



Supermarket is not 'general store', says Chamber

A proposed supermarket at Pt Clare should not be regarded as a "general store" by Gosford Council, according to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said that an application for an Aldi Supermarket at Point Clare, which was currently before Gosford Council, could only go ahead if it was regarded as a general store.

"While we encourage retail and commercial development, the chamber is very concerned over the report to council recommending approval of the proposed Aldi Supermarket in a residential zone at Pt Clare," said Mr Wales.

"Council staff are recommending approval for the development which is being proposed on part commercial land and part residential land opposite Point Clare railway station.

"Under normal circumstances retail/commercial development on residential land would require a rezoning as it is not permitted within the zone.

"However, Aldi have sought legal advice and contend that the proposed supermarket meets the definition of a 'general store' under the current planning scheme.

"General stores are of course permitted in residential zones.

"What is extraordinary is that the council staff agree with the applicant's legal advice and claim that the supermarket can go ahead on residential land.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see the implications of this decision.

"You will now find other major supermarket operators targeting residential land to build supermarkets outside traditional commercial and retail centres.

"This was never the intent of permitting general stores in residential areas."

Mr Wales said that this precedent could have far reaching implications for traditional strip shopping centres on the Peninsula which are already under enormous pressure to compete with large supermarkets and shopping malls.

"This is further evidence of how antiquated the current Gosford Planning Scheme is," Mr Wales said.

"There is no doubt that the planning controls need an urgent overhaul.

"The council's new Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan can't come soon enough.

"It's already 20 years overdue and we are now paying the price through crazy decisions like this.

"You have to wonder how we got to the stage that planners can't tell the real difference between a local general store and a major supermarket.

"This is really archaic planning at its worst."

**Press release, December 5
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**



Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews with Woy Woy Public School students and the school's 'Lollipop Lady'

Flashing lights for school zones

School zones outside Woy Woy and Woy Woy South Public Schools will receive two amber flashing lights each, along with a flashing "40" sign.

The devices will incorporate back-to-base reporting mechanisms to ensure their ongoing reliability, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

"Installation will take place over coming months," she said.

"The RTA will inform each school involved prior to work starting.

"Operational testing will follow installation.

"An evaluation of the new systems will occur over 12 operational school weeks."

NRMA Motoring Services will be part of the RTA evaluation group which will develop criteria

for the future operation of school zones, including the potential for community and commercial sponsorship of future systems.

"In selecting the locations, the RTA assessed school zone sites based on a combination of child pedestrian crash history, crash risk, traffic volume and pedestrian volume."

**Press release, December 6
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

Police listen to Ed James

Police were called to listen to Umina community activist Mr Ed James in front of State Parliament House on November 23, the last sitting day of parliament.

"They had received a complaint about me being both offensive and intimidating," said Mr James.

The police from The Rocks Area Command listened "at some length to what I was saying", said Mr James, and left "apparently finding no obvious offence of intimidation with me exercising my rights".

Mr James said the police presence was an attempt to silence and intimidate him.

"This is not the first attempt to silence vocal dissent," he said.

"I have been written up under the Protection of the Environment Act by two officers from the Surry Hills Area Command, an exercise now buried, which proved to be inappropriate use of the law to silence political opinion.

"NSW State Parliament House and its precincts are not the place for police to be directed in an attempt to silence political dissent, with the threat of legal consequences.

"For the parliament to remain silent, while restrictions are placed on a citizen's right to voice the public's concerns about elected

representatives and whether they are fit to represent us, is itself offensive and intimidating."

Mr James said that he would fight any action taken by police to silence him, a point he made to the attending police.

"They left with the understanding that any paperwork they may find necessary in future should be well written, because if action goes forward, the question of a man's right to freedom of expression outside the oldest parliament in this country will be tested in the courts."

**Letter, December 6
Edward James**

Rainfall down again

Only 41.1mm of rain fell in November, less than half the average of 83.3mm for the month, according records taken in Hillview St Woy Woy.

This was the second month in a row that rainfall was well below average according to Mr Jim Morrison.

However, the 94.4mm shortfall for the two months was less than the

surplus of 106.9mm in September.

A further inch (27.5mm) has fallen so far in December, taking the rainfall to 963.4mm for the year.

This compares to average annual rainfall of 1215.5mm.

Rainfall this year is just under 80 per cent of the annual average, with three weeks still to go before the end of the year.

Mark Snell, December 9

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The new surgery in Charlton St, Woy Woy

Weekend medical practice opens

A new weekend medical practice has opened in Woy Woy catering to "the needs of commuters and others who have difficulty seeing a doctor during the week".

The new surgery, located at 21 Charlton St, Woy Woy, is open from 8am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Dr Peter Simpson said his new Weekend Family Medical Practice

was equipped for all non-urgent and semi-urgent general practice healthcare needs.

Consultations are by appointment.

Press release, December 6 Peter Simpson

Tickets to Mia Dyson

Peninsula News, in conjunction with Lizottes, are giving readers the chance to win two tickets to see Mia Dyson perform at Live @ Lizottes on Thursday, December 14.

Mia is currently writing and recording for her new album due for release in the middle of next

year.

The concert will begin at 6pm and tickets can be purchased on 4368 2017.

To win, be one of the first two callers at 10am on Tuesday, December 12 on 4325 7369.

For more information on Mia Dyson visit www.miadyson.com.

Lyle Stone, December 9

New day care director

Amanda Lester has been made the director of a local day care centre.

Ms Lester was chosen as the director of the Umina Kids Club.

Umina Kids Club is due to open in February and claims to be the largest purpose-built child care centre on the Peninsula, catering for children up to five years old.

Ms Lester has a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) from Macquarie University.

She graduated in 1993 and has worked full time at Forresters

Beach Child Care Centre ever since.

Ms Lester is a member of the A Reggio Emilia - Australia information exchange, and has had articles about our ways of programming published in their "The Challenge" journal which is distributed to all members Australia wide.

Ms Lester said she joined the information exchange group after researching about Reggio Emilia for the past seven years.

Press release, November 29 Glenn Hale, Umina Kids Club

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Homeless treated to Christmas lunch

Mary Mac's Place will treat about 200 homeless and disadvantaged people of the area to a Christmas lunch at the Peninsula Community Centre this year.

This year's Christmas Lunch will be hosted by St John the Baptist Parish Priest, Fr John Hill.

Special guests will include Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher and his wife Helen, and the chairman of Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club Mr John Houtman.

"Helen Maher has a special interest, having been a previous project officer for Mary Mac's Place," said the current project officer Ms Robyn Schacht.

"Santa will pay a visit with gifts, courtesy of St John the Baptist Parish Craft and Hobby Group, Catholic Women's League - Terrigal, and The Body Shop, Erina.

"Members of St John the Baptist Parish Music Ministry will add a festive note to the occasion with music and Christmas carols."

"Mary Mac's Place is a project of St John the Baptist Parish, supported by Centacare Broken Bay and St Vincent de Paul Society which provides nutritious meals to homeless and disadvantaged people, as well as support, information and referrals to appropriate community services," Ms Schacht said.

"The 50 dedicated Mary Mac's Place volunteers regularly serve over 800 meals a month to people in need.

"Mary Mac's Place, Woy Woy, is dependant on the support and generosity of clubs, businesses,

groups and individuals to continue and expand their vital service to the community."

Ms Schacht said Michel's Patisserie and Peter's Meats, Umina Mall Cake Shop, B&M Butchers Umina, McDonalds Woy Woy, The Lions Club, Rotary Club and House of Praise Christian Fellowship had all given strong support to the Christmas lunch, and throughout the year."

She said major clubs on the Peninsula had rallied strongly behind this year's Christmas lunch.

"Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, Everglades Country Club and Woy Woy Leagues Club are providing invaluable financial support, along with Central Coast Community Chest, who donate funds to local charities through their participating company's payroll deduction scheme.

"Without the most generous support of all these clubs, and Central Coast Community Chest, Mary Mac's Place would be unable to provide this special Christmas lunch for the many families and individuals in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, and facing a very bleak Christmas."

Ms Schacht said Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club would be providing up to 200 meals.

"The Club's executive chef Mr Clinton Brown has designed a delicious festive meal of chicken, ham and gourmet salads for the 200 people expected at the Peninsula Community Centre on December 18," Ms Schacht said.

Press release, December 6 Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

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Liberals would scrap jetty fees formula

A State Coalition Government would scrap the current jetty fees formula, The Shadow Minister for Waterways Ms Gladys Berejiklian has said, after attending a public meeting at the Everglades Country Club recently.

It would "implement a fairer formula to work out the fee".

Senior officers from the Department of Lands explained the formula used for setting jetty fees at the meeting.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein both attended the meeting, along with Mr Graham Harding and Mr Andrew McAnespie from the Department of Lands.

Attendees at the meeting requested Ms Andrews' assistance in making representations to the State Government and the NSW Valuer General regarding the formula used to calculate jetty fees.

Ms Andrews agreed to carry out the meeting's requests and to

keep The Bays Community Group informed.

Cr Holstein said it was great to see so many people attend the meeting.

"With over 350 people attending the meeting, it shows just how much these unfair rent increases are impacting on Central Coast residents," Cr Holstein said.

"At the meeting, I spoke about how the raising of jetty rental prices is a blatant grab for money by the lemma-Costa Government.

"I made calls for the new pricing formula to be scrapped and for it to be replaced with a more reasonable pricing structure that relates to the standard Consumer Pricing Index.

"I am appalled the New South Wales Government has the gall to try to charge long-term residents these outrageous charges, particularly as many people who own jetties in the area are pensioners, self-funded retirees or come from young families.

"They just don't have the money to pay these sorts of fees."

Lyle Stone, December 6



Santa entertaining families near Lions Park, Woy Woy

Santa sleigh 'scaled down'

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club members are again running their Santa sleigh this December, according to club member Ms Helen Anderson.

However, the sleigh won't be same as in previous years.

"Traffic regulations have resulted in the sleigh activity being scaled down," she said.

"The two objects of this activity are to delight the children with a visit from Santa and to sell Lions Christmas cakes, \$9 small and \$12

large," Ms Anderson said.

"There will also be Christmas Puddings for sale this year at \$10.

"We will gratefully accept any donations, which entirely go Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service."

The Sleigh commenced its run on Tuesday, December 5, and will continue through until Friday, December 22, starting at 6pm and finishing around 8:30pm.

