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Andrews finds \$80,000 for Night Owl bus

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has secured \$80,000 from the NSW Government for a new Night Owl bus service.

The late night bus service would provide a safer option to drinking and driving during the busy Christmas and Easter holiday periods, she said.

"I've been lobbying the Minister for Roads pretty hard for money for this service which will make our community's roads safer in the Peninsula, Gosford and The Entrance areas from December to April," Ms Andrews said.

"The NSW Government through the RTA invited councils to apply for this funding, even though they had decided to discontinue the service this year.

"The Night Owl late night service will provide a wise alternative for getting ourselves, friends, family and work colleagues home safely at the end of a night out during the busy holiday seasons around Christmas and Easter,": said Ms Andrews.

"The Night Owl bus will also provide other community benefits such as helping people to leave venues quietly and with safety.

"I look forward to Gosford and Wyong Councils getting the service up and running in consultation with the RTA, the Ministry of Transport and other stakeholders," she said.

"The service has strong support

from police and many local venue operators, who are partners in a string of new liquor accords established by the Government across the Central Coast.

"We have now established accords on the Peninsula, at Terrigal and Tuggerah Lakes.

"The night owl bus service will be an invaluable tool to these accords, which are community partnerships formed to produce solutions to local alcohol-related issues.

"Staff from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing are keen to make sure that the two council's plans for the bus service meet the needs of liquor accord members.

Ms Andrews called on the Gosford and Wyong councils to "lift their act when it comes to this service"

"Our Government has continually provided funding for this service on the proviso that the councils would make a serious effort to make the Night Owl self-sustaining.

"Their efforts so far have been poor, and as a result the service has not been able to run permanently.

"This is the last chance for Gosford and Wyong councils.

"We have again come up with the money for this worthy community service.

"It is now up to them to make it viable.'

Press release, November 24 Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

The Nambucca Dr Playgroud Play equipment may be removed

Peninsula playgrounds may have their equipment removed as part of a regional playground strategy.

But they will remain as reserves, according to Gosford Council's coordinator for parks and waterways, Ms Kylie Yeend.

A draft Regional Playground Strategy is currently being produced by council, focusing on creating "precinct parks", consolidating the current playgrounds, upgrading some existing parks and removing the equipment from others.

Ms Yeend said that some playgrounds were used incidentally, and the feeling picked up from a recently exhibited questionnaire was that the playgrounds should be consolidated.

She said the council was proposing large-scale precinct parks.

Ms Yeend said reasons to remove playground equipment included safety standards and the equipment below the Australian Standard, security, poor location, lack of use, inaccessibility, poor topology, other playgrounds in the area, proximity to services, and transport and schools.

She said that council had limited resources and it was a question of how to best spend the money.

Ms Yeend said a host of Peninsula parks had been recommended for equipment upgrade and replacement, with some also suggested for removal.

The reserves themselves would stay so people could still play on them or use them for picnics.

Under the draft strategy, it had been recommended that both Florida Ave and Vernon Ave playgrounds be retained and

repaired.

Nambucca Dr playground has been recommended to have its equipment removed.

Ms Yeend said that strategy had involved input from questionnaires, several community representatives, and four upcoming forums around the Gosford Local Government Area, including the Peninsula.

A forum will be held at the Woy Woy Community Centre Hall on Thursday, December 7, from 10am to 11:30am.

Meetings will also be held on Tuesday, December 5, from 10am to 11:30am at Niagara Park Community Centre, Wednesday, December 6, from 10am to 11:30am at the Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club and 7pm to 8:30pm on the same day at the Erina Centre, Erina Fair.

Lyle Stone, November 20

Public meeting about jetty fees

A public meeting will be held at Everglades Country Club to discuss jetty fee increases.

This follows increases of up to 150 per cent, according to The Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett.

residents in Booker Bay, Daleys and water frontage owners are rentals are skyrocketing," Mr their questions and concerns. Phegans Bay and Horsfield Bay Press release, November 19 pensioners or self-funded retirees Puffett said. Point, Tascott, Hawkesbury, Woy with jetties are angry," Mr Puffett **Bob Puffett**, A public meeting for interested Woy Bay, Phegans Bay and with fixed incomes. said. The Bays Community Group "This increase put the costs of residents on the Brisbane Waters Horsfield Bay. "The State Government has

increased rentals for all jetties by up to 150 per cent.

"Many people moved to the Central Coast for lifestyle and to have access to the wonderful Brisbane Waters."

Pheagans Bay resident Ms Kylie Kelly said: "Lots of our neighbours having a jetty at even greater than our Council rates."

He said that in 2004 the State Government introduced a new formula for calculating jetty rentals.

"Despite assurances given by departmental officers at the time. of the Central Coast will be held at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, on Saturday, December 2, at 11am.

Residents will have the opportunity to hear from politicians and Government representatives.

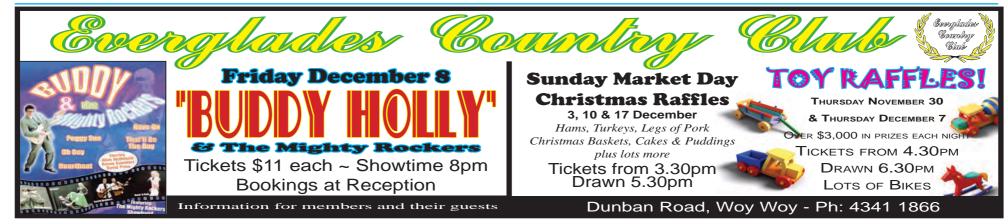
"We have had calls from "Residents from Woy Woy Bay,

"Everybody is feeling the pain with this Government charge which is unrealistic and downright outrageous" said Mr Puffett.

The public meeting is intended to clarify issues for affected residents and provide them with the opportunity to get answers to



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Changed priority

Gosford Council has reaffirmed its resolve to change priority through the bends on the northern part of Commonwealth Ave, Woy Woy, so that the dominant traffic route has priority over traffic leaving the cul-de-sac part of the road.

It has also resolved to erect a Give Way sign at the cul-de-sac.

Delineation by way of double centerline markings and raised pavement markers will also be provided to "assist with lane discipline through the bends".

The council adopted the changed priority in Commonwealth Ave at its meeting held on February 7.

Several local residents raised concerns regarding the committee's recommendation and as a result, the committee gave further consideration to the matter but stated it was "satisfied with is previous recommendation".

It did state however that "it is considered that delineation by way of double centerline markings and raised pavement markers would also assist with lane discipline through the bends".

Council agenda TR.05.192, November 7

Cockatoo 'a nuisance'

Council Gosford has received a petition from six Umina residents asking it to investigate a nuisance cockatoo at Winifred St, Umina.

Honorary editor: Mark Snell

The petitioners stated that the department. cockatoo "screeches all day and Council agenda P.67, November 28

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Peninsula and developing a sense of community on the Peninsula.

night, waking them up regularly throughout the night".

The petitioners asked that council investigate the matter as soon as practicable.

decided to open up a shop to Council has referred the petition display my wares," Ms Konig said. to its education and compliance

Originally from Toronto, Canada, Ms Konig has lived in Australia since 1992, and on the Central Coast since 1998.

"I have a business school background and have entrepreneurship in my blood."

Member for Robertson Mr

Jim Lloyd has expressed his

sadness at the passing of

"On behalf of all residents, I

express our deepest sympathy to

Belinda's husband Rove McManus

and to her family and friends," Mr

Handmade

goods sold

A new business selling

handmade goods has opened

The shop Colourful Creations

offers glass-beaded jewellery,

paintings, clocks made from

records, hand painted glass picture

frames, and hats, according to

"After having stalls at markets

and festivals for many years, I've

Belinda Emmett.

Lloyd said.

up in Umina.

owner Loreen Konig.

Ms Konig works in the shop with her husband Bruce and daughters, Teagan and Venita.

Press release, November 14 Loreen Konig, Colourful Creations

"Belinda grew up on the Central Coast in Umina and has been a wonderful role model to many young Peninsula residents.

Lloyd expresses sadness

"I know she supported many organisations, particularly youth, and was a proud Patron of Youth on the Peninsula.

"The strength and dignity which

Raffle for

surf club

A fish and chip shop has

helped raise \$1000 for the

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club

raffle and raised almost \$1000 for

the life saving club with the prizes

being fresh seafood platters," said

Hardys Bay Fish and Chip Co

President of the Killcare surf

club, Mr Peter Bagnall, said the

raffle proceeds would help the club

ensure Killcare beachgoers were

well protected during the swimming

Press release, November 22

Peter Dorrian, Hardys

proprietor Mr Peter Dorrian.

