

Building 'emergency' for water plant

Gosford Council has been urged to treat building Woy Woy's proposed water treatment plant as an "emergency" and not to call tenders for the building to house it.

Council staff have asked council to officially treat the matter as "a case of emergency".

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council endorse a decision not to invite tenders under Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the construction of a building to house the proposed Woy Woy Water Treatment Plant "as the matter is considered to be a case of emergency as identified under Section 55(3) of the Local Government Act 1993".

They have recommended that council instead call quotations from at least five Central Coast building companies with which it has had a good track record of previous building experience and that "the lowest tendered price be accepted conditional on meeting or accelerating required timeframes for delivery of the project".

Council recently accepted a tender from Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies Australia for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of Membrane Filtration Equipment for the proposed Woy Woy Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

The project was compressed to the minimum timeframes due to the "urgent nature of the works".

The treatment plant equipment was to be housed in a purpose-built building, which is not part of Veolia Water's tender.

"This approach was taken to ensure the most appropriate water treatment equipment was obtained not compromised by the building works determining what equipment would be used," a council staff report stated.

"Further the development application conditions regarding

the building were not known at the time of advertising tenders due to the fast tracking of the project."

Veolia Water require access to the Woy Woy depot site by January 13, with the initial installation of membrane equipment skids.

The report stated: "A suitable building contractor will need to be engaged by late November to ensure construction works are substantially underway before the end of the year.

"It may also require building works to be carried out straight after the New Year, not delayed with the normal two week break, subject to materials availability."

The detailed design process for the building requires Veolia Water to confirm piping layouts, equipment dimensioning and general agreement of the plant layout with Council.

The building shell would then be designed around this, to ensure pits and slab penetrations were in the exact position, with design works, specifications and required documentation to be completed by late October.

The report stated that the requirement to call tenders would create a longer lead time in appointing a building contractor, with the earliest appointment date being mid-December.

"This may mean building works would not commence before January," the report stated.

"Due to the present critical water supply situation and time available and it considered appropriate and necessary for council to consider this situation as an emergency and thus seek quotations for the work.

"Under Section 55(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the need to tender does not apply to a contract, "made in the case of an emergency".

"It is essential that the Woy Woy WTP project be completed as early as practicable."

Council agenda WAT.27, October 3



Pelicans on the jetty at Correa Bay

Jetty fee review 'promise'

Minister for Lands Mr Tony Kelly has agreed to review the current formula used to calculate jetty fees following a meeting with a Phegans Bay resident and a representative of the Bays Community Group, according to group president Mr Robert Puffett.

Mr Puffett and Phegans Bay resident Ms Kylie Kelly met with the Minister at the State Cabinet meeting held at Everglades Country Club on September 12.

At the meeting, Minister Kelly accepted a signed petition from local residents which he stated would be reviewed, according to Mr Puffett.

The petition contained signatures from 100 people from the Bays area and called for a public meeting on the jetty fee increases.

Mr Puffett said invitations would be offered to other community groups on the Brisbane Water who will be affected.

A minutes report taken at the meeting stated that in 2004, Ms Kylie Kelly heard radio station 2GB personality Mr Alan Jones mention that an International Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) report had made a decision to increase jetty fee rentals.

Ms Kelly contacted Mr Puffett about the issue to discuss whether it would have ramifications on home owners with jetties, boat ramps

and moorings in the Bays area as the price rises would impact all of NSW's 7000 jetty owners.

A public meeting was held in May 2004 where 35 "concerned residents" attended to discuss the possible rise in rates, according to the report.

At the meeting, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, the then mayor Cr Malcolm Brooks and Lands Department manager Mr Graham Harding reassured residents that the increase would only be marginal and in some instances "a decrease in rates would be likely".

The report said it had since been noted by several residents that the fees and the unimproved value of land has in fact risen by up to 250 per cent, increasing jetty fees by the same percentage.

A meeting took place between Ms Andrews and several residents on May 18 at which time contact was made to the Minister's office seeking advice.

Questions were then raised regarding the formula used to calculate jetty fee costs with several departments, with the Department of Lands unable to clearly articulate the formula.

The minutes stated that "The increase and formula are not reflective of CPI or capped, which implies that at anytime the rates can increase.

"With a high percentage of elderly and self-funded retirees,

plus young families living in the Bays area, it was noted that this issue had caused considerable grief and some residents felt they would have to leave or sell those homes because of the implication of future fee rises."

It stated that it had been calculated by many Bays residents via websites provided by the NSW government that the jetty fees imposed would be more than the council or land rates and that in some instances over \$100 per week would have to be saved to pay for these incoming costs.

The issue of siltation was also raised at the meeting.

"This impedes on the use of jetties in the area and considering the cost of fees residents expect to be able to use the areas they pay for," the report stated.

"Not forgetting the impact this siltation has on the environment."

Minister Kelly stated at the meeting he would review the current Unimproved Land Value of the Bays area, and would consider attending (or have representation) at the public meeting, which will be extended to all waterfront owners in the Brisbane Waters area.

It is anticipated that the public meeting will be convened sometime in November or January next year, subject to responses from the Minister.





**Press release, September 26
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group**

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Council works

Gosford Council has detailed a list of projects currently operating or recently begun for the week beginning October 2.

Works are located at Umina Beach, Woy Woy, Pretty Beach, Patonga, Ocean Beach, St Huberts Island, Booker Bay, Wagstaffe and Killcare Heights.

Works at Umina Beach involve the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Wellington St, and a rebuilding of the Umina Beach Surf Club.

A surf club rebuilding program is also due to commence at Ocean Beach.

Works at Woy Woy involve the construction of footpath on Ocean Beach Rd and the construction of a cycleway on the Boulevard.

Works on St Huberts Island involve the removal of an existing playground and the construction of a new one on the corner of Solstice and Attunga Ave.

Stormwater drainage construction has commenced in Mulhall St, Wagstaffe.

At Patonga, Stage 1 works at the caravan park have been completed, with stage 2 works due for completion in October.

Works at Booker Bay involved the adjustment of footpath on Orange Grove Rd.

At the intersection of Wards Hill Rd and The Scenic Rd, Killcare, drainage works are 95 per cent complete.

Roadside restoration on Wards Hill Rd is currently in progress.

Works at Pretty Beach involved the construction of a boat ramp, and the adjustment of a sewer rising main on Como Parade.

Main cleaning by air scouring is currently in progress across the Peninsula, involving all streets from Woy Woy to Umina Beach and Booker Bay.

**Press release, September 26
Karen Weber, Gosford Council**

Fire hazard reduction

Smoke seen in the Killcare area over the weekend was due to bush fire hazard reduction burning, according to the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The reduction burning was planned between Wards Hills Rd and Fraser Rd, Killcare, on Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1.

Volunteers from Gosford District had planned to conduct the burning as part of a fuel management program in preparation for summer months.

Hazard reduction burns are used to clear undergrowth and ground fuels in strategic areas of bushland surrounding dwellings and assets, according to the fire service.

"This work is vital in reducing the intensity of a bushfire should it occur in these areas," Gosford Rural Fire Service Inspector Mr

Rolf Poole said.

"Effective hazard reduction can only be carried out within a narrow window of conducive weather, requiring the right temperature, wind conditions and the ground fuels to be sufficiently dry to burn effectively.

Mr Poole said: "Weather conditions are currently ideal for the controlled hazard reduction burning program. Fire fighters will be taking this opportunity to complete the strategic burn in Killcare to protect the surrounding community."

"There will be fire fighters on hand during the operations and patrolling afterwards to ensure the hazard reduction is completed in a safe manner."

**Press release, September 28
Rolf Poole,
NSW Rural Fire Brigade**

Winner chosen

The winner of the Peninsula News Ticked Pink Competition published in edition 150 has been chosen.

The major prize winner was Rebecca McConaghy of Booker Bay.

Rebecca won a bouquet of pink flowers valued at \$75 and a tickled pink prize pack valued at \$80, which consists of a Donna hay recipe book, two cartons of So Good soymilk, three boxes of Light 'n' Tasty cereal and two bottles each of 250ml and 1 litre Sunraysia Pink Grapefruit Fruit Drink.

The four runners up were P Kennedy and Ms G Todhunter of Umina Beach, Mrs E Walker of Ettalong Beach and Jenny Morley of Woy Woy who have each won a Ticked Pink prize pack.

Shannon Kennedy, September 28

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Barking dog

Gosford Council has received a petition from local residents complaining about a barking dog in Paton St, Woy Woy.

The petition, with seven signatures, stated that the petitioner's livelihoods were being affected by the dog barking constantly through the night "as they are getting very minimal sleep due to this problem and it is therefore affecting their jobs".

