

Computer may model Ettalong town centre

Gosford Council has mooted the creation of a three-dimensional computer model of Ettalong's commercial district to help planners assess the impact of major developments.

The council resolved last week to consider allocating \$150,000 in its 2007/2008 budget for the development of a three-dimensional model of Terrigal town centre, with a 3D model of Ettalong expected to follow.

The report stated that redevelopment was occurring in parts of the city and a model of Ettalong and Terrigal central building districts would assist in the assessment process.

Gosford Cr Vicki Scott said she thought there was an equity problem.

"If we allocate this money for a Terrigal town centre than we need to look at other town centres like Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong," Cr Scott said.

Cr Terri Latella asked for a timeframe of the project, stating that there were developments already taking place in the Terrigal area that the imaging program could help with.

Cr Malcolm Brooks said that he had held a discussion with the staff on the timeframe and it as noted that they would have to refine some aspects of the modelling machine to launch one for Terrigal and then later for Ettalong.

Cr Brooks said the modelling machine would not be ready for tender for "two or three months".

Cr Craig Doyle praised the modelling machine, calling it an "excellent tool for planners and the community".

He said it was sometimes it was difficult to know how something was going to look.

"With a council-owned facility we would have the ability to identify what is permissible and

acceptable.

"I would be actively encouraging it.

"We are going to need these tools at the officers' command."

In 2002 council provided funding to the then Development and Planning Directorate to work in company with detail design computer modelling specialists to develop a three dimensional computer model of the town centre of Gosford at a cost of \$100,000.

The purpose of the model was to aid planning staff in the assessment of the impact of major developments.

A report to council from Cr Brooks stated that the modelling system was accurate to within 100mm and allowed staff to accurately assess the impact of shadow, bulk and scale, view impact and streetscape appearance to a degree not possible with conventional plans and photographs.

The model allowed a full fly through of the proposed structure and an assessment from any angle or level.

Cr Brooks said it had been a wonderful tool for staff and the Gosford CBD Committee that allowed a highly-accurate representation of a building to be constructed, and was also easily understood by the general public.

Cr Brooks said the model had been used to demonstrate the impact of buildings in court cases and in presentations to interest groups and had proved to be "highly valued".

The report stated that "currently redevelopment is occurring in other parts of the city and a model of Ettalong and Terrigal CBDs would assist in the assessment process".

It stated that funds were required to develop a model for firstly Terrigal and ultimately Ettalong to allow further assessments of the impacts of development.

**Council agenda NM.1,
23 Jan 2007**



Council pursues disabled access

Gosford Council is continuing to seek improvements to the disabled access at the Pavilion centre, Woy Woy, according to a recent council staff report.

Petitioners had asked council last November for disabled access to the Pavilion Centre.

A disabled access ramp has been constructed on the Pavilion

forecourt, but it does not align with the road.

The petition had nine signatures.

Council's education and compliance unit has now sent a letter to the petitioners telling them that, following "lengthy negotiations" between the parties, the Deepwater Plaza owners eventually refused to allow the

kerb ramp to be constructed.

The letter stated that the footway was located on private property within the Pavilion property but the kerb component was located within the Deepwater Plaza property adjacent to the side boundary.

It stated that the Pavilion owners were unaware that the kerb was not within their property.

Council agenda P.66, 9 Jan 2007

Pipeline location to be determined

Gosford Council has authorised its General Manager Mr Peter Wilson to determine the location of a pipeline in the area of Woy Woy South Public School.

Council is currently preparing to construct pipelines for the purpose of conveying groundwater to a treatment plant at council's Woy Woy Depot.

One of the water lines was designed to go through the grounds of Woy Woy South Public School.

Council had stated it would be necessary for it to acquire an easement for the pipeline.

Staff were considering two proposals to deliver the raw water

to the filtration plant.

One proposal was to lay a pipeline through the school site while the other was to lay a pipeline within the road reserve adjacent to the school.

The location that crossed the school was considered by officers to be the better option because the pipeline would be a shorter length and would avoid public utilities, drainage structures, traffic control and the need to restore the road pavement.

Officers also stated that the construction costs would be less than the cost to lay the pipeline within the road reserve.

Council had asked the Department of Education to grant

a licence to install the pipeline, with negotiations with the department currently in the early stages.

Council officers stated that it was not known whether the department would grant the easement by transfer, or require council to compulsorily acquire the easement with its consent.

Council would have to pay market value for the easement.

Following costing of both alternatives, including acquisition costs, a decision would then be made as to the location of the pipeline.

A land valuer would be appointed to advise on market value.

**Council agenda COR.13,
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Yellow edgelines for Fisherman's Parade

Painted yellow edgeline markings, reinforced with No Stopping signs, will be provided on the reconstructed section of Fishermans Parade, Daleys Point, according to a recent report to Gosford Council.

Council's project implementation unit had asked for a review of a linemarking plan for the proposed upgrading of Fishermans Parade.

Road reconstruction was proposed over a length of 330

metres at the eastern end of Fishermans Parade which would result in a single lane carriageway with several passing bays.

The design plans indicated that a No Stopping restriction was to be applied to the passing bays as well as along both sides of the reconstructed section of road so that traffic flow was not hampered.

The council report stated that the preferred method was to install a continuous painted yellow edgeline on both sides of the carriageway

to delineate the No Stopping restriction.

It stated that the RTA had advised that yellow edgeline markings needed to be reinforced by No Stopping signs to enable enforcement of the parking restriction.

Council officers stated that a letterbox drop to local residents would explain the changed traffic conditions and the law pertaining to the proposed parking restriction.

Council agenda TR.06.120, 9 Jan 2007

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Lyle Stone, 29 Jan 2007

Lifeboat is commissioned

The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol has commissioned a new lifeboat.

The accredited Category 1

lifeboat will be used to patrol Woy Woy Bay, Brisbane Water, Broken Bay and the Kincumber Broadwater.

The plate aluminium 5.95m vessel was officially named and launched at the Patrol's Point Clare Base on January 13, and is now ready for operational duties.

Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein has congratulated the patrol.

"The Central Coast Division raised \$93 000 to purchase the vessel with help from the community, a proud result for the people of the Central Coast," he said.

Press release, 13 Jan 2007
Chris Holsten,
Liberal candidate for Gosford

Gosford Council has resolved to remove No Parking signs adjacent to Wagstaffe Hall on Mulhall St.

Cr Terri Latella and the Wagstaffe Progress Association had asked for their removal as it was "no longer applicable to the needs of the hall committee".

Council officers held a meeting on-site with members of the committee to discuss the signs, at which Busways raised the issue of bus turning manoeuvres in Mulhall St.

Busways was advised that the future upgrading of the area would consider the requirements for a bus turning facility.

Since the meeting, Busways asked for a timed No Stopping zone adjacent to the hall to assist with bus turning movements.