"The Lions Club hopes to visit

as many streets on the Woy Woy Peninsula area as possible, always avoiding main thoroughfares," Ms Anderson said.

Ms Anderson said the Peninsula Lions were grateful for the support of Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service volunteer "firies" who tow the sleigh.

Press release, November 29
Helen Anderson, Woy Woy
Peninsula Lions Club



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I've found that great greengrocer, just off the main street in Umina: Fresh vegetables, unlike that stale but sprayed, tasteless stuff you get at the big supermarkets.

Found my old VCR had broken.

Asked at the graphics arts - stationers- print service and they told me to go to the video repair guy at the Ettalong end of Umina.

In Sydney, they would have said: "It will cost \$60 to have a look at it. And by the way, that old thing is not worth fixing."

Instead, he said: "Not a problem, Keith."

The very next day, I received a

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call to let me know it was ready.

Not only had he fixed it for only \$45, but he had even taped a small plastic bag to the top, containing the four or five small components he had replaced.

And our local libraries, both at Umina and Woy Woy?

At both branches, the staff are super-helpful, almost as if they were running a quality service industry business instead of being local council employees.

I could go on and on, but -- here is another example.

A friend from Sydney came here to stay last weekend.

She was struck by the relaxed friendliness of all the people here.

Yes. I know 'we' have a drug (needle) problem here, just as in Sydney.

But overall, what a great place to find myself living.

Keith Stewart
Umina

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More street trees

The Mayor of Gosford, Laurie Maher, wants to plant more street trees along Ocean Beach Rd.

Great idea!

Maybe he is feeling guilty for all the trees that have been destroyed across the Peninsula under his watch.

But sadly, no, Laurie hasn't seen the error in his ways.

He just wants to keep up with the mayor of Edogawa.

Why bother with those pesky trees?

If they aren't ripped out by the RTA, they will just fall on cars and people and cost the council money.

And we all know how frugal Gosford Council is when it comes to saving money, especially where water is involved.

Mark Ellis
Woy Woy

Water questions left unanswered

We are being conned.

Water allocations are meaningless where there is no water.

Eventually the rising population will dictate doubling capacity or the number of dams, or alternately the inevitable move toward halving the world's populations, because the abuse of water is only part of a problem of world proportions.

Yet State and Federal governments continue to preside over the placement of new developments in potential catchments areas.

When Gosford people asked questions at a Water Forum, Council spokespersons remained silent in front of about 200 people.

These were not unreasonable

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questions:

Is a plumber required if a house holder placed a water storage lower than fence height and ran rainwater into it for their garden and boat engine without attaching it to the water supply?

Is it true the enormous cost involved is all about compliance and backflow prevention?

People do put in tanks for non-drinking use, and it must be remembered rainwater is not considered potable by your local government.

Edward James
Umina

For more Forum,
see page 14

Talking up uranium

Jim Lloyd, Liberal federal MP, is one of the PM's henchmen to talk up uranium energy on the Central Coast.

Lloyd simply calls for a "debate". A debate of sorts is happening and what we find is that it is being staged and manipulated by the PM to get his way.

Howard is now emerging as a very dangerous PM, not just for Australia but also for the entire world because Australia owns close to 40% of the world's uranium ore.

Nuclear power plants are (a) extremely costly to build and dismantle, (b) provide energy that is not "cleaner and greener", (c) has the major problem of storing radio active waste, (d) in Australia which is not geologically stable as claimed, (e) is not a renewable source. Exporting the ore to other countries, on the pretense of having a moral responsibility to do that, means losing control over its final destination and use.

In a highly insecure world, that is sheer madness, criminal

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Households could live off rainwater, says ACF branch

The Peninsula has had enough rainfall this year to supply an average household completely from rainwater, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

The rainfall is 960mm (31 inches) so far this year, 80 percent of the average of 1215mm, said ACF Central Coast president Mr John Wiggin.

"This is more than twice the amount of rain that many parts of Australia have in good years where everyone lives off tank water," Mr Wiggin said.

"Our figures show that single and two-person households on the Peninsula could easily live off tank water."

Mr Wiggin said that average annual water demand is currently around 140 litres per person per day on the Central Coast.

"This works out at around 51,000 litres per year.

"Every centimetre of rain on a 100 square metre roof yields 1000 litres of water.

"This means our current yield, which is 96,000 litres off a very small house or unit, is very close to meeting the needs of two people.

"This is plenty when you consider most people have much larger roof areas.

Mr Wiggin said it was worth noting that more than 30 per cent

of all households on the Peninsula were lone person households, and together with two-person households represented the most common household type.

Mr Wiggin said that his figures showed that the tank size of 3000 litres recommended by many environmental groups was far too small to meet local needs.

In many rural areas, households have tanks of 40,000 litres and more.

"Based on a person taking water from a 100 square metre ("10 square" house) roof, you would have needed a minimum tank size of 6200 litres not to have run out of water on the Peninsula this year.

"If you had a tank this size, it would currently contain 3580 litres of water – just over half full.

"To retain all the rain that has fallen this year, you would have needed a tank of 50,380 litres, and it would currently contain about 48,000 litres of water."

Mr Wiggin said these facts put a lie to statements recently attributed to Gosford Council general manager that "giving every household a rainwater tank ... doesn't help us" in the "worst drought in living history".

Mr Wiggin said that, as well as being able to provide a household with water, "the use of rainwater tanks also increases people's awareness of the preciousness of water".

Media release, December 9
John Wiggin, ACF Central Coast



The Rawson Rd railway crossing, Woy Woy

Liberals criticise Peninsula access

Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein has criticised the adequacy of Brisbane Water Dr and Woy Woy Rd in providing access to the Peninsula.

Showing Shadow Minister for Infrastructure Mr Greg Pearce MLC the area, Cr Holstein said: "Both Brisbane Water Dr and Woy Woy Rd are both major access roads to the F3 for every peninsula resident.

"The inadequacies of Woy Woy

Rd at its southern end and Brisbane Water Dr add to the daily woes of every Peninsula resident."

Cr Holstein said he invited Mr Pearce to see first hand what residents of the Peninsula "have to put up with everyday" on their way to and from work.

Cr Holstein said the southern end of Woy Woy Rd "desperately needed" both a road upgrade and a new railway underpass

"A railway underpass would see the closure of the Rawson railway crossing and would minimise the

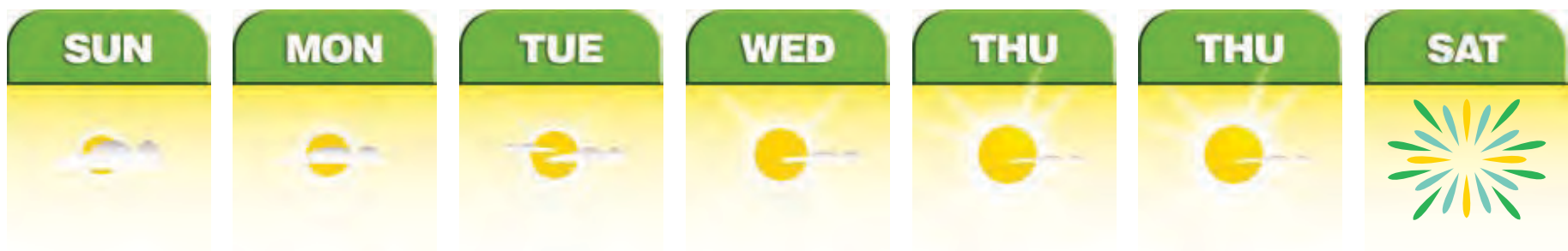
risk to pedestrians and motorists," said Cr Holstein.

Mr Pearce was also shown the traffic at the intersection of Brisbane Water Dr and the Pacific Highway near Manns Rd.

"This intersection creates a major bottleneck for travelers heading in and out of the Peninsula, adding precious minutes to their daily commute to work," said Cr Holstein.

Press release, December 5
Chris Holstein,
Liberal candidate for Gosford

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A wharf on St Huberts Island

St Huberts canals decision deferred

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision about unauthorised mooring and berthing facilities on St Huberts Island until its meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12.

Council recently adopted an amendment to development control plan (DCP) 145 "Boating Facilities in St Huberts Island Canals", which provides detailed guidelines for the development of boating facilities in the canals.

Cr Terri Latella had requested advice as to what would happen to existing jetties and similar facilities

now that the DCP had been adopted.

Council officers had recommended that council require owners of property within the island to lodge a development application seeking consent for the use of their existing boating facilities.

They also recommended that council support the issuing of consents for the use of existing facilities where they complied with the requirements of, or generally met the objectives of the DCP, providing they were structurally sound and demolition or repair was deemed not necessary by council.

Officers recommended that

facilities that are, or are likely to become a danger to the public, or are so dilapidated as to be prejudicial to its occupants or the persons or property in the neighbourhood, be required to be demolished or repaired.

It was recommended that staff report on progress in a year's time.

A "water-based" audit recently revealed that 373 structures including jetties, pontoons, moorings and ramps had been constructed in the canals.

Council agenda SF.50, December 5

Groups receive water grants

Umina Surf Life Saving Club, Brisbane Water Secondary College and the Mingaletta Corporation will all receive Federal funds for projects to conserve water

Gosford Council will also received funding for a project at Umina Beach.

The Council has been given \$40,000.04 to save water at Umina Beach by inserting foam into the sandy soil of the sports field to reduce water drainage.

The foam will trap water and save around eight megalitres of water a year.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will receive \$42,759 to recycle greywater.

Water from the showers will be treated and reused in the wash down bay, saving seven megalitres of water per year.

Brisbane Water Secondary College will receive \$46,094 to install slow flow devices, dual flush toilets and waterless urinals.

A tank will also collect rainwater for toilet flushing.

The project is expected to save 460,190 litres of water a year.

The Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Corporation will receive \$49,723 to install tanks to store harvested water which will

be used to irrigate the agricultural education facility.

The project is expected to save 1.5 megalitres of water per year.

The Umina campus will also receive \$49,871.54 for the installation of rainwater tanks.

The collected water will be used to irrigate the school farm.

The irrigation system will also be upgraded to increase efficiency.

The project is also expected to save 1.5 megalitres of water per year.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd announced the grants recently, acknowledging "the water crisis on the Central Coast is without a doubt the most serious issue currently facing our community".

"All levels of Government need to work together to ensure everything is being done to secure our water supplies - there is simply no point in attempted political point scoring on this issue.

Mr Lloyd said that the next round of Community Water Grants will open early next year.