"The surf club members held a

recently.

she had shown over the past eight years during her battle with breast cancer has been an inspiration to all Australians.

"Belinda will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of meeting her."

Press release, November 13 Jim Llovd. Member for Robertson

Under scrutiny

Several streets on the Peninsula will be under closer inspection from NSW Police after Gosford Council resolved to forward reports of excessive speeding for "consideration of enhanced enforcement where practical".

The streets include North Burge Rd and Brick Wharf Rd in Woy Woy and Greenfield Rd, Empire Bay. Council agenda TR.06.093,

November 7

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At Booker Bay, a footpath is Grove Rd.



with council now installing roof

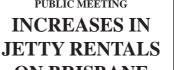
A surf club rebuilding program is taking place at both Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Life Saving

A new playground is being constructed on St Huberts island on Solstice Ave and Attunga Ave.

Pavement is being replaced as part of road reconstruction works on Cowper Rd, Umina.

Mains cleaning by air scouring is still in progress across the Peninsula.

Press release, November 14, 21 Karen Weber, Gosford Council



Authorized by The Bays Community Group Inc

PUBLIC MEETING

Bay Fish & Chip Co **Council works**

season.

Gosford Council has provided a list of projects it currently has in operation.

Works are taking place at Blackwall, Booker Bay, Ocean Beach, Umina beach, Woy Woy, St Huberts Island, Ettalong and

Wagstaffe. At Blackwall, renewal of 80

in progress on Gallipoli Ave and Springwood St.

being constructed on Orange

At Ettalong, the brick frame work for the amenities block is complete,

your name, address and phone numbers. Name and Suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in edited form. All accepted contributions also appear on our website.



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New environmental network forms

new email network, Α to be known as the Broken Bay Environment Network, has been formed representatives by from "environmentallyconcerned" groups betweem Beach **McMasters** and Patonga.

It will include areas facing Brisbane Water such as Ettalong, Booker Bay, Hardy's Bay and Wagstaffe.

The network is open to any group with an interest in issues such as bush care, dune care, coast care, water/desalination/bore fields. sustainable growth and community groups with concerns about their local environment.

The network will have representatives from the various groups, who will act as gateways to their members.

"The aim is to give information about educational programs such as those run at the Woy Woy Environment Centre, Recycling Open Days run by Gosford Council, film screenings and upcoming

resident

Holloway has organised

musicians from the Gosford

City Brass Band and the

Brisbane Waters Brass Band

to get together and play

"Carols across the Bay"

Skipper and owner of the boat

"Investigator 419" Bill McClean has

offered to take on board at least

eight musicians to entertain tourists

and residents at Hardys Bay, Pretty

Beach, Wagstaff and Daleys Point

during December.

Peridon Village Wharf.

Killcare

decisions to be made in Council," said publicity officer Ms Sheelagh Noonan

"The network will enable local people to share information speedily about common environmental issues, relevant government legislation and action being taken or to be taken at all levels about our environment.

"Recent issues were a marine park, sand mining, and coastal foreshore protection.

"The catalyst for the formation of the network was the recent large turnout for the showing of the AI Gore film An Inconvenient Truth at Ettalong," said Ms Noonan.

The film dealt with climate change, and attracted 140 people from Avoca to Patonga. Many members of the audience stayed back for discussion and networking.

To receive information for a group, or as an individual, contact Sheelagh Noonan at sheelagh. noonan@pfizer.com

Press release, November 21 Sheelagh Noonan, Broken Bay **Environmental Network**

Mr Holloway has been organising

"It's like playing in a cathedral" Mr

"The sound just carries right

The idea originally came from

Les Sparks of Killcare Marina

about six years ago as a way of

collecting donations for Rotary, Mr

With inquiries, phone 4360

Norm Holloway,

Holloway said of the surrounding

mountains as a back drop.

the performances for the past six



The ridge at the end of Australia Ave, Umina

Notices issued before draft is adopted

Gosford Council has issued bushfire danger notices to properties within 100m of areas identified in a draft report before it has been adopted, the council's acting manager of development, Gary Chestnut, has Mr confirmed.

Mr Chestnut said a draft risk analysis had been prepared by consultants for the council to identify the bushfire risk on councilmanaged lands and to present a series of recommendations on how to manage the bushfire risk on those lands.

He said that highly flammable steep vegetated ridges surrounded the Peninsula, and a number of residential properties in the area had received notification of

their bushfire risk as part of the draft Natural Areas Bushfire Risk Analysis.

"Therefore, a 100m buffer zone has been applied to these areas.

"This has resulted in a number of residential properties within the area receiving the current notification.

"Peninsula residents should take protective measures around their houses and in their gardens, such as clearing away refuse and ground fuels, both around and under the house."

Part of the notification includes the removal of mulch from dardens.

"Mulching of gardens could be replaced by some other medium, such as gravel, particularly if the garden is close the house or adjacent bushland," Mr Chestnut

said.

Mr Chestnut said the bushfire mapping had been carried out under guidelines issued by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

"The legislation requires council to review the bushfire hazard every five years," Mr Chestnut said.

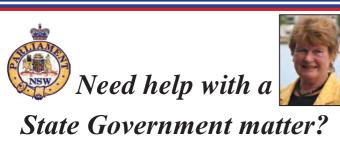
"No amendments to the current plan will be undertaken until this review is carried out."

The study provides reserve profiles, recommendations, guidelines and management associated mapping to "ensure that the bushfire hazard is appropriately managed".

The draft Natural Areas Bushfire Risk Analysis was on public exhibition from October 25 to November 22.

Lyle Stone, November 9 Gary Chestnut, November 22

The group will play on Friday, Press release, November 19 December 22, and Saturday, **Carols Across the Bay**



Carols across the bay

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We pay for centre costs

I'm so glad to read that we ratepayers are paying for Cr Chris Holstein's "vision" for the multi-million dollar leisure centre at Woy Woy.

And while Mr Holstein calls anyone with a different view to his as "detractors", I call them responsible ratepayers who deserve to have answers to their questions and have the courage to stand up to Cr Holstein and his arrogant attitude.

Let's look at the facts.

Forum

We now have a leisure centre complex \$13 million over budget with operating losses projected for the second year at \$1.7 million and increasing further as the complex needs maintenance.

All of which we are paying for. In addition, council has scalped

\$12 million from the Open Space Contribution Funds which should be paying for improvements to our parks and reserves. As chairman of the committee, Cr Holstein trots out the same old stuff.

Council services such as child care centres, libraries and constructing new surf clubs aren't supposed to make a profit.

Well, I have to ask the question. How is it that private enterprise can run child care centres, gyms and sporting complexes with a fiscally responsible attitude and he can't?

> Brian Collis Empire Bay

Another water debate

In order to see another side of the fluoridation of water debate, readers are advised to do a computer "Google" search into the dangers of using dihydrogen monoxide,

I agree with Keith Whitfield

In my book Saving Australia,

our

Also in the year 2000, the

environmental magazine New

Scientist in a special supplement

warned of disaster to the earth

coming from global pollution,

global warming and global over-

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to complement the 1948 Bill of Human Rights.

We learned that from the prime minister of Norway in Colorado in USA in the 80s.

Dr Vincent Serventy Pearl Beach

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www.peninsulanews.asn.au

Protect footpaths from privatisation

Gosford Council has issued a draft policy with the objective to encourage an increase in business activities on public footpaths.

Council intends to subsidise commercial businesses to exploit public land for private profit.

If Council adopts this policy, it will benefit local and foreign retailers and wholesalers who already enjoy the advantage of trading on the best commercial sites on the Central Coast.

They would not be charged the true market rent for their privilege to encroach on the pedestrian footway and their goods and chattels would Forum

Letters to the editor should be sent to: Peninsula News

PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256 or

mail@PeninsulaNews.asn.au See Page 2 for

contribution conditions reduce the open public space

available to pedestrians at the

business locations.

Council's draft policy can be viewed at some council libraries or on Council's website at www. gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Persons wishing to protect their shrinking open public space from commercial privatisation should lodge their objections in writing to the General Manager and also to all councillors and urge them to vote against the adoption of any policy that encourages or permits any increase in the business activities on public footpaths.

John Collins Woy Woy

appreciated. Ernest Mullins Umina Beach

have been very successful.





Peninsula vulnerable to climate change

The Woy Woy Peninsula is one of Australia's population centres most vulnerable to climate change in Australia, to Australian according Conservation Foundation (ACF) Central Coast president Mr John Wiggin.

