

Support wanted to name the Peninsula

Peninsula News has launched a campaign to officially recognise our area as The Peninsula.

On the initiative of journalist Mr Lyle Stone and his friend Mr Nic Meier, Peninsula News has asked Gosford Council to have the name "The Peninsula" or "Woy Woy Peninsula" gazetted with the Geographical Names Board of NSW.

Support from the community is now required to back the application.

"Peninsula News is looking for submissions supporting the naming, and information to support the history of the names The Peninsula or Woy Woy Peninsula," said Mr Stone.

He said that Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina had long been collectively referred to as The Peninsula by both Gosford Council and local businesses.

"However, the name itself was never officially gazetted."

Mr Stone said the reasons for the proposal included the "name's wide use in the community and solidifying the Peninsula's identity".

"Gosford Council itself has referred to The Peninsula by its name in many official documents over a period of time, as can be attested to by a quick search of council's database," Mr Stone said.

"Over 100 documents immediately refer to the area as either The Peninsula (70 plus) or the Woy Woy Peninsula (30 plus).

"Council's local studies librarian Mr Geoff Potter also refers to the area as both The Peninsula and Woy Woy Peninsula in the official historical document 'Woy Woy: a brief history' compiled in March last year."

Mr Stone said many businesses and community groups in the area currently use the name Peninsula in their titles.

"Businesses and community facilities using the name include council's own Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre, the Peninsula's largest employer Peninsula Village, the Peninsula Theatre and the Peninsula Community Centre.

"The Peninsula Chamber of

Commerce also represents some businesses in the area.

"There are almost 40 identifiable businesses and groups with the name Peninsula or Woy Woy Peninsula in their title.

"Making the name Woy Woy Peninsula official may help in promoting and supporting those businesses and tourism, by limiting possible confusion over where this specific Peninsula is located."

According to a book written about the history of Woy Woy Rotary, "We've done some silly things...", the name was first suggested by former mayor and Peninsula identity Mr Don Leggett.

The book stated that "it would be some time before local government identity and Woy Woy Rotary President Don Leggett would dub the place The Peninsula.

"Although the area is not a Peninsula, Don thought it seemed like a good way (to) link three communities.

"Despite early rejection from some quarters, the name stuck."

To submit the name for gazettal, the submitter must have the approval of local council.

Mr Stone has approached council and a report is currently being prepared by the corporate services directorate.

Council policy stated that if councillors agreed to the submission, the item would then go out on public exhibition for comment, and then returned to council for its decision.

If council resolved to approve the submission, it would then be submitted to the Geographical Names Board.

"The area has been known as the Peninsula and the Woy Woy Peninsula for a long time," Mr Stone said.

"Clearly the name has stuck, and this submission should be merely a formality."

David Mehan successfully applied for the gazettal of the name Central Coast in late 2005.

Community submissions supporting the official recognition of the Peninsula should be sent to Peninsula News, PO Box 537, Woy Woy NSW 2257 or by email at mail@peninsulanews.asn.au.

Lyle Stone, 9 Feb 2007



The land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy

Council defers decision on retirement village

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision on an application by Providence Projects for a Seniors Living development on rare bushland at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

Council officers had recommended that council resolve to accept a "deferred commencement" at its meeting of February 6.

Councillors will now discuss the matter tomorrow night, Tuesday, February 13.

The proposed development was for seniors living housing of 37 units and ancillary facilities.

The application was received on April 27 last year, and has now been referred to council due to a multitude of public submissions.

There were eight public submissions, two petitions containing a total of 141 signatures and one letter of support.

A previous application for a Seniors Living development containing 41 dwellings together with community and recreational facilities was refused by council at its meeting of February 1, 2005.

The applicant appealed council's refusal to the NSW Land and Environmental Court, which upheld the refusal.

According to a council staff report,

the court's reasons for upholding the refusal were that even though the applicant produced a Species Impact Statement to the court, "council could not have determined the application without having sought the concurrence of the Department of Environmental and Conservation (DEC)".

However, environmentalists have disputed this, quoting the findings of Justice Bignold where he said that Gosford Council had argued against the development, and he had decided the matter, entirely on environmental grounds.

Providence Projects now proposes to construct a development containing 37 self-care units together with a community hall and indoor swimming pool contained within two building pavilions.

A basement car park is proposed beneath the development.

A report from council stated that an assessment of the proposed development, under part of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, supported approval of the development.

It also stated that "in essence" the DEC supported the proposal subject to conditions being applied and the applicant funding bushland management and care in other bushland sites.

The DEC stated that it "granted concurrence" with the development

because "on available evidence", the proposal was "unlikely, to significantly compromise the local or regional viability of any threatened species known to occur in the subject site".

It also stated that generally, the impacts of the proposal on the threatened species considered in the Species Impact Statement (SIS) would be ameliorated by the effective implementation of the measures outlined in the SIS and the conditions of concurrence.

Council's environmental assessment officer said that, given the DEC had granted concurrence for the application, the council would be "prudent" to grant consent to the application, subject to conditions.

The officer said this decision was also based on the previous Land and Environment Court decision along with a judgement handed down in an unrelated case.