Council resolved not to take any action towards providing timed No Stopping signs as an interim measure, prior to the future upgrading of this section of Mulhall St.

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Pearl Beach omitted

Organisers of the Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum have complained that a Peninsula News report last edition omitted the words Pearl Beach from its title.

Pearl Beach Soprano Ms Michael Archer will be performing at the event in March.

Ms Archer is also one of the main organisers.

Lyle Stone, 29 Jan 2007

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Eight parks to lose play equipment

Gosford Council plans to remove playground equipment from eight pocket parks on the Peninsula.

It plans to retain, upgrade or replace equipment at 19 other Peninsula parks.

Of these, 14 are pocket parks. One is "local", three are "suburban" and another is "precinct".

It also plans to create a new "suburban" playground on the Ettalong waterfront.

The plans are Playground Committee recommendations for inclusion in the Playgrounds Strategy, which is expected to be adopted by Council for public exhibition in March.

The policy is expected to remove playground equipment from Panorama Park, Wallaby Reserve, Stoney Reserve and pocket parks in Brisbane Ave, Dulkara Ave, Paul

St, Carrington Ave, and at Umina Surf Club.

Equipment at suburban parks at Patonga Caravan Park, Pelican Park and Lions Park, as well as pocket parks at Australia Ave, Florida Ave, Vernon Park, Patonga waterfront and Pearl Beach waterfront will be retained.

Play equipment will be replaced in pocket parks at Lemon Grove, Lentara Rd and Pearl Beach tennis courts.

Upgrades will occur at pocket parks at Stanley St, Trafalgar Ave, W Lloyd Reserve, Nambucca Dr, Ettalong oval and Turo Reserve, Pearl Beach.

Upgrades will occur to create a "local park" at Correa Bay and to create a major "precinct park" at Umina oval.

Gosford Council's acting coordinator of parks and waterways, Mr Terry Arnold, said the policy would go to council

the second week in March for its adoption, and then it would go on public exhibition for six weeks if the council accepted it.

He said it would then go back to the committee to have a look at submissions.

The draft would then be made into a full document and would go to council for its acceptance.

Mr Arnold confirmed that a change of staff had occurred.

He said that submissions and answers to questionnaires made previously were not lost, although initially they had not been forwarded on to him.

He said he had since seen them and they would be taken them into consideration.

He said it would be a "very good outcome" if the policy was accepted.

Lyle Stone, Mark Snell, 25 Jan 2007

Save woodland, says Latella

Gosford councillor Terri Latella has called on Gosford Council to save Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy from development.

"The site is one of a few that has been listed by the NSW Scientific Committee in December 2002 as an Endangered Ecological Community under the Threatened Species Conservation Act as it is considered likely to become extinct in nature if threatening processes such as urban development are allowed," Cr Latella said in a media release last week.

"The current threat is a

development proposal for an aged care facility.

"The proposal may result in removal and modification of part of the remnant Umina Coastal Sandplain community.

"The NSW Scientific Committee has recommended that the site be protected from development and be nominated for national listing.

"A recent Land and Environment Court decision in 2006 has also acknowledged the environmental significance of this site and its protection."

Cr Latella said it was vital that the significance of the remnant woodland was understood and that development resulting in

its destruction should not be supported.

Press release, 25 Jan 2007
Terri Latella,
Central Coast Greens

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Faced with this crisis, myself and my fellow Central Coast Liberal candidates along with Liberal Leader Peter Debnam recently sat down with local council representatives, environmental groups, tourism operators and water experts and listened to their suggestions.

After much consideration and planning, this week Peter Debnam and myself along with the other Liberal Candidates for the Central Coast announced our \$132 million plan to drought proof the Central Coast within three years.

In addition to the Tillegga Dam, the NSW Liberal/Nationals Coalition will deliver a comprehensive \$132 million Central Coast Water Plan to droughtproof the Central Coast within three years.

We have listened to the desperate cries for help and have developed a plan that will ease the water crisis much sooner than Labor's 10 year plan.

Our comprehensive Central Coast Water Plan involves the following:

1. \$80m for the completion of a Central Coast Regional Water Grid through construction of the Lower Wyong and Mardi to Mangrove Transfer System including upgrading of pumping stations and the construction of a pipeline from Mardi Dam to Mangrove Creek Dam – to be commenced immediately and completed within three years.

Construction of this 'missing link' will complete a Central Coast Regional Water Grid between the dams of the Central Coast, maximising the size of the available water catchment and increasing storage options.

The Water Transfer System will enable water harvested from Ourimbah Creek and Wyong River during high flows to be temporarily stored at Mardi Dam before being transferred to the larger capacity Mangrove Dam. This will significantly increase the Central Coast water catchment from 101 square kilometres to 456 square kilometres.

2. A \$20m Central Coast Water Infrastructure Fund for large-scale stormwater harvesting and water recycling projects on the Central Coast, with matching funding to be sought from the Central Coast local government authorities and the Commonwealth on a 1/3 each basis.

3. A \$1500 Rainwater Tank Rebate for all households who purchase a rainwater tank with a capacity of 2000 litres or greater and connect it to their toilet and/or washing machine. This will be in addition to the existing rebate provided by Gosford and Wyong Councils for Central Coast residents. The additional \$1500 rebate will be provided upfront under a special pilot scheme to pay the rebate direct to registered suppliers.

4. \$2m for installation of rainwater tanks in all state government buildings on the Central Coast.

5. Protection of the security of the Central Coast's water supply by ensuring no mining is allowed to threaten the Central Coast water catchment area.

6. Declaration of a State of Emergency and appointment of Central Coast Water Commissioner to cut through the bureaucracy and red tape so we can ensure our projects are completed and our Central Coast Water Plan is fully implemented as a matter of urgency.

Only a change of Government will deliver the funding and commitment needed to droughtproof the Central Coast.

Regards
Chris Holstein

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Ask councillors to save rare bush

Last week I saw a glossy black cockatoo on the Catholic site on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St Woy Woy.

It has a distinctive low-pitched call, and its tail is bright red.

I've recorded these birds several times in this vicinity, feeding on casuarina trees like the ones on the Catholic land.

Not many people have seen this rare cockatoo which is vulnerable to extinction.

And sometimes people confuse it with the yellow-tailed black cockatoo, which has a loud wailing cry.

This week I heard the barking owl again just a few hundred metres from this site.

This owl is also listed as vulnerable to extinction.

I've recorded it in this vicinity over a hundred times in the last two and a half years.

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Outrigger Beach?

Concerning the Ettalong Peninsula name, Ettalong is hardly a Peninsula, that is, nearly surrounded by water.

Ettalong Beach has always been the name as long as I can remember.

If they want to highlight the Outrigger Resort, then how about Outrigger Beach or Hale's Harbour.