The residents stated that the dog was enclosed in a small courtyard

day and night and "it appeared that it did not receive any attention from the owners".

They stated that they had approached the owners, who claimed that the dog was primarily for their protection.

The petitioners asked council to approach the owner to see if something could be done.

Council has referred the petition to its Education and Compliance section.

**Council agenda P.60,
September 26**

Winning pies

Local business Bremen Patisserie has won eight categories in the Melbourne Great Aussie Meat Pie competition.

The winning pies were two silver in the Bourguignon section, a beef gourmet pie, and silver in the beef and country vegetable

pie section, the chunky beef pie section, the plain meat pie section, the vegetarian section, the satay chicken pie section and the Thai red curry chicken pie section.

Bremen Patisserie is located in Umina.

**Press release, September 18
Ron Bruns, Bremens Patisserie**

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Chamber calls for State inquiry

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for a State Government inquiry over the "controversy surrounding the Peninsula Leisure Centre and the Department of Local Government report from December 2005".

"Clearly the report by the Department of Local Government has raised too many issues to simply be swept under the table", said Chamber President Mr Matthew Wales.

"At the very least, the Chamber supports the recommendations of the Department that an independent audit be initiated over council's handling of the budget blow-outs and tendering process for the Leisure Centre.

"It is ironic that all the concerns that have been raised by the business community and local residents in the years leading up to the opening of the leisure centre have been clearly identified in the Department of Local Government report.

"The Business Chamber wants a State Government Inquiry to examine why the leisure centre budget blew out from its original \$2 million to what we now understand is \$29 million."

Mr Wales said the chamber shared the concerns of the department on key issues such as budget mismanagement, consent

authority approvals, ignoring community concerns and problems with the tendering process.

"I've heard the excuses from some Gosford councillors that this report was based on old information gathered in 2004," said Mr Wales.

"The information is still the same.

"In fact, since that information was reviewed by the department, we have learnt that the budget blow outs were much worse and that the centre was now going to trade at a loss of \$1.3 million per year."

Mr Wales said that this situation was a disgrace and that the State Government should step in to ensure a full and transparent review of the past leisure centre operations.

"What I think many in the community are concerned about is the fact that the Local Government Report has not yet been reported through the council meeting agenda," Mr Wales said.

"I would have thought that the council had an obligation to release such critical information immediately.

"I'm not surprised at this as I am sure that there are several former and present councillors who would find it difficult to explain such a massive lapse in the management process to the point where the community is going to pay for these mistakes for many years to come.

"From the business community's perspective, our biggest concern is

the use of \$12 million of Section 94 developer contributions to pay for the budget blow outs.

"These funds, which come from the open space account, were supposed to be used for acquisition and embellishment of community open space.

"All those funds have now gone and it is unlikely that the Peninsula will ever have sufficient Section 94 monies to do much more than pay off the pool debt."

Mr Wales said that while the community now had a great facility, the end result would be little or no improvement to roads and drainage on the Peninsula "simply because there is nothing left".

"And now with reduced population projections for the Peninsula from the NSW State Government, those developer contributions that Gosford Council was so desperately relying on to pay for the Peninsula Leisure Centre and other community infrastructure will never materialise," Mr Wales said.

"Without the income, you can't deliver on the promises.

"It's a shambles which clearly shows that those in charge of the Peninsula Leisure Centre process didn't have a clue what they were doing.

"Unfortunately, these are the same people who now want to spend \$30 million on a regional library and concert hall.

**Press release, September 24
Matthew Wales, The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Accord for Peninsula

The Peninsula could soon have a "liquor accord", according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

"This requires the cooperation of all the registered clubs, hotels and liquor outlets in the area," she said.

"I understand this accord is almost ready to be launched."

She said the accord was an initiative of the Peninsula Interagency Taskforce which was established to work out a strategy to combat anti-social behavior, after a "well-publicised incident" which occurred at Umina Beach earlier in the year.

"The stakeholders in this interagency group include the police, Premier's Department, Department of Community Services, Area Health Services, Department of Education and Training, Department of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Gosford City Council."

Ms Andrews expressed her concerns about recent reports of vandalism and anti-social behaviour occurring on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"This type of behaviour is not acceptable and I will continue to do everything within my power to ensure that our communities are safe," Ms Andrews said.

"Anti-social behaviour requires a holistic approach, and in this respect the police in our area need our help and support.

"Residents who unfortunately become the victims of acts of vandalism are encouraged to contact the local police or PAL (Police Assistance Line) on 131 444 and report any incidents, no matter how big or small they might be.

"Today (September 29) is Police Remembrance Day, and I would like to thank the police for their hard work and dedication to duty.

"While there are still incidents occurring, I commend the police for a significant reduction in crime on the Peninsula.

"As at July 2006 there were



228 police officers stationed at Brisbane Waters Local Area Command, which covers the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"This is seven officers over the authorised strength of 221 and an increase of 48 officers since 1994, when there were only 173 officers.

"The command is one of the largest in the state.

"Recently I spoke in parliament in support of legislation introduced by the lemma Government aimed at improving the parenting skills of the primary care givers and encouraging them to accept greater responsibility for the children or young persons in their care.

"Premier lemma often mentions the Government's Respect and Responsibility plan and these two 'R's are what we need if we are going to see an improvement in anti-social behaviour.

"If a young person has respect for themselves and those people around them, then it follows that they would have respect for others and their property.

"It's as simple as that.

"The vast majority of our young people are good, responsible and caring citizens.

"However, there is a small minority who don't abide by the law and these are the ones who, unfortunately, give young people a bad name."

**Press release, September 28
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

Report viewed as 'finalised'

Gosford Council has told Peninsula News it considers the Department of Local Government's Promoting Better Practise report to be finalised.

The council told Peninsula News in a media statement: "It has had no further questions from the department since council's initial reply on June 30."

Council received the draft review report from the department in

May last year and subsequently responded to the department "on all items of concern" on June 30 in the same year.

"It is unfortunate that in finalising and posting the Review Report on their website, that the Department of Local Government did not table the response from Gosford City Council," the recent press release from council stated.

"This would have provided the local community with all information related to the completed review."

Gosford Council will vote on a staff recommendation tomorrow night (Tuesday, October 3) that: "Council provide the Department of Local Government with a copy of its September 2006 action plan for the implementation of the nine outstanding report recommendations, with a request that the Department consider the review of outstanding recommendations to be finalised."

**Press release, September 19
Tina Davies, Gosford Council**

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Testing for endocrine disruptors?

Trichloroethylene (TCE) is an excellent degreaser; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are a beauty for softening and cleaning up dry paint brushes.

I was just wondering what our groundwater has been and is being tested for?

I bet some faceless person has decided these endocrine disruptors are not to be on the "test for presence" list.

It is interesting to learn of the number of man-made chemicals which can interfere with hormones and DNA in mammals, fish and whatever.

Taxpayers should remind themselves that elected representatives do not always act in our best interest.

Only last week I watched a scientist and media reviewed those bundles of humanity, some barely identifiable except for the arms and legs protruding at obscene angles from man's great work, continuing

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to be still-born three generations after the atrocities of the Vietnam war officially stopped.

I considered the commentary that there has not been enough money spent in the last 30 years by government to lay blame at the feet of those responsible for generations of incalculable damage to the whole of the human race.

It is no doubt a direct result of endocrine disruptors, such as the defoliant Agent Orange, PCBs and TCE.

What those in power do not want researched is: who will we blame?

I reflect on how it is now public knowledge that England's scientist expected "A" bomb radiation to damage generations of humanity.

This was known and was further researched in the not-so-secret test on our own soldiers.

The expectation that an enormous number of babies would be born with internal organs outside their skin and incomplete spines was considered an acceptable by-product of waging a successful war.

Our governments on a global scale continue today to sweep these generational human concerns under the same government carpet.

Gosford City Council has presided over other disasters with our water supply.

I don't trust them.

Edward James
Umina Beach

Bullying in public life

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I am becoming increasingly concerned about the state of democracy in our society.

Bullying is frowned upon in educational circles and yet we see it being used as a highly successful tool everywhere within public life even in the different levels of government.

It is difficult for workers who have to support their families, to withstand bullying by their superiors in order to follow their principles or conscience.

Threats of job loss or legal action are all means of intimidating people to do what they are told or to keep

quiet.

Increasingly democracy is being undermined by these bullies.

Can we be said to have real democracy; social equality, where everyone is free to participate, whilst this bullying prevails?

Perhaps this subject should be brought out into the open for discussion, lest we find ourselves hurtling down the path to dictatorship.

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Lucky to survive

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Many people put their faith on man and science.