The officer also stated that it would be "unlikely" for council to defend further legal action in an appeal against the refusal of the application.

Council agenda ENV.3, 6 Feb 2007

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Churches hold Lent Event

The Uniting Churches at Ettalong and Umina will take part in a Lent Event from February 21 to April 7, along with other congregations and individuals around Australia.

"The idea is simple," said Uniting Church secretary Ms Annette Strong.

"You reflect on your lifestyle and daily spending and decide on an item you will forgo, such as coffee, soft drinks, fast foods, newspapers, magazines, confectionery for the 40 days before Easter.

"You put aside the money saved and donate it to Lent Event to give others the chance of a better life."

Ms Strong said this year the Uniting church would support projects in Papua New Guinea, South India, West Timor, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The project in Papua New Guinea is to provide fresh, clean drinking water for the remote rural village of Kalo Kalo.

In South India, the money would go towards preschools for the marginalized tribal people in the Nilgiri Hills.

This would also include

education, healthcare, family support and economic initiatives.

In West Timor, the money would go towards a micro-credit scheme (small loans) for poor people to establish viable businesses to support their families in the East Nusa Tenggara Province.

In Zimbabwe, the money would go towards the increased availability of safe drinking water for the communities of the Muzarabani area, and the training and provision of materials to build water tanks.

In Zambi, the money would be put towards a drop-in centre and feeding program for orphaned children in Mwandu, orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Pancake Day will be supported at morning teas after church services on February 25 (Umina) and March 4 (Ettalong) and the proceeds given to Unitingcare projects on the Central Coast.

Anyone else who would like to participate can phone the church office on 4341 8536 or Ms Strong on 4341 0803 to receive the paperwork.

Press release, 7 Feb 2007
Annette Strong,
Uniting Church

Bushcare calendar is issued

The Woy Woy Peninsula Bushcare Forum has issued its calendar of meeting times for bushcare groups on the Peninsula.

There are now six bushcare groups who meet regularly to undertake planting, weeding and general bushcare work at sites on public land all around the Peninsula.

The calendar provides details of the groups, bushcare site, and the dates and times at which they meet.

Copies are available from Woy Woy Library.

"We now have a bushcare group meeting to undertake work at a local site almost every Saturday and Sunday of the month," said Ettymalong Creek Landcare convenor Ms Sue Ellis.

"This provides a great opportunity to contribute to the health of our local bushland and to learn about the wonderful plants and animals on our doorsteps.

"Several of the sites include rare

and endangered vegetation and group members are very proud of the work we are doing which contributes to the survival of our very special local environment.

"The number of groups and volunteers has grown steadily since the first group, Ettymalong Creek Landcare, started work at Ettymalong Billabong in 1994."

New members and visitors are encouraged to visit their local site and meet the enthusiastic band of community of workers who love nothing better than to "get their hands dirty".

Information about a wide range of free bushcare education activities is also available from Group convenors or from Gosford Council's Bushcare Officers.

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare meets from 9am to noon at the Memorial Ave, Blackwall Rd corner on the first Sunday of month. Phone 4342 6995.

Burrawang Reserve Bushcare meets from 9am to noon at Nambucca Dr playground, Woy

Woy, on the fourth Sunday of the month. Phone 4342 5333 or 4341 9583.

Ettalong Dunecare meets from 9am to noon on The Esplanade near Barrenjoey Rd on the first Saturday of the month. Phone 4342 2034.

Ettymalong Creek Landcare meets from 8am to 11am Ettymalong Billabong, South Umina, at the entrance to Umina Oval opposite Etta Rd, on the third Sunday of the month. Phone 4342 2251.

Melaleuca Wetlands Bushcare meets from 9am to 11am (8am daylight saving) at Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Phone 4342 3197.

Umina Campus P & C Bushcare meets from 9am to 11am at Veron Rd, Umina, on the second Sunday and third Saturday of the month. Phone 4341 9301.

Press release, 30 Jan 2007
Sue Ellis,
Ettymalong Creek Landcare

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Pancake day fund-raising

A pharmacy in Umina will hold a Pancake Day charity fund-raising event from 9am to 2pm on Friday, February 23.

The Umina ChemWorld in Umina will be holding at the pharmacy at 299 West St, Umina Beach.

Pancakes will cost \$2 with all the funds raised goes to UnitingCare Pancake Day.

For every pancake sold on the day, the ChemWorld will also donate 20 cents towards the fund.

Pancake Day is a charity fund raising event for UnitingCare.

"Pancake Day is a fun and easy

way to raise funds to support UnitingCare's work in local communities with the homeless, abused and vulnerable children and adults, the frail aged, families in crisis and those with disabilities," said ChemWorld employee Ms Titania Ng.

"On Pancake Day, held annually on Shrove Tuesday, thousands of individuals, school, community, church and business groups nationwide cook and sell pancakes to raise funds for UnitingCare's work with Australians in need."

Press release, 6 Feb 2007
Titania Ng, Umina ChemWorld

Competition

Peninsula News, in conjunction with Earth Central and Jaslyn Hall, is giving readers the chance to win one of four double passes to see Habib Koite and five piece band Bamada.

There are also four of the groups CDs on offer.