And it should be recognized as such in the draft Central Coast Regional Strategy, he said

The branch is calling on the State Government to recognise the reality of climate change in its 25year plan for the Central Coast.

ACF Central Coast is making a strong submission on the proposed Central Coast Regional Strategy based on "its failure to incorporate strategies and/or adequately address the effects of climate change over the next 25 years and beyond".

"Any serious long-term landuse planning should acknowledge the reality of climate change," Mr Wiggin said.

"It should not only to plan for its potential effects, but also contribute to reducing its causes as a matter of social responsibility."

Mr Wiggin said regional planning strategies, through their determination of our lifestyles, have a greater impact on climate change than just about any other government measure.

"The Central Coast Regional Strategy should make this its central theme," he said.

The ACF Central Coast submission points out that the

Council

received yet more petitions,

both for and against the

Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan

of Management, which was

recently on public exhibition.

asked the Department of Lands

to withdraw the plans and seek

independent coastal management

specialist advice "to avoid putting

the Ettalong Dune system and

One petition, with 633 signatures,

has

erosion".

Plan.

Gosford

proposed regional strategy does not include actions to combat climate change and ignores, and fails to plan for, the potential effects of even mild climate change and resource depletion.

"For example, the Woy Woy Peninsula, being a sandplain which is entirely below 10m above sea level, is among the most vulnerable population centres in Australia.

"Yet the plan does not acknowledge this or recognise the need for greater infrastructure to cope with increased flooding and inundation due to more intense and frequent storms as well as probable sea level rise, in an area already deficient in effective waste water management.

"Nor does it offer the alternative of removing residential development from the Peninsula," said Mr Wiggin.

He said the regional strategy embedded "business as usual", activity that could be anticipated to exacerbate dangerous climate change.

It specifically prevented activity that would help reduce it, he said.

"For example, it continues to promote reliance on inter-regional transport suggesting the widening of the F3 and higher capacity rail services, rather than reducing the need for them."

Mr Wiggin said the plan also failed to look far enough ahead to adequately address climate change in the longer term, either from an environmental or an economic viewpoint.

More petitions on Ettalong foreshore

The Esplanade at increased risk of

Another petition, with 147

signatures, was received from

residents supporting the Ettalong

Beach Foreshore Management

plan provided that more of the

beachfront was restored for public

use, the proposed concrete wall

was replaced with high quality

timber and stainless steel fencing

The petition supported the

While welcoming the Government's intention to put a 25-year plan in place, he said: "The plan should have an outlook to at least 2050, the critical waypoint on the path to climate change reversal.'

Mr Wiggin said the key strategy for long-term land-use planning in the region should be localisation and the Central Coast Regional Strategy should reflect this.

"Not only will localisation be imposed on us by the decreasing supply and increasing expense of fossil fuels, it is the best strategy to reduce energy consumption and carbon emission.

"For example, the strategy should provide for people to work within walking or cycling distance of their homes.

"It should also seek to ensure that the region is as self-sufficient as possible in food production, including market gardening in the high rainfall urban areas.

"Self-help community-level approaches should be encouraged, particularly to water supply, and to energy and waste management."

MrWigginsaidthestrategyshould encourage eco-village approaches to neighbourhood development in both rural and urban areas, using, where appropriate, cooperative ownership models to achieve lower environmental impacts, while providing a higher quality of life at a lower cost.

> Press release. November 20 John Wiggin, Australian **Conservation Foundation**



MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR COMMUNITY

Mental health issues are reflected in our everyday life and widely across the community, most commonly related to homelessness and anti-social behaviour.

With one in ten Australians suffering from a long-term mental illness, positive steps need to be taken to reverse this alarming statistic.

Tragically, mental health in New South Wales has reached crisis point, with services in New South Wales rating at the bottom of the ladder when compared to other states. The "Premier State" is falling behind the rest of Australia, ranking fifth in relation to per capita spending on mental health.

(National Health Report 2005).

À Liberal/Nationals coalition will give mental health the priority it deserves including a \$396 million boost to current funding.

The funding will allow an additional 150 community mental health caseworkers to be employed in our first term. A Coalition Government will restore community based mental health centres and provide a \$26 million boost to supported accommodation in our first term. Expansion of housing and accommodation support will also be a top priority. \$50 million will be allocated to increase the number of beds for mental health patients in hospitals and the upgrade of existing units.

A Coalition Government will increase support for non-government sector and community based mental health services, as well as education and early intervention programs.

After 12 years of neglect by the Labor Government mental health issues in New South Wales have tragically become law and order issues.

A 2004 survey by the Mental Health Workers Alliance found that over 90% of police officers' work in the field involved dealing with those with a mental illness. Police surveyed said this extra workload affected their ability to carry out their core responsibilities.

In 2006-2007 Labor was to spend \$51 million in capital works for health. That was later revised to \$21 million - a massive 40% reduction.

Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania have 104 specialised mental health staff per 100,000 people. In comparison NSW has just 86 per 100,000.

Mental health sufferers account for about 12% of patients within the NSW health department, yet mental health only receives 8% of the health budget.

That shows the problem will only grow unless resources are better managed.

Labor have had 12 years - YOU are paying more and getting less! NSW simply cannot afford another four years of Labor.

Regards **Chris Holstein**

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, your concerns, and your opinions PO Box 1420 Gosford NSW 2250 Email: chris.holstein@nsw.liberal.org.au Ph 0414 310 108



and that the vegetation consisted of low plantings and ground covers with greater emphasis on view lines and less on middle storey plantings.

Both petitions were referred to council's engineering services department.

The petitions will be considered along with others already tabled in council about the issue.

Council agenda P.68, P.71, November 28

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Yoga tour visits Woy Woy

Sahaja Yoga Meditation will be embarking on a tour visiting over 50 towns throughout Australia, including Woy Woy on December 1.

"Running from September to December, the tour is Australia's opportunity for spiritual awakening," said publicity officer Ms Roberta Boni.

"The Realise Australia Tour will

be coming to the Woy Woy on Friday December 1 at 7.30pm at the Peninsula Community Centre (Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds).

"The programs will include guided meditation, knowledge of our inner energy centres and channels, practical information on how to meditate at home, how to keep in balance, and lots more." Ms Boni said the meditation programs would be supported with live world music performed by the group Music of Joy.

With inquiries about Realise Australia Tour, visit the website www.realiseaustralia.com or call 4328 1409 or 4341 8725.

> Press release, November 9 Roberta Boni, Sahaja Yoga Meditation



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Help wanted for cancer relay

The Cancer Council NSW Central Coast Region is calling on "motivated community members" to help stage the third Peninsula Relay For Life in March.

"Relay For Life is a major fundraising event organised on behalf of The Cancer Council NSW by local people on a voluntary basis," said Cancer Council Community Relations Coordinator Ms Lesley Chart.

"Volunteer committee members will gain valuable event management experience, have fun and contribute to the fight against cancer."

The relay event has been held in the Peninsula area for the past two years and has raised over \$180,000.

"We are looking for people from all sectors of the community including working professionals, retirees, mothers, fathers, ethnic groups, youth groups, university and Tafe students and school teachers," Ms Chart said.

Committee roles include entertainment and activities coordinator, catering coordinator, athlete services, site manager, media/marketing coordinator, teams support, chair and secretary.

"Experience is not necessary, just enthusiasm and a passion to activate your local community," Ms Chart said.

Guidance and training will be provided to committee members.

For further information about the event, committee positions, or to register attendance for the meeting, contact Lesley Chart on 4325 5444.

> Press release, November 9 Lesley Chart, NSW Cancer Council

Petition about disabled access

Gosford Council has received a petition with nine signatures about the lack of disabled access to the Pavilion Centre, George St, Woy Woy.

The petitioners stated that people who had disabilities could not access the shops along this section because the access "still has not been completed".

The petitioners also "wished to remind council that the RTA

is moving into this centre soon, and they have major concerns about the elderly, people with prams and the disabled gaining access to this centre, and feel it is discrimination".

The petitioners stated that they would like the issue resolved as soon as possible.

Council has referred the matter to its Education and Compliance department.

Council agenda P.66, November 28



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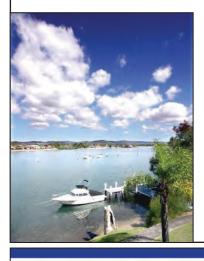


The more things change the more they stay the same! What's happening at Peridon Village? Has a new retirement village sprung up over night?

Tongues are wagging on the New South Wales Central Coast; a new name has appeared on the retirement village scene - The Cove at Daleys Point.



This beautiful, affordable resort style community boasts absolute water frontage overlooking the Brisbane Waters and St Hubert's





Island

But wait a minute - isn't there already a village there? Of course - it's Peridon Village!