As Gosford has given the name Marketown the flick, perhaps we could name the eastern part of Ettalong, Marketown.

Former mayor Don Leggett is credited with officially adopting the name Woy Woy Peninsula.

It has a nice ring to it.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

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Its favoured habitat is vegetation along watercourses, and so the Catholic site is ideal territory.

Its prey includes small mammals like bandicoots.

Because these animals will be destroyed by this development, the barking owl's food supply will decrease.

A month ago I saw a bush stone curlew nearby.

Other wildlife facing extinction have also been recorded on this site or nearby, eg swift parrot, grey-headed flying fox, regent honeyeater, powerful owl, turquoise parrot.

Last April night walkers would have heard the grey-headed flying foxes as they fed on the Catholic

site's tree blossoms.

The DA to build luxury retirement villas here is due to come before Council's first meeting in February.

This is the second DA by this developer to Council, with the first one having been rejected by the Land and Environment Court.

Council spent many thousands of dollars to have the development proposal rejected.

This site comprises the endangered plant community of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW).

With only 12 sites left in the world, this development is a threat to its survival.

And because this is one of the larger UCSW remnants, its protection and restoration is significant.

As Justice Bignold said in his determination, with so little UCSW left, any fragment is significant.

I urge readers to ask Gosford Councillors to vote against this development.

I am happy for them to cut out and send a copy of this letter with their request, and to contact me on 4341 9301 for further details.

Shirley Hotchkiss
Umina

Lack of statistics no surprise

It's not a surprise to read that crime statistics are not available (Peninsula News, January 16).

Politicians and bureaucrats love the game of cover up.

They follow Lord Acton's dictum of fool them and tell them nothing.

During the term of the Askin government, a police sergeant gave the newspapers the correct crime figures, and he was belittled and persecuted for his civic mindedness.

To control crime we need zero

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tolerance on the streets and stern penalties for anti-social crimes, as arson, treason, gang-warfare, gun violence etc.

On this day in 1787, the British parliament decided to ship their excess crims to Australia.

In that time, as today, crime is caused by poverty, drugs and urgers.

We can do something about poverty and drugs, but you can't do much about urgers.

I mean, you can't send them all to parliament.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

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Why not give us the wharf?

Why not give us the wharf anyway, whether a fast ferry happens or not?

The operators will come eventually.

The idea of a wharf and ferry service was born out of the dreadful

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fires of 1993 when the whole of the Peninsula was cut off from all services.

Brian Collis
Empire Bay

No action on water in 16 years

In Cr Chris Holstein's latest political column on our water crisis, he tells us: "Someone needs to get on with the job of the fixing the problem."

Well, isn't that ironic.

He's been a Gosford councillor for 16 years, in the position of mayor for four years and on the Gosford-Wyong Water Authority.

During all of that time, he did absolutely nothing to plan our future by conserving water.

He did nothing other than transfer funds from the water-sewerage account to pay for the blowouts on the Gosford Stadium.

And the plan to build a pump station at the Upper Wyong River to supply our dam never eventuated

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in the 16 years he has been on council.

But what is breathtaking is that Cr Holstein criticises the State government for having a plan to build the Tillega Dam and laments that it won't be operational until 2013.

Well, that is what's called "planning for the future".

For Cr Holstein to accuse the State Government of "failing to address the water crisis and has failed to plan and refusing to act" is just comical.

Jillian Donald
Umina Beach

Our own Golden Gate?

It's a pity Spike Milligan isn't alive to see it.

Woy Woy has a Fisherman's Wharf, a Memorial Park, a Council Chambers, Australia's largest railway tunnel and railway ramp, the only shark fatality and now, on Brisbane Water Drive, a miniature Golden Gate Bridge.

Also, the Oyster Depuration Plant at Koolewong, is close enough to Woy Woy, so it has the potential for

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some public spirited citizen to turn it into an Opera House.

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Awards for local heroes

The winners of the Gosford Australia Day Community Awards were announced on Friday, January 19, at a special ceremony at Central Coast Leagues Club.

Ten "local heroes" were selected from various categories on the night and three of those awards were presented to residents of the Peninsula.

Barbara and John Hickey, Carley Chapman and Shelley Smith received awards for their achievement in their chosen field.

Mr and Mrs Hickey of Woy Woy received the Cultural Community Award for their contribution to bringing live theatre to the Peninsula for over 45 years.

The husband and wife team were "totally overwhelmed" with

their award and attribute their hard work and dedication to a "love of theatre".

"We have spent a long time building the theatre to what it is today and it is all thanks to our mutual love of theatre," Mrs Hickey said.

"We could not have done it without the utmost support from the Peninsula community and theatre committee who have been along the same journey in trying to save the theatre."

Umina Beach local Carley Chapman was "ecstatic" when she received the disability award for her continued passion and achievements in sport.

Eighteen year old Carley, affected by down syndrome has not let her disability stop her from competing at the Special Olympic

State titles in swimming, tennis and 10-pin bowling.

Carley's mum Jenni said she is extremely proud of what her daughter has achieved at such a young age.

"It all came as such a huge surprise, but we are just so happy and proud of what Carley has achieved in her sport and to be recognised for that is just great," said Mrs Chapman.

Also from Umina Beach, 24-year-old Shelley Smith received the young person award for her contribution to Surf Life Saving.

Shelley is club captain of Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club and has been with the club for 18

years.

Shelley's dedication to Life Saving was recognised after being chosen as one of 33 people to attend the 2006 Surf Life Saving Australia National Leadership Development Camp.

Shelley said she was "totally shocked" by her nomination.

"To be nominated was such a great honour but to receive the award... it was unbelievable," Shelley said.

"I just want to thank all my friends and family for their support in what I love doing, without them I couldn't have done it."

Clare Graham, 24 Jan 2007



Disability Community Awards winner Ms Carley Chapman



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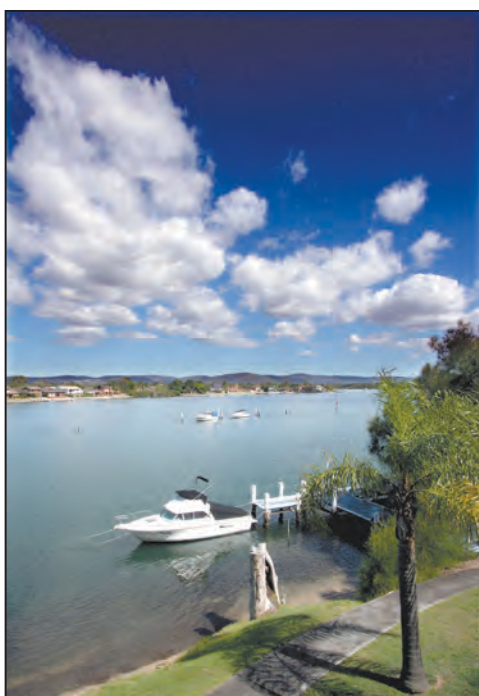
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Funds to pump groundwater

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The funds will be used to install a bore water system, spear pump, treatment tank and storage tanks to provide a water source to keep its gardens growing.