However, science, like any human endeavour, can be bought and corrupted.

Due to man's greed, savagery and stupidity, Professor Stephen Hawking predicts man will be lucky to last another 100 years.

So much for man and science. Mr Abbott's comments about embryo research are spot on in my view.

Breeding human babies for bits and pieces, smacks of Nazi science.

When human life is cheap, the portents are, if we survive that we are heading back to a new dark age, where most of us will be slaves.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

What of human sustainability?

Sustainability - I have a dozen books on the topic.

Vital for a nation's survival. First, why is it vital for any species; whether plant or animal?

In the 1920s, kind people gathered a group of local koalas to place on Quail Island in western Victoria.

There they would be safe from hunters wanting their fur.

There were enough gum trees on the island for their needs, until in time their numbers increased, doubling every three years.

They stripped the trees of their

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leaves, koalas' only food.

The trees died.

So did the koalas.

What of humans?

In my book Sailing Australia, available in all libraries, I deal with humans as part of nature.

The poet wrote "wider still and wider shall her bounds be set".

There is a limit that humans must have to survive.

The best study on our minimum population was done some years ago by four Canberra experts.

Their conclusion: "If we continue exporting food at our present rate, the maximum sustainable population would be 22 million."

"If we eat all the food we produce then the supportable population would be 60 million."

Experts call this the ecological footprint that measures the full impact of our species on the earth's finite resources.

Best estimates today are the human footprint is too large for the earth to sustain.

Hence wars, riots in megacities. Australia is still safe, but with too many people in too few places.

Decentralisation will solve that. This needs courageous premiers with brains.

No nation is an island. The world urgently needs a Bill of Environmental Rights.

Dr Vincent Serventy
Pearl Beach

Five questions

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I have just five straight questions:

Why do we not have enough police in this area?

How many town meetings, newspaper articles and petitions must there be before Umina has a police presence at night?

Why is a very small area like Umina such an unprotected hotspot at night?

Why are business owners on West St now paying protection money just to not have their shops robbed or their shop windows smashed completely?

What will it take?

Juanita Hutchesson
Umina

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Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



The Water Main Cleaning program is designed to reduce the frequency and severity of discoloured water in the Peninsula area, using air scouring and mains flushing techniques.

Over the last month, cleaning has been undertaken successfully in the Woy Woy, Booker Bay, Blackwall, Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach areas. As the water mains in each street needs to be interrupted in order to be cleaned, Council's contractor will deliver a notice of 'Interruption to Supply' to all affected properties at least 48 hours prior.

Operational evidence from these areas shows the system is much cleaner and there is minimal discoloured water.

Gosford City Council would like to assure local residents that the majority of water used during the program is captured and re-treated before being returned to the system. With more than 95% of water used in the program so far being captured and re-used.

For a map of areas due to be cleaned over the next few weeks, information relating to the causes of discoloured water and what to do if you experience it within your home, please visit Gosford City Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au, or visit one of Council's Customer Service Centres. Alternatively you can call the Council's Customer Service Centre on 4325 8222.

Gosford City Council appreciates the continued support of the local community during the program and is making every effort to minimise any impacts on residents while improving the water quality in the long term.

Pictures from top to bottom: a glass of discoloured water, street signage and a water tanker used during the program, a local water treatment plant, pipework.

COSS group rejects Catholic Church owned land



Looking towards Ocean Beach from Umina Beach

Gosford Council's environment committee has recommended against purchasing Catholic land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St under the Coastal Open Space System (COSS).

The committee has told council the site does not contain sufficient landscape, scenic value, environmental or recreational characteristics in comparison to other identified parcels of land for inclusion into the COSS or Western COSS.

Community representative Mr John Wiggin and Cr Terri Latella asked that their names be recorded in dissent.

Council's principal environmentalist advised the meeting that the COSS Environment Task Group had considered a request from the Melaleuca Wetland Revegetation Group on the potential acquisition of site, as it contained an endangered ecological community.

The request from the group was considered by the COSS Environment Task Group, which undertook an environmental assessment of the site in

accordance with the criteria developed for the prioritisation of land suitable for acquisition into COSS and Western COSS.

The assessment determined that the site had "a low score of only 23 in comparison to other sites yet to be acquired by council, which had received a score of 78".

Council's principal environmentalist told the meeting that, pursuant to clause 18 of IDO 122, funds acquired through the bonus provision could only be used for the purchase of 7(a) Conservation zoned land.

If council had decided to purchase the site, it would have to purchase the land using its own funds or alternative sources of funds that were not directly associated with COSS.

The consideration of this item was "widely debated by committee members", according to a staff report to council.

"After careful consideration of the issues, the committee resolved to decline the request for council to purchase the land," the report stated.

Council agenda EC.020, October 3

Umina and Ocean Beach have been entered in the NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beach Challenge.

Judge Emily Doyle inspected the beaches last week, as well as other Central Coast beaches including Forresters, Avoca, Wamberal, Budgewoi, Terrigal and Toowoyn Bay Beach.

The judges looked at overall entries as well as local projects undertaken by community groups who entered the sponsored categories section of the awards.

"The Clean Beach Challenge gives local communities a chance to

measure the condition of their local beach against those in other parts of the state and no other program in New South Wales gathers together such a diverse group of people for a common purpose," said NSW Keep Australia Beautiful chair Ms Dawn Fardell said.

"The judges' findings help decide which beach will win the coveted title of New South Wales' Cleanest Beach.

"Last year's winner was Toowoyn Bay."

Chief Executive of Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW) Mr Matthew Taylor said "The hotly contested special categories section of the

Clean Beach Challenge focuses on issues such as natural heritage conservation projects, community-based programs, environmental initiatives and beach beautification efforts.

"The Clean Beach Challenge is more than a beach beauty competition, it recognises the dedicated efforts of thousands of volunteers, councils and surf lifesaving clubs whose passion for their beach helps manage and protect this state's most precious resources."

**Press release, September 22
Matthew Taylor,
Keep Australia Beautiful**

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Resident wins garden award

Woy Woy resident Joan Whitfield has won Best Senior Citizen's garden (over 65 years), at the presentation of the Annual Gosford City Competition awards, held on September 21 at the Gosford Regional Gallery.

Joan and her family moved to

Woy Woy in 1964 and was faced with the massive task of building a garden from soil that was just dredged sand and shells.

Years and tonnes of organic matter later, a vegetable garden was organized and native trees were planted.

In the 1980s, Joan had the idea of planting clivias under the canopy

of the now mature trees.

Again, with a lot of organic matter, these clivias flourished into a display of bright orange flowers, which showcase every spring.

The native trees provide shade and food and shelter for a host of native birds.

Keith Whitfield, September 27

Celebrating 30 years

Woy Woy Adult Day Care is celebrating 30 years of caring for senior members of the Peninsula community on October 25.

"Over the years, thousands of clients have enjoyed the socialisation and friendship, and hundreds of wonderful volunteers have freely given their time to assist with the running of the centres," said Woy Woy Adult

Day Care representative Ms Tricia Siemmens.

"Have you been part of the team of volunteers that helped at Woy Woy?"

"Would you like to see some valued volunteers from the past and look at some memorabilia?"

"Perhaps you have some photographs from the earlier days that you would like to share with others?"

Volunteers past and present

are invited to join the birthday celebrations on Wednesday, October 25, in the Woy Woy Meals on Wheels building at 11am.

"A light luncheon will be served with a large helping of laughter and memories," Ms Siemmens said.

For more information, contact the Adult Day Care Office on 4320 3637.

Press release, September 20
Tricia Siemmens, Woy Woy Adult Day Care

Donation for wildlife rescue

A Umina pet sitting company has donated over \$200 to wildlife rescue service Wires recently.

A promotion by Pet Sitting Plus, which began in June, offered to donate a percentage of total pet sitting fees to a local animal welfare group.

"We are pleased to announce that through community support for our business, it is now possible for Pet Sitting Plus to donate \$212.50 to Wires Central Coast branch," said Pet Sitting Plus owner Mr Joel

Kelly.

"Thank you very much for the generous donation from your promotion," said Wires branch secretary Ms Pam Strykowski.

Mr Kelly said he urged the local community, of all ages, to support Wires by becoming a member, or volunteering to care for injured wildlife.

For further information, visit www.wirescentralcoast.org or call 4323 2326.

Press release, August 9
Joel Kelly, Pet Sitting Plus

Animals to be blessed

A Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 8, to conclude the Season of Creation celebrations undertaken by the Anglican Church of St Lukes Woy Woy and St Andrew's Umina during September.

Publicity officer Ms Kathy Martin said the season of creation had focused on "our care for Planet Earth, the fragile piece of stardust we call home".