"I encourage all community groups to take part in the next round and contribute to the conservation of our precious water supply."

Press release, December 1 Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Substation maintenance

Gosford Council has resolved to accept a tender from Schneider Electric for the maintenance of a high voltage substation located at Woy Woy Sewerage Treatment Works.

The substation is owned and

operated by council.

The sites had been maintained in the past by the hire of contractors on a needs basis.

Lump sum tenders were recently called for the maintenance of the sites for a period of up to six years, with three periods of two years.

Performance would be reviewed

every two years.

Tenders were received from three companies being Locke Engineering, Wollongong, Nilsen Electric, Sydney, and Schneider Electric, Sydney.

Council agenda WAT.35, December 5

Development is changed

Gosford Council has varied its approval of a mixed commercial and residential development in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach.

The original development application was approved by council at its meeting of December 13 last year.

The applicants made a "section 96 application" to vary their development.

The changes included an additional carpark in the basement level, the addition of a swimming pool on the basement level, and the relocation of a barbecue and cabana and the reconfiguration of

the commercial component of the development.

On the first and second floors, the floor area of each unit was increased slightly.

Rooftop terraces serviced by spiral staircases would now be created for units nine and ten.

Council planners commented that an additional departure from the floor space ratio standard was "considered to be minor" and still within the ambit of SEPP 1.

They stated that "in the circumstances strict compliance with the standard is considered to be unreasonable and unnecessary".

Council agenda ENV.122, December 5

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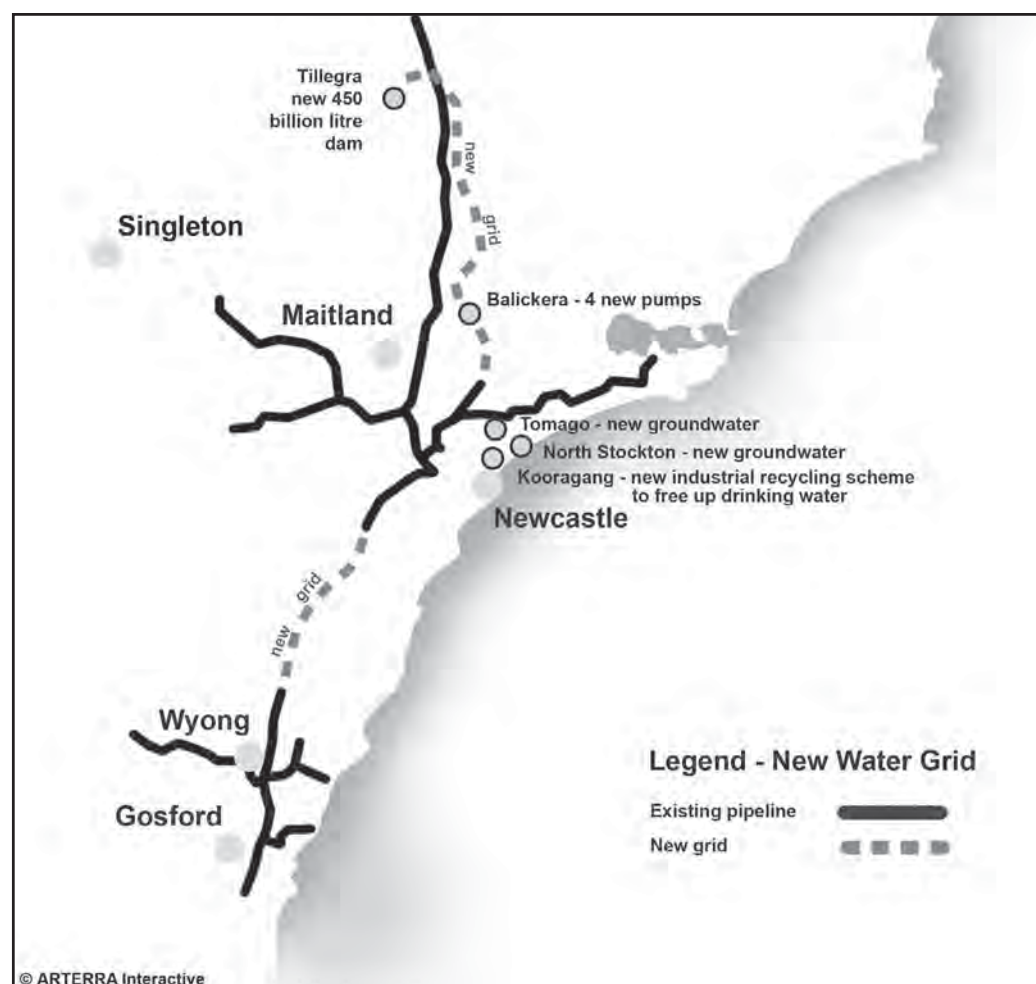
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Volunteer grant success

The Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts, The Bays Community Group and Umina Junior Cricket Club are among community groups to have successfully applied for Volunteer Small Equipment Grants.

The Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts received \$2727 for a laptop, multifunction centre and video camera.

The Bays Community Group received \$2420 for fire fighting pumps, a fire house kit, a portable generator and heater, and a portable water pump.

Umina Junior Cricket Club received \$1500 for a laptop.

Woy Woy High School P&C Association received \$2728 for a laptop, multifunction centre, laminator and urn.

Woy Woy Amateur Swimming Club received \$1270 for a fridge and an urn.

Woy Woy Cricket Club received \$2728 for a super sopper and wicket cover.

Woy Woy Little Athletics Central Inc received \$1740 for a line marker.

Woy Woy South Public School P&C Association received \$1836

for a table.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced the successful grant applicants.

"In total, more than \$28,000 has been granted to community organisations and schools in the electorate of Robertson," Mr Lloyd said.

The Volunteer Small Equipment Grants programme allows organisations to purchase equipment such as photocopiers, tools and computers to make their work "easier, safer and more enjoyable".

**Press release, November 27
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

Call for Patonga sewerage

A sewerage scheme at Patonga Creek would be undertaken, if the Local Government and Shires Association had its way.

It has called on the State Government and the Opposition to provide \$1 billion over 10 years to reduce a backlog of water supply and sewerage services.

Another scheme would be constructed at Bensville.

Both are new sewerage schemes and both have a ranking of three with the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability.

The association has released the second of a series of policy papers, titled Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program, aimed at candidates in next year's State election.

**Press release, December 7
Michael Ross, the Local Government and Shire Associations**

Church celebrates 75 years

Ettalong Uniting Church has celebrated its 75th anniversary

"About 90 folk attended the service which comfortably filled the church," said Uniting Church parish secretary Ms Annette Strong.

"The service was led by Ms Margaret Gregory, an elder, with participation from church members who did Bible readings and prayers and Wilma Towner on the organ.

"Lindy Frazer, daughter of Gwen and Bob Frazer, was the soloist."

A small women's choir also sang.

Moderator Jim Mein challenged us in his address 'Don't sit on your hands. There is much to be done'.

"A finger food luncheon followed in the hall, served by members of Umina Red Cross, and about 80 attended.

"The delightful cake was cut by

Ms Leila Wheeler and Ms Joyce Tee, both long serving members."

"Past clergy who were represented by Rev and Ms Neville Gray (1965-67), Ms June Whitehead (Rev. Armand 1974-82), Rev and Ms Barry Annesley (1990-1997), Rev Trevor Lunney and Rev and Ms Barry Shepley.

**Press release, December 6
Annette Strong, Uniting Church**

No objections

Gosford Council's heritage committee has stated it has no objections to proposed alterations and additions to a building near Woy Woy Hotel.

The building would be used as a family resources centre by the St

Vincent De Paul Society.

Copies of the proposed plans, relevant supporting information and a copy of the heritage inventory form for the property were provided to the committee for its consideration.

**Council agenda
HC.29, December 5**

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Wales re-elected as chamber president

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has re-elected long-serving Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales at the recent annual meeting held at the Cats Pyjamas restaurant.

"It was an extremely well attended meeting and I was pleased to see many of the previous executive re-elected," said Mr Wales.

"There are a lot of exciting challenges facing the business community over the next year including continued pressures for redevelopment in our Peninsula town centres, the upgrading of the Ettalong Beach foreshore reserve and improving town security particularly over the weekends."

Mr Wales said next year will also see both a State and Federal election "which will have significant impacts on business growth and the local Peninsula economy".

"It is imperative that both the NSW Government and the

Commonwealth continue to boost business activities through proactive legislation on industrial relations and cutting taxes on business."

Also re-elected to the Chamber executive were Tom Tregent (Raine & Horne Umina Beach) as vice-president, Tony Turner (Deepwater Plaza) as secretary and Casie Brewis (Bendigo Bank Ettalong Beach) as treasurer.

The balance of the executive are Jim Bohle (IGA Ettalong Beach), Daryl Lynch (SecureInvest), Tina Bellenger (Peninsula Plaza), Sue Fowler (Central Coast Express Advocate), Paul McCarthy (Sun Weekly) and Ray Dearlove (Laing & Simmons Ettalong Beach).

"This is a good team of hard working volunteers who have the interests of the business community on the Peninsula at heart," said Mr Wales.

**Press release, December 5
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**



Leslie Chart from the Cancer Council and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales

Festival attracts 15,000, raises \$44,000

The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival and Blessing of the Fleet attracted more than 15,000 people and the Queen of the Festival quest raised more than \$42,000, according to organisers.

The festival was "a great success", according to chairperson Ms Debra Wales.

"The day commenced with entertainment from the Wayne Cornell Swing Band on the beachfront and in the afternoon the Latin Kings had everyone up 'dancing in the street' in the afternoon," Ms Wales said.

"The food, wine and craft stalls reported a great day out with many improving their trade.

"The Brisbane Water Oyster Farmers provided 2500 dozens oysters an increase of 500 dozen on last year.

"The Palm Beach and Central Coast ferry services reported they had an increase in passenger numbers from their usual Sunday trade.

"The Ettalong Beach Club and local businesses reported a successful day with 30 per cent to 50 per cent turnover in trade."

Ms Wales said entrants in the Queen of the Oyster Festival raised \$42,372 in just six weeks for the

Cancer Council's Breast Cancer Challenge.

"The total amount raised from the festival for Breast Cancer Research is just over \$44,000 which is a tremendous effort and we feel very pleased to be able to support Cancer Council during our festival."