The project will also provide water to the laundry, a water-intensive activity in nursing homes.

The project is expected to save 3.5 million litres of drinking water a year.

Minister for Water Utilities Mr David Campbell and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews visited the Hammond Care Group nursing

home recently to inspect the planned works.

Ms Andrews said Level 4 water restrictions had taken their toll on the nursing home's garden, despite it recently winning the "Best Nursing Home Display Maintained by Residents" Award from Gosford Council.

"The residents of Hammond Care will soon be enjoying healthy gardens again with this project to tap into bore water to provide an alternative water source for irrigation and laundry washing," Ms Andrews said.

"This is just one project to receive support from the lemma Government, which has shown an ongoing commitment to protecting the Central Coast's water supply.

"While the management of water on the Coast is the responsibility of Gosford and Wyong Councils, the lemma Government has shown time and time again it will stand alongside local families in finding solutions to our water crisis."

"The Hammond Care Group is one of 25 projects on the Central Coast to share in \$2.9 million from the \$135 million Water Savings Fund, saving a total of 517 million litres of water a year," Mr Campbell said.

Press release, 25 Jan 2007
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

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Self-help group for rehabilitation

A new self-help group called SMART Recovery, for people who wish to recover from their alcohol and drug dependencies, will start at Woy Woy on Friday, February 2.

SMART stands for Self Management and Recovery Training.

"The SMART Recovery program has been running in the USA for 15 years," said organiser Ms Carolyn Carter.

"It was trialled by St Vincent's Hospital Drug and Alcohol Service in Sydney in 2002. "In 2004, the service set up SMART Recovery groups in Sydney and NSW with the help of a grant from the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation.

"There are now over 35 SMART groups running across Sydney and

NSW.

"SMART Recovery is peer-managed with the help of two volunteer co-facilitators.

"The program teaches practical skills to help people with their problems enabling them to abstain and achieve a healthy lifestyle balance.

"The focus is on group members helping themselves and each other."

The meetings will start at 9am and finish at 10.30am at the Peninsula Community Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, until further notice.

For further information, please contact the Alcohol and Drug Information Service on 1800 422 599.

No booking is required to attend the group.

Press release, 19 Jan 2007
Carolyn Carter, SMART Recovery

Workshops are planned

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has a new program for 2007 with lots of new groups and activities for Peninsula women, according to health worker Ms Kate Bradfield.

The centre will be holding several workshops over the next two weeks including Heath Hand and Nail Care, Puppy Love, Self Love, Speakwell and Reflexology.

The Healthy Hand and Nail Care workshop will teach participants how to look after and care for their hands and nails.

The Puppy Love workshop will teach participants how to "think and speak" dog, and how to train their dog well.

Participants in the Self Love workshop will explore meditation and self awareness.

Those attending the Speakwell workshop will learn how to be a confident public speaker.

The Reflexology workshop will teach participants the self-help practice of improving general health by stimulating points on the hands and feet.

For more information on any of the workshops or for a copy of this year's program, contact the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 4342 5905 or drop in to the centre at 20a McMaster Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 24 Jan 2007
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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Residents recognised in honours list

Peninsula residents Patrick Bright and Peter Lazar were recognised for their contribution and service to fellow citizens in this year's Australia Day Honours List.

Mr Bright and Mr Lazar joined 577 citizens nationally to receive an award in the Order of Australia.

Mr Bright of Blackwall was recognised for his service to veterans and their families through the Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia (VVAA) and the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Veterans Association of NSW (TPINSW).

Following confirmation of his award just after Christmas, Mr Bright said he was overwhelmed to have received such an honour.

"The award was totally unexpected... way out of left field," Mr Bright said.

"Unfortunately I had to keep my award under wraps until Australia Day, so my family got a big surprise when they found out on the day which was great.

"Of course, I could not have received such an honour without the help of a good team of people, including my family.

"It is with the help of others that you can achieve so much for people who are not receiving the entitlements they deserve."

As president of TPINSW, Mr Bright has spent the last 25 years fighting for the rights of returned Vietnam servicemen and their families who continue to receive no government assistance.

"Our mission at TPINSW is to

ensure the general welfare of all members and their recognized carers," Mr Bright said.

Mr Bright has lived on the Central Coast for 17 years and "love[s] the Peninsula for its coastal outlook and friendly atmosphere".

Pearl Beach resident Mr Peter Lazar was recognized for his service to business in Australia and to the community through aged care, health, cultural and social welfare organisations.

"I am completely honoured to have been even considered for such an award," Mr Lazar said.

"It is nice to be recognised for your life achievements when so many people do as much and more and never get the recognition they might deserve.

Grateful for the support from friends and family, Mr Lazar considers himself "a very lucky man to be an Australian citizen".

"I arrived in Australia in 1939 from Austria just before the beginning of the Holocaust.

"Although it was difficult fitting into a community who considered you a Nazi because you happened to live in Europe during that time, I tried to overcome it.

"I ended up appreciating my place as an Australian citizen while racial tensions slowly faded."

Mr Lazar moved to the Peninsula area 20 years ago having fallen in love with Pearl Beach after a holiday there several years earlier.

"It was the special nature and special community that drew my family and I to this area of the coast," said Mr Lazar.

"I enjoy the peace and quiet of

the village and appreciate how the community works together on small matters such as maintaining the dense tree cover.

"I think the seclusion and natural surroundings of Pearl Beach are what make it so unique.

As part of his ongoing work with oral health, Mr Lazar contributed to the future fluoridation of water in the Gosford Council area.

"After its success in Sydney and its contribution to improving dental health, I was extremely happy at the success we have had in bringing the Central Coast fluoridated water," Mr Lazar said.

"Oral health has become one of my greatest interests and being able to help out my local community is such an honour."

Clare Graham, 24 Jan 2007

Holstein wants GPS for ambulances

Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein has claimed a call by Shadow Minister for Health Ms Jillian Skinner's for all emergency ambulances to be fitted with GPS units would benefit the Peninsula.

The statement followed the tragic death of a man last week after the ambulance sent to his aid got lost.

Cr Holstein said the technology was especially important with an aging Peninsula population.

"A NSW Liberal-Nationals Government will fit all emergency ambulances with GPS units," Mrs Skinner said.

"It's hard to believe that this Government hasn't already.

"Only 45 vehicles are currently fitted with GPS technology.

Cr Holstein said: "The people of NSW and especially on the Woy Woy Peninsula where there is a high elderly population really need this kind of technology to be common place in ambulances.

"It is unbelievable that ambulances speeding to sick patients still must rely on street directories or two-way radio and mobile data terminals."