"Services and studies have helped us think about our care for the land, sea and air," Ms Martin said.

The Blessing of the Animals will take place at Umina Recreation Area, adjacent to the Oval at Umina Beach, from 11am to 2pm.

"Everyone is welcome, so bring along your pet animal, on a leash or in an enclosed basket, to be individually blessed," Ms Martin said.

"We will also be sharing a picnic

lunch, so bring your chairs and some food to enjoy."

Press release, September 21
Kathy Martin

Wildlife rescue course

Wires Central Coast Branch will be holding a Rescue and Immediate Care Course on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, at the CWA Hall, The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

Registration will take place from 8.30am for a 9am start and the course will operate until about 4pm.

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, and ID photographs will be taken on the day.

Participants have been asked to bring their own lunch.

The cost of the course was not known at the time of printing.

For more information, contact Lynne Turpie on 4372 1417.

Press release, August 10
Wires Central Coast Branch

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Desal plant investigated

Umina Beach may get a desalination plant under emergency drought measures.

Umina Oval in Sydney Ave, Woy Woy, is one of four sites currently under investigation as a possible site for a temporary mobile desalination plant, according to Gosford Council.

The other three sites are the grounds of the Kincumber Convent, Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South, a recreation reserve on Masons Parade, Gosford and a reserve off Webb St, East Gosford.

It was proposed that preliminary site investigations into temporary mobile desalination units should start in Gosford shortly as part of Gosford and Wyong Councils' emergency drought measures, according to a report from council.

A recommendation was made to the Joint Water Authority Board on September 20 and a proposal was referred to the Gosford and Wyong Councils for consideration.

Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher said: "The four sites proposed for Gosford were the next highest ranked out of 23 sites originally identified in a detailed report provided to both Councils by our external engineering consultants.

"If we did have to proceed with the installation of a temporary mobile desalination unit in Gosford it would still be subject to the normal development application processes which allow for public input and comment on the proposed development.

"We understand that many of the local residents in and around these

sites will be concerned but these preliminary investigations are designed to find out exactly what impact the units would have on the community and environment.

"Given that three of the four sites in Gosford are estuarine, these investigations will also consider the impact on the local commercial fishing and oyster industries as well as other environmental considerations.

"Another very important factor is proximity to existing houses and local communities."

Other key factors that will be investigated include the volume of desalinated water that can be generated from a particular location, the size of the site as well as ease of access to existing power supplies and of course sea water.

"By undertaking these investigations now, we can assess the suitability of sites to ensure they fully meet the strict selection criteria," Cr Maher said.

"These preliminary investigations will also help ensure Gosford Council and the local community can make an informed decision should we have to consider installing more temporary desalination units as a last resort."

Gosford Council stated that the aim of the councils in all of the drought contingency work currently being undertaken was to access supplementary water sources and reduce demand to ensure total dam storage levels do not fall below 10 per cent.

Press release, September 18
Kylie Gillett, Gosford Council



The current amenities block at Ettalong Oval

Amenities block tender accepted

Gosford Council has accepted a tender from Cameo Homes for the construction of an amenities block at Ettalong Oval.

Council accepted the company's tender at its meeting of September 26.

The tender for the construction of the amenities block closed on September 5, with eight tenders received.

The work would include the construction of a brick building on an infill slab with trussed and skillion roof.

The building would incorporate change rooms, water closet, kiosk and a verandah.

The construction period is 16

weeks with the work scheduled to commence in October, to be completed before the 2007 winter playing season.

A council report stated that it was considered that the tender by Cameo Homes presented the most positive benefits to council.

It stated: "The comparison indicated that Cameo Homes ranked highly against all the stated criteria."

The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.

Council agenda COR.112,
September 26

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PENINSULA GETTING THE SPIN

The NSW Labor spin machine is out of control with the Government now hiring more spin doctors to produce taxpayer-funded propaganda.

"Labor's spin machine has gone into overdrive with Morris lemma hiring another nine people in the fortnight to August 11 at a cost of nearly \$700,000."

"That money would have been better spent on deserving local projects, such as working to improve services on the Central Coast rail line. Instead, Peninsula commuters are forced onto fewer and slower trains while the Labor Government worries about fixing the headlines."

Every Peninsula resident can list the need for better health services, more police, improved education. We don't need political spin, we need action.

"Morris lemma and Michael Costa have got their priorities wrong, instead of putting services into the frontline they have made the bureaucracy even bigger."

The new spin doctors have been employed in the following areas:

- Senior Communications Officer, Attorney General's Department (\$83,907)
- Senior Media Officer, Department of Community Services (\$83,907)
- Communication Co-ordinator, Department of Community Services (\$64,854)
- Publications Manager, Department of Education and Training (\$71,094)
- Publicity Manager, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (\$103,576)
- Publishing Officer, Communications Group, WorkCover Authority (\$64,854)
- Three Media Relations Officers, NSW Ambulance Service (\$67,444 each)

In the run-up to the March election, NSW Labor is going to spend up to \$100 million on government advertising – most of which will be self-serving political propaganda.

"It's an obscene waste of taxpayers' money. If Morris lemma wants to engage in this sort of advertising, the Labor Party should pay for it.

Peninsula and the Central Coast deserve higher standards, better services and balanced budgets."

Regards
Chris Holstein

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Holstein criticises surf club support

The State Government's contribution towards the Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Clubs reconstruction is too little to benefit the surf clubs and their members, Liberal candidate Cr Chris Holstein has said.

"While I welcome the government's contribution, it's all too little for the benefit that the surf clubs and their members that put so much in to this community," Cr Holstein said.

"The two Peninsula surf club

are being rebuilt at a total cost of over \$4 million and the State Government's contribution is only six per cent of the total cost.

"Ninety four per cent is funded by the council and ratepayer.

"I remind the ratepayers the Peninsula Leisure Centre got less than one per cent of its funding from the Labor State Government."

"It is totally disappointing that we again on the Peninsula get the crumbs from this Labor Government."

Press release, September 26
Chris Holstein,
Liberal Candidate for Gosford

Petitions favour plan

Gosford Council has received three petitions supporting the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan.

The petitions, with a total of 79 signatures, stated that they supported the plan provided that a planned concrete wall was replaced with high quality timber and stainless steel fencing linking the viewing decks along the promenade, and that the vegetation consisted of low plantings and ground covers with greater emphasis on view lines and less on middle storey plantings.

Council has referred the three petitions to its development department.

Council agenda P.55,
September 26

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Bush Stone-curlew

Council seeks rare sightings

Gosford Council's natural resources officer Ms Nikki Bennetts is wanting to hear from Peninsula residents who have seen endangered animals locally.

"Spring is show-off season for the many Australian animals that use their distinctive calls or mating displays to attract the opposite sex," she said.

Ms Bennetts stated that spring was the best time for local residents to spot or hear threatened native species, such as the Bush Stone-curlew or Green and Golden Bell frog.

"Residents can help protect these animals by providing council with valuable information on their whereabouts," Ms Bennetts said. Bush Stone-curlews were rare

birds found around the Brisbane Waters foreshore, particularly in the area bounded by Woy Woy, St Huberts Island, Hardy's Bay, Empire Bay, Bensville, Saratoga, Davistown and Kincumber.

Nesting in long grass in open areas, their survival relies on their ability to blend with their surroundings, Ms Bennetts said.

"If you see or hear either species, let council know the time, date and location, number of birds and eggs or frogs and tadpoles, and the position of any nests," Ms Bennetts said.

To pass on information about endangered animals, call Ms Bennetts on 4325 8844 or e-mail nikki.bennetts@gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Press release, September 4
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Oyster Festival moves to Ettalong

This year the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival will move to Ettalong.

The move comes with naming rights sold to sponsors Ettalong Beach Club and Outrigger Resort.

The festival will again run its Festival Queen competition.

Festival chairman Ms Debra Wales said the festival had outgrown its previous location at Woy Woy waterfront, with crowds last year exceeding 10,000.

"The idea is to build tourism for the Central Coast, promoting the festival to the lower North Shore, and to utilise the Palm Beach Ferry Service to Ettalong."

The festival last year introduced The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival Queen Competition, with proceeds going to Breast Cancer Challenge.

"Central Coast businesses are invited to enter a candidate in this fundraising event," Ms Wales said.

"Last year we raised over \$34,000

in the challenge, which exceeded everyone's expectations.

"The entry fee is \$100 plus GST and all candidates will require a business sponsor to give support.

"The reasoning behind the introduction of the competition is to give local businesses the opportunity to become involved in the festival and to promote their business, to raise funds for a very worthwhile cause that has touched many families in our community and to give girls the opportunity to participate in a fun competition and it is hoped that they will grow from the experience.

