning of vegetation to "maintain water views", selective weeding, sand removal from under decks, selective removal of sand deposits to maintain "filtered water views", the replanting of dieback areas to maintain vegetation density and the possible removal of sand from the street.

Lower storey vegetation, the dune fence and timber decks would also be maintained.

The report stated that it was not advisable to change or modify the

dune due to existing banksias.

It also stated that the best place to reshape or lower the dune occurred between the Picnic Parade amenity block and the eastern-most beach access.

The report stated that "originally planted by Gosford Council in the mid-1980s to prevent sand continually blowing onto The Esplanade (creating both a hazard and an ongoing maintenance concern), it is the most successful example of a vegetated dune system in the Reserve".

The dune management plan's objective was to improve the recreation value of the beach and to remove exotic weed species and remove coastal wattle back to the original fence line.

It also aimed to selectively remove dead or dying shrub species and pockets of coastal tea tree and honey myrtle.

Other objectives included the planting of coastal banksia, bangalay, and tuckeroo along the highest part of the dune, the reshaping of the dune in the area bounded by the most northern beach access and the amenity building, and the construction of three timber and steel viewing platforms and a new beach protective fence.

The report stated that under the plan, the number of beach accesses would be reduced and regular maintenance of the dunes would take place.

The removal and control of weeds would be done by a qualified bush regeneration contractor.

According to the report the protective fence would be constructed after the removal of

existing weeds.

The plain wire fence would be located along the seaward margin of the new dune field, well above the high water level so as to minimise the potential for damage or destruction by storm waves.

The main purpose of the fence would be to deter access as well as defining the vegetated dune area.

The construction of a low masonry wall along the landward side of the dune, in place of the existing pine log fence has also been planned.

The bagged and painted wall would define the landward edge of the vegetated dune, providing a secondary sand-capture barrier to The Esplanade.

The construction of two timber and steel viewing platforms has also been planned.

The viewing decks, providing elevated access from The Esplanade, "will provide extensive

views across Brisbane Water" according to the report.

"These platforms will also provide access to the beach (ramp)."

Platforms are to be constructed in front of the Outrigger Resort and at the end of Picnic parade after the amenity building's removal.

Construction and materials would be similar to viewing platforms at Umina and Terrigal.

Additionally, low planting is to be installed around the base of each viewing platform to act as a sand-catching mechanism, reducing the need to access underneath the viewing platforms to remove sand build-up.

The Dune Management Plan is on public exhibition from August 2 to August 30 at council's administration building and libraries.

**Development Application,
August 3
Andrews Neil, Ettalong Beach
Dune Management Plan**

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Arts & Education

Musical matinees at Peninsula theatre

A series of musical matinees are to be held at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy after a successful series at Laycock St Theatre in North Gosford.

They will be held on the first Wednesday of each month starting on August 14 at 11am.

The entertainment for the day will feature Andrew Godbold and the Andrew Swan Trio.

Andrew Godbold is a seasoned performer and has appeared in many musicals at Laycock including Paris, Jesus Christ Superstar and Back to the Eighties.

He has also entertained at musical matinees and supper clubs and is backed by Andrew Swan's three-piece jazz band.

The group will perform popular songs from the 50s to today.

Tickets for the show are available



Andrew Godbold

from the Laycock St Theatre on 4323 3233 and are \$15.

Tickets for the show and a lunch at the Ettalong Beach Club bistro (fish or roast of the day) are \$30 and are available by phoning the club on 4343 0111.

The Peninsula Theatre is located behind the community centre which is the McMasters-Ocean Beach Rd intersection.

Press release, August 1
Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre

World premiere about Maralinga nuclear test

The world premiere of the play "Maralinga" will take place on Wednesday, August 30, at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Maralinga tells the stories of veterans who served as guinea pigs for British nuclear testing in the 1950s, according to marketing officer Ms Janette Bailey.

"On the 50 year anniversary of the first test, Maralinga aims to help veterans by broadcasting their shocking true stories.

"The play bears witness to the nation's great nuclear cover-up," she said.

Maralinga was verbatim-style theatre, said Ms Bailey.

Every word came from years of interviews with nuclear veterans, widows and their families.

"They now uncover the 50

years of terrible human cost in Maralinga, with amazing courage and humour," Ms Bailey said.

Ex-RAAF mechanic and Maralinga survivor Mr Ric Johnstone is a Gosford local and president of the Australian Nuclear Veterans' Association.

His story is told in the play along with others, many travelling from the U.K to hear their true stories broadcast on the stage.

Ric said of the tests: "It's like the sound of about 10 000 locomotives coming across the desert.

"One bloke broke and ran for the bush.