Press release, 15 Jan 2007

Chris Holstein,
Liberal Candidate for Gosford

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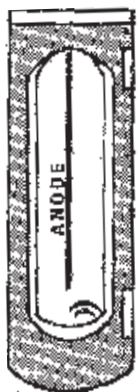
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The monster garage sale at Pearl Beach

Sale was ‘a success’

The Pearl Beach Monster Garage Sale held on January 13 and 14 was a terrific success, according to Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

“A huge crowd of shoppers came from all over the Central Coast,”

Ms Lillico said.

The garage sale was to raise funds for the community hall planned building extensions which include disabled toilets and ramps into the hall.

“The fantastic support of the community in supplying items for the sale, the volunteer organisers and the volume of bargain hunting

shoppers who crowded the hall for the one and a half day sale combined to deliver a great result,” Ms Lillico said.

“The final dollar contribution to the building fund will certainly help too accelerate the construction program.”

Press release, 15 Jan 2007
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Orange backing provided

Gosford Council has resolved to provide orange backing boards to enhance the children’s crossing warning signs on the approach to St John the Baptist Primary School in Veron Rd, Umina Beach.

The school’s P&F association had asked for improvements to the crossing, which had been installed in accordance with the standards, according to council’s traffic

committee.

Members of the P&F said that some enhancement of the crossing was necessary due to its location at a slight crest in Veron Rd.

Council’s traffic committee stated that orange backing boards at the existing children’s crossing warning signs would enhance motorists’ awareness on the approach to the crossing.

Council agenda TR.06.118,
9 Jan 2007

Rain is down by half

The Peninsula has received less than half its average monthly rainfall in falls recorded until January 26.

Figures recorded by Mr Jim Morrison of Hillview St, Woy Woy, show a total of 45.7mm for the month, compared to an average of 103.1mm.

A fall of 25.8mm, just over an

inch, was recorded on January 24 and was the largest single fall for a month.

The previous largest fall was 32mm on Christmas day.

Rain was recorded on only six days of the month, with no rain being recorded for a stretch of 18 days between January 5 and 24.

Mark Snell, 26 Jan 2007

Bus zone to be lengthened

Gosford Council has resolved to adjust the western end of the bus zone on the northern side of Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, to improve bus accessibility.

Busways had asked that the length of the bus zone fronting Centrelink be extended so that buses can park parallel with the kerb.

Council officers stated that the bus zone was at a mid-block location and the existing length of 19.5 metres was “insufficient” for buses to manoeuvre to and from the kerb.

Officers stated that an extension of the bus zone to 25 metres would accommodate bus movements at this location.

Council agenda TR.06.107,
9 Jan 2007

Median island is approved

A median island in Haynes Ave and intersection improvements at Lone Pine Ave have been approved for construction by Gosford Council.

The Umina Beach traffic facilities projects were submitted to council’s traffic committee for endorsement.

A change of intersection priority at Kendall Rd, Rickard Rd, Empire Bay, was also approved.

The projects, already adopted by council, had since been subjected to a public consultation process, as a means of informing affected local residents of the proposed actions.

The local residents raised “no major objections” regarding the projects.

Other projects in Kariong, Narara, East Gosford, Green Point and Wyoming were also approved.

Council agenda TR.06.114,
9 Jan 2007

New bus zone

Gosford Council has resolved to provide a bus zone near the change room facilities on the western side of Pretty Beach Rd, south of Pretty Beach Primary School.

The area would be a bus zone between 8.30am and 9am on school days.

Busways had asked that the bus zone be provided.

Council agenda TR.06.105,
9 Jan 2007



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The Woy Woy Environment Centre, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Environmental talks at centre

Talks on a variety of topics will be held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre over coming months.

Topics will include kayaking, water saving, native plants of the Peninsula and community and environment.

Other events at the centre will include a visit to a sustainable home and a Local Exchange Trading System trading day.

An introduction to local kayaking will be given on March 3 by Ocean Planet owner Mr Wayne Langmaid.

Suggestions to residents about how to cut water use will be given on March 17 by Mr Dave McCarthy of Living Clean.

Local native flower photographer Mark Snell and horticulturalist Mark Snodgrass of Organic Matters will speak about native plants of the Peninsula on April 21.

The talk is for anyone interested in local native flora, and those keen to help preserve local biodiversity by planting threatened local species in their garden.

Community involvement in environmental projects will be the theme of a talk given on May 5 by

Ian Sutton of Equilibrium Ecological Services and Phil Blight of the indigenous Earth Light Project.

Peter Meloy will lead a field trip of his energy-efficient sustainable home in Bensville on May 19.

The event is free but bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Zainem Ibrahim on 4342 6589.

A Local Exchange Trading System (LETS) trading day will be held on June 2.

LETS is a community based trading system that enables members to trade without using money.

Trades can include anything from massage to gardening to home-grown vegetables.

Non-members are welcome.

More information on LETS is available from Korina Ivatt on 4344 6185.

All talks start at 10.30am, are free and last one hour.

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is located in the Old St Luke's Church, 267 Blackwall Rd, on the corner of Billabong St.

Press release, 25 Jan 2007

Mark Mann,

Woy Woy Environment Centre

Gosford Council officers have been asked to get up-to-date traffic movements, pedestrian numbers and the crash history for the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave by council's traffic committee.

The data would then be made available to the committee to "assist in the assessment of options of improving safety at the intersection".

The Australian Labor Party Woy Woy Branch had asked that the existing pedestrian crossing be replaced with traffic signals.

Application for HACC office

Gosford Council has resolved to approve the lodgement of a development application (DA) for an extension to an existing office within the Home and Community Care Cottage, 89 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Council officers said the proposed addition to the office would be 3.6 metres wide by 7.6 metres long (27m²) and would be "sympathetic with the existing office".

The cost of the extension is \$20,000.

The cottage serves as office space for the Gosford Home Modification and Maintenance community project, jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments and administered by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care under the Home and Community Care Program.

Council has also resolved to waive any fees associated with the lodgement of the DA.

Council agenda COM.1, 23 Jan 2007

Statistics sought for Lone Pine intersection

A council report stated that the RTA currently had no proposals for traffic signals on Ocean Beach Rd at Lone Pine Ave.

Following the collection of data,

the matter will be referred back to the traffic committee for further consideration.

Council agenda TR.06.109, 9 Jan 2007

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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, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

MOW, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd. **NPWS**, National Parks & Wildlife Service, www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au, 4320 4205

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach 4342 1459 **PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, **BFC**

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

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

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

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

Third Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, **UCH**

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

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-

12.45pm, enq: 4369 2034

Judo 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Latin Salsa Dance** 8pm, **School for Learning/Seniors - 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/Seniors 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, **School for Learning/Seniors** 9am; **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

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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**

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

New staff at dance studio

New teaching staff have joined Peninsula Dance, according to its principal Ms Wendy Ellis

"Rowena Fitzgibbon joins us after her time in the United Kingdom completing her BA (Honours) in Performing Arts.