Peridon Village has arguably been one of the most desirable addresses in the area for the past 22 years, and still is nothing has changed except its name - which is now The Cove at Daleys Point - and also the team of people who manage



TeysPropertyFundsLtd now financially support The Cove and is the entity responsible for looking after the interests of investors in the village. Teys has in turn appointed Village Care Limited, to take care of the village's day to day operations.

Village Care specialises in



retirementvillagemanagement earning an enviable reputation throughout the industry not only for its business ethics and extensive industry knowledge but also for its genuine concern, compassion and understanding of the needs of the village residents.

This is an exciting new era for residents of The Cove at Daleys Point.

Secluded waterfront addresses have usually only been accessible to a privileged few but at The Cove waterfront living is still an affordable reality.

The village is conveniently



located to public transport and close to shopping centres, medical services and hospitals.

This is not a closeted environment fenced off from the surrounding community.

Take the village sign away and you would not be able to distinguish the village from other homes in the area.

But this does not in anyway



detract from the safety and security this purpose-built environment provides.

There are many different

styles of units and freestanding villas to choose from, all with level access.

The homes vary in size but all have, as standard, two bedrooms, one bathroom and two toilets.

They also offer lock-up garages - single and tandem - and nearby visitor parking. And of course there are those views!

To find out more about what's new at The Cove feel free to visit the village, attend The Cove's first official Open Day on Saturday 2nd December or contact Toni Cousland on 02 4342 3695.



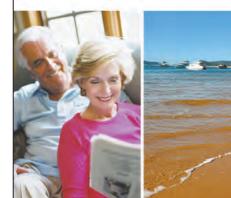


Saturday 2nd December 11.00am - 3.00pm Featuring market stalls, sausage sizzle and Devonshire Tea

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In consultation meetings with different communities all over the State we asked you what's important. We listened and developed The State Plan.

So the State Plan is built on the five values that are most important to the people of New South Wales.

Respect and Responsibility.

The State Plan means creating safer and more harmonious communities, boosting the NSW Police Force by 750 frontline officers to a record 15,200 and giving them additional powers to reduce local crime.

New school classes will teach our children respect and responsibility.

Delivering Better Services.

The State Plan means the delivery of better services and improved schools, transport and hospitals.

Patients with less serious conditions will be treated more

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Fairness and Opportunity.

The State Plan means a fair go for all. It means improved opportunities for the most vulnerable in our community to help them participate in employment and community activities.

The State Plan means an increase in the proportion of the

State Budget that is dedicated to prevention and early intervention where any children are at risk.

Growing Prosperity.

The State Plan ensures more jobs and greater investment in NSW.

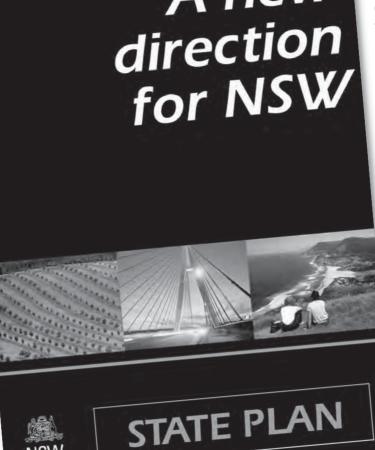
New trade schools will be created so students can start their apprenticeship at school. It means young people not going to university can get the skills they need, earlier.

Environment for Living.

The State Plan means an environment that remains healthy and sustainable for today and for future generations.

It takes important steps to fight global warming. By 2020, 15% of the electricity

we use will come from green power, like solar cells and wind turbines.



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quickly in new emergency GP Centres.

This will free up our emergency departments for more serious cases, reducing waiting time.

The State Plan means \$27 million a day is being spent on infrastructure, like road and rail projects, for the next decade.

Our water supplies will be secured with a new dam in the Hunter, an improved water grid and massive water recycling for industry.

To see The State Plan and read more on how it provides a new direction for New South Wales, go to our website.



www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan

Authorised by New South Wales Government, Sydney.



Officers recommend their original idea

Gosford Council officers have recommended that the council proceed with their original suggestion to name a laneway located between Grandview Cres and Beach Killcare, Grandbeach Dr. Lane.

Council had already resolved to name the street Grandbeach Lane, following its meeting of July 25, but it received a number of submissions after a public exhibition of the name.

The first objection suggested the alternative name Little Grandview Lane.

The second objection commented that the proposed name had no connection with the Killcare community and was considered "inappropriate".

The objector suggested the name Davids Lane after local character, David Nathaniel who was "apparently a very caring person in this part of the peninsula" and "David Duffy, the man responsible for activities from Bitou Bush bashing, to the regular 'Sunday afternoon at the Bay' concerts at Wagstaffe hall".

The third objection stated that only the constructed section, and not the whole laneway, should be

named.

The Department of Lands had advised that it had no objection to the proposed naming of Grandbeach Lane.

A report from council stated that if council chose another name other than what was exhibited, it would mean an additional delay of at least two months to allow for a further exhibition of the new name and a report back to council for final resolution.

Council officers recommended that the original suggestion, Grandbeach Lane, be accepted. Council agenda COR.141,

November 28

Construction of the suspension bridge over the Woy Woy Bay Inlet

Bicycle bridge towers installed

Support towers for the shared pedestrian and cycleway suspension bridge over Woy Woy Bay Inlet were installed last week.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the \$1 million project was funded jointly by the State Government and Gosford Council.

"Two 22 metre pre-cast concrete poles are being installed at each end of the bridge and a crane will be used to put the poles in place," Ms Andrews said.

"The poles will be used to support cables, which will carry the weight of the deck.

"The first poles have already been installed at the Gosford end of the bridge.

"The overall project involves the construction of a concrete and steel pedestrian and cycleway bridge, which will be approximately 86 metres long and three metres wide.

"It is wonderful to see the Point Clare to Woy Woy shared use path progress to this point, as the first stages began back in November 2002.

"The completion of the Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge and approaches will mark the practical completion of the Point Clare to Woy Woy path and will significantly improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in the area," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, November 24 Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Distribution for directory

local community Α organisation has provided support to improve the distribution of a local service directory aimed at promoting Central Coast businesses and community services on the Peninsula.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said she was proud to support PenLink, whose aim is to improve the community's access, knowledge and information

regarding the wide range of community services available to assist those with specific needs.

"PenLink was formed last year with the assistance of the Premier's Department Central Coast Regional Office", said Ms Andrews

"The aim of PenLink is not to replicate or create new services but to ensure that the community becomes more aware of the extent of Central Coast services."

PenLink Chairman Mr Keiran

Booth said the local directory made it "far more accessible for people who are isolated, infirm, disabled or unable to access the internet to be able to contact and involve themselves with local community services and businesses.

"This represents a great opportunity to promote and showcase Peninsula as well as Central Coast services to the community."

Press release, November 3 Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Call for ban on Woy Woy high rise

Woy Woy should not be subject to any highrise development until a population sustainability undertaken, study was according to the Central Coast's Community **Environment Network.**

Woy Woy was among a number of coastal sites where the network wants a moratorium until a study is completed.

A motion on the issue was one of 12 passed at a resident's forum held by the Network on November 4, to discuss the draft Central Coast Regional Strategy.

The NSW government released the draft plan for the Central Coast in October.

The plan is for the next 25 years and public submissions on the plan were due by November 24.

A forum of 20 community aroups from throughout the region met to review the draft plan and identified priority issues for the local community through a series of motions that were agreed

unanimously at the meeting.

Motions moved included that population sustainability should be calculated to include estimates of tourists and transient numbers to the region.

It also opposed development on waterfront land which would deprive the community of direct access to the foreshore, open space and recreational areas.

Press release, November 14 John Asquith, Community **Environment Network**



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Resort chosen for conference

The Outrigger Ettalong Beach Resort will be the venue for the 2008 Australian Sister Cities Association's national conference.

Gosford Council and Central Coast Tourism said they would work closely to involve local businesses, schools, and cultural and community groups in the event that would attract international as well as Australia-wide attendance.

Both organisations anticipated that over 300 delegates would attend the conference and local, national and internationallyacclaimed speakers would be invited.

Chairman of the Gosford Sister City Association, Cr Robert Bell, said the successful bid for the event presented "a golden opportunity for Gosford to host a world-class conference".

"The event will provide dynamic opportunities to develop economic, sporting and cultural activities that enrich our area," Cr Bell said.

Central Coast Tourism CEO Horst Endrulat said local accommodation, restaurant, retail and leisure operators would greatly benefit from the event.