"The candidates will be asked to raise funds as part of the judging criteria.

"Other factors such as personality, presentation and community involvement will also be considered in the judging process."

Ms Wales said the crowning of the Queen and Charity Queen

would be announced at the Oyster Festival Ball to be held on November 10 at the Ettalong Beach Club.

Both winners will receive an assortment of prizes donated by local business including holidays.

"The Cancer Council NSW is striving to reduce the impact of breast cancer by funding vital research into the causes of this disease, better treatments and by providing essential support services," Ms Wales said.

"Our aim is to raise \$6000 through the competition.

"Tony Arico from Travelworld Woy Woy has kindly donated the fantastic holidays that can be won by the candidates."

Businesses interested in entering a candidate or donating a prize should contact Imminent Marketing on 4385 8429.

Press release, September 27
Debra Wales, Brisbane
Water Oyster Festival

Council supports festival

Gosford Council has resolved to support this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival with \$5000 in funding plus in-kind support to the value of \$2000.

Council was approached again to sponsor the community event for this year and next year.

The request was for \$7700 each year plus photocopying of the festival program (2000 copies), road closure barrier boards, a rubbish removal mini skip and additional garbage bins for rubbish, a small and large stage, council's small public address system and electrical assistance.

Road closure assistance would include a portable variable message board on Brisbane Water Dr to notify residents of road closures, signage for road closure including "No Parking", "No Stopping" and "No Left Turn" and signage to indicate parking areas.

Rubbish assistance would include the removal of rubbish from park bins prior to event and removal of festival rubbish after event

The electrical assistance would be used to support electrical extension cords above ground.

The report stated that "council supports many community events and in view of other sponsorships, this request is more than most".

"Last year the financial support was \$5000."

Council has supported the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival for a number of years, providing in-kind and financial support.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce was co-ordinating the event and was outsourcing its management to Imminent Marketing.

The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival and Blessing of the Fleet was established in 2000 by the Chamber to showcase the Peninsula, the local oyster farming and the professional fishing industry.

A report from council stated that the festival had become very popular with both Central Coast residents and visitors attracting thousands of people to the waterfront where thousands of dozens of oysters are consumed.

Supported by Brisbane Water

Shellfish QAP and the Professional Fisherman's Association this year's event will be held on Sunday, November 12, and will include The Queen of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival fundraiser, flotilla of boats on Brisbane Water, Ocean Planet kayak race, the blessing of the fleet, wine tasting, live entertainment, food and craft stalls

To follow up from last year the Queen of the Oyster Festival competition will be held in the lead-up to festival with the aim of giving local businesses the opportunity to be involved in the festival and to promote their business through sponsoring a queen candidate.

During the competition the Queen will fundraise for The Cancer Council NSW Breast Cancer Challenge, last year raising over \$34,000.

Council agenda COM.36,
September 26

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Plans for Tesrol development resubmitted

Tesrol Holdings Pty Ltd have resubmitted a development application for a mixed residential and commercial premises on the corner of Memorial Ave and The Esplanade, opposite the Outrigger Resort, in Ettalong.

The 61-unit seven-storey proposal is on exhibition at Woy Woy Library and Gosford Council's administration building in Gosford from September 27 to October 18.

The new plans involve a reduction in the height of the development, an increase in setbacks and a decrease in density, compared to the previous plans, according to the application.

The new submission stated that it was "proposed to reduce the building height by two storeys for the tallest portion of the proposal on the northern part of the site" and "for the portion of the proposal located at the corner of the Esplanade and Memorial Ave".

This would lower the building from nine storeys to seven storeys and from five storeys to three storeys respectively.

It stated that a further reduction in height of one storey was provided by increased step backs and overall height to the southern part of the proposal, which would be reduced from six storeys to five



A graphical representation of changes to the proposed Tesrol Development

storeys.

It stated that the provision of a clear building separation between the northern and southern portions of the development would further enhance the reduction in height and building mass.

It stated that improvements to set back had been achieved with several changes.

One change involved a three-metre-wide slot creating a separation between the northern and southern portions of the proposal along the Memorial Ave elevation.

Another change was an increased

set back from around six metres to nine metres from the northern boundary "accommodating greater separation for any future development" as well as the opportunity to provide trees that could be grown in the equivalent of deep soil conditions.

A further change was an increase in separation between the "U" shaped parts of the proposal from an average of 10 metres to 15 metres "improving sunlight penetration and significantly improving visual privacy and access to views".

The application stated that the

reduction in height and increase in set backs had meant a significant decrease in the floor space ratio when compared to the original proposal.

Apartment numbers had also been reduced from 89 in the original proposal to 61 in the current proposal.

It stated that "This reduction is considered to deliver an appropriate level of residential development that is compatible with (Peninsula Urban Design Strategy - PUDS) and confirmed as acceptable to council".

It also meant less of a need for upper levels of carparking which created "the opportunity to increase the amount of retail/commercial floor space".

The application noted improvements made in the proposal involving improvements to the amenity of residential apartments, the service laneway alignment, building modulation, landscape, public parking and access.

It stated "Furthermore the reconfiguration of the communal open space, the service lane and apartment planning, particularly in the lower levels and "U" shaped components of the scheme have resulted in significant improvements in amenity and aesthetic quality".

It also stated that the key areas of concern expressed by council had been "thoroughly addressed"

and represented the applicants "consistently expressed desire to respond positively to council's detailed concerns".

The submission stated that while the proposed amendments "may have some reduction effect on projected economic stimulus" the benefits of increased density at levels compatible with the PUDS would create positive economic effects when put into the Ettalong Town Centre context.

The original proposal was prepared and lodged in March last year and included a Comprehensive Development Application Report prepared by the Kann Finch Group on behalf of Tesrol Ettalong Pty Ltd.

The Urban Design Review Panel had previously voiced concerns regarding the overall height of the development, privacy and solar access, visual quality of the service laneway, overall density of the development and view sharing.

The panel also noted the positive aspects of the development including building to boundary alignments, providing the main building mass to the northern and western edges in the proposed L-shaped footprint and the provision of a pedestrian lane way linking the beachfront and main shopping strip, according to the application.

Development Application,
October 4
Kann Finch Group

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BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

NPWS, National Parks & Wildlife Service, www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au, 4320 4205

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach 4342 1459

PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

PWHC, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20a McMasters Rd Woy Woy 4342 4905

UCH, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664

WH, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

WVEC, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Road Woy Woy 4341 7974

WWLC, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym

PCYC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, **UCH**.

Second Tuesday of every month Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, **BFC**

Senior's Idol, 1pm; **Toastmasters**, 7.30pm, Seniors Day 12 noon, enq: 4341 6842, **EBWMC**

Get Together afternoon tea, **ESCC**, **Pearl Beach Craft group**, **PBPH**, 1.30pm.

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, **MOW**.

Diabetes Support Group, 10am, **ECC**

Third Tuesday of every month **Buffalo Lodge** Knights Chp9, 7pm, **UCH**

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, 10am, enq: 4342 1790, **MOW**

Fourth Tuesday of every month Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**

Toastmasters, 7pm enq: 4341 6842, **EBWMC**

Combined Pensioners association afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESCC**

Every Tuesday **The Web**, **Drop in** centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm, **TWYS**

Butterfly Group for Women who have suffered domestic violence 12.30pm **PWHC**

Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-12.45pm, enq: 4369 2034

Judo 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula**

Dance and Theatre School 3.45pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm, **Gambling**

Counselling by appointment, Latin Salsa Dance 8pm, **School for Learning - over 55's** 10am, **Belly**

Dancing, 1pm, **PCC**. **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm; **Gym Sessions** 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9:15am & 6pm; **PCYC**

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, **ECC** Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **Computers**, 9am, **ESCC** .

Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: 4379 1132

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

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

Folk Art 9.30am, **Silk Painting** 1pm **EBACC**

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30 am (Except Jan).

Sahaja yoga meditation, 10:30am enq: 4328 1409, **CWAHWW**

Playgroup 10am Kids 0-5yrs, **WWPH**, enq: Juhel 4342 4362

Butterfly Group Drop In (Domestic violence support), 12.30pm **PWHC**

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month Older women's network, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079, **WWLC**

CWA social day, 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192, **CWAHWW**

Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association, 7.30pm, **EPH**

Second Wednesday of every Month **Woy Woy VIEW Club**, Friendship Day, **MOW**, 10.30am, enq: 4344 1440.

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy **Community Aged Care Auxiliary**, 10am enq: 4344 2599.