"Rowena is an ex student of the studio who is excited to be teaching dance and drama back where it all began.

"Katie Ellis will again be teaching dance and drama this year.

"Katie has had experience dancing overseas as well as acting in film and more recently appeared on Home and Away.

"Katie is a fully qualified dance teacher and has studied acting at the Actors College in Sydney.

"We will also be adding a male teacher, Nat Backhouse, to the studio.

"Nat is one of the studios outstanding talents in dance, acting and singing and will be taking boys only jazz-hip hop classes.

"This is great for all those boys who want to take dance class but feel intimidated in a normal class environment."

Wendy Ellis said the group's students continued to compete in

local eisteddfods and undertook dance examinations in ballet, tap and modern every year "gaining excellent results".

"We are about to launch our new website which will help keep parents informed on what is going on at the studio via the internet on www.jumpstreet.com.au," Ms Ellis said.

"This will be available early February and will feature the many exciting projects the studio is involved with."

Last year saw a "bigger than ever year" for Peninsula Dance, which merged its talents with the students of Jump Street to form one of the "strongest growing schools on the coast in dance, acting and singing", according to Ms Ellis.

The studio operates from the Peninsula Community Centre where it has its own fully equipped air-conditioned studio.

"Our showgroup once again performed at Dreamworld and Seaworld as well as other local venues, which included some very exciting professional work for our more advanced students," Ms Ellis said.

**Press release, 24 Jan 2007
Wendy Ellis, Peninsula Dance**



Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen

Laycock shows come to Peninsula

Four Laycock Street Theatre productions will be hosted at the Peninsula Theatre

this year, according to marketing officer Ms Lisa Kelly.

"Theatre lovers from the Peninsula now have a special reason to become a subscriber in Laycock Street Theatre's 2007 Performance Season," Ms Kelly said.

"The four subscriber shows include HIT Productions' 'Love Child', a dramatic production starring Amanda Muggleton that tells the compelling story about a reconciliation between a mother and the daughter she gave away at birth."

The production will run from March 15 to 17.

"On May 23, 'Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen' will return to the Peninsula after a sellout concert in 2006," Ms Kelly said.

"This internationally acclaimed cabaret noir group offer a unique sound and a performance that bristles with humour, pathos and

beauty.

"On July 18, 'A Tribute to Danny Kaye', written and performed by Russell Fletcher, explores the life and struggles of comedian Danny Kaye.

"Greg Riddell accompanies Fletcher on piano in this sing-along, laugh-a-minute riot.

"The final Performance Season show to be hosted at Woy Woy on October 5 and 6 is another comedy, a Smith and Fairley production from Critical Stages called 'Bangers & Mash'.

"Described as thigh-slapping comedic genius, Bangers explores the 30-something dilemma of single life, house-sharing and avoiding life-changing decisions."

**Press release, 18 Jan 2007
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre**

Range of folk events planned

Troubadour Central Coast folk club will hold a range of events, including blackboard concerts and sessions, a Patonga campout and a performance at Peninsula Theatre, over coming months.

A blackboard concert and session will be held on February 11 at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy.

The theme for February will be "A Song for Billy Rea".

"Sing a song or poem that Billy would have liked, sung, or a song or poem about Billy," publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"This would cover most acoustic music."

The concert will start at 3pm and all are welcome to the event.

Entry is \$5 and tea, coffee and afternoon tea are provided.

A Patonga campout and musical session will be held on March 17 and 18 at Patonga.

Ms Desborough said the campout and session would be a repeat of last year's event which was "a wonderful weekend with lots of music and fun for everyone".

"Please let us know if you would be interested by emailing mail. info@troubadour.org.au."

The Wheeze and Suck Band will be performing at the Peninsula Theatre on Saturday, March 31, at 7.30pm.

"The Wheeze and Suck Band

entertain with their traditional English themed performance," Ms Desborough said.

"These costumed 'mad hatters' sing rousing songs and soulful ballads in exquisite four-part harmony and play high energy instrumentals and dance tunes which often lead to audience participation and revelry.

"Accompanying the band will be a special display of English Morris dancing."

Tickets are on sale at Peninsula Music at Woy Woy or from the Troubadour by phoning 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission or \$20 concession.

Another blackboard concert and session will be held on April 15 at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy.

The theme is yet to be advised. "Come along and listen or sign up to perform," Ms Desborough said.

Entry to the event is \$5. For more information on either of the blackboard events, contact 4342 9099.

**Press release, 16 Jan 2007
Leila Desborough,
Troubadour Central Coast**

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Business as usual, despite the warnings

In NSW "many coastal councils have traditionally been little more than subsidized development clubs," says Professor Brendan Gleeson, the director of the urban research program at Griffith University.

He has certainly hit the nail on the head when one looks at the Central Coast.

Despite dire warnings about global warming, shortage of water, the vulnerability of our coastline and polarization of our society, it is business as usual.

We seem to only face our problems when they reach crisis point e.g. insufficient water for the increasing population.

We only consider greening our streets in an effort to keep up with the Jones's [Japanese], not because of any true commitment.

We are clearing the bush around us at an alarming rate and covering the area with concrete, seemingly unable to see the

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connection between this and climate change and the shortage of rain and/or flooding or silting of our waterways.

We hasten to dig bores on the Peninsula, at the same time as we continue to kerb and gutter and remove trees on this same sand-spit.

We endeavour to remove any small parks within easy walking distance and thus force people into their cars and onto the roads, seeing no connection with unhealthy children, traffic jams and accidents, quite apart from the unnecessary use of depleting fossil fuels.

We rush to build de-salination plants as a quick, easy option, disregarding the expense and the enormous use of energy.

As a distraction, there is talk of building another dam and power station; in fact it is anything to prevent people from facing the reality of the problems which face us and the planet.

Is it Utopian to hope for some new power brokers; people who

are ahead of the pack and well informed; real leaders, instead of the present lot, who think only of money and development and retaining power?

If a Council can make a real difference in Bega, why not here?

Why can our new surf clubs not generate their own electricity?

Why can buildings like the Outrigger and the future Tesrol Development, at Ettalong, not collect their own water to top up their swimming pools and cover them, to stop evaporation.

Why use our town water when we are facing Level 5 water restrictions?

Businesses as well as we, the general public, must learn to curtail our needs and be responsible for our own energy and water requirements.

It is surely only by treading more lightly on this planet now, that we can hope for any future for our children.

Have we all forgotten that many great civilizations before us have come and gone?

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Give up or throw up?

Though children have only half the brain, they can still tell the difference between the sweetness of a mango and the sugared pap of junk food.

Also they can suss out the difference of a well-balanced, home-cooked meal and the sludged fat of take-away.