The conference will celebrate

Council

investigated all houses

within a 50-metre radius of

proposed production bores,

to determine if there are any

existing adjacent spears or

bores in the area, according

Spear point pumps and bores

within this radius could have had

an impact on the localised drop

in the aquifer around these areas,

In response to a question from

Cr Terri Latella on August 1, the

report stated that "there are many

Resources only have 470 recorded

and there is no other way available

"The Department of Natural

unlicensed spears in Woy Woy".

according to the report.

to a report to the council.

Gosford

Pumps investigated

has

the 20th anniversary of the signing of Gosford's sister city agreements with Edogawa, Japan, and Nitra, Slovakia.

The conference theme, Sense of Place, will highlight our local Aboriginal culture as well as showcasing worldwide indigenous cultures.

The program will also seek to blend Australia's indigenous history with the "rich and exciting" indigenous communities around the globe encouraging learning through story telling, performing arts, re-enactment of rituals and contemporary presentations.

A combined effort between Council and Central Coast Tourism achieved the win for the conference.

The successful bid was announced on November 13 during the current conference in Devonport, Tasmania.

The conference is planned to coincide with the Australian Springtime Flora Festival when the region expects to receive visitors from the Sister Cities of Edogawa in Japan and Nitra in Slovakia.

Press release, November 13, 14 Marion Newall, Gosford Council Central Coast Tourism Inc.



A part of the crowd at the Oyster Festival, Ettalong Beach

Water marquee well attended

More than 400 people attended Gosford Council's water marquee at the Oyster Festival at Ettalong on November 12.

The event, of which council is a major sponsor, let residents and visitors sample many different wines and foods along with the region's rock oysters and fresh prawns.

Mayor Cr Laurie Maher said it was great to see so many people enjoying the day while still remembering the Save Our Water message. "My wife and I were enjoying a morning coffee and all we could see was wave after wave of Save Our Water pink bags which certainly seemed to the pick of day for everyone at the festival," Cr Maher said.

"By attending community events like the Oyster Festival, we can get the message out to as many people as possible about what council is doing to secure the region's water supply and what everyone can do to help save our water.

"I understand the most popular item in the Save Our Water bags was the four minute shower timer which people wanted as a way of getting husbands, wives, teenage children and guests out of the habit of having longer showers than necessary.

"The children also seemed to love the stickers, pencil cases and water bottles while the adults appeared more than happy to take home all our different fact sheets to find out how they can save water inside and outside of the home."

Press release, November 13 Tamara Paterson, Gosford Council

Request to move bus stop

Busways will be asked to consider relocating abus stop in Springwood St, Ettalong Beach, after a request from the Ministry of Transport and local residents.

The request had been made to Gosford Council originally, but a report from council stated that it was general practice for the positioning of bus stops within the local area to be determined by the bus operator, in this instance Busways.

Council's traffic committee

recommended that the request be referred to Busways for

investigation and direct reply. Council agenda TR.06.088, November 7



Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



to locate the bores without carrying out investigations on site," the report stated. Cr Latella had asked if a separate Council age

study was being conducted at a Local or State Government level into groundwater levels on the Peninsula as part of investigations into "stormwater and filtration".

Council's acting director of water and sewerage at the time stated that the transitivity of the sand (transport/flow of water through the sand) was such that a localised drop in the aquifer would occur during a pumping event.

It stated: "The biggest impact will be where there are any existing adjacent spears/bores within a 10 to 20m radius of the proposed production bores".

"Council is presently checking all houses within a 50m radius to ascertain where the spears/bores are located within this zone of influence to evaluate how many spear points may be within these zones." Council agenda Q.62, November 28



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the Peninsula area, using air scouring and mains flushing techniques.

In the last fortnight, the area bound by Maitland Bay Drive, Orange Grove Road, Blackwall Road and Memorial Avenue - Blackwall has been completed. Umina Beach will continue to be cleaned until the end of November.

The remaining areas of the Peninsula and Pearl Beach will be cleaned by mid December. This will then complete the current program of Water Mains Cleaning for 2006. It will be necessary to interrupt supply of water to Pearl Beach overnight approximately between the hours of 8pm and 6pm on Monday 4th December 2006. Council will advise closer to the time of an alternate source of water that can be used in the case of emergencies. As the water main in each street needs to be interrupted in order to be cleaned, Gosford City Council's contractor will deliver a notice of 'Interruption to Supply' to all affected properties at least 48 hours before the water is turned off.

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

For a map of the area due to be cleaned in Pearl Beach please visit Gosford City Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au, or visit one of Council's Customer Service Centres. Information is also available on the causes of discoloured water and what to do if you experience it within your home. 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 this 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.

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

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, Dunban 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

WWEC, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Road Woy Wov 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.

recovery group, 11.30am. MOW.

have suffered domestic violence 12.30pm PWHC Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-

12.45pm, eng: 4369 2034 Judo 5pm, Playgroup 9am,

Peninsula Dance and Theatre School 3.45pm, Dragon Kung Fu 6.30pm, Gambling Counselling by apointment, 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), eng 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

<u>Month</u> Woy Woy VIEW Club, Friendship Day, MOW, 10.30-11am, enq: 4344 1440.

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm. Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary, 10am eng: 4344 2599. Umina Beach Probus Club, 9.30am, ECC

Third Wednesday of every month

Woy Woy VIEW Club - Luncheon at the Everglades Country Club, 10.30-11am, 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 eng: 4341 6763, Oil Painting, 9am, Scrapbooking

Multi-craft needlework 9am, 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 Theatre School from 3.45pm ana 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, eng: 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, eng: 4341 1073. **THURSDAY**

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

Women's Health Clinic Eng 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, eng: 0425 229 651.

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

Tai Chi 11.30am & 3.45pm: Dancing 9am; Indoor Bowls, 9am; Table Tennis, 1.45pm; Cards noon, ESCC

St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Eng: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. <u>FRIDAY</u>

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, eng: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, eng: 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. Eng: 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

Boxing/fitness training 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior) PCYC

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts,

Vietnam Vets, 11am. Bootscooters,

Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342

EBWM Fishing Club competition at

Buffalo Lodge Woy Woy 381 11am; Buffalo Lodge Gosford No 63 UCH

bushcare, Nambucca Dr playgrnd

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market

Open Acoustic Mic Afternoon, 1pm to

Coast Community Church Services

Al-anon/Alateen family support

group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery 11am

Endeavour View Club Luncheon ECC

Pretty Beach P S P&C, Resource

Grandparents Parenting Support

Group, the Cottage, 91 McMasters

Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995 or

Second Monday of every month

Save the Children St Andrews

Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd

Women 50+ Group Chat. PWHC

RSL Women's Auxiliary, EBWMC,

Pretty Beach/Wagstaffe Progress

Assoc WH 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546

Killcare Heights Garden Club,

Coastal Crones (over 50's), PWHC

War widows Guild, EBWMC 1pm,

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch,

Carers support group, Group room,

Health Service Building, Woy Woy

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy P.S.

Walking with other Mums Enq: Liz

3Cs-Craft, Coffee & Conversation.

Yoga WH 9.30am Eng: 4360 1854.

Dancing 9am; Indoor Bowls-9am;

Mahjong 1pm; Fitness 1pm; Yoga

Gym Sessions 8am, Tiny Tots

9:15am, Circuit Boxing (Women)

12.30pm BFC. Enq: 43 431929

Third Monday of every month

Fourth Monday of every month

1-30pm Enq 4324 4389

10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520

Eng: 4344 3486

CWAHWW, 1pm.

Every Monday

Poole 4320 3741

4 00nm

Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.

7.30pm , Enq: 4341 2931

Computers, 1pm, ESCC

for beginners 2.30pm; ESSC.

Last Monday of Every Month

First Monday of every month

Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587.

9am & 5pm Eng 4360 1448

Last Sunday of every month

Bushland

Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.

Fourth Sunday of every month

Creek Landcare,

reserve

Empire Bay, 9am Enq: 43692486

2.30pm EBWMC

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1pm.

Burrawang

9am 4341 9301.

am, EBWMC

5pm, **WWBC**

Woy 7pm.

MONDAY

4341 2072.

Umina

9am.

Enq: 4379 1102

Contact 4342 1722

Every Sunday

Enq: 4341 4151

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, eng 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 Kindygym 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, eng 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.

eng: 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

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm

free, Men's 18 hole golf; Men's triples

Dancing Club; 1pm, Eng: 4341 2156

Gym Sessions 9am, Drama &

Brisbane Water Bridge Club,

Al-anon/Alateen family support

group Community Health building,

Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344

Woy Woy Environment Centre

10am-, 267 Blackwall Road, Eng

12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721, WWLC

Pottery

9.30am

View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm .

Snooker 8.30am EBWMC

Silvercraft 1pm, EBACC

Discovery 9am PCYC.

bowls 1pm; ECC

Childrens

Diabeties 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

Gym Sessions 8am, Gym Circuit 9am Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am,

4342 6589.

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Car Boot Sale, Ettalong Markets. Community Dance, 1pm to 4pm, \$2, ESCC, Eng:4344 3131/4341 3222 Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$2, refreshments, 1pm, ESCC. enq:4344 3131/4341 3222.

<u>SUNDAY</u>

First Sunday of every month

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare, 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Ena: 4342 6995

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

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

Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, 1.30pm CWAHWW Eng: 4342 9099 Third Sunday of every month

9.00am, Boxing/fitness training, (Junior) 5pm PCYC

Fairhaven Cash Housie 7.30pm & Bingo 11am EMBC

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333 Patchwork & Quilting, 9am & 12.30pm, Pottery 10am & 1pm EBACC

Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am

Gentle Exercise for over 50's, 9.30am, Yoga, 10am, Brisbane Water Bridge Club. 12.30pm, BJP School of Physical Culture 3.45pm, Peninsula Dance and Theatre School 3.45pm, Gambling & general Counselling by appointment, Music 2-5 yrs 9am PCC Craft group, 1pm BFC

Arts & Entertainment

Two-day workshop on stage management

The nude

on show

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold a stage management workshop at Peninsula Theatre on December 16 to 17, from 10am to 4pm.

The workshop will be conducted by Derek Simpson, an exproduction manager of the Bristol Old Vic, England.

"Derek has over 20 years' experience in professional theatre in various roles including production management, stage management and set design," said publicity officer Ms Rosemary Parsons.

Some of the topics of the workshop were the responsibilities of the stage manager in the audition and rehearsal process,

the organisational skills needed as they relate to the technical process, and how to mark up a stage, make a prompt copy, mark up a props table and run a show.

The workshop will cost \$20 for Woy Woy Little Theatre members, \$40 for non-members and \$10 for students.

Participants must be aged 16 and over.

To book a place, contact 4343 1027 or email ablogan@ cirruscomms.com.au.

The workshop is supported by Gosford Council.

Press release, November 17 **Rosemary Parsons**, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Cinema Paradiso will host a fundraising event in conjunction with the Iris Foundation for disabled children

Foundation donates tickets

The Iris Foundation has donated 150 tickets to 15 children's charities across the Central Coast, for disadvantaged and disabled children to see a movie at a local cinema.

The Iris Foundation, through the Central Coast Community Chest Trust, conducted the fundraising event for the tickets, and organized the screening at Cinema Paradiso.

The Iris Foundation raises money for the prevention of suicide, primarily focused on young people and their families on the Central Coast.

"The foundation is focused

on nourishing self-esteem and worth in our children and youth," Community Chest chairman Cr Chris Holstein said.

The show commences at 6pm on Thursday, November 30.

Press release. November 20 **Chris Holstein, The Central Coast Community Chest**

An exhibition of paintings of "the nude" by Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling will be on show at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallerv from November through to Januarv.

Ms Maughan said both artists had had classical training in life drawing and painting "where art courses were five years of full-time studio practice".

"Paintings in this exhibition range from high realism to patterns and designs where the nude is used as a point of departure," Ms Maughan said.

She said visitors asked: "Why paint the nude?"

"A quick survey of Western art over hundreds of years shows that back in ancient Greece the idealized human body was sought in the sculptures on the Parthenon.

"This re-emerged in the Renaissance with Michelangelo's ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, while later artists such as Rembrandt and Lucien Freud painted the nude warts and all'

"The popularity of life sketch groups on the Central Coast is testimony to the delight many artists have in drawing the nude.

"Come and share our delight in observation, drawing, composition and colour and, yes, we will paint you disrobed if you wish, while you wait."

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is open every Sunday, 11am to 3pm, or by appointment on 4379 1102.

Press release, October 30 Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

Killcare resident Mr Peter Reddy has formed а partnership with an online company to make his artwork available to mobile phones.

Mr Reddy said he had begun to focus on making his art accessible to a wider audience and "what better way to reach someone then

Art by phone via the tool most people these days

never leave the home without?"

"The positive reaction from the US and Europe has been very encouraging," Mr Reddy said.

"I wasn't quite ready for how much they would appreciate my work."

Mr Reddy struck up a deal with

the company Mobux to allow people to download a select number of his works to be viewed straight from their mobile phones.

The mobile art pieces are currently available in Australia at www.mobux.com.au.

Press release, November 17 Peter Reddy



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Education



Jazz Combo Galapagos Duck will play at the Jazz in January concert at Pearl Beach

'Duck' at festival

Jazz combo Galapagos Duck will be one of the headlining acts at the Pearl Beach Jazz in January concert on Saturday, January 20, according to one organiser Lynne Lillico.

The concert will take place at the Pearl beach Arboretum.

"With its unique approach and extraordinarily wide popular appeal, the group has become a household name all over this country and has had a significant influence on young musicians over the years through its many recordings, volumes of original music scores, performances in night-clubs, in concert halls, on TV, in jazz festivals, in various movies, with dance groups and in a variety

of other settings," Ms Lillico said. The "Duck" lineup includes Greg Foster on trombone, blues harp, chromatic harmonica. electric bass, clarinet, and didgeridoo, John Conley on electric fretted and fretless bass, electric guitar, double bass, clarinet, vocals, percussion and Adrian Cunningham who plays saxophones, flute, clarinet, piano and doubles on vocals.

Other performers in the Pearl Beach line up of jazz instrumentalists and vocalists include the Zenith New Orleans Jazz Band with "the soulful jazzy vocals" by leading singer/ songwriter and Blues interpreter, Carol Ralph.

Psycho Zydeco will also return

to Pearl Beach after a five-year absence.

The festival is again being organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Ms Lillico said the high standard of the program was sure to attract a huge audience.

"Come early and set-up a picnic lunch, listen to local group Strictly Dixie Jazz Band commencing at 12.30pm," Ms Lillico said

"Main program starts at 2.30pm.'

Proceeds of the festival will be used for improvements to facilities at Pearl Beach, Ms Lillico said.

Press release, November 21 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach

Jazz in January

Troubadour holds two events

Troubadour Central The Coast will be holding two events on December 10 at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

The two events are a singing workshop by Doreen Van Bree and the "Come all Ye" Christmas event.

"Due to the success and popular demand for Doreen Van Bree's last workshop, we will have a repeat performance on December 10 at 11 am," publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"This will take place at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy on the Boulevard across from the wharf.

"More techniques to improve your singing will be covered.

"It will be suitable for people who didn't attend the last workshop as well."

The cost of this event is \$10 for non-members, \$8 concession and \$7 for members

The Troubadour Central Coast Christmas will hold "Come all Ye" on December 10 at 1:30pm.

"Floor spots will be some of the entertainment along with a fun pantomime and some amusing choral work by everyone," Ms Desborough said.

The cost of this event is \$7 for non-members, \$6 concession and \$5 for members.

Press release, November 16 Leila Desborough, **Troubadour Central Coast**

Choir sings evensong

The Peninsula Choir is it has been popularly known as preparing to sing Choral Evensong at St Luke's Anglican Church, Sunday, December 3.

"There will be congregational participation, and the hymns will all be old favourites for that pre-Christmas season," said choir publicity officer Ms Barbara Firth.

"This service has existed since the 17th century, when it was created by Thomas Cranmer from two of the daily offices of the early church, Vespers and Compline," she said.

"Since then, entitled Evening Prayer, it has been used daily in the Anglican tradition from tiny village churches to great cathedrals.

"With the advent of hymn singing,

Convert your LPs and

Evensong.

"Whenever a choir was available, it became Choral Evensong."

Ms Firth said that because of social changes in recent times, including the growth of radio and television, this form of worship had fallen from favour, except in larger churches and cathedrals with greater resources.

"Visitors to the UK are still delighted to join with choirs where Choral Evensong is sung on weekday as well as Sunday evenings," Ms Firth said.

"The BBC's weekly broadcast of such a service is its longestrunning live program."

Press release, November 6 Barbara Firth, The Peninsula Choir







electrical appliances.

prizes they had won.