Kim Smith, sponsored by the Ettalong Beach Club, was crowned Queen of the Festival and Mary Rose Bontigao, sponsored by the Central Coast Express Advocate, who raised \$15,000, was crowned Miss Charity Queen at the Festival Ball.

The Queens won a holiday for two to Surfer Paradise, a beauty package, hair packages, a makeover and gifts totalling over \$500.

The Te Ika Nui 'Big Fish' Outrigger Canoe Club attended the Blessing along the Surf Life Saving Clubs.

"Head coach Dave Brooks said it was a great day for the Outriggers as they took approximately 40 people for a paddle and had a great interest in their club," Ms Wales said.

The Blessing of the Fleet was conducted by the Rev Bruce Edgell of the Uniting Church and Greg Saunders of the Salvation Army who blessed the surf boats,

outrigger canoes and visiting boats on the beach at Ettalong.

"The mayor Laurie Maher opened the festival and said he was very proud that Gosford Council was a part of a great community event," Ms Wales said.

**Press release, December 1
Debra Wales, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival**

Lagoon added to plan

The lagoon at Pearl Beach will be added to the Coastal Lagoons Management Plan.

Dr Peter Freewater has told the coastal and estuary management advisory committee of Gosford Council, that he intended to expand the scope of the study to include "Gosford's forgotten coastal lagoon, Pearl Beach Beach, which

is suffering similar degradation to the other lagoons".

Cr Terri Latella moved a motion that the Pearl Beach Lagoon be included in the future Coastal Lagoons Management Plan, which was seconded by Department of Natural Resources officer Mr Neil Kelleher.

**Council agenda CE.009,
December 5**

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Development discussed

The proposed development on Catholic land at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Umina, will be discussed at the first council meeting of next year, according to Gosford Council environment officer Mr Gary Chestnut.

Mr Chestnut said that a species

impact statement was currently being put together, and as part of the statement there needed to be concurrence between council and the Department of Conservation.

Mr Chestnut said the council had received the assessment from the department which was now being incorporated into the report to council.

Mr Chestnut said the item would be in the first February agenda, as council goes on recess after December 12.

The application proposes a subdivision and a seniors living village.

Lyle Stone, December 8

Park walks planned

The National Parks and Wildlife Service have two walks near the Peninsula planned for the coming months, as part of its National Parks Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours.

The walks cover the areas of Pearl Beach, Hardys Bay and Killcare.

The Mini Beast Hunt will be held at Pearl Beach on Thursday, December 28, and is suited to people four years and over.

The walk will showcase the natural biodiversity of the area.

Participants will visit waterfalls and will get to dip net for "mini beasts" in the creeks and waterholes.

Participants will also have the chance to spot lyrebirds, brush turkeys and possibly koalas.

Walkers have been asked to bring walk shoes, snacks, water, sun, insect and weather protection and clothing that may get wet.

The group will meet opposite the Pearl Beach shop, near the public toilets.

The walk starts at 9.30am and finishes at 11am.

The cost is \$5 and bookings must be made by 12pm on Friday, December 22, on 4320 4205.

The second walk will take place on Saturday, January 13, at Hardys Bay.

Participants will experience an early morning walk in Bouddi National Park on the circular walk from Hardys Bay along Daleys Point Ridge to Daleys Point, Rileys Bay and Hardys Bay.

The walk offers extensive views over Brisbane Water walking mainly on fire trails and well defined tracks.

Participants have been asked to meet at the picnic area opposite the intersection of Killcare Rd and Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay.

The walk begins at 7.30am and finishes at 11am.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children or there is a family special being \$20 for a group of two adults and two children.

Participants have been asked to bring sturdy walk shoes, water, snacks and weather and sun

protection.

Those interested in taking part must book by 12pm on the Friday before the walk, on 4320 4205.

Newsletter, December 6
National Parks and
Wildlife Service

Action group

The Peninsula Residents Action Group will meet at 1pm on Saturday, February 24, at the Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

"I look forward to hearing how everyone has fared over the holiday season," said convener Ms Juanita Hutchesson.

Press release, December 7
Juanita Hutchesson, Peninsula
Residents Action Group

Patonga markets

The Patonga markets will be held December 17.

The main beneficiary is the Patonga Rural Fire Brigade, with support given by the progress association and the Tennis and Sports Club.

Brigade deputy Mr Colin Zwan said the brigade raised more than \$800 from the last markets in October, through a barbecue, stall fees, CD sales, book sales and donations.

"Although the State Government

supplies the main tanker and firefighting gear on the first response vehicle and the boat, the cab and chassis has to be supplied by the brigade," Mr Zwan said.

"Only new equipment may be bought."

The brigade had received financial support from the progress association, Meals on Wheels, the Ladies Bowling Club Umina.

Press release, November 30
Colin Zwan, Patonga
Rural Fire Brigade

Christmas services

The Broken Bay Uniting Church will hold Christmas services over the next few weeks and will have named times for its other services.

Services will be held at both the Ettalong Church, 55 Picnic Parade, and the Umina Church on the corner of Neptune St and Ocean Beach Rd.

A Christmas Eve service will be held on December 24 at 9am at Umina and 9.30am at Ettalong.

Carols will also be held at 8pm at the Umina Church, with glow sticks

for sale with a gold coin donation.

Services will be held at 8am at both churches on Christmas Day, December 25.

Services during school holidays will be held at 9am and 6pm at Umina.

The 9am service will be family worship while the 6pm service will be the Café Church.

Traditional worship will be held at 9.30am at Ettalong.

Press release, December 6
Annette Strong, Uniting Church

Council works

Gosford Council has provided a list of projects currently taking place on the Peninsula.

Works are taking place at Ettalong, Horsfield Bay, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach.

Roof trusses are currently being installed on the amenity block at Ettalong oval.

Surf club rebuilding is being conducted at both Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Driveways and footpaths are being constructed on Cowper Rd, Umina.

Drainage works and the establishment of an access track are currently being constructed on Monastir Rd, Horsfield Bay.

Mains cleaning by air scouring is taking place across the Peninsula, as is the construction of a borefield pipeline.

Press release, November 28, December 5
Karen Weber, Gosford Council



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Gosford Cr Vicki Scott and attendees at the meeting

Increase funding, says SOS branch

Save Our Suburbs Central Coast has called on Gosford Council to increase funding for parks management and upgrades, and not to downgrade or remove smaller playgrounds.

"Once again the people of the Peninsula have been short-changed in the Gosford Regional Playground Strategy with over 10 pocket parks planned to be removed, once again denying the Peninsula open space that is in much demand," Save Our Suburbs Central Coast secretary Mr Bryan Ellis said.

Mr Ellis condemned plans to remove play equipment from a range of small parks around the Peninsula.

"We are especially concerned about the removal of equipment from the Shoalhaven Park in preference for Dulkara Ave park upgrade," Mr Ellis said.

"Shoalhaven is a popular park for local kids and is looked after by various community members and is an accessible park for parents

and grandparents to attend rather than crossing the busy Hillview or Veron Rds to visit Florida Ave or other parks further away.

"Local parks perform an important role as much as precinct or regional parks with transport and accessibility to the preferred location of the precinct park in Umina being called into question."

Mr Ellis said the Peninsula was suffering a deficit in open space "as stated in councils own reports".

Mr Ellis said the same report mentions small local parks with playgrounds will be in demand with the "continued growth in the number of children aged 0 to10 and the less mobile population".

"To help alleviate the chronic shortage of open space recreation that exists and will be further exacerbated by the continual increase in population, council should be embellishing most of these parks instead of removing them to cater for that growth," Mr Ellis said.

"If you take into consideration the level of section 94 contributions from the Peninsula, we haven't got

any new functional open space as playgrounds and now they want to remove pocket parks which have not been maintained to a suitable standard.

"Considering the paltry budget for parks compared against population figures and other local government areas with comparable levels of parks, Save Our Suburbs Central Coast calls on Gosford Council to increase funding for parks management and upgrades, not downgrade or remove some areas to benefit other areas."

Mr Ellis said that Save Our Suburbs Central Coast, like many residents, was also concerned that when the playground equipment is removed, the land would be rezoned.

"While this will be strenuously denied, Gosford Council in the past has rezoned parcels of land from 6(c)open space to 2(b) to allow more medium density units in Ettalong where the park deficit is at its worst," Mr Ellis said.

Press release, December 7
Bryan Ellis,

Save Our Suburbs Central Coast

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Playgrounds

Precinct park playground may cost \$700,000

The Peninsula may get a "precinct park" at Umina Oval, costing up to \$700,000, under Gosford Council's proposed playgrounds strategy.

Residents and community representatives were told this at a community meeting held at the Peninsula Community Centre last Thursday to discuss Council's playground strategy.

The Peninsula is regarded as "precinct" under the strategy and the oval is one location being considered for a precinct park.

This plan was strongly supported by Peninsula Families Action Group.

Gosford Council's coordinator of parks and waterways Ms Kylie Yeend presented the session, supported by two other staff and Crs Chris Holstein and Vicki Scott.

Ms Yeend provided an overview, saying the plans were for four types of playground: pocket, suburb, precinct and city.

She said there were currently no precinct or city playgrounds in the Gosford municipality, but the plan was to have a city park on the

Gosford waterfront, and a precinct park in each identified precinct.

Ms Yeend said precinct parks were expensive to install, costing between \$300,000 and \$700,000. Funding would determine when these were able to be constructed, but currently safety was a key feature in planning, as the parks needed to comply with Australian standards.

For example, providing soft-fall surfaces was one of the most expensive requirements.

She said equipment was being removed from a number of parks

and playgrounds because the equipment was unsafe.

Ms Yeend said Council was investigating a range of funding possibilities, including applying to other levels of Government to assist.

Kylie said that the Peninsula has four suburb parks, namely Pelican, Umina, Lions and a new one at Patonga Caravan Park.

She also said that community concern and involvement played a big role in what happened to parks.

Residents raised a number of issues about the proposed plans for the Peninsula in general, as well as about particular Peninsula parks and playgrounds.

A representative from Family Day Care stressed the need for safe, shaded play areas with toilet facilities.

Another resident raised the issue of Section 94 funds and asked if the funds that had been expended on the Peninsula Leisure Centre were going to be paid back to be used for their proper purpose of open space purchase and embellishment.

A mother with three young children asked that Lion's Park have an area that was fenced so toddlers could not easily run into the water.

Council was commended for providing gates at Vernon Park so the Peninsula now has one gated park.