"They called the roll about 18 bloody times.

"We were literally faced where the bomb would go off."

Writer-producer Paul Brown worked with Australian and British

theatre companies, Belvoir St Theatre and Bluetongue Theatre to create Maralinga.

Director Wesley Enoch fresh from a production of Capricornia at Belvoir St Theatre in Sydney directs a cast including Roy Billing (from Run Rabbit Run).

The play will take place at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club from Wednesday, August 30, at 1pm.

Other performances will take place on Thursday, August 31, at 11am, Friday, September 1 at 1pm and 7.30pm, Saturday, September 2 at 1pm and 7.30pm and Sunday, September 3 at 5pm.

Tickets are \$20 or \$10 concession and can be made by contacting 4343 0111.

Press release, August 3
Janette Bailey, Maralinga

League team in top eight

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus' Under-14 Rugby League squad has progressed through to the last eight in the State-wide Buckley Shield competition.

Under the guidance of coach Mr Neil Hinton, the team had defeated Lisarow, Gosford and Kincumber High in the Brisbane Water section of the draw before facing a determined Terrigal High side in the Central Coast final, winning 36 to 12 to become Central Coast champions.

Further progression in the competition meant travelling to Roseville to play Cromer High in the Sydney North final.

"After a very tight opening tussle in driving rain and ankle deep mud, the Brisbane Water boys put on a great display of wet weather football and ran out worthy winners with a 32-8 victory," said Mr Hinton.

"Our next encounter was a very tough match-up with Maitland High, the Hunter champions.

"The boys displayed superb discipline and patience against a tough Maitland outfit. "This discipline, combined with selfless team play, saw our boys gradually take control and come out winners, 34 to 12."

The team now travels to Gunnedah to play the combined North Coast-North West champions.

Umina campus principal Mr Frank Gasper said both the campus and college were proud of the achievement of the team so far.

The team currently has a points for and against record of 190 to 38.

The full squad is captain C Norman, N McManus, C Williams, S Ellard, Z Sparke, J Hayward, C McGillicuddy, B Williame, J Rushton, J Coote, H Lovell, J Lovell, L Murphy, S Cooper, J Canterbury, J McDermott, D Bluff and T Austine.

Press release, July 27
Gus Vrolyk, Brisbane
Water Secondary College

Merit certificates were presented

Merit certificates were presented to students of Brisbane Water Secondary College at a traditional academic assembly on Wednesday, August 2.

The assembly celebrated the achievements of students for their "excellent performance across the curriculum in Semester 1 this year", according to relieving college principal Mr Gus Vrolyk.

The campus hosted 350 students, parents and supporters in the school hall for the ceremony.

Dignitaries included school education director for the Hunter-Central Coast, Mr Frank Potter, as well as a representative from Mr Jim Lloyd's office.

A number of speeches were made, including a speech by former student Mr Alex Beaton, who spoke on what it took to make a success.

Mr Vrolyk spoke about the need for high expectations and the need for commitment to achieve

personal goals.

A number of students spoke about the core values of the college; commitment, respect and relationships and how these values formed the platform for successful development as a person, a student and a member of society.

Participants and guests were entertained by an item for the college's musical production, "A Funny Thing happened on the Way to the Forum " which is currently being performed.

Merit certificates were presented to students from Year 7 to Year 12 by Mr Potter, Umina campus principal Mr Frank Gasper and Woy Woy campus principal Mr David Beattie.

Mr Vrolyk said: "Both students and parents were proud and pleased, with many commenting that the recognition and valuing shown by the college was much appreciated."

Press release, August 2
Gus Vrolyk, Brisbane
Water Secondary College

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Bush tucker group

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has begun a propagation group to grow native bush food plants.

The school's indigenous student program, which operated a campus coffee shop, would use the ingredients.

"It serves delicious foods and a wonderful range of coffees, all prepared and served by indigenous students," said relieving college principal Mr Gus Vrolyk.

The plant propagation group has been set up by science teacher Mr Brendan Medley to meet a demand for food with native ingredients and flavourings.

The group, calling themselves The Bunyips, consists of Jacob Jones, Graydon Gorst, Jordan Farrell and John Roberts.

It has started seed collection, plant propagating and planting to provide a long term sustainable food source for the café.

Mr Vrolyk said the group had been involved in cleaning out the growing room, preparing garden beds and was looking forward to the successful cultivation of lemon myrtle, lillypillies, minyam and other useful plants.

They were also active on Planet Ark's tree planting day, undertaking creek remediation work to prevent erosion and sedimentation by planting several angophora floribunda trees.

Native seeds collected and planted included 45 banksia serrata ("old man" banksia), 35 xanthorrhoeas (grass trees) and 250 angiozanthos manglesii (kangaroo paw).