The group has been called Mali's superstars of polyrhythmic dance groove, contemporary African rhythms with a Blues based sound.

Earth Central director Ms Ylenna Zajec said Habib Koite's contemporary African music "has an astounding ability to open one's heart".

"Furthermore, his lively blend of polyphonic African rhythms and contemporary guitar sounds excites the blood and gets the feet tapping.

"Habib is extremely popular not only in Africa but also in Europe

where he regularly performs to several thousands of people."

The group will be performing on Thursday, March 8, at the Davistown RSL club, 19 Murna Rd, Davistown.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost \$37.50.

Tickets are available from Moshtix at www.moshtix.com.au or by contacting 4363 0199.

To enter, send your name, address and telephone number on the back of an envelope to Habib Koite Peninsula News Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2256. Entries close on February 23.

Winners of the Nutra Life competition from edition 158 were Judy Dudley, Barbara Hope, M Mooney, Gail Roche of Umina, Cliff McGuckin of Woy Woy and Jock Reed of Killcare.

Each winner received a Nutra-Life Omega Science family pack.

Lyle Stone, 10 Feb 2007

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The new entrance on Railway St at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy

Shopping centre trade exceeds expectations

Deepwater Plaza has performed well above the expectations of its management in a national survey of district shopping centres.

The survey compared centres with floor areas between 18,000 and 43,000 square metres.

Deepwater Plaza was one of the smallest surveyed – 96th of 101 shopping centres.

Deepwater Plaza ranked 58th in total sales per square metre and 12th in specialty sales per square metre.

Deepwater Plaza outranked Lake Haven (39th) and Stockland Bateau Bay (46th) in specialty sales.

"This is a fantastic result for Deepwater Plaza.

"We are completely blown away by this result," said Ms Marr.

She said that, for the first part of 2006, the shopping centre was undergoing a \$12 million redevelopment which slowed sales and customer traffic.

"To come out of the development and rank so highly is just unbelievable," she said.

"These results highlight the

strong focus our retailers have and the loyalty of our customers who continue to shop here and support local businesses."

The survey was published in Shopping Centre News as the "Little Guns 2006" report, according to Ms Marr.

Built in 1984, Deepwater Plaza has "annual sales of \$106 million with foot traffic of 3.7 million people".

Deepwater Plaza is managed by Savills Australia.

**Press release, 29 Jan 2007
Julie Marr, Deepwater Plaza**

Forum to discuss precinct park

The Peninsula Families Action Group has invited community groups to a forum to gather their ideas about a "precinct park" playground at Umina.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, from 7pm to 9pm at the Beachside Family Centre, Umina.

"The Peninsula Families Action Group is a group of local community members aiming to create a better Peninsula for families with young children," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"Our main objectives are to improve resources, facilities and opportunities for local families.

"Our current focus is our parks

and play spaces.

"A large precinct park has been earmarked for development by the Gosford Regional Playground Strategy Committee.

"This park will replace the existing one between Umina Surf Club and Umina Public School.

"We are inviting local community organisations to a community forum in order to gather your ideas about what you would like to see in a Precinct Park at Umina."

Ms Notara said the forum will involve representatives from Gosford Council, who will present the draft concept drawings.

"This is an opportunity for you to hear about the plans so far, have input at this early stage and consider how you may be able to

support the project in the future," Ms Notara said.

"We would greatly appreciate your attendance as a project such as Umina Precinct Park needs to have community ownership for it to be successful."

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, from 7pm to 9pm.

It will be held at the Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

Tea, coffee, cheese and wine will be provided.

Participants must book a place by the end of today, by contacting Ms Notara on 4343 1929.

**Press release, 30 Jan 2007
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre**

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Chris Holstein
Liberal Candidate 2007

CHRIS HOLSTEIN: LIBS TO FREEZE ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARES FOR FOUR YEARS

For 12 years commuters and public transport users on the Woy Woy Peninsula have had to put up with slow, late and overcrowded train and bus services, yet Labor continues to jack up fares for public transport.

Woy Woy train station is one of the biggest commuter stations on the Central Coast with many people using the train to get to Sydney, provided it is running on time.

Labor has forced the commuters from the Peninsula to pay more through regular increases in public transport fares while services have continued to get worse. In short, under Labor, public transport commuters are paying more and getting less.

This is putting our large population of elderly citizens on the Peninsula on the back foot. Many of them rely on public transport to visit family, and I know many can no longer afford to do this because of Labor's unfair fares.

Train commuters have also suffered badly at the hands of Labor's service cuts when they created their slower timetable, creating a massive overcrowding problem.

Labor's timetable fiddle cut 416 services from the CityRail network, including 9 services from the Sydney to Newcastle line forcing the commuters of Woy Woy and Gosford to endure slower and overcrowded services and longer travel times."

The people of the Woy Woy Peninsula deserve a better managed public transport system, one that runs on time and is not overcrowded.

At the moment this doesn't exist and we don't think that people should pay top dollar for a service that just isn't up to scratch.

To restore value back into public transport Peter Debnam and the Liberals will:

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- Plus we will invest \$200 million to restore the peak hour services Labor cut and provide more peak hour express services.