Umina Beach **Probus Club**, 9.30am, **ECC**

Third Wednesday of every month **Woy Woy VIEW Club** - Luncheon, 10.30am, enq: 4344 1440, **ECC**

Every Wednesday **St John's Ambulance**; Woy Woy Aged Care, 7pm, enq:4341 3341.

Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade 7.30pm Stanley St, Killcare, enq: 4360 2161.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 9.30am & 7.30pm enq: 4341 6763,

Oil Painting, 9am, **Scrapbooking** 9am, **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924

Playgroup 10am, **Weight Watchers** 5.30pm, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm; **School for Learning** 9am, **Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm; **PCC** .

Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Brisbane Waters **Scrabble Club**, **MOW** 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.

Seniors fitness **EPH** 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

Indoor Bowls - 9am; **Fitness** - 1pm **Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am. **Scrabble** 1pm; **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC**

Gym Sessions 8am (Incl Self Defence for Young Women 1pm; **Gym Circuit** 6pm; **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

Oils & Acrylics 9am, **Pastels** 11.30am, **Drawing** 2pm **EBACC**

Children's story time, Woy Woy library, 10.30- 11.30am (Except Jan).

Alcoholics Anonymous 12.15 & 6.30 , St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Handicraft **CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month **Outsiders Club**, 9am; **Brisbane Water Seniors** 1pm Enq: 4344 5670 **EBWMC**

Women's Health Clinic Enq 4320 3741 **PWHC**

Australiana Bus Trips **PCC**

Women's Health Clinic; **PWHC** 4320 3741

Fourth Thursday of every month 9am **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, **BFC**

Umina **Probus**, **ECC**, 10am. **Women's Health Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741

Every Thursday **Creative Writing**, **CWAHWW**, Enq 4369 1187

Gambling and general counselling by appointment, **Music 2-5yrs** 9am, **Yoga** 10am, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Judo**, 5pm Enq: 43424121; **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, 4342 3684; **PCC**

Free entertainment 6.30 pm, **Senior Snooker** 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **EMBC**. **Bouddi Women's Drumming**, 2pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.

Scrabble, 12.30pm. **WWPH** , **Children's art classes** 4.30pm, **EBACC**

Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, **ESCC**

St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

Children's story time, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30am (Except Jan).

Gym Sessions 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am & 6pm **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC** .

Social Tennis 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

Adult tap dancing, **EPH** 10am; enq: 4342 3925

Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month 2pm **Peninsula Twins Club** Free. **BFC**

RSL Sub branch **EBWMC**, 2.30pm.

Third Friday of every month Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, **WH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002. Civilian widows, **ESSC**, 1pm.

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

Kids entertainment Yrs 7 -12, 7.30pm, **Playgroup**, 10am Umina Uniting Church.

Bingo 11.30am, **UCH** Enq:4343 1664

Lollipop Music Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, **WH** (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

Aqua-fitness, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

Active Over 50's Exercise Class **EPH** 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

Watercolour Painting 12.30pm **EBACC**

Painting 9am, **Computers** 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**

Gym Sessions 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training** 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm, **Youth Group** 7pm, enq: 4343 1237

Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.

Hardys Bay Community Church, **indoor bowls**, **canasta**, **scrabble**, **morning tea** 10am, enq 4363 1968.

Kids Club (Primary) .4pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Weight Watchers**

10am, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm; **The Web**, 2pm-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm **Kindygy** 0 - 3yrs 9.15am, 3 - 5yrs 10.20am **PCC**

Women's walking group, 8am **PWHC**

Fishing Club. **EBWM**

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans Assoc** Aust meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Enq: 4340 4160

Second Saturday of every month Melaleuca Wetland **Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am. **Pretty Beach Bushcare** group, **Pretty Beach** end Araluen Track, 8am.

Save our Suburbs, 1pm, enq 4342 2251 **WWPH**

Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, **WWLC** 10am.

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

Umina Garden Club, 1pm, Woy Woy Meals on Wheels, enq 4369 2657

Third Saturday of every month Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am, Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301

Market Day, 9am Sydney 2000 Park, **UCH**

Last Saturday every month **Wagstaffe Bushcare** group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am. **Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am

Every Saturday **The Web**, **Activities** for 12-18yrs old, 4.30-9.30pm; **Weight Watchers** 8am, **PCC**

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm .

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; **ECC**

Dancing Club; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156

Snooker 8.30am **EBWMC**

Childrens Pottery 9.30am **Silvercraft** 1pm, **EBACC**

Gym Sessions 9am, **Drama & Discovery** 9am **PCYC**.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721, **WWLC**

Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

Woy Woy Environment Centre 10am-. 267 Blackwall Road. Enq 4342 6589.

Car Boot Sale, Ettalong Markets. Community Dance, 1pm to 4pm, \$2, **ESCC**, Ph:4344 3131/4341 3222

Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$2, refreshments, 1pm, **ESCC**. ph:4344 3131/4341 3222.

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month **Blackwall Mountain Bushcare**, 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Enq: 4342 6995

Second Sunday of every month Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am **BWSC**, Enq: 4341 9301

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm.

Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, 1.30pm **CWAHWW** Enq: 4342 9099

Third Sunday of every month **Bushcare** Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am Enq: 43692486

Vietnam Vets, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC**

Ettymalong **Creek Landcare**, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.

EBWM Fishing Club competition at Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.

Fourth Sunday of every month **Buffalo Lodge** Woy Woy 381 11am; **Buffalo Lodge** Gosford No 63 **UCH** 1pm.

Burrawang **Bushland** reserve **bushcare**, Nambucca Dr playgrnd 9am 4341 9301.

Last Sunday of every month Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am, **EBWMC**

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market Enq: 4341 4151

Open Acoustic Mic Afternoon, 1pm to 5pm, **WWBC**

Every Sunday

Coast Community **Church Services** 9am & 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery 11am Enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 4342 1722

Pretty Beach P S P&C, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 436

Bays are jazz backdrop

Views over the bays to Brisbane Waters National Park will be the backdrop to this year's bays community jazz afternoon "Blues over the Bays".

Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett said that the organising committee was excited that local group "Just Jazz" would be playing and that it had a couple of new members in the band.

The group is a five-piece band with Martie Monney on sax, Tony Burkys on guitar, Jim Lyons on trumpet and Rebecca Vaughan on vocals.

"Martie was one of the founding members of Galapagos Duck and played with band leader John Callaghan in the Spike Milligan Tour around Australia," Mr Puffett said.

"Martie has been playing in

Thailand for the last 10 years, but is now back in town.

"Tony Burkys is on guitar and been playing with Just Jazz for years.

"Tony lives in Sydney but loves coming to the Central Coast just to have some of John's home brew.

"Jim Lyons plays trumpet. He hails from Newcastle and plays regularly in the Hunter Valley and Sydney.

"Vocals are from Rebecca Vaughan who performs at a lot of festivals in Sydney and Melbourne and now Woy Woy Bay.

"John Callaghan is our local who has lived in the Bays for 20 years.

"John plays double bass and played in Europe when younger, but he just loves the Bays water views and now operates out of Woy Woy Bay."

Mr Puffett said Blues over

the Bays would be a "wonderful experience for people or families to sit back and enjoy some fantastic jazz, swing and blues whilst taking in the natural beauty of the bays and our locality here on the Central Coast".

"If you want to chill out with some of the best musicians on the Coast in a great setting you shouldn't miss this opportunity," Mr Puffett said.

Blues over the Bays will be held on the lawns of the community centre on Sunday, October 15, from 2pm.

Entry is \$20 with entry to all children and people under 15 years free.

Food and beverage will be available.

**Press release, September 27
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group**



Jane Clifton will star in The Peninsula Theatre's production of Barmaids

Gallery shows its heritage

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is hosting an exhibition of paintings of two sisters, Willy and Maryke (nee Zwan) who came to Patonga from Holland in 1952 and with their father and brother Col Zwan, took over the Patonga Bakery.

The Patonga Bakery is now the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery.

"Willy married Charlie Peterson," artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan said.

"Their three sons Rick, PI and

Brad all live and work in Patonga.

"Sadly, Willy died age 57 in 1996.

"Maryke married John Duell and later Hedley Pardoe but also died at the early age of 47 in Teimore in 1989.

"Both of these sisters, known for their exceptional good looks made a great contribution to the social life of Patonga and also as artists working in various media.

"Willy had a special interest in the aboriginal culture of Patonga (pre white man) and she worked

with The Koori boys at Mt Penang.

"The 'Toggerly' at Patonga was once owned by Charlie and Willy and, as well as a shop, it was Willy's studio.

"It is very appropriate that this exhibition is on display in the Toggerly now, an extension of the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery and will remain on show until mid October."

**Press release, September 15
Jocelyn and Robin, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery**

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Barmaids at theatre

The Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy will host a production of Barmaids in the near future.