Parents should, as part of their duties, ensure that their children eat the correct food.

So it comes as a rather nasty shock to learn that Coca-Cola is bank-rolling the NSW Scout Jamboree.

One doesn't know whether to give up or throw up.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

Contributions

The Forum page/s presents an opportunity for Peninsula Residents to have their say. Any opinions expressed on the forum page/s are not necessarily those of the editor or management of Peninsula News. Contributions can be emailed, sent on disks or by handwritten letter. Include the date, your name, address and phone numbers. Name and Suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in edited form. All accepted contributions also appear on our website:

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How will he represent our opinions?

Forum

At first glance, I thought Cr Holstein was one of the rowdy protestors.

He certainly didn't look like a community representative seeking to represent us in State Parliament this March.

How one presents themselves to the public is a measure of how much they represent our opinion.

I think that says it all!

Janice Kissane
Umina Beach

I don't know which I felt more ashamed of the other Monday while shopping in Umina Beach; the protestors with their placards against the Liberal leader Peter Debnam or the sight of his Liberal candidate and Gosford councillor Chris Holstein.

If "would be" political candidates want my vote at any election, then they should appear in public properly dressed, clean-shaven and looking like a potential member for State Parliament.

Phoney justification for backdoor censorship

Forum

The axing of the popular ABC program The Glass House confirms the trend.

The PM says that "it isn't his doing" and that is correct.

It is censorship by stealth, through the backdoor.

He has all the right people in place to minimise criticism of his government, to neuter the ABC.

How could this happen in Australia?

The policy recently announced by the new MD of the ABC, Mark Scott, at the Sydney Institute, the home of Liberal Party orthodoxy, objectively can only be described as completely unnecessary, impractical and dishonest.

Scott pretends to "get serious about any bias", a phoney justification by an official appointed by an ABC Board full of Howard stooges.

Programs now have to be tested on "balanced" presentation ostensibly to protect the ABC but in reality to protect the Howard Government.

This form of censorship is the latest phase in Government interference in the ABC, a dangerous

dangerous for all media.

The cause of this situation surely is the political system itself which consistently produces incompetent Governments - and Oppositions - while the Westminster system is supposed to do the opposite.

We have a two-party tyranny of look-alike parties and amateur Ministers.

New entrants and new ideas are effectively barred from entry.

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Grant for marine rocks project

Peninsula-based marine conservation group Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI), have been successful in obtaining a \$14,000 grant from the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

OCCI Project Officer Ms Jeannie Lawson said that part of the grant would be spent on a marine education course known as "Project Aware on the Rocks", which would begin in February.

"Project Aware on the Rocks is a comprehensive and valuable course about the marine environment, specifically rock platforms, set up to give the general community an opportunity to learn about and help conserve our precious rock platform environments," Ms Lawson said.

"It began on Sydney's northern beaches as a response to community concerns over pressures being put on fragile marine areas and the impacts that our growing population has on these regions.

"The course is designed as an easy pace, easy learning tool to educate the broader community about marine conservation.

"Topics covered include coastal ecology, marine organism identification and regulations, multi-cultural considerations, safety, conservation overview and research as well as the opportunity to participate in a university survey being conducted on Central Coast rock platforms.

"It is designed for adults but students above primary school level are also welcome."

The course is held over a six-week period and consists of three evening lectures, two field trips and a project session.

"The course is free but participants are asked to give back some form of project that will educate the broader community about the things they've learned," Ms Lawson said.

OCCI has facilitated the course twice before over the past four years.

"Interest has already been raised by the marine studies department of Brisbane Water Secondary College at Woy Woy, and other marine studies high schools are encouraged to participate as well," Ms Lawson said.

An information session will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 7.30pm, and the course begins two weeks later.

For bookings and inquiries contact OCCI on 4341 4291.

Ms Lawson said the remainder of the grant money would go towards further production of the groups' Mollusc Man CDROM which was produced for local schools last year.

"The CD has received rave reviews and increased distribution has been requested," Ms Lawson said.

"Distribution will now be expanded to include schools from all areas of the Hunter-Central Rivers region which extends to the Hunter Valley and as far north as Taree."

Press release, 21 Jan 2007
Jeannie Lawson, Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative



Lovell Rd, Umina Beach

Raised markers for Lovell Rd

Gosford Council has resolved to install raised pavement markers through the S-bend in Lovell Rd, Umina Beach.

The raised pavement markers would "encourage lane discipline through the bend" according to a

recent council report.

The NSW police service had asked that council investigate excessive traffic speed in the vicinity of the S-bend.

Local residents had raised concerns with the police regarding

the speed of the traffic.

Council officers noted that a double centreline would result in a substantial loss of on-street residential parking as the pavement width was only 9.2 metres.

Council agenda TR.06.108,
9 Jan 2007

Priority won't change

Gosford Council has resolved not to change the priority for traffic movements at the intersection of Burge Rd and Allfield Rd, Woy Woy.

A request for the changed priority came from local resident Ms K Caynes.

Ms Caynes said the southern

section of Burge Rd was now a cul-de-sac.

Traffic entering and exiting the closed section of road had priority at the cross intersection of Allfield Rd.

Ms Caynes suggested that there be a change of priority so that traffic in the closed section of Burge Rd

gave way to traffic in Allfield Rd.

Council's traffic committee stated that they were concerned that the potential for intersection crashes would increase if the priority movement were changed from Burge Rd to Allfield Rd.

Council agenda TR.06.110,
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Poet wins major prize

Gosford Bush Poets co-convenor Mr Peter Mace of Empire Bay has won first prize for original bush poetry at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Mr Mace competed last weekend in a strong field to win the prestigious prize for his poem "Courting Mary".

Meanwhile, other members of Gosford Bush Poets attended the Illawarra Folk Festival at Bulli over the weekend.

Poets' breakfasts were hosted by the other co-convenor of Gosford Bush Poets, Mr Vic Jefferies of

Patonga.

Peninsula poets were among those presenting their poems.

Mr Jefferies announced he had produced a CD of his own poetry and recited the title track, The Ballad of Sweet Abigail.

The CD will be available from the Gosford Bush Poets meeting on Wednesday, January 31.

Gosford Bush Poets meet on the last Wednesday of the month upstairs at the Gosford Hotel. Entry is free.

Press release, 24 Jan 2007
Vic Jefferies,
Gosford Bush Poets

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Umina United Soccer Club fixtures officer Mr Greg "Swampy" Marsh is seeking players for this year's season.

The Umina United Soccer Club, known as The Eagles, was formed in 1979 and growing to 550 members in over 49 teams last season.

"We are a family-orientated club catering for all ages from little kids to big kids," said Mr Marsh.

The youngest team is for Under-5s, where children must turn five this year.

Teams for adults include a mixed team and a women-only competition.