- Immediately conduct a full review of the CityRail timetable to prioritise the urgent introduction of additional peak and express services on the CityRail network. This review will be completed within six months and will produce a new draft timetable for public comment.

- The review will be required to produce a new timetable that restores up to 127 peak services axed by Labor, as well as creating new express services, without reducing existing off-peak services.

- New express services to be introduced as part of the timetable review will include services to/from Sydney and the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, South Coast, Penrith, Campbelltown and Cronulla.

- Implement the new timetable including additional peak and express services within twelve months of completion of the review.

Under a NSW Liberal/Nationals Coalition Government, the travelling public of the Woy Woy Peninsula will finally get a public transport system people want to use.

But only a change of government will deliver the change NSW needs to get back in front.

I need your support to change the government and ensure our plan to freeze fares can go ahead.

**Regards
Chris Holstein**

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Get serious about climate change

Chris Holstein writes that he's had enough of the blame game, and yet he says after 12 years that Labor has failed on water.

As a councillor since 1991 (and four of those years as mayor), he needs to take some responsibility for this failure.

Gosford and Wyong Councils are our joint water authority.

They are responsible for the management (or lack of it) of our water supply.

The Central Coast faces increasing demand as a result of our growing population.

Lower rainfall, higher

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temperatures and greater evaporation, as a result of climate change, means drier conditions.

These issues have been with us now for a number of years.

I am concerned that this issue continues to be treated in the way it does with no long term vision that would be sustainable and improve our environment in the longer term.

More dams, desalination and bore water have serious environmental impacts.

Water harvesting and recycling offer better solutions - and recycling

waste water means cleaner oceans and beaches.

We should learn from the problems of Sydney and elsewhere and create better solutions for an increasing population.

And we should get serious about addressing climate change.

Water shortages are only one issue that will impact all our lives.

Both as individuals, and as a community, we must become part of a global solution.

Is it really too much to expect that both sides of politics would look beyond the next election on this?

Rachel Lonie
Pearl Beach

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Walk in the bush

With all the media news about snakebite, people may be discouraged from taking bush walks.

As a science teacher, I often took groups of teenagers on these, back in class they had to write essays on their experience.

A teacher sent me one which I treasure: "When I go for a walk in the bush all I see is bush, but when I go with Vincent Serventy I see the wonder of it".

In all my books and films, I try to show readers and viewers the wonder of nature.

In a long life in the bush, I have never been bitten by a snake though I know what to do.

I have had two nasty accidents on roads, so go walking in the bush.

Vincent Serventy
Pearl Beach

Don't build another wharf

Why build another wharf when there is already a wharf?

Brian Collis (Peninsula News, January 30) asks why not build a wharf?

Build it, and they will come!

Ask the citizens of Port Macquarie about their wharf.

Council assisted private investors and Fast Ferries to build a wharf, and in the end, there is a wharf and no fast ferry.

The mayor of the day was forced to resign as mayor, out of embarrassment for the support he gave to Fast Ferries, and the community lost a safe, fenced, ocean swimming area.

It may be that the community of Port Macquarie deserved to get what they bought, because many were enamoured by the talk of a ferry taking one hour from Port Macquarie to Circular Quay, when

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the plane takes 80 to 90 minutes.

Please people of the "Outrigger Peninsula", don't be conned by sleight of hand and lies.

In truth, there was an opportunity for comprehensive and generous State Government funding for the wharf, which required a small contribution by the Fast Ferry developers.

This did not occur, so that should be the end of the story.

Don't be misled by the reports by those with vested interest about the 1700 possible jobs if the wharf is built.

With a bit of close examination, there might be 30 permanent part-time jobs, and the other 1670 involved with the three months of building of the wharf.

Susan Dean
Ettalong Beach

Appreciate endangered woodland

I support Shirley Hotchkiss' appreciation of the endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

My comment is much shorter than Shirley's.

Question: What is the connection between population growth and the endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland?

Answer: Nil. None. Zero.

This is why the woodland is endangered.

Threatened species are on the urgent list together with climate

change and water management.

Al Gore has a full time job in the film industry if he is interested; there is a plethora of subjects to address.

Your paper has highlighted but a few.

Norman Harris
Umina

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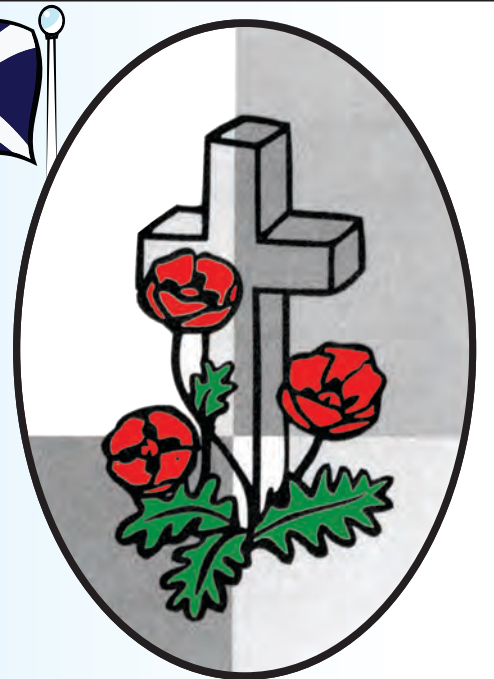


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Rate rise to fund foreshore works

Ettalong Beach Foreshore Enhancements will be one of 34 Gosford Council projects to be funded by a rates increase being proposed by Gosford Council.