This park was also commended because it has good shade.

In response to questions from residents, Council staff said the playgrounds were designed to serve all members of the community, all ages and levels of ability.

One issue raised was the relevance of the playground strategy to older teenagers, and Council agreed to consider this matter more fully.

Another key issue raised was the need to have playgrounds as part of community development, and community group representatives

offered to assist Council address this aspect more fully.

For instance, one attendee said playgrounds offered a major opportunity to build the capacity of community members, strengthen connections between people, and reduce isolation.

Another said Council was in a position to capitalise on this by ensuring the playground strategy was integrated with other Council plans, strategies and departments, eg by collaborating and sharing resources with Council's community development staff.

One resident asked that the strategy take environmental factors into account, including the need to protect plant communities threatened with extinction, and to plant native plants that would support wildlife threatened with extinction, eg plant trees that support the grey-headed flying fox.

Ms Yeend said the proposal was to reduce the number of pocket parks on the Peninsula to 18.

She said this included removing 13, retaining eight, replacing four, upgrading nine and creating two new parks.

Ms Yeend also said pocket parks varied in size and design.

Several residents asked about plans for individual parks, for example Woy Woy's Nambucca Dr, Dulkara Ave and Florida Ave.

There was discussion about these and the basis for council's recommendations, eg current usage, safety, compliance with Australian standards, shade, toilets, maintenance costs, environmental issues, proximity to schools, public transport, main roads and other parks.

As a result of attendees raising concerns about these and other individual parks, Cr Holstein stated that Council would reconsider these plans.

He said Council would consult further with relevant community members about these.

Shirley Hotchkiss, December 8

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Climbing structure 'a first of its kind'

A six and a half metre "spaceball", claimed to be the first climbing structure of its kind in Australia, is a feature of a new playground at the Patonga Camping Ground.

The playground will be officially opened by Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher this Tuesday.

Strong enough to support three tonnes, the "spaceball" showcases the latest technology and design in play equipment and can hold at least 50 children at a time.

Other playground features include a large unit modelled on a ship wreck including slippery dips, balance beams, climbing ropes and ladders, sliding poles, decks and lookouts, spinners and swings.

The official opening will take place tomorrow, December 12, between noon and 1pm.

The celebrations include free children's giveaways, clowns and a sausage sizzle.

"This playground offers fun, challenge and appeal for the whole family in a safe and beautiful

environment," said Council's coordinator of parks and waterways Ms Kylie Yeend.

The opening is a milestone for Gosford Council as the Patonga playground was the focus of discussion during the formation of the Gosford Regional Playground Strategy at the beginning of the year.

"As the strategy nears completion, it's exciting to see the opening of such a wonderful playground," Ms Yeend said.

"It represents our direction in providing high quality and exciting playgrounds that meet the needs of young and old, the able and less able."

The draft Gosford Regional Playground Strategy is due for release to the community in January or February next year.

During this time, there will be opportunity for people to make further comment on the vision and recommended actions for playgrounds across Gosford.

**Press release, December 8
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

Nambucca Dr playground to be updated

The Regional Playground Committee has made a recommendation that Nambucca Dr Playground not be removed.

"The committee made a priority listing of the playgrounds, with a small number chosen to be taken out all together," head of the committee Cr Vicki Scott said.

"One recommendation was that Nambucca be one of the playgrounds with its equipment removed.

"A number of residents contacted us with their concerns so we had a look at the playground after the (Woy Woy) forum.

"We are now recommending that it be updated."

Cr Scott said the Woy Woy forum, the fourth forum to be held, had a "pretty good turnout".

"There was a mix of old and young," Cr Scott said.

Cr Scott also stated that concerns about the reserves being rezoned were not accurate.

"Council has no intention of doing anything like that, there has been no discussion about it," Cr Scott said.

An opening for the Patonga playground will be held at 12pm tomorrow and will include giveaways, Cr Scott said.

Lyle Stone, December 7

Liberals attend forum

Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and the Shadow Minister for Juvenile Justice, Women and Youth Affairs Ms Catherine Cusack attended Gosford Council's playground forum at the Woy Woy Community Centre on Thursday, December 7.

Cr Holstein said the forum was being held to give the community

a say on the development of a new regional playground strategy.

Cr Holstein, a father of five and grandfather of two, agreed the younger generation would benefit from interactive playgrounds.

"With the levels of childhood obesity rising, we must ensure we do everything in our power to provide appropriate playgrounds for our children on the Central Coast," Cr Holstein said.

"Being outdoors and enjoying our beautiful local environment is a better option than leaving our children to play computer or watch television indoors."

Ms Cusack said: "It's vital that we give our children an area to play to ensure they grow up to be healthy and active adults".

**Press release, December 6
Chris Holstein,
Liberal candidate for Gosford**

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Parking fine at festival

Sunday, October 12, was a beautiful day for the annual Oyster Festival at the Ettalong waterfront.

A huge disappointment to us, though, and about 20 other people, was the parking along the Esplanade, and a ridiculous parking fine to go with it.

We have a 10-year-old daughter with cerebral palsy.

We firstly started to look for disabled parking close to the event.

However, no disabled parking was allocated.

The Peninsula is already in need of more disabled parking areas, which is a surprise considering the amount of elderly people who live here.

So we drove around to try to get

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parking close by.

We turned right from Bangalow St into The Esplanade to find someone leaving their parking spot and parked along with about 20 other cars along The Esplanade.

After returning from a lovely day at the festival, we found we had been fined.

Parallel park to close to dividing line? \$179.

A couple of things really angered us.

This festival was organised, but no thought had gone into parking.

The only sign that we could find after investigation when we returned to our car was about 150 metres up the road, certainly not where we had parked or the other

20 cars.

This is an obvious revenue-making fine.

What does it tell the visitors to this area who also may have parked along The Esplanade.

Rangers or parking officers are not normally out working on a Sunday in this area.

Have a large event, however, and they see a revenue making opportunity.

We feel the event management should be responsible for proving clear parking arrangements in an event like this and the local council are obviously responsible for providing parking signage that is clear.

Ray & Sharon Glenn
Empire Bay

Crisis management for global warming?

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Our newspapers, including the letters pages, are full of advice about our water problems; what should have been done, what can or must be done etc.

Where have these people been for the past 10 years or so?

There has been a small core of people who have been meeting, writing and urging governments, Councils and planners to do something about the problem.

They have been asking authorities to stop covering all the ground with concrete; to collect storm-water and provide or insist on water tanks for all new developments.

Even though we are supposed

to be an intelligent animal species, we seem to depend on crisis management for anything to be achieved.

I presume that the same will happen with global warming.

Only when people are paddling in their lounge rooms will they accept the obvious: we have a big problem.

I wonder if the many petitioners asking for the removal of the vegetation along The Peninsula foreshores will then start writing to the papers telling us all what should have been done.

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Starting too early can harm students

I am deeply concerned at the Federal Government's intention to make the national school starting age four years six months.

Over 10 years ago, the NSW DET lowered the school starting age to four years six months.

Many parents took the opportunity to put their immature children into the school system too early.

Experienced, caring, nurturing teachers would prefer the school starting age be pushed back to five years.

There are many reasons.

The pressure on children at school is continually increasing.

They are less able to cope with the unrealistic expectations placed upon them at an earlier age.

Children who start early spend their school life competing with children up to 18 months older.

Parents who start their children

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

Parents need to realise that preschools have child-to-teacher ratios half that of kindergartens.

Confidence at preschool does not necessarily translate into success at kindergarten.

Boys are adversely affected more, because they mature slower than girls.

There is a domino effect that sees immature children starting high school and less mature children going on to the higher school certificate.

It cannot do a child any harm to wait another year to start school but it can harm them to start too early.

Federal and State politicians now consider parents as clients and children as commodities.

Stephen Laming
Horsfield Bay

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Not printed

The contributors Richard Newby refers to, in a recent issue of Peninsula News, very likely contribute to other Central Coast papers and, like mine, are not printed.

Pat Garnet
Terrigal

In its draft "Business use of public footpaths" policy reference 2685169, Gosford Council is actively supporting a process intended to legitimise all those illegal and non-complying uses of the road reserve by all sorts of businesses, complained about to ICAC, the Ombudsman and Statewide Mutual over several years.

Council's policies and ordinances are subordinate to the Roads Act and council may not make a policy which conflicts with the State law.

The encroachment of a "restaurant" onto the road reserve is all that is provided for under Section 125 (approval to use footway for restaurant purposes).

The wording of Section 127 (effect of approval), misquoted by council on page four of its draft policy, does not alter definitions which are specific to the Roads Act, where "restaurant" means premises in which food is regularly supplied on sale to the public for

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consumption on the premises.

Section 139b, which permits "structures", is being used by Council to justify allowing other business use.

I am unaware of any ruling which supports my council in its attempt to fit available legislation by altering wording, around the aspirational desires of all sorts of business people.

Are my councillors intending to disregard shoppers, the very people who make any business community a viable proposition?

Many of these voters are wheelchair bound, visually impaired or just elderly.

The draft should not be described as the result of wide consultation, but simply another attack on pedestrian amenity, when all shoppers wish is to retain their right to move freely and with safety about the business centres.

Edward James
Umina

Lanck Street
WHAT'S ON
LAYCOCK ST THEATRE
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GOSFORD REGIONAL GALLERY
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Arts & Entertainment

Junk band will perform



The Junk Band will be performing at Troubadour Folk Club

Mic Conway's Junk Band will be performing at the Troubadour Folk Club in January.

"The January 20 performance will feature the wonderful Mic Conway and the National Junk Band," said Troubadour publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough

"These 'virtuosos of the bizarre' create a live stage experience that must be seen and heard to be believed.

"The National Junk Band plays National guitars, ukuleles, a sousaphone, a phono-fiddle, garbage cans and metal sinks."

Tickets are \$25 for general admission or \$20 concession. There is also a special price for folk club members.

More information is available from the Laycock St Theatre ticket office, Peninsula Music at Woy Woy or from the Troubadour Folk Club by phoning 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Press release, December 6
Leila Desborough,
Troubadour Folk Club



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The Gals will perform at a senior citizens concert

Lunch at senior cits

A Christmas lunch and concert featuring "The Gals" will be held at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Club on December 15.

This is a day of celebration for The Gals, a group of entertainers and tap dancers who have been raising funds for charity for 15 years around the Gosford and Wyong Districts.