Ms Redrup said.

containers."

school for recycling corks, ink cartridges, computers and other

"The school also received

recommendations for its innovative

'No Waste Tuesday', when children

are encouraged to keep lunch

wrappings to a minimum, as well

as, efforts to reduce waste in the

school canteen by using reusable

Ms Redrup said the children

"Not only have we won a new

worm farm, but we've received

tickets to The Australian Reptile

Park for every child in the school,"

Press release, November 22

Pretty Beach Public School

Vicki Redrup,

were absolutely thrilled with the

Education

Breakfast for campus staff

Anti-whaling

wristbands

Member for Robertson Mr Central Coast community is more

Australian

Our

"Save

Brisbane The Water Secondary College P&C Association recognised the staff of both campuses by holding a "very successful" staff breakfast on Friday, October 27, according to deputy principal Mr Nick Dent.

"On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank the P&C association for the thoughts and recognition of all the teachers and staff at Umina Campus," Mr Dent said.

"Each staff member was presented with a 'I Love my Teacher' card which recognised staff members' contribution to our students and school.

"Ms Kylie Barrow received a

Jim Lloyd recently presented

students at Umina Public

The wristbands serve to highlight

measures adopted by the Federal

Government to protect whales

and were designed to increase

awareness of the need to protect

whales and to promote the

Australian Government website:

"The waters off the Central

Coast usually play host to the

annual migration of whales along

Australia's East Coast and the

www.saveourwhales.gov.au.

with

Whales" wristbands.

School

Government

Certificate of Recognition for her outstanding contribution to the wider education community.

"This certificate was in recognition of World Teachers Day and was presented at a dinner at Mingara Club by the Australian College of Educators."

The P&C Association thanked Bruce Graf, Jarrad Bright, Mal Pendrick, Michele Parker, Megan Brear, Elizabeth MacVean, Lynelle Elliott, the SRC members, Amanda Bruce, Crystal Jenkins, Mark Brear, Liam Scarratt, Simon Woods, Andrew McRitchie, Brad Mumford and Viv Corcoran for their assistance with the event.

> Newsletter, November Nick Dent.

Brisbane Water Secondary College

than aware of the need to push

for a permanent ban on whaling,

something that the Australian

Government has been trying to

"Whaling may have been a

practice that was widespread

around the world decades ago, but

as far as I and most Central Coast

residents are concerned, it should

cease forever and be confined to

The wristbands were presented

Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Press release, November 20

to the children on Tuesday,

achieve," Mr Lloyd said.

its place in history.'

November 21.

Recycler of the Year judges were "very impressed" with the many different recycling activities Pretty Beach Public School conducts, according to school principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

The school came second in the Recycler of the Year awards announced earlier this month.

"For a small school, Pretty Beach Public, can sure pack a punch when it comes to making an impact on the environment," Ms Redrup said.

"The school may only have 162 students but it still managed to take out second place in the Gosford Council Recycler of The Year Awards announced earlier this month.

A support group for carers

of children with a disability,

disorder or syndrome will be

held at the Umina Beachside

Family Centre on December

Having Individual Challenges) is

run by Gosford Family Support

Service and Horizons Family

Services in partnership with the

Schools As Community Centres

Thesupportgroup CHIC (Children

4 and 18.

program.

"The school, nestled in the pristine surroundings between the bush and bay on the Killcare peninsula, has been living up to its reputation as a green school for quite some time.'

Impressed by recycling

Ms Redrup said the school deserved the award in recognition of its significant contribution to looking after the local environment.

"The judges were extremely impressed with the many different recycling activities we do at our school," said Ms Redrup.

"They were amazed that every class had their own worm farm and food scraps were collected at recess and lunch to feed the worms.

"The school also has environment ministers as part its parliament.

"The judges commended the

Support for carers

The group is for all carers of children with a disability, disorder or syndrome.

Those attending will meet other caregivers who are facing the challenges of raising children with individual needs and often chronic conditions.

The group aims to give emotional support, informal education, information about other services, finances and caregiving, and an opportunity to sit down, relax and take time out.

There is free childminding and morning tea will be provided for a gold coin donation but booking for childminding is essential.

The group will meet fortnightly. Umina CHIC Support Group will meet from 10am to 11.30am at the Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

Bookings can be made on 4343 1929. Press release, November 20 Debbie Notara. **Beachside Family Centre**

Top marks for Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School has produced "excellent results" in the recent Basic Skills Test, according to school principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

cent of Year 3 students in Band 4

and 5 compared to 48 per cent of the state. "Our Year 5 students also

performed extremely well in overall

literacy with 67 per cent of children

results.'



Donation for



school to achieve these great

Newsletter, November 9 Vicki Redrup,

Pretty Beach Public School

Glassifieds Oven Cleaning Floor Sanding Summer Incorporating a trades directory and public notice recital Cast selected for play advertisements The Happy Peninsula News Say & Floor Sanding A summer recital by Trio Classifieds aims to help 🖲 Oven 📜 community groups and Accord performers Sylvia businesses reach the Colegrove, Liz Huggett New & Old Floors & Decks The cast for the play reporter, museum attendant Home Oven Peninsula community at the and Leo Dellolio will be and removalist will be played Supply & Lay Timber Floors Free Quotes "Second Childhood" Cleaning Service held at the Woy Woy lowest possible price. by Paul Karton. was announced recently "We come to you!" Brisbane Water Secondary Presbyterian Church at Call Alan BUSINESS Woy Woy Little by 4359 1948 or 0431 462 900 entertainment College 2.30pm on December 10. Ph 4343 1180 Theatre. **ADVERTISEMENTS** students will fill all production The concert will be followed The character Mark will cost only \$24 plus GST for 3 Mob 0414 568 736 including stage roles by afternoon tea. be played by Bradley Death, Painters cms, and will be working for Lic No. 149358C management, technical The theme of the concert Annie by Sierra Phillips, you in your local community for operation, marketing and will be music from Mykonos Pino by James Stratton, Handyman **A1 PENINSULA TWO WEEKS** publicity. featuring Moscow. to Deborah by Caitlin Shaw, Childhood" "Second is PAINTERS composers such as Sevdah, Bob and Charles by Damian COMMUNITY written by Glenn Perry and Handyman Mv Monti, Klezmer, Theodorakis, ve your home by thousands \$9\$ No job too BIC <u>or too anal</u> Fitzpatrick and Joy and Celia **ADVERTISEMENTS** directed by Brenda Logan Dvorak and Smetana. by Rosemary Parsons. Free quotes Press release, November 17 Receive a 30% discount You call. 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Education

Campus wins water grant

Brisbane Water Secondary **College Umina Campus has** been awarded a \$5000 water grant.

"I am pleased to report that I was successful in winning a Gosford Council Water Grant to the sum of almost \$5000," said school science teacher Mr Brett Giles.

"This money will be used to purchase tap fittings and fixtures to enable students and staff to reduce water consumption on our campus.

"President of the P&C Mr Bruce Graf and a small working party including myself will install the pieces hopefully before the end of this term."

Newsletter, November Brett Giles, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Empire Bay Public School student Rhys James has won a prize in a maths competition.

He was the winner in the Year Five division of the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition announced recently. The winners of the competition

Prize for maths

were presented with their awards on November 14.

The competition was open to all primary school students in Years 5 and 6 and marked its 26th consecutive year with nearly 16,000 students from 239 primary schools participating.

Announcing the winners and

presenting their awards, Newcastle Permanent chief executive officer Mr Fraser Read-Smith congratulated all participants on the high standards that they had achieved in a challenging paper.

Press release, November 14 Mike Hamonet, Newcastle Permanent Building Society

Preschool may be sited at school

The Walsingham Preschool may be established at Pretty **Beach Public School.**

"Over the past year, the preschool has investigated the possibility of relocating to the old prinicpal's house on Heath Rd," school principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"The architect has now completed the building plans ready to be sent to the Department of Community Services and the NSW Education Department before submitting a development application to Gosford Council."

Newsletter, November 9 Vicki Redrup, Pretty **Beach Public School**

School wins beach award

Umina Beach Public School has won the Young Legends Award for its efforts Umina Beach as part of the Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Challenge Beach held recently.

Terrigal Beach was highly commended in the same category.

Now in its sixth year, the Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW) Clean Beach Challenge encourages and recognises coastal communities,

local councils, volunteers and surf lifesaving clubs who focus on antilitter initiatives, dune and habitat environmental conservation. education programs and initiatives that generally enhance the beach visitor's experience and protect this State's beautiful coastline.

Toowoon Bay was declared the Central Coast regional winner of the challenge for the second year running.

Press release, November 14 Matthew Taylor, Keep Australia Beautiful



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Pool celebrates first anniversary

The Peninsula Leisure Centre has had over a 1000 attendees each day since its opening just over a year ago, according to Cr Chris Holstein.