Council stated that a "majority" of Gosford ratepayers would pay "only 11 cents extra per day" on their rates to fund the Civic Infrastructure Strategy projects, if the levy was approved by Minister for Local Government Mr Kerry Hickey.

The total increase over five years for most ratepayers will be \$201.87.

A press release from Brilliant Logic publicity officer Mr Scott Mackillop, on behalf of Gosford Council, stated that Ettalong Beach

was fast becoming a new gateway to the Central Coast for tourists, "especially visitors from Sydney and around NSW".

It said the Ettalong Beach Foreshore was currently "degraded" and was "unappealing for locals and visitors alike".

"The foreshore enhancement will provide ramps and viewing decks to ensure access to and views of the beach and Broken Bay, while maintaining and reinforcing sand dunes," it stated.

"It is envisaged that this program will generate tourist investment and stimulate further growth of Ettalong and the wider Peninsula."

The press release stated that each of the projects were the result of feedback received from local residents during the Gosford

Vision 2025 project, a community consultation process undertaken by council during 2005 and 2006, to identify areas of priority for the development of the City over the next 20 years.

The press release stated that council "listened closely" to the feedback from the community and has developed the Civic Infrastructure Strategy's projects as a response.

It stated that the State Government had developed a regional plan for the Central Coast, which highlighted Gosford as the capital of the Coast and a "crucial" centre for the economic development of NSW.

It stated that the civic infrastructure strategy projects

supported that regional plan.

The rate increase will also fund a proposed development program for Umina, Ocean Beach and Killcare Surf Life Saving Clubs, among others.

Another project includes the implementation of plans of management for Blackwall Mountain, Everglades Lagoon and Brisbane Water.

"The Civic Infrastructure Strategy is the result of Gosford Council listening to the feedback from the community gained during the Vision 2025 process, and acting upon that feedback," said mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

"The sheer scope of the projects and the enormous benefit they will bring to the entire Gosford

LGA, when compared to the relatively small increase in rates is significant.

"For Gosford City, this increase will ensure Gosford is a better place to live, to raise children, to work and to do business.

"All council needs to make this happen is the support of the community.

"Then we can move forward, with broad-sweeping benefits for all."

Council will be holding community forums on the issue in March where the community will be presented more detail about the strategy and where an assessment will be taken to provide an indication of support for the strategy.

Press release, 8 Feb 2007
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

Editor appointed branch president

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell has been elected president of the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Mr Snell said that articles under his name would appear in Peninsula News from time to time, but that he did not intend to give the branch undue coverage.

He was aware of the potential conflict of interest between his two roles, and declared this in the page two panel about Peninsula News.

Where there was any doubt about what to publish, he said he would be guided by others at the newspaper.

Mr Snell said that potential conflicts of interest of this nature affected many small organisations within the community.

He believed that a transparent approach was the best way to ensure that readers were in a position to judge the merits of the news presented in the paper.

Mark Snell, February 9

Fire at tip

A fire was extinguished at the Woy Woy tip last Wednesday, according to Gosford Council.

A fire in the green waste stockpile at the Woy Woy landfill was extinguished with fire crews mopping up the scene before 12.30pm on Wednesday, February

7. Council reported that the type of fire "generated a lot of smoke" and was "difficult to extinguish due to the nature of the material".

Council stated that the fire posed no significant risk.

Press release, 7 Feb 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council



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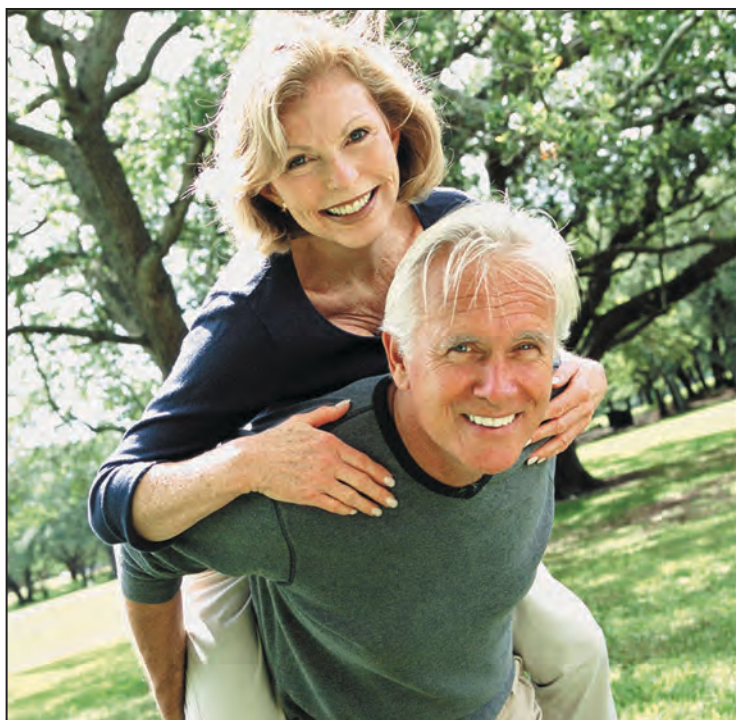
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Health

Rainwater is fit to drink

There are no reasons residents should not be allowed to use rainwater tanks for drinking purposes on the Peninsula, according to Central Coast Health.