A grant from the Gosford Council was recently issued for a new sound system so The Gals can continue raising money for charity

and entertain residents in the local area.

Council has also subsidized the cost of the lunch by 50 per cent.

Tickets can be purchased from the Ettalong Senior Citizens centre for \$6.

Radio 50 Plus presenters will be in attendance and a talk on the activities of the radio station will be given by Joan Victory.

The event will run from 11am to 2pm on December 15 at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre.

Press release, November 30
The Gals

Art showcase

A local nursery has held a gathering to showcase the work of local artists.

"One of the paintings sold, as did some of the potters' works and other small items by the artists," said Courtyards Capers owner Janice Rutherford.

Ms Rutherford said the nursery

liked to support local artists and Australian-made products.

It stocked a new soap range from WA and some new style candles.

"We have 15 local artists' works hanging and three local potters showing their pieces."

Press release, December 4
Janice Rutherford,
Courtyard Capers

Patonga Beach Markets



Sunday 17th December

10am on the Cricket Oval

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Patonga Beach

Bushfire Brigade

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Round	1.01	F	VS1	G	VG	6.35mm	HRD	\$11,520
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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, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym **PCYC**

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month
Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, **UCH**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

Butterfly Group for Women who

have suffered domestic violence 12.30pm **PWHC**

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

Judo 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Latin Salsa Dance** 8pm, **School for Learning - over 55's** 10am, **Belly Dancing**, 1pm, **PCC**.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm; **Gym Sessions** 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9.15am & 6pm; **PCYC**

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, **ECC**

Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **Computers**, 9am, **ESCC**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

Second Wednesday of every Month

Woy Woy VIEW Club, Friendship Day, **MOW**, 10.30-11am, enq: 4344 1440.

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

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

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

Third Wednesday of every month
Woy Woy VIEW Club - Luncheon 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 enq: 4341 6763,

Oil Painting, 9am, **Scrapbooking** 9am, **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924 **Playgroup** 10am, **Weight Watchers** 5.30pm, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm; **School for Learning** 9am, **Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm; **PCC**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Children's story time, Woy Woy

library, 10.30- 11.30am (Except Jan).

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

Handicraft CWAHWW, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

THURSDAY

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

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

Australiana Bus Trips PCC
Women's Health Clinic; **PWHC** 4320 3741

Fourth Thursday of every month
9am **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, **BFC** Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.

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

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

Gambling and general counselling by appointment, **Music** 2-5yrs 9am, **Yoga** 10am, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Judo**, 5pm Enq: 43424121;

The Web, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, 4342 3684; **PCC**

Free entertainment 6.30 pm, **Senior Snooker** 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **EMBC**.

Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Civilian widows, **ESCC**, 1pm.

Every Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting 12.30pm **EBACC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kids Club (Primary) .4pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Weight Watchers** 10am, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm; **The Web**, 2pm-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm **Kindygy** 0 - 3yrs 9.15am, 3 - 5yrs 10.20am **PCC**

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

Fishing Club. **EBWM**

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last Saturday every month
Wagstaffe **Bushcare** group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

Melaleuca Wetland **Regeneration** Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am

Every Saturday

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

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

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

Dancing Club; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156

Snooker 8.30am **EBWMC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am Enq: 43692486

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market Enq: 4341 4151

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

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

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery 11am Enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month
Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 434

Bridge decision deferred

Gosford Council has resolved to defer making a decision on constructing a bridge between Lace Ave and Myola Rd, Umina.

Council resolved on Tuesday, December 5 to defer the matter to Tuesday, December 12

A recommendation had been made by council officers that no further action be taken to construct the shared cycleway-pedestrian bridge.

It also recommended that the developer be repaid contributions of \$75,000 after three years if the bridge had not been constructed by that time.

Council officers had recommended that council not proceed with the project as a preferred bridge would cost council \$105,000 more, and even then it would not be part of council's endorsed cycle route.

An amount of \$75,000 had been available by way of a developer payment, determined by the Land and Environment Court, to construct the bridge.

The proposed shared cycleway-pedestrian bridge dated back to the original approval of the seven-stage "North Pearl" subdivision which included a condition of consent requiring the construction of a full width roadway across Ettymalong Creek joining the roads.

Construction of the roadway was deferred until the final stage of the subdivision, with the consent of council.

The developer then approached council to waive the condition of development consent relating to construction of the roadway at this location.

The matter was reported to council by its director of environment and planning at the time, who decided that the bridge could be replaced with the requirement for a shared

cycleway-pedestrian bridge.

The developer then appealed the resolution in the Land and Environment Court, which determined that the applicant make a contribution of \$75,000 to council prior to the release of a subdivision certificate for the construction of the cycleway-pedestrian bridge.

Local residents had also had concerns with the building of the bridge.

One concern expressed related to a lack of demand for the bridge, the destruction of vegetation, the adequacy of existing access in the area, the attraction of a "hoodlum element" and the loss of privacy.

A petition of 14 residents opposed to the proposed bridge had also been received by council.

Their concerns were that the bridge would be of no value, it would "attract local youth on motorbikes" and it would disturb nearby residents by becoming a meeting place for youth.

A council staff report stated that the case presented by the residents opposed to the construction of the bridge was not considered to be sufficiently strong as would justify abandonment of the project.

It also stated that the developer could not be compelled to contribute additional funds to those determined by the Land and Environment Court.

It stated that the availability of \$75,000 in development contributions did allow a \$180,000 bridge to be built at a \$105,000 cost to council but it was considered difficult to justify the level of expenditure on what was considered a secondary priority cycleway/pedestrian bridge.

It stated: "On balance, it is recommended that the shared cycleway-pedestrian bridge not proceed."

Council agenda CIT.62, December 5



The record breaking market day

Last market day

The Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula will hold its last market and boot sale of the year on December 17.

November's market attracted 43 stalls, the greatest number operated at Rogers Park.

Normally the market is held on

the last Sunday of the month.

It will be on December 17, due to Christmas.

The market is held on the corner of Erina St and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, and will run from 8am to 1pm.

The Lions Club will run a

sausage sizzle, and will sell drinks and plants.

Stalls can be run for \$10 each.

Profits from the purchasing of stall space are distributed to "many worthy causes in the community".

Press release, December 1 Elmo Caust, Woy Woy Lions Club

Indigenous surf contest

A surf contest will be held at Umina Beach on February 24, as part of the Central Coast Deadliest Young Indigenous Surfing Program.

The first of three learn-to-surf workshops for indigenous youth began on Saturday, December 2, at Umina Beach.

The free one-day courses are managed by the Gosford Council Surf School.

The surf contest for participants concludes the program, with prizes

on offer including a surfboard.

Umina Beach resident Ms Debbie Gause said the program was a positive experience for her 12-year-old son Jordan Doudle who won the surfboard at last year's event.

"Jordan didn't surf before he was in the program, and now he is in the water every day, rain, hail or shine," said Ms Gause.

"It gave Jordan the confidence to go for any wave, as well as teaching him about water safety.

"Now he wants to be a

professional surfer."

The program aims to increase participant's self-esteem and confidence while reducing the community isolation that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people often experience.

Displays promoting positive health and lifestyle messages about alcohol and drugs, career prospects and education, are part of the contest day.

Press release, November 30 Kate Carragher, Gosford Council

Cash housie

Fairhaven Services will be running Cash Housie sessions at Ettalong Bowling Club.

The sessions will be held on Monday nights from 7.30pm.

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Press release, December 5 Sue Chidgey, Fairhaven Services

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Education



The Year 5 students Zachary, Lily, Emma and Jordan who went to a Kids Congress camp

Students at Kids' Congress

Four Year 5 children from St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School have travelled to a camp at Somersby as delegates for the inaugural Kids' Congress, facilitated by the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

Education officer Mr Bernard Cumming said that more than 120 Year 5 children from all over the Diocese came together to consider and debate real world issues and then to make presentation about what they had learnt.

"Lily and Zachary (Red Shirts)

had concerns about childhood obesity," Mr Cumming said.

"They shared their concerns with other Year 5 children.

"They listened to guest speakers including dieticians and representatives from the Northern Area Health Service.

"Jordan and Emma (Green shirts) discussed the issue of global warming.

"They had had much discussion at their school before meeting other Year 5 children from other schools, who also had similar concerns.

"They used computers to search the web and also took part in

podcasts and blogs."

Mr Cumming thanked representatives from Gosford and Wyong Councils who shared their knowledge on the topic.

"The children decided on action to be taken forward and will report this back to their class, which in turn will lead to action by the children in 2007, when the children will be leaders in their school," Mr Cumming said.

Press release, December 3
Bernard Cumming,
Catholic Education Office
Diocese of Broken Bay

Spelling finalist

Pretty Beach Public School student Tom Passmore recently made it to the finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee.

"Tom Passmore represented our school and region as a state finalist in the Premier's Spelling Bee," said school principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

"It was just amazing to see Year 3 and Year 4 children spelling these incredibly difficult words.

"Tom competed against 30 other junior students (17 boys, 13 girls) and he certainly did us proud making it to Round 5."

Newsletter, November 23
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School

Jake wins card prize

Ettalong Public School Year 3 student Jake Alipate has won first prize in a Christmas card competition.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews invited Year 3 students across the electorate to enter a competition to design her Christmas card.

Ms Andrews said 168 entries were received from seven primary schools with Jake's design taking out the winning prize of \$200 in books from Scholastic for his school and a \$50 Australian Geographic voucher for himself.

Ms Andrews made a presentation to Jake and school principal Mr Bob Bourke during a school assembly on November 13.

"Jake's artwork will now be proudly printed on the front of my

Christmas Cards for this year," Ms Andrews said.

"It was an extremely difficult task to judge the competition and I would like to thank the students and their teachers for their efforts."

One student per school will also receive a highly commended certificate and a \$10 gift voucher.

Winning students from Peninsula schools were Jarod Weston from Woy Woy Public School, Grace Chapman from Woy Woy South Public School, and Layla Rose Lambeth from Ettalong Public School.

All students who entered will receive participation certificates from Ms Andrews.

Press release, December 8
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Candles by glow light

Ettalong Public School will present "Carols by Glow Light" on Wednesday, December 20, in the infants' playground at the school, Karingi St, Ettalong Beach.

The event is a community event and is open to the general public.

The carols will begin at 7pm and carol books will be available on arrival so all can sing along.

A barbecue and canteen will be operating as well as a P&C stall selling glow lights.