After a sellout season of Double Act, the theatre's management at Laycock St Theatre said they were excited to present Barmaids.

The production is currently on a nine-week national tour across Victoria, Tasmania, NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The Peninsula Theatre will host five shows of the comedy by Australian playwright Katherine Thomson and directed by Terence O'Connell.

Laycock Street Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said Jane Clifton starred as Nancy and Carmelina Di Guglielmo played Val.

"The two mature barmaids, who work at the Arms Hotel in an Australian port town, are confronted with new management decisions that put their jobs in jeopardy, as they see a new breed of karaoke-singing, topless barmaids moving in on their territory," Ms Kelly said.

"Barmaids will delight audiences with its interactive style and the audience invitation to join in the karaoke."

Shows will take place from Wednesday, November 8, to Saturday, November 11, at 8pm, with a matinee on Saturday at 2pm.

**Press release, September 14
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre**

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Arts & Entertainment



"Kariong - January 2006", Judith Hoste's prizewinning painting

Award winner

Peninsula resident **Judith Hoste** has received two awards in this year's **Grandma Moses Art Prize**, sponsored by Gosford Council.

Ms Hoste was the winner of Section 5 "Central Coast Inspired Work" with an acrylic painting titled "Kariong - January 2006" which

depicted the Kariong landscape after the bushfires on New Year's Day 2006.

It is the third year running that Ms Hoste has won this section.

Ms Hoste's second award was a Highly Commended award for a pastel work titled "Butterflies of the Rainforest" which she had planned as the subject for one of the

workshops she tutored in February this year for the Central Coast Art Society.

Ms Hoste is a Peninsula-based artist and art teacher, and runs Amber Arts in Umina.

Press release, September 18
Kenneth Hoste, Amber Arts

Singing workshop at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will be running a singing workshop with Doreen Van Bree on November 12.

"We are planning a singing workshop with Doreen Van Bree before the Troubadour's regular session in November," Troubadour publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"It will be at 11am and last about an hour."

The Troubadour Central Coast afternoon will feature the Stiff Gins this month.

The singing workshop will take place in the CWA Hall in Woy Woy.

Umina resident Doreen Van Bree has had a lifetime involvement in music, according to Ms Desborough.

"After 16 years living on the north coast of NSW and Brisbane, Doreen has returned to the Central Coast and is happy to be back," Ms Desborough said.

"Born in Holland, where she studied classical piano and organ, Doreen experienced her first stage performance at the age of 10 playing Clemente's Sonata.

"The Van Bree family migrated to Australia when Doreen was aged 12, and Doreen quickly became interested in the popular music of the day.

"During high school years in Sydney, Doreen performed in many musical stage productions and was organist for four years at

St Josephs Church, Edgecliffe.

"She later moved to Gosford where she studied singing and formed her own Rock 'n Roll band, playing piano and singing.

"In 1961, Doreen entered the Miss Australia Quest and was crowned Miss NSW Charity Queen.

"Around the same time, she appeared on Brian Henderson's Bandstand several times, and eventually became a professional singer, performing at various clubs on the Central Coast and Sydney, and teaching singing.

"While in Murwillumbah, she was invited to be musical director in David Johnstone's musical Ghengis, with a cast of over 100 local performers and 14 piece orchestra, which Doreen conducted.

"She taught singing at Murwillumbah and the Tweed Music Academy for about 10 years and also gained a Diploma in Psychology before moving on to Brisbane, where she lived and worked for four years.

"After a long musical career and back on the Central Coast to be closer to family. "Doreen is now retired, but still takes on the occasional singing student.

"She has recently taken up classical piano again for her own enjoyment and is writing her memoirs."

Press release, September 15
Leila Desborough,
Troubadour Central Coast



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Swing show at theatre

The Swing Show featuring Andrew Godbold and The Andrew Swan Trio will be performing at the Peninsula Theatre on October 9.

LaycockStreetTheatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said: "Andrew's years of musical theatre

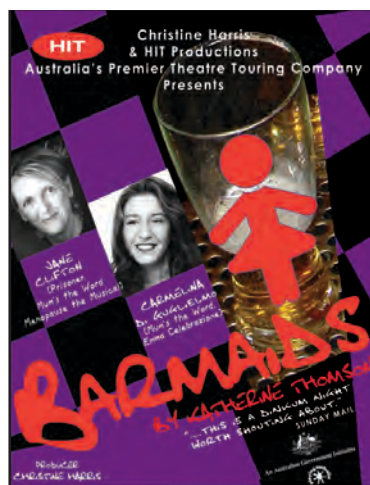
and work in bands has more than prepared him to present the young, energetic and fresh style of swing so popular today," Ms Kelly said.

"Featuring swing and dance classics, funky grooves, and smoky ballads, Andrew has stayed true to the style but has introduced his own originality.

"Backed by pianist Andrew Swan, and featuring a top rhythm section, the music is slick and sensational."

For more information, contact 4323 3233.

Press release, September 16
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre



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Courses helping parents

Beachside Family Centre and Gosford TAFE will be offering two free seven-week courses in Term 4 called "Helping Parents Help Kids".

One course will run on Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm starting on October 25 at Beachside Family Centre, in grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

The second course will run in Gosford with dates to be confirmed.

"For many parents, the way their child is learning is different from when they went to school," Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"This course will help with understanding the current school

curriculum, the content and ways of doing new maths and English, give you strategies for assisting your child with their school work and homework and help in motivating your child.

"There will also be an opportunity to examine the current controversy about homework and look at children's different learning styles.

"Different parenting practices will be recognized in those doing this course with the specific needs of individual parents being a major focus."

Any parents, grandparents or carers are welcome to attend.

For more information about the course, contact 4343 1929.

**Press release, September 14
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**

School students watch waste

Pretty Beach and Empire Bay Public Schools took part in Gosford Council's interactive environmental program, Waste Watchers, recently.

During the four-day program the two schools participated in workshops focusing on the correct use of bins, recycling, landfill, organic waste and litter.

Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said the school "jumped at the chance" to be part of the local government initiative.

Ms Redrup said the school was situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the students were aware of the part they played in protecting it.

The Waste Watchers workshops, conducted by Keep Australia Beautiful, were designed to incorporate the NSW syllabus outcomes, facilitate behaviour change in students and encourage all the various aspects of

appropriate waste disposal.

"The students of our school have grown up in one of the most beautiful estuaries on the New South Wales Coast line," said Ms Redrup.

"The Waste Watchers program has been another way of providing them with the practices needed to look after their fragile waterways."

Gosford council's sustainability officer Ms Maree Whelan is also a parent at Pretty Beach Public.

"The best thing about Waste Watchers program is its going to make teachers of our children," Ms Whelan said.

"Their knowledge of how to protect their local area is the key to its future."

Ms Whelan said it was also an opportunity for children to learn about council's waste services.

**Press release, September 29
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School**



Umina Fire Brigade members present a safety talk to kindergarten students

Fire safety talk at Ettalong

Members from the Umina Fire Brigade visited Ettalong Public School on Wednesday, September 20, to present a fire safety talk to Kindergarten students.

Firefighters Allan Cansdale,

Gary Yates, Brad Page and Craig Warren had a captive audience as they explained what to do if caught in a fire and demonstrated what a firefighter looked like in their rescue gear.

"The Fire Engine was a big hit and students had fun climbing in and

taking the drivers seat," publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said.

"It was a great presentation and the students really enjoyed their fire fighter showbags."

**Press release, September 27
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Public School**

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Butcher wins sausage prizes

Local butcher Michael Higginson has had success at the NSW-ACT Sausage King competition held at Hamilton College of TAFE on Thursday, August 17.
 In the Central Coast Division, Umina Beach B & M Quality Meats butcher Mr Higginson came second in the gourmet section, second in the continental section and third in the 100 per cent poultry section.

Butchers from the Central Coast, Hunter and Newcastle regions of NSW took part in the regional heat of the competition on August 17.

Sausages included traditional beef, pork and chicken, along with some exotic varieties such as Moroccan lamb, beef and mushroom, roasted eggplant, and tomato and lamb.

The categories were Traditional Australian, 100 per cent Pork, Gourmet, Continental and 100 per cent Poultry.

State winners of the four categories will proceed to the National Sausage King Finals where they will compete against the winners from every State in Australia.

Press release, August 16, 17
Leonie Migachov, Australian Meat Industry Council

All-day parking

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that council take no action in providing time restricted parking in Station St,

Woy Woy.

A request for time restricted parking had come from local resident Ms H McKechnie through Cr Chris Holstein.

The restricted parking has been requested to "prevent all-day parking by commuters".