Central Coast Health publicity officer Ms Jill Warwicker said that NSW Health guidelines recommend that people use town water supplies for drinking if they have access to it.

"If town water is available, it is the preferred source of drinking water as there are many controls and checks to ensure this water is clean and safe to drink.

"For example, tests for bacteria in water at the household level are performed regularly and Gosford Council reports on the results."

Ms Warwicker said: "NSW Health recommend using townwater where available.

"Where it is not available, people often use rainwater tanks or other sources eg. bores for drinking and household use.

"There is a NSW Health publication on how to look after your water tank to have the best possible water quality."

A document on Rainwater Tanks from NSW Health stated that those who use rainwater tanks in urban areas should be aware of potential risks associated with chemical and microbiological contamination.

It stated that "collection of rainwater for human consumption (drinking and cooking) in areas affected by heavy traffic, incinerators, smelters or heavy

industry is not recommended" as "airborne contaminants and other pollutants may find their way into tanks in urban centres and industrial areas".

However, Ms Warwick said that the Peninsula did not fall into this category.

Ms Warwick said that there was no monitoring of airborne contaminants on the Peninsula.

"Some monitoring carried out at Gosford and Wyong shows that for particle pollution, the Central Coast area has particulate pollution levels slightly lower than Sydney levels, with both below the guideline level of concern," Ms Warwick said.

"Exceedances have occurred, usually in relation to bushfires."

Lyle Stone, 9 Feb 2007

Relay planned for Cancer Council

A Relay for Life event will be held on the Peninsula in March to raise money for the Cancer Council, according to Central Coast community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart.

"Relay for Life is a fun, outdoor and overnight fundraising event where teams of 10 to 15 people take turns to walk around a local oval," Ms Chart said.

Patron and supporter Cr Chris Holstein has called the event a "welcome fixture on the Peninsula calendar".

"It's important because it sends a message of hope to local cancer patients and their families while raising much needed funds for cancer research and support services," Cr Holstein said.

The Peninsula Relay for Life holds a special significance for regular participant and cancer survivor Narelle Richardson of Ettalong.

"Being a part of Relay for Life gives me the chance to make people more aware of cancer," said Ms Richardson, who was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2004 after completing a Rotary

Bowel Scan Kit.

"Bowel cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in NSW, but if detected early, is the most curable.

"It's a biggie and people need to be more aware of it."

Ms Richardson will be leading a team of cancer survivors and their families and friends at this year's Relay for Life.

Ms Richardson said that an important part of the event was meeting other people, talking about your experiences and developing lasting friendships.

"Cancer is a difficult and often lonely journey," Ms Richardson said.

"Having a great support network of family, friends and, of course, a positive attitude is what gets you through."

Ms Chart said each year around 20,000 people take part in Relay for Life events across NSW.

For further information on Relay for Life and how you can help, contact Lesley Chart at the Cancer Council on 4325 5444 or visit www.relayforlife.com.au/nsw

**Press release, 31 Jan 2007
Lesley Chart,
Peninsula Relay for Life**

Baby massage courses



Ms Chris Melenewyez and her four month old daughter, Ava.

Two new baby massage courses will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in late February.

The courses are suitable for babies from birth to crawling age and are open to parents, carers and grandparents.

The cost is \$100 for six one-

hour sessions held over six weeks, with each session limited to eight babies.

The courses are run by a certified infant massage instructor with the International Association of Infant Massage.

Umina resident Ms Chris Melenewyez said a course in baby massage at the centre had brought unexpected benefits to both herself and her four month old daughter, Ava.

Although Chris enrolled in a baby massage course last year as a way of "meeting other mums and sharing experiences", she said she discovered the greatest benefits were for her and her baby.

Chris said she found that massage helped settle her baby's colic and sleeplessness.

"The massage sessions were very relaxing and have definitely brought me and Ava closer together," Ms Melenewyez said.

"Massage is now part of Ava's daily routine and I no longer feel stressed or worried about her."

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Charmaine Backhouse on 4325 8123.

**Press release, 31 Jan 2007
Marion Newall,
Gosford Council**

Groups at women's centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is hosting groups about adolescence and for women experience domestic violence.

Unitingcare Burnside will run the "Living with Teens" group on Tuesdays starting February 27 from 10am to noon, finishing on Tuesday, April 3.

Living with Teens is for mothers, grandmothers or female carers of teenagers "to assist in maintaining their balance through the undercurrent of adolescence", according to health worker Ms Kate Bradfield.

The group will cover issues such as normal development of teenagers, common problems and solutions, discipline, trust and responsibility, maintaining communication with teenagers, issues relating to alcohol and other drugs.

Bookings are essential and the cost is a gold coin donation.

The "Butterfly Group Drop In" is for women who have or are experiencing domestic violence.