The pool celebrated its first anniversary on October 29.

Cr Holstein said that since it opened the pool had received 370,000 attendances, making it "one of our community's hardest working assets".

"Memberships, program enrolments and casual use of the centre has exceeded the expectations of most, and when compared with similar facilities with larger catchment populations, we're doing extremely well," Cr Holstein said.

"Already, the centre has received the NSW award for Contribution to Water Safety and the Australian Property Institutes, Local Government Award for Excellence in Property.

"Just last week the centre was recognised as a finalist in two categories of the local Business Achiever Awards."

Cr Holstein said the next 12 months would see continued growth with innovative new programs and services on offer.

"None of this has happened by accident, all the staff have done an excellent job presenting a safe, clean and fun environment to steer us towards our objective of being the leisure and lifestyle provider of choice for the people within our community," Cr Holstein said.

"I look forward, and know that the centre will continue to enhance the lifestyles of local people and set a benchmark for great value services and facilities."

Press release, November 2 Chris Holstein, Gosford Council

Success at Maitland

Woy Woy Judo Club had success recently at the NSW Country Championships held at the Maitland PCYC on the weekend of October 28 and 29.

ClubsecretaryMsLindySimmons said Saturday's competition was for JFA Registered members whose club was located outside the Sydney Metro Area.

It featured "a good turn out" by most NSW Clubs from as far north as Coffs Harbour to Ulladulla in the south.

"Woy Woy fielded three girls in the under-10 year's division," Ms Simmons said.

"Kyla Handley being the youngest at seven took on Amber Beehag from Southern Cross Judo Club in Wellington in the under-24kg division, Kyla winning with a hold down.

"Caitlin Grosse in her final tournament before turning 10 this month was unstoppable taking two gold medals in the under-31kg and over-40kg divisions.

"Caitlin then entered the under-13 division in the under-35kg and under-35kg special division to take another two gold.

"Summer Potvin held her own in the battle for the silver medal against Danielle Redding of Maitland PCYC. "Cameron Campbell entered this, his second, tournament in the new age division of under-13.

"Cameron fought Lachlan Hunt from Bushido South Coast and won gold.

"Brandon Stokes meant business by defeating Tim Thompson from Bushido and Sam Sharpe from Kido Mingara.

"Brandon was awarded Throw of the Day.

"Lachlan Paine was unplaced but more experience should show good results.

"Jordan Smith gained the bronze in the boys under-16 under-60kg."

Ms Simmons said, in the under16s under-63kg, Kayla Wells was clearly in control and defeated players from Taylor's Arms and Lismore with a textbook Uchi-mata throw.

"Kayla was awarded Throw of the Day," Ms Simmons said.

"In the under-70kg division, Rebecca Steward defeated Emily Ling from Wellington PCYC to add another gold medal to her collection.

"Kayla went on to fight in the junior women's where she came up against Maitland and Lismore girls.

"The bouts were non-stop, with each player attained 10 points causing all matches to be played again. "After the first bout, Kayla pulled out due to shoulder injury.

"The result awarded by points, so Kayla won bronze.

"Rebecca also entered the junior women's but due to not enough players they combined it into a women's event.

"Rebecca, aged 15, fought against 25 year olds and took the gold medal.

"Neil Dawson entered the men's under-90kg to take silver and his brother Mark in the under-100kg competed against Olympic Team members.

"A fine effort for their return to judo after 12 years.

"Lindsay White, green belt in the over-35years, fought an Oceania Rep sho dan and achieved bronze."

Ms Simmons said the second day of competition saw Kyla Handley step up again in the under-10's to take another gold medal.

Her brother Kieren, in a pool of eight, fought through to also take the gold in the under-13 under-40kg and silver in the under-16 under-45kg.

"Rebecca Steward also backing up for day two, cleaned up the under-16's and Women's division," Ms Simmons said.

> Press release, November 20 Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club

Selected for Central Coast team

LucyLovellfromUminaBeach and Elyssia Gasparotto from Ocean Beach will be among the Surf Life Saving Central Coast representative team attending the Inter-Branch Championships at Crowdy Head on December 9 and 10.

Brian Johnson and Dean Porto of Killcare will also be in the team. Umina coach Peter Noble, Umina manager Garry Mensforth and Ocean Beach chaperone Shelley Smith will also attend.

The competition is conducted between the 11 NSW branches.

Surf Life Saving Central Coast chief executive officer Mr Chad Griffith said the Central Coast had won the event for the past four years and was endeavouring to retain the title for a fifth consecutive time. "The team is also out to impress the NSW selectors who will choose the NSW team to compete at the Inter-State Championships to be held at Middletone, South Australia from January 20 and 21," Mr Griffith said.

Press release, November 14 Chad Griffith, Surf Life Saving Central Coast

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Sport

Heading Trans Tasman team

Peter Noble and manager Mr Garry Mensforth will be heading next year's Surf Life Saving Central Coast Trans Tasman team.

"The Central Coast team comprises a mixture of youth and experience and is seen as a vehicle for the development of our future surf stars through the inclusion of some new faces," said Surf Life Saving Central Coast chief executive officer Mr Chad Griffith.

The team will represent the Central Coast in New Zealand this month.

The team will also compete in Port Macquarie against teams from the northern area of New Zealand and also Country NSW in the biannual Trans Tasman Surf Challenge from Sunday, January 14, to Friday, January 19.

This challenge between the three areas has been conducted seven times over the last 14 years and Central Coast has won the event on all occasions.

The event is conducted over three rounds and is held in the respective countries on alternate vears

This year sees the event being held in Port Macquarie with rounds conducted at Flynns Beach.

The events comprise a mixture of swim, board, ski, and beach events with iron person races as well with the overall winner decided on a point score basis.

Mr Mensforth said: "This tour

Umina Surf Club coach Mr is an exciting concept and one that allows us to compete against overseas competitors whilst at the same time studying patrolling methods in New Zealand.

> "The north island of New Zealand traditionally has the strongest competitive clubs in New Zealand and in the past has always provided stiff competition to visiting teams. "I would expect that this visit will be no different and we will be pushed all the way to continue our unbeaten record over the years in this event.

"With the inclusion of a team from Country NSW this time they will also provide stiff competition as their team will include some current Australian champions.

"With the event being conducted on Flynns Beach which is notorious for throwing up big surfs, we will be well placed to take advantage of the surf as our team has grown up on the beaches of the Central Coast.

"Similarly New Zealand surf patrols have many innovative patrolling methods to counter the large surfs and huge crowds that are experienced on Auckland's West Coast beaches and our education officers will be studying their patrolling methods to bring back new ideas that can benefit our patrolling of Central Coast beaches.

"This will be a great tour that will ultimately benefit the Central Coast.

> Press release, November 14 Chad Griffith, Surf Life **Saving Central Coast**



(Above) Cutting of the Cake: State President Tricia Part, Woy Woy President Ida Campbell and District President Winsome Wallace



Pole vault records broken

Beach resident Umina Amanda Bartrim, 15, has broken the under-16 and under-18 girl's State pole vault records with a 3.5m jump.

She also almost broke the under-20 record, just clipping the bar and knocking it off at a height of 3.62. "Amanda just received three

new poles from America and only used them on the day of the club premierships competition.

"This was made possible through donations from Club Umina and Everglades Country Club," according to family member Mr Brett Williams.

Press release, November 13 **Brett Williams**



Bowling club has 70th birthday

> imagination she looked great," Ms Cotton said.

Ms Cotton said the club officially celebrated its 70th birthday at President's Day on the following Thursday, November 16, with many guests attending including state president Ms Tricia Part. state match committee member Ms Pat Payne, district president Ms Winsome Wallace, district secretary Ms Patricia Reynolds, as well as club president Ms Ida Campbell.

"The official party passed through the guard of honour led by a lone piper, Alec Gilroy

represented by Cr Vick Scott, who attended morning tea and wished the president and the club well for the years ahead."

Ms Cotton said that during the luncheon and following the toasts, presentations of gifts were made.

The state president also presented NSW merit badges to four long-standing members of the club, secretary Dianne Elsom, secretary Patricia Kable and vicepresidents Gwenda Magnus and Miriam Cotton.

Press release, November 17 Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club celebrated 70 years of bowling recently, according to publicity officer Ms Miriam Cotton.

Ms Cotton said the festivities commenced at the "oldest club on the Peninsula" with a dinner dance on Saturday, November 11.

During the evening there was a fashion parade of 70 years of uniforms, commencing with 1936 modelled by Brenda Smith, then through the 1900s to the new uniforms in 2002 and finishing with 'What of the future?'

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