Age specific teams include over-35 men's and over-30 women's teams.

"The number of girls playing at Umina has risen dramatically over

the last few years and they now play in the junior mixed competition on a Saturday in age groups from under-5s to under-16s," said Mr Marsh.

"The girls can also play in under-10, under-12, under-14, under-16 and under-18s girls teams for Sunday competition."

The club was grand final winner last year, at the top of the table Premier League First Grade competition.

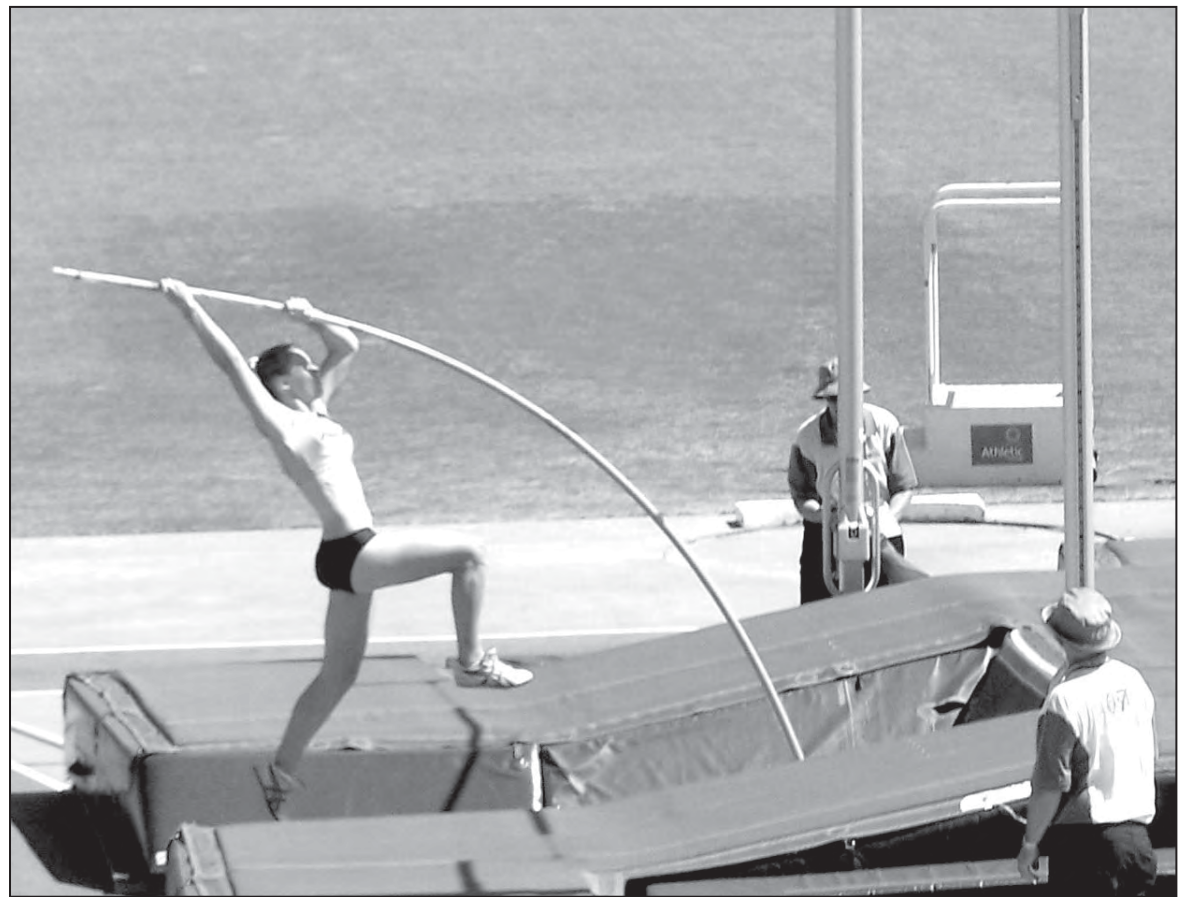
Its new main sponsor this year is The Everglades Country Club.

Umina United Soccer Club will be holding its registration day on Saturday, February 3 and 10, between midday and 3pm at Umina Primary School in the main hall, Sydney Ave, Umina.

Press release, 25 Jan 2007

Greg Marsh,

Umina United Soccer Club



Local pole vault champion Amanda Bartrim

Swans start training

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL Club have started pre-season preparations at Rogers Park Woy Woy.

"The seniors have commenced training and are hungry for a Premiership win this year," according to club secretary Ms Belinda Campbell.

"Last year the first division team finished second and the team looks even stronger this year.

"Darren Edmondson has taken on the senior coaching role, assisted by Lee Morgan.

"Rogers Park is in good condition and Gosford Council is working

with the football and cricket clubs to coordinate extensions to the club house to arrange for more storage.

"John Gowrie has been appointed as the junior president and the juniors committee has some fun events planned to involve the community in Junior AFL."

Competition officially starts in April.

"The club always welcomes new players with teams for all age groups from Auskick to seniors," Ms Campbell said.

Press release, 11 Jan 2007

Belinda Campbell, Woy Woy AFL Club

Personal best pole vault

Local Umina resident Amanda Bartrim has jumped a personal best of 3.7 metres in pole vault at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival, on January 19.

Amanda, 15, came second and received the silver medal.

Family member Mr Brett Williams

said Amanda's main competition was Commonwealth Games competitor Vicky Parnov, who is Tatiana Grigorieva's niece.

"Vicky came first then Amanda, followed by Rachel Brittles," Mr Williams said.

"Amanda's next competition is the country championships at Glendale where she holds the

record."

Amanda holds three NSW pole vault records including the under-16s with 3.6m, under-18s with 3.7m and under-20s with 3.7m.

The Australian Youth Olympic Festival was held at Sydney Olympic Park.

Press release, 21 Jan 2007

Brett Williams

Surfers to compete

Umina board riders will take part in a surfing competition to help raise money for Central Coast Cancer Services.

A group of young locals from the Wamberal area have come together to stage a Board Riders Classic surfing competition at Wamberal Beach on Sunday, February 11.

Event organizer Monique Ferster said the group hoped to raise over \$20,000.

"It will be a unique day for the coast because a lot of the guys taking part have not surfed off against each other since the 1980s," said co-organiser Mr Adrian Reed.

He said he hoped the event would "help spread the message

of UV protection and the need to cover up when out in the sun".

The pair said the event would be a "huge family-oriented entertaining day", attended by on duty lifeguards, top surfers and surfing judges, and up to 5000 people.

A local radio station would broadcast live from the beach.

Some activities on the day will

include beach volleyball, tug-of-war, sand castle competitions and a sausage sizzle for the whole family.

A presentation night will be held by ticket invite only, with only those who receive one of 300 free tickets on the day being admitted.

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Monique Ferster, Boardriders Classic

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