Topics covered at the group include cycle of violence/abuse, what is a healthy relationship, impact of abuse on the family unit, brainwashing/emotional abuse, effects of stress/anger/isolation, your rights, self esteem, life skills and the effects of domestic violence.

The group is held every Tuesday

afternoon from 12.30pm (sharp) to 2.30pm.

No bookings are needed, and no sign-in is required for this group.

Latecomers may not be admitted.

Those interested in the "Living with Teens" group can contact 4342 5905 for bookings.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is located at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

**Press release, 6 Feb 2007
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula
Women's Health Centre**

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DEC concurrence was 'surprising'

The Department of Environment and Conservation has described a proposal to build a retirement village on rare bushland in Woy Woy as "a major threat to the viability of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW)" on that site, according to Peninsula Bushcare Forum campaigner Ms Shirley Hotchkiss.

Ms Hotchkiss said given this, it was surprising that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) had concurred to the development in Hillview St.

When gazetting UCSW as an endangered ecological community in 2002, the NSW Scientific Committee said UCSW was "likely to become extinct .. unless the circumstances and factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease to operate".

The DA was to be considered by council on February 6, but was deferred to Tuesday's meeting to allow councillors to undertake further investigations including a site inspection.

The DEC's UCSW Restoration and Rehabilitation Management Plan said "UCSW should be protected from development, fragmentation and clearing through appropriate environmental protection zoning" Ms Hotchkiss said.

It lists Gosford Council and the DEC as potential responsible parties in doing this.

The DEC's website also recommends UCSW be nominated for national listing under the Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

"It is very clear. UCSW will become extinct if threats to its survival continue," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"That's why it's listed as endangered.

"There's not enough left to destroy any of it, and we need to nurture all these last remnants so it doesn't become extinct."

Several environment organisations have come out in opposition of the current development application (DA) to build luxury retirement villas on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd in Woy Woy.

These include the NSW Nature Conservation Council, the Central Coast's Community Environment Network, the Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch, The Wilderness Society, and Peninsula Bushcare Forum.

"All the evidence points to the need to refuse this DA so this significant stand of UCSW is not destroyed."

Ms Hotchkiss said council vigorously and successfully defended the UCSW in the Land and Environment Court purely on environmental grounds before, and the current DA was "little different".

"Council spent tens of thousands of dollars in the Land

and Environment Court opposing a previous DA to build similar luxury retirement villas there," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"Council presented expert evidence to the court that such rare bushland was too valuable for any to be destroyed.

"Based on evidence from four ecologists and the developer's SIS, Justice Bignold last year agreed with council and made findings that the benefits of development did not warrant its destruction.

"He said the loss of 0.5 hectares from the development site of 1.166 hectares was significant indeed, despite the developer's offer to conserve and manage other UCSW bushland.

"The current DA is not significantly different to the one Justice Bignold rejected, and there's been no scientific evidence presented since to contradict evidence placed before the court.

"Since 2001, community members have strongly opposed this site's development, which provides habitat for endangered fauna such as flying foxes, barking owls, glossy black cockatoos and swift parrots.

"The endangered bush stone-curlew has also been recorded twice near the site recently."

Ms Hotchkiss said that council should reject the DA and instead pursue all avenues to preserve it for the "benefit of the whole community".

Justice Bignold was not morally or legally obliged to buy this land because he rejected its development last year in the Land and Environment Court, and neither was Gosford Council, she said.

Council's lack of funds to buy the land was separate to a decision to refuse the DA.

"No amount of money can compensate for destroying the viability of this significant site. But the developer is offering \$225,000," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"This is a pittance, and council should be requiring compensation of at least the value of the bushland being destroyed.

"Elsewhere up to 50 times the land value has been paid."

Ms Hotchkiss said this basic principle of Ecologically Sustainable Development was a requirement of the assessment process.

Ms Hotchkiss also said the villas were not geared to those in need.

"We already have an ample supply of residential accommodation for elderly residents in this area – the proportion is well above average," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"Besides, these luxury villas are designed for rich people.

"The council report said there's no requirement for the developer to provide low-cost accommodation.

"If a DA is granted, there's no requirement for the developer to build these villas there anyway.

"He could just sell the land to someone else for a huge profit."

Press release, 8 Feb 2007

**Shirley Hotchkiss,
Peninsula Bushcare Forum**

Protect rare bush, says ACF branch

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation is calling on Gosford Council to protect rare bushland by rejecting an application to build luxury retirement units at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The Land and Environment Court rejected a similar application last year on environmental grounds.

The court found that the entire site was covered with rare bushland, known as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, a plant community gazetted as "endangered" under the Threatened Species Conservation Act, and that this was too valuable to destroy.

"This application should be rejected for the same reasons now," said ACF Central Coast branch president Mr Mark Snell.

"While the developer has made minor changes to the application – 37 instead of 41 units – the substance of the issue remains the same.

"Only 11 hectares of this type of woodland has been identified by the Department of Environment and Conservation, anywhere in the world.

"This site represents 10 per cent of that."

Mr Snell said that, in the court case, council had argued against the development entirely on environmental grounds and Justice Bignold had found in the council's favour. The court also had the benefit of expert evidence from four ecologists.