The barbecue and canteen will

be open from 6pm to 7pm and the barbecue will be selling sausage sandwiches for \$2.50 and soft drinks for \$1.50

The canteen will be selling ice creams, lolly bags and slushies among other things.

The P&C stall will be selling a variety of glow toys and glow sticks at various prices.

The event has been organized by deputy principal Ms Karen Morrow.

Press release, November 29
Karen Morrow,
Ettalong Public School

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Art show win

Pretty Beach Public School student Siann McFee has won the raffle at the school's art show.

"Siann will now have her portrait painted by Sherry McCourt," school principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"We raised \$355 from the art raffle.

"My breath was taken away when I walked into the library and

saw the great artistic talent of our children," Ms Redrup said.

"The library looked like an art gallery with fantastic pieces of art work displayed.

"Thanks to Jan Tochowicz, Cathy Ford and Karlene Long for setting up the Student Art Exhibition."

**Newsletter, November 23
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School**

Six teachers leave college

Six teachers will leave Brisbane Water Secondary College at the end of this year.

College principal Ms Pamela McAlister said the teachers had "made a difference to so many young people in our community in so many ways".

Leaving the Umina Campus will be Patricia Thomas, Wendy Nicholas and Neil Hinton.

Patricia Thomas has been a Teacher Librarian for 15 years.

Wendy Nicholas has taught in the HSIE Faculty for the past five years.

Neil Hinton has taught in the Industrial Arts Faculty for 10 years.

Leaving the Woy Woy Campus will be Lesley Minter, Marianne Baker and Graham Eagleton.

Lesley Minter has spent 36 years teaching English on the Peninsula.

Marianne Baker has been head teacher of home economics for the past 21 years.

Graham Eagleton has taught in the science faculty for six years.

"As the longest serving of our retirees, we asked Lesley Minter to reflect on her 36 years of teaching on the Peninsula," Ms McAlister said.

"Lesley began her teaching career at Woy Woy High School in 1970.

"She later transferred to Umina High School in 1983 and moved

back to the Woy Woy Campus of the new Brisbane Water Secondary College in 2002.

"Lesley was also educated on the Peninsula.

"She was the second child to be enrolled at Umina Public School and later became captain of Umina Public School.

"She completed her high school education at Gosford High School where she was also elected school captain.

"Leslie and her husband Arthur have four daughters who were all educated at Woy Woy High School."

Ms Minter said that the introduction of the two-campus system with the formation of Brisbane Water Secondary College was the biggest change in education that had occurred during her career.

"This resulted in many changes in staffing and in the middle school," she said.

"It required a whole new way of delivering teaching and learning."

She said the biggest challenge in education was "to keep students fruitfully engaged in Years 11 and 12, to sustain students in the public system and to make education worthwhile and relevant for students, both academic and non-academic, in all years".

**Press release, December 8
Pamela McAlister, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**



Students playing the djembe (a west African drum)

Drummers play twice

Two performances were held at Woy Woy South Public School recently, involving 37 students playing the djembe, a west African drum.

The students were taught over

10 weeks by Drumbala members Katy and Keesha.

The performances took place on December 7 in front of the school and parents.

"It was full house for both

sessions, with over 100 family members attending," said Katy.

"The kids worked so hard, including extra sessions."

Lyle Stone, December 8

Funding for infrastructure

Peninsula schools are among those to share in Federal funding for school infrastructure.

Ettalong Public School will receive \$88,450 for fencing.

Umina Public School will get \$32,835 for musical instruments.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus is set to receive a total of \$150,000.

Of that amount, \$65,139 will be for air conditioning, \$64,579 will be for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities, \$3650 will be for landscaping and related services, \$4632 will be for musical instruments and \$12,000 will be for

playground equipment.

Woy Woy Campus will receive \$115,655: \$104,356 for an ICT Facility and computer equipment, and \$11,302 for sporting equipment.

Across the bridge, Empire Bay Public School will receive \$116,638 for a portable classroom.

Pretty Beach Public School will get \$33,107 for an outdoor learning area.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said the funding came under the "Investing in Our Schools" program which delivered much-needed projects to Central Coast schools since the Howard

Government introduced it in the 2004 election campaign.

This is over and above the normal funding provided to state governments by the Howard Government, Mr Lloyd said.

"This Australian Government funding will be used to install some of the most basic yet vital infrastructure into Central Coast schools, such as air-conditioning, shade structures and classroom furniture, infrastructure that the NSW Government should have provided for their schools in the first place," Mr Lloyd said.

**Press release, November 28
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

Mural on energy saving

Pretty Beach Public School has enlisted the expertise of one of the areas local artists, Sue Richardson, to paint a mural based on "Saving Energy Makes Cents".

"This was part of the

Environmental Trust Eco Schools program grant we received this year," school principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"Children in Years 3 to 6 were given the opportunity to design a poster that would promote energy conservation.

"Sue looked at these ideas and based her mural around the projects.

"The mural looks great and is on the exterior wall of the canteen."

**Newsletter, November 23
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School**

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Education



Brisbane Water Secondary College thanked its volunteers with a celebratory lunch

College thanks volunteers

Brisbane Water Secondary College has recognised the contribution of the many volunteers who have worked at both campuses throughout

the year by inviting them to lunch.

Forty volunteers attended the lunch held at the Woy Woy Campus on Tuesday, December 5.

A similar number is expected to attend a lunch at the Umina Campus on Thursday, December 14.

"These great supporters of the college have worked in one of the college's two canteens, been part of formal student mentor programs, assisted students with their learning as part of a long standing programs such as 'One on One', have driven the college bus, helped out at the farm or have contributed in many other capacities," school principal Ms Pamela McAlister said.

"Many are involved in more than one area.

"Some have worked as volunteers in the college or previous high schools for over 15 years.

"The college is part of its community and as such, needs to build a strong relationship with its community.

"Our core values are respect, commitment and relationships.

"Our volunteers reflect these values and we greatly appreciated the contribution they make."

Press release, December 8
Pamela McAlister, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Water tanks at Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School has been awarded an Australian Government Community Water Grant.

The school has been awarded \$37,800 to go towards nine tanks designed to capture rain and save 237,000 litres of water for the local community per year.

Aside from providing water to flush the toilets and keep educational gardens green, the tanks will also give the local Bush Fire Brigade additional resources for protecting the national park surrounding the school.

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said the parents and students of the school were "absolutely thrilled to be getting such a large amount of assistance from the government".

"The tanks are going to make a big difference to the school's budget while at the same time giving the children further awareness of how saving water can benefit the environment," said Ms Redrup.

The Community Water Grants, of up to \$50,000, are part of the government's \$2 billion investment

in protecting the country's water supplies at a local level.

The grant comes on top of a \$33,000 Investing In Our Schools grant, which has also just been given to the school, and will allow for the construction of a new Covered Outdoor Learning Area early next year.

Ms Redrup said it has been a good couple of years for the school in terms of grants.

"We are still reaping the rewards of the money we obtained from the grants won last year," Ms Redrup said.

Pretty Beach Public School was able to refurbish its toilet block as a result of a \$46,000 Investing In Our Schools Grant awarded to the school last year.

The money also went towards the purchase of new musical equipment.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd will be opening the new amenities on Monday, December 11, at 10am.

Press release, December 5
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School

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Formal schooling comes to end

The Brisbane Water Secondary College conducted its Year 12 Formal on Friday, November 24, at the Ettalong War Memorial Club.

School principal Ms Pamela McAlister said 277 attended the night and "it was a wonderful celebration for the students, parents and teachers of the end of their formal schooling".

Ms McAlister said the night was organised by the Formal Committee comprising 15 Year 12 students and their year advisers, Ms Katrina Dillon and Mr George Ruzek.

"The college now eagerly awaits the HSC results to be released on December 19."

Press release, December 8
Pamela McAlister, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Maintenance plan for pool

A capital maintenance and refurbishment plan may be developed for the Peninsula Leisure Centre, according to a report from Gosford Council's finance and integrated planning committee.

The committee resolved, at a meeting on December

5, to develop the plan for consideration by the committee early next year.

The committee also noted the "reasonably recent performance" by the centre, more detail of which was requested from council's customer services and communications unit.

Council agenda FC.16, December 12

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College makes sports presentations

Brisbane Water Secondary College has celebrated "a great year of sport" at its recent Sporting Excellence Presentation Night conducted at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

School principal Ms Pamela McAlister said the night was well attended.

Special guest was Chris Heighington, a player with West Tigers, and a former Umina High School student.

"He shared some of his experiences in playing sport at an elite level as well as encouraging those aspiring to do so to understand the responsibilities that accompany this," Ms McAlister said.

"One most interesting aspect of Chris's work with the West Tigers is his community involvement.

"He spends time sharing his wisdom with young players as well as visiting children in hospital or in need.

"Chris strongly urged the students to take up opportunities offered such as refereeing or coaching younger students in their community, as part of their sporting life."

Many students were recognised on the night for achieving great success throughout the year.

Students were recognised for representing Sydney North Area at the State Championship for sports including athletics and cross

country, softball, swimming, touch football and rugby league.

Athletics and cross country awardees included Renee Mainwaring and Sharna Jones.

David Mainwaring also won an award for cross country.

Zac Dawes and Jason Overton won awards for softball.

Swimmers to be recognised were Pat Crocker, Thomas McFarlane, Chris Blair, Jake Raw, Brandon Blair, Mark Brear and Jay Pilson.

Touch football players to receive awards were Des Price, Jamie Taylor, Sam Ball and Joel Weeks.

Kim Webster and Paul Steel both received awards for their involvement in athletics.

Rugby league players to receive awards were Chris Bainbridge, Pat Crocker and Dylan Farrell.

State and national medallists and representatives also received awards.

Both David Mainwaring and Renee Mainwaring were recognised for receiving a gold medal at the cross country All Schools State Championship.

Paul Steel was recognised with an award for receiving gold at the All Schools State Championships in the 200 metres.

Joel Weeks was also recognised for his involvement in touch football, and Zac Dawes for his involvement in softball.

The Pierre Du Coubertin Award was awarded to Zac Dawes in recognition of outstanding

participation and commitment to sport.

The Rodney Fowler Sporting Award was awarded to Joshua Foley for his outstanding effort and determination throughout the sporting year in the field of Rugby League or Rugby Union.

The award for Most Outstanding Team went to the colleges under-14's rugby league team who came fifth in the state, and were Buckley Plate champions.