The seeds were now in the process of germination in the plant room in the science block.

Gosford Council has also been approached to supply 100 seedlings for planting.

Networking skills are being developed by the Bunyips to build bartering relationships with the school's P&C bushcare group, the school's agriculture farm and the café operation.

Produce and restoration activities are being exchanged for seedlings, storage space, fencing materials and fertiliser.

"The Bunyips have high hopes that the bush food produce can, on occasion, be exchanged for some tasty treats," Mr Vrolyk said.

**Press release, August 2
Gus Vrolyk, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



School takes part in Tree Day

Umina Public School took part of National Tree Day on Friday, July 26.

The school is located next a nature reserve and beach land communities and was able to plant native shrubs and trees including bottlebrushes, wattles and banksias.

Gosford Council donated 40 seedlings to the school.

Teacher Ms Sonja Stein said:

"The trees will provide shade and shelter in and around the school playgrounds."

Ms Stein runs an environment club where children participate at lunchtime in planting, weeding, mulching and general maintenance of the gardens.

The children are also involved with the school vegetable garden where herbs and vegetables are grown with organic fertilizers and

without pesticides.

"They enjoy planting; tending and watching the vegies grow and of course tasting the end produce," Ms Stein said.

"Looking after our environment and becoming aware of the surrounding nature is an important life skill that Umina Public School values."

**Press release, August 3
Sonja Stein, Umina Public School**

Mulch mound move

Empire Bay Public School is seeking help from someone with a Bobcat to move two mounds of mulch at the school.

School principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said the school will have four covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs) built on the site, with work commencing in week six

of the current term.

"Prior to that date the school needs the assistance of parents or community members who may have access to a Bobcat and would be willing to relocate the two mounds of mulch where the COLAs will be built," Ms McEvoy said.

**Newsletter, July 26
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay
Public School**

Combined concert

Brisbane Water Secondary College will be holding a concert on Wednesday, September 6, and Thursday, September 7.

The concert is a combined campus performance of dance, drama and music.

A lot of the items will be composed by the students and the

remainder will be works directed by staff through the dance, drama and music elective classes.

Students range in age from 12 to 18 years.

Anyone interested can purchase tickets at either the Umina or the Woy Woy Campus.

**Press release, August 3
Nerrida Lewis, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Beachside Family Centre at Umina is researching ways to improve speech pathology services for young children on the Peninsula.

"We would like your input about your experiences and ideas as a parent or carer of a child who has seen a speech pathologist," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

Kristy Jenkins, a stage two

Diploma of Community Services student at TAFE, will be conducting the interviews.

"The interviews can be conducted by phone or by dropping into the centre, whatever is convenient for you," Ms Jenkins said.

"It will only take up to 15 minutes of your time.

"It will be nice and relaxed with tea and coffee provided and toys for your children to play with."

Ms Notara said: "It is great to have

a student to conduct this research as many parents have spoken to me regarding their experiences of seeking help for their child with a speech delay."

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**Press release, July 27
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family
Centre**

Speech pathology services studied at family centre

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New branch at Woy Woy

Newcastle Permanent has opened a new branch at Woy Woy.

Located in the new extension of Deepwater Plaza, the branch is adjacent to the Railway St entrance to the shopping centre.

Newcastle Permanent chief executive officer Mr Fraser Read-Smith said that the company was delighted to become part of the Peninsula community.

"This is our seventh Central Coast branch and we are confident that the Peninsula community will appreciate the quality of products and services that Newcastle Permanent offers," Mr Read-Smith said.

"These include day-to-day

financial services, business banking, as well as lending and investment products whose value and quality have been recognised with national awards.

"In spite of the rapid development of electronic options for financial transactions, people still appreciate being able to visit a branch to conduct their business.

"Newcastle Permanent has always maintained a strong commitment to its branch network.

"This is the fifth new branch that we have opened in the past 10 months with more to follow.

"We also have a strong commitment to supporting

the local community in which we operate and we look forward to building close associations with the people of the Peninsula.

"Therefore we thought it appropriate that we should mark the occasion of this opening by announcing that Newcastle Permanent has become the major sponsor of the Central Coast Football Association's (CCFA) schools program.

Newcastle Permanent's Woy Woy branch opened for business on Tuesday, July 4.

Press release, July 5
Mike Hamonet, Newcastle Permanent

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Four clubs receive council funding

Four Peninsula recreation and sporting groups have received funding from Gosford Council as part of this year's Recreation Assistance Program (RAP).

The groups were the Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club, the Umina District Cricket Club, the Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics and the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association.

The Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club had asked \$5000 for the resurfacing of its bowling green, the Umina District Cricket Club had asked for \$1760 for the purchase of a cricket bowling machine and the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association had asked for \$1534.50 for the reguttering of its clubhouse.

The three groups received the amounts asked for.

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics had asked for \$1852.05 to purchase a line marking machine and laptop computer.

It will only receive \$956.

The four groups were part of 17 groups on the Central Coast to receive funding.

The Recreation Assistance Program is designed to provide financial assistance to help the sporting and recreation community to identify and participate in meeting their own needs.

The grant program is held annually with a total of \$40,000 being allocated.

At the Gosford City Sports Council meeting held on Thursday, April 6, Gosford Council provided a description of each application and applicants were given the chance to speak about their project.

The sports council considered 26 applications and ranked the projects according to their priority.

The sports council and Gosford Council's recreation services department then agreed on the 17 applications recommended to receive funding.

Council agenda SF.30, August 1



Outdoor sport challenge

An outdoor sporting challenge is to be held on September 16 at Ettalong Beach.

The challenge is 2.5 to 5.5 hours long.

Teams of three navigate a secret course by foot, mountain bike and kayak, using their wits as they travel from one checkpoint to the next.

They ride, run, paddle and sometimes even swim in multiple short stages.

It is open to anyone with basic fitness, whatever gender, age or size.

Only simple navigation is required.

Kayaks, paddles, life jackets, maps and race instructions are all provided.

Participants are asked to bring team mates, a mountain bike and compass.

Prizes will be awarded for the first three placers in each category, mixed, female and male, and lots

of spot giveaways will also be handed out for those who stay at the post-race presentation.

For further information is available from the Adventure Racing and Outdoor Challenge organisation.

Entries can be made online at www.arocsport.com.au, are limited and close Tuesday, September 12.

Press release, August 1
Diane Chanut, Adventure Racing Outdoor Challenges



Ettalong Women's Bowling Club President Marcia McKennon accepts the trophy on behalf of the club from Richard Amery MP and Marie Andrews MP

Local bowlers beat parliamentarians

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has hosted a social game of mixed bowls played between members of the Ettalong Club and 15 members of the NSW Parliamentary Bowling Club.

The home teams proved to be the better players on the day and the club now has custody of the perpetual trophy, donated by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

President of the NSW Parliamentary Bowling Club, and Member for Mt Druitt, Mr Richard Amery thanked the club, particularly bowls coordinator Mr John Roberts, and the members

for their support and friendliness.

Mr Amery said that while he would have been delighted to have taken the trophy down to Macquarie St, his disappointment was overtaken by the conviviality and good sportsmanship displayed throughout the game by the local bowlers.

Ms Andrews, who is a member of both clubs, also thanked the club and all the bowlers for making the day such an enjoyable one.

It is intended that the game will become an annual event and Richard Amery is determined that come next year "the MPs will do a whole lot better".

Press release, July 28
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Three members of the Woy Woy Swim Club Pirates represented the club at the recent NSW Swimming Winter Country Championships on July 8 and 9.

The three members were Tom MacParlane, Katelyn Hooke and Tahlee Gollege.

Tom MacParlane won gold in the 12 year Boys 100m Freestyle in a time of 1.00.03.

He also gained a bronze in the 12 year Boys 100m Breaststroke.

Katelyn Hooke swam a personal best in the 12 year Girls 100 backstroke and also competed in the 12 year Girls 100m Freestyle.

Tahlee Gollege swam a personal

best in the 10 year and Under Girls 100m Freestyle.

Woy Woy Swim Club is based at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy.

It has a membership now

numbering 150 active swimmers and is in the top three Central Coast clubs for membership for Under-10's

Press release, July 31
Carl Krucler, Woy Woy ASC

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College knits squares for wraps

Brisbane Water Secondary College has supported this year's ABC Local Radio Knit In.

"This was the first year in which the college participated and we knitted 500 squares and five completed wraps of 28 squares were produced," said coordinator Ms Pam McAlister.

"Students learned to knit.

"They knitted with their mothers and grandmothers.

"Friends of our mothers knitted as did

a number of other interested people from across the Peninsula.

"Everyone is now starting to knit for next year."

Deputy principal Mr Gus Vrolyk said the college believed participation in projects such as the Knit-In "promoted core values such as commitment, respect and compassion.

"Participation builds caring and supportive relationships and strengthens the College's links with its community," Mr

Vrolyk said.

The Knit In is part of the "Wrap for Love" cause, a non-profit organisation which knits squares into wraps for communities around the world to ensure that no one suffers from the cold.

The wraps are given to World Vision for distribution to countries including Pakistan, East Timor and Romania,

Press release, August 1

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