The council report stated that "it is considered that the introduction of time-restricted parking in Station St would only transfer all-day parking further afield".

Council agenda TR.06.059, September 5

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Success in Buckley Plate

Brisbane Water Secondary College has had success in rugby league recently in the Buckley Plate, according to college principal Mr Guys Vrolyk.

"The Brisbane Water Secondary College Under-14 Rugby League squad travelled to Newcastle on Wednesday, September 20, to play the final of the Buckley Plate at Energy Australia Stadium," Mr Vrolyk said.

"The Buckley Plate is the play-off for third and fourth in the State wide Buckley Shield knockout competition.

"Going in as underdogs against a highly-fancied Farrer Agricultural College side, the team were upbeat and confident of causing an upset."

Team coach Mr Neil Hinton said: "Mark Cribb, Matt Marker and the Rugby League Academy squad from the senior campus were a great help in preparing the team by coming to the Umina campus for a couple of training sessions."

Mr Hinton said pre-match preparations were completed in the Newcastle Knights dressing rooms before the boys ran out onto the Stadium for the biggest League game the Umina Campus has been involved with.

"Following a nervous start, the team settled into their normal style of play, with some outstanding defensive work by Brayden Williame, Jason Hayward, Nathan McManus, Chris Norman and Zane Sparke," Mr Hinton said.

"Knocks to Sean Ellard and Nathan McManus meant that Shane Cooper and Daniel Bluff were used off the bench earlier than intended but both players really lifted and put in outstanding performances.

"Luke Murphy was making some good ground every time he joined in the attack.

"Callum McGillicuddy, Brayden

Williame and Justin Canterbury tormented the Farrer defence following great work by the forwards.

"Unfortunately a lack of patience and poor ball security crept into the Brisbane Water game and Farrer took advantage and put on two tries for a 10-nil lead.

"Brisbane Water lifted and began to exert dominance in all facets of the game.

"In the last five minutes of the first half, this dominance paid off, firstly with a try to Chase Williams after a brilliant off-load by Jason Hayward."

Mr Hinton said James Coote's conversion from wide out in difficult, windy conditions gave the side a further boost in confidence and reduced the Farrer lead to four.

"Almost on half time, after great lead-up work that had Farrer on the back foot, Jason Hayward split the defence and planted the ball over the stripe," Mr Hinton said.

"Luke Murphy added the extras to give Brisbane Water a half time lead of 12 to 10.

"The second half did not start according to plan with Farrer scoring in the opening minute to retake the lead at 16 to 12.

"This quick try shook the Brisbane Water side back into action and showing great patience and control they started to regain the ascendancy.

"A side in a game like this must have a strong bench and all of the players rotated off the bench played their part in the team.

"Backs Jamie Rushton, James Lovell, Tom Austine, James Coote, Justin Canterbury and Henry Lovell attacked and defended well while fullback Luke Murphy was dangerous every time he had the ball.

"Brisbane Water retook the lead with a try to Justin McDermott.

"Justin came off the bench and did precisely what was intended.

"James Coote once again added the extras to give Brisbane Water a two-point advantage.

"The forwards led by captain Chris Norman controlled the game with great defence and forceful ball running.

"Daniel Bluff, Nathan McManus, Jason Hayward, Sean Ellard, Zane Sparke, Shane Cooper, Chase Williams all hammered the Farrer defence running off halves Callum McGillicuddy and Brayden Williame.

"Chase Williams put Brisbane further ahead with his second try and after the conversion by James Coote."

Mr Hinton said that, despite some intimidating tactics from the opposition, Brisbane Water held their composure and ran out very deserving victors.

"What makes this such a special team is that everyone puts in," Mr Hinton said.

"For example, Aeden Avery did not get much of an opportunity in this game, but like Daniel Taylor who volunteered to video the match and water boy Josh Spence, played a big role within the squad.

"All three were an integral part of the squad from first game to last.

"The season, which culminated in this win, was a real team effort with all 21 in the squad putting in great effort.

"To top off the win, after Chris Norman accepted the Buckley Plate, Jason Hayward was named Player of the Final and Nathan McManus was selected as the Knights Player of the Match."

Mr Hinton said all of the players received winners medals as a tribute for their efforts.

Mr Vrolyk said: "Both coach Neil Hinton and trainer Matt Marker were proud of the boys efforts and attitude throughout the season."

**Press release, September 27
Gus Vrolyk, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



Field named after Col Gooley

The efforts of the late Col Gooley will be acknowledged at the official opening of the Col Gooley Field at Umina Oval later this month.

Following requests from community organisations, the main league field at the oval has been renamed as a tribute to Mr Gooley, his efforts in developing regional sport and contributions to community and charity organisations.

An official ribbon-cutting

ceremony by Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher was organised to celebrate the naming, along with a sausage sizzle provided by Umina Sports Club, with proceeds going to the Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation.

Mr Gooley was a community worker, rugby league player, coach, captain, and president of the Umina Senior and Junior Rugby League Football Clubs.

**Press release, September 19
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

Four teams in grand final

The Umina Bunnies have just finished one of the most successful years for a long time, according to club president Mr Matthew Harvey.

The club's presentation day will be held on Sunday, October 15.

"After a 20 per cent increase in player numbers, we had 19 teams kick off in the 2006 season," Mr Harvey said.

"Six teams made semi finals with four of those moving on to the grand finals.

"Our under-11(3)s did a great job to win the grand final 12 to 0 against The Entrance and finished undefeated premiers.

"Our under-11(1)s were beaten

for the second year in a row by 12 to 6.

"They finished the season as Minor Premiers.

"Our under-12(2)s won the grand final 8 to 6 against Toukley and finished undefeated premiers.

"Our under-15(2)s finally came through with a grand final win to beat Northern Lakes 16 to 10 in a thrilling finale to the season."

Mr Harvey said: "Every person at our small club are so proud of all of our Grand Final teams."

The presentation day will be on Sunday, October 15, at Umina oval from 12.30pm.

**Press release, September 22
Mathew Harvey, Umina Junior
Rugby League Football Club**

Cheque presented

The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club members held a "very successful" Charity Day on Tuesday, September 12, despite rain showers in the morning, according to publicity officer Ms Nancy Griffith.

Umina members were joined by visitors from Ettalong, Everglades,

Woy Woy and Bateau Bay.

"President Lesley Swales had much pleasure in presenting a cheque for \$3000 to Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade treasurer Sandy Zwan and secretary Kelly McCormac," Ms Griffith said.

"Kelly McCormac thanked the club for its continued support

and said that the money would go towards replenishing much-needed equipment in readiness for the coming bush fire season.

"Ms Swales thanked all who attended and helped to make the day such a success."

**Press release, September 15
Nancy Griffith, Umina Beach
Women's Bowling Club**

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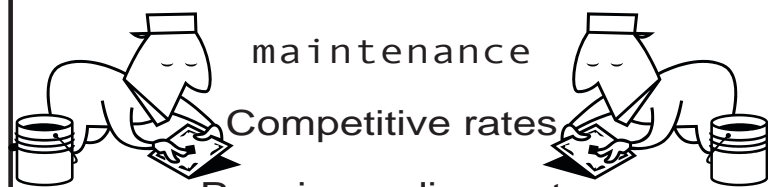
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Umina school celebrates 50 years

Last week Umina Public School celebrated its 50th birthday and Year 2 students at the school have submitted the following report.

All 800 children from Umina Public School performed in a Musical to celebrate 50 years of teaching and learning, said Bailey.

The school sang songs and danced with each grade representing a different decade, said Mollie.

Students and staff produced a truly professional production that was performed for parents and friends during Wednesday and Thursday, said teacher Ms Sonja Stein.

The production included two day

sessions and two evening performances.

"It was cool being at school at night," commented Jade.

Students spoke of wonderful experiences of being on stage in front of an audience and of what they learnt in being part of a production.

"When the curtains opened I nearly had to close my eyes the lights were that bright," Alex remarked.

Cameron was able to conquer his worries saying: "I was really nervous while I waited but when we finally went on stage it was really exciting because my mum was in the audience."

Sala said: "I felt embarrassed when I saw lots of people watching us and it was easier to see the audience in the matinee

than night performance."

On Friday, teachers dressed in 50s outfits and a special assembly and musical performance was staged for past teachers and students.

Morning tea and lunch were provided for the guests and a large cake was cut by the current principal, Mr John Blair.

The library displayed many old photos of the school and students during the 50 years.

"I enjoyed being part of the musical," said Mollie, "but I'm also glad it's over because it was very tiring."

This was a sentiment held by many who were involved, said Ms Stein.

Press release, September 28
Sonja Stein, Umina Public School

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