The team comprised Tom Hinton, Daniel Bluff, Shane Cooper, Jason Hayward, James Lovell, Henry Lovell, Callum McGillicuddy, Nathan McManus, Daniel Taylor, Brayden Williame, Tom Austin, QAedan Avery, Justin Canterbury, James Coote, Sean Ellard, Justin McDermott, Luke Murphy, Chris Norman, Jamie Rushton, Zane Sparkle, Josh Spencer and Chace Williams.

The awards for Contribution to Sport went to joint winners Chelsea Campbell and Sharna Jones in the junior girl division, Alex Lash in the junior boy, Kim Webster in the senior girl and Jason Overton in the senior boy.

The Sportspersons of the Year awards went to Renee Mainwaring in the junior girl division, Jason Hayward in the junior boy, Siobhan Stanton in the senior girl and Zac Dawes in the senior boy.

**Press release, December 8
Pamela McAlister, Brisbane
Water Secondary College**

Surf juniors place club fourth

Ocean Beach Surf Club juniors performed well at both the North Avoca and Toowoong Bay Carnivals.

Combined points from both carnivals placed the club in fourth position.

"Again, the under-13 age group led the way with a total of nine placing in seven events," said Ocean Beach juniors president Ms Robyn Carr.

"Notably the biggest win was in the under-13 male surf teams race where Matt Hurst, Keelan Bridge, Ryan Moate and Gregory Bennett took out the gold medal.

"This event has previously been dominated by Terrigal since the under-9s and was a top effort by the boys to take the gold.

"These same four boys teamed up to take the gold and silver in the under-13 board rescue.

"Keelan Bridge, teaming up with Kyle Inglis in the new-formatted two-man Cameron, collected a silver medal.

"There was also a bronze to the board relay team."

"The under-11 male beach relay team of Blake Arahill, Trent Butler, Eden Percival and Jacob Mandy continued with their domination of this event taking the gold medal again. "Two of the boys Blake and Jacob then teamed up with Wade Hannell and took bronze in the under-11 male board relay."

Ms Carr said the under-12 females were not to be outdone, taking home five medals from five events contested.

"Laura McGlone, going from strength to strength, picked up

medals in the surf race, board race and iron woman events," Ms Carr said.

"Without two of the regular swim team, two girls from the under-11's, Nicola Stone and Mykayla Carr, stepped up an age and with Laura and Rebecca Cooper took out the Silver medal.

"Our only under-14 competitor, Natasha Swain, was busy both in the water and on the beach placing fourth in the board, second in the under-15 Flags and third in the under-14 Flags.

"In the first year of competition, the under-8s held their own, coming home with a gold to Sienna Inglis in the female wade and two bronze medals to the male beach relay and female wade relay.

"The female wade team consisted of Sienna Inglis, Tahlia Boyd, Michaela Beckett and Caitlin Remy while the boy's beach relay team was Jack O'Keeffe, Dylan Smith, Owen Chaperon and Patrick Thompson.

"Jasmine Mandy continued her collection of medals with a third in the board race and with teammates, Jennifer and Caitlin took third in the board relay.

"In the under-10s, Joshua Thorndyke and Nicola McDermott both placed third in their respective sprint races and the under-10 girls beach relay team of Nicola McDermott, Kaitlyn Fredericks, Sarah Pollard and Paige Howarth also picked up a bronze."

**Press release, November 23
Robyn Carr, Ocean Beach
Surf Life Saving Club**

Umina duck wins

A Umina resident has taken first place at the recently held Ducks for Bucks race held at The Entrance.

Chris Dransfield's toy duck, number 4422, came first in the race, winning \$2500.

Central Coast Surf Life Saving chief executive officer Mr Chad Griffith said an enthusiastic and vocal crowd watched the race that was held on an outgoing tide and fresh south-easterly breeze at The

Entrance Waterfront on Sunday, December 3.

Mr Griffith said that preliminary estimates were that over \$48,000 had been raised through the event, to assist the 15 surf clubs and branch office in providing "essential lifesaving equipment and education programs across the Central Coast".

**Press release, December 4
Chad Griffith, Surf Life
Saving Central Coast**

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Cricket seconds 'miss out'

Umina District Cricket Club won in all but one playing grade in the last round, and has moved into fourth place in the championships.

Only the second grade team "missed out", the match being drawn "due to the pitch not being prepared", according to publicity officer Mr Mark Smith.

Highlights of the round include "a 68 not out by first grade captain Warwick Botfield to steer the Firsts home," Mr Smith said.

"Shane Burrstone's 4/20 on the first week in seconds was a great effort.

"In thirds, an outright victory sees the team leading the comp with outstanding performances by two of the juniors from under-16s who opened the batting to post a 100-run partnership.

"Lachlan O'Donnell went on to get his first 100 in senior cricket posting 112 not out.

"Nick Garnet the other under-16 opener scored another 43 after posting a century in the first game

of the year for thirds.

"Ryan Mathews bowled superbly for 6/30, ably supported by Michael Barry 2/27 and 3/59.

"In fourths, the side was bowled out for 45 but rolled the other mob for 40, with David Ford getting 5/18 and captain Steve Collins also getting 5/18.

"Fifth grade performed solidly with Doug Trigg getting 79 and under-16 player Kurt Pride 40.

"Nathan Roberts backed that up taking 5/56.

"In sixths, Liam Rumble starred with the ball for 3/41, but it was keeper Danny Dawes 102 not out who had the outstanding innings."

Results were:

1st Grade: Gosford 232, Greg Shirley 3/32, Mitchell Fiddock 2/21. Umina 6/240, Warwick Botfield 68*, Chris Clement 43, Ben Smith 40, Scott King 31*. First Innings win to Umina.

2nd Grade: Gosford 151, Shane Burrstone 4/20, Daniel Fiddock 2/13, Nathan Carmody-Smith 2/39. Umina 0/74. Match drawn due to unprepared pitch.

3rd Grade: *1st Innings:* Gosford 115, Ryan Mathews 6/30 Mick Barry 2/27. Umina 5/267 Dec, Lachlan O'Donnell 112*, James Archibald 45, Nick Garnet 43, Craig Brown 31 *2nd Innings:* Gosford 127, Mick Barry 3/59, Jason Crease 3/66. Outright win to Umina.

4th Grade: *1st Innings:* Umina 45. Gosford 40, David Ford 5/18, Steve Collins 5/18. *2nd Innings:* Umina 9/152 Dec, Steve Collins 37. Gosford 137, David Ford 3/50, Tim Knight 2/19, Steve Collins 2/21. Outright win to Umina.

5th Grade: Umina 249, Doug Trigg 79, Kurt Pride 40, John Fogarty 39. Gosford 197, Naithan Roberts 5/65, Greg Mathis 4/29. 1st Innings win to Umina.

6th Grade: Gosford 215, Liam Rumble 3/41, Rick Jones 2/2, Mark Bourke 2/31. Umina 3/231, Danny Dawes 102, Brenton Egan 61, Peter Jones 56*.

7th Grade: **BYE**

Press release, December 5
Mark Smith,
Umina District Cricket Club

Boys praised for rescue

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member Mr Scott Hannell has praised four young members of the club for their "calmness" and "maturity" in the rescue of two people at Caves Beach earlier this year.

"While at a club training camp earlier this year, four boys from the Ocean Beach Surf Club were involved in the rescue of two people at Caves Beach,"

"The boys, Wade Hannell, Blake Arahill, Jacob Mandy from the under-11 age group and Shaun Cole from the under-10s were enjoying a swim and a wave after a hectic weekend of training, when Shaun noticed two people in trouble.

"Shaun advised Wade of the situation at which Wade told Shaun to go and get help.

"Wade paddled his board out to the swimmers and along the way grabbed Jacob to come and help.

"Blake noticed the situation and grabbed Shaun's board to assist with the rescue.

"When Wade got to the swimmers, he noticed that there was a young boy and his mother. "The mother was ok but the boy was not doing too well and decided to try to get him on his board."

Mr Hannell said that, unable to get the boy on the board, Wade got into the water to lift him onto the board and by this time Blake had arrived to assist.

"Blake got onto Wade's board to help get the boy out of the water as quickly as possible," Mr Hannell said.

"Once they had the boy on the board, Blake started to paddle the boy back in.

"During this time, Jacob was with the child's mother reassuring her that everything was ok and allowing her to float on his board to get her breath.

"Blake, Jacob and Wade slowly paddled the pair back to shore.

"Meanwhile Shaun had run up the beach to raise the alarm and parents ran down to the beach to see what was happening."

Mr Hannell said two lifesavers from the Caves club swam out to assist, but the situation was "well and truly under control" by the time they had arrived.

"I have been involved with surf lifesaving for over 25 years and have never seen young boys act so calmly and maturely in the situation, they were in," Mr Hannell said.

"I think that it is a credit to them and to the movement that all the education, training does pay off, and that the future is in very capable hands.

"These boys are only nine and 10 years of age and have done something that most people are not even capable of doing."

Press release, November 23
Scott Hannell, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club



Ettalong oval

Lighting upgrade funds received

Ettalong Oval will receive \$25,000 in funding to upgrade lighting under the State Government's Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Program.

The request for lighting funds for Ettalong Oval was made by the Way Woy Rugby Union Club.

"This grants program provides

local sporting groups with up to 50 percent of the net project cost, with the value of voluntary labour and donated materials from the community included as part of the applicant organisation's contribution," said Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Press release, December 7
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Selected for Coast

Two "up and coming young stars" of the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Elyssia Gasparotto and Matthew Hurst, have been selected to represent the Central Coast.

They will compete at the Inter Branch Titles this month, according to Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club president Ms Robyn Carr.

"Elyssia from the under-12 age group has been paving the way in all water disciplines events this year," Ms Carr said.

"Competing in the Sydney Water series, Elyssia has been the dominant force with four first placing and two-second placing out of the six events she has contested.

"Matthew Hurst an under-13 competitor has also been a leader

in this year's competition.

"At the McMasters carnival, Matt made a clean sweep of all gold medals in the surf race, board race, iron man and swim teams and silver in the cameron relay.

"At North Avoca, Matt again picked up placing in the surf, board and iron man races as well as gold in the swim teams and board rescue.

"At the recent Kracka iron man event, Matt again took out the gold against the state's top competitors."

Ms Carr said both Elyssia and Matt would be part of a strong Inter Branch team selected "hoping to secure yet another win for the Central Coast".

Press release, November 23
Robyn Carr, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club

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