"We can see no reason for the Council to change its mind now," Mr Snell said.

Mr Snell said the branch was concerned that a report from council staff, recommending the development be approved, had misrepresented the court proceedings, resulting in misleading conclusions.

"It fails to mention any of the findings of Justice Bignold, cited as Providence Projects Pty Ltd v Gosford City Council [2006] NSWLEC 52, but refers only to an earlier procedural appeal," Mr Snell said.

Mr Snell said the report also did not represent a balanced view from the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Mr Snell said the department listed the "number one threat" to Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland as "urban development".

This is listed both on the department's website and in its draft management plan for the endangered bushland, he said.

"The purpose of gazetting the endangered ecological community was to eliminate the threats to its survival," said Mr Snell.

"The suggestion that the Department now has unequivocal support for the development, even with 'ameliorative measures', does not stand to reason."

Justice Bignold said the environmental impact "justifies the epithet 'significant' in view of the very small overall areas of UCSW ... even allowing for the ongoing conservation and management as part of the development of an area of nearly 2000 square metres".

Mr Snell said the ACF branch was also concerned that the staff report failed to address the detail of a number of issues raised by objectors, such as the adequacy of the proposed bush management plan, the inadequacy of the proposed compensation payment and the consequential damage to the bush of the development.

Press release, 4 Feb 2007

**Mark Snell,
Australian Conservation
Foundation**

Moral duty to refuse, say Greens

Gosford Council has a moral obligation to refuse a second development application lodged by Providence Projects to build a retirement village at Woy Woy, according to Greens candidate for Gosford Ms Hillary Morris.

"The council has invested ratepayers' money in defending its decision to reject this development application at the Land and Environment Court," Ms Morris said.

"The court ruled in favour

of council on the basis the development would further endanger the already threatened Umina Sandplain Woodland.

"The Umina Sandplain Woodland is unique to the Peninsula and is recognised as being under threat of extinction from urban development.

"A site inspection of the area at the corner of Hillview and Vernon Rds will take place by councillors and staff on Monday, February 12 at 12.30pm.

"Once this site inspection has

taken place, council will then decide the fate of this precious area.

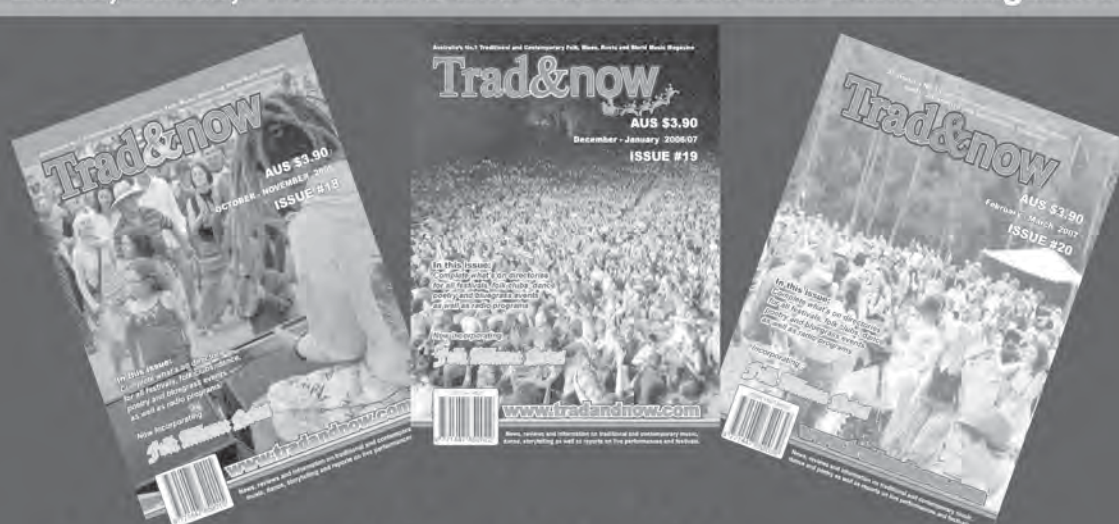
"The new development application lodged by Providence Projects varies little in content from the original application dismissed by the Land and Environment Court.

"The Greens policy is to support sustainable developments and opposes any that threaten vulnerable ecologies."

Press release, 8 Feb 2007

**Hillary Morris,
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Debra Wales stands as independent

Peninsula resident Ms Debra Wales has announced that she will nominate as Community Independent for the new Seat of Gosford in the NSW State Election in March.

"My decision to resign from the Liberal Party and to stand as an independent did not come lightly," Ms Wales said.

"The Liberal Party is not the organization I joined over 10 years ago and that has been a real concern to me.

"Over the Christmas break I was

overwhelmed by people in the community who urged me to stand as an independent at the State election.

"People do not feel that their concerns are being adequately listened to by the major parties and they feel they need a community independent representing them in State Parliament.

"They want a hardworking representative that will take local issues to government and not the major parties telling them what they need.

"I stand on my track record as a fighter for our community."

Ms Wales said that the community was clearly concerned over the mismanagement of the water supply system after "16 years of inaction" by Gosford Council to drought-proof the Central Coast.

"One of the major concerns is water management and redressing council's failure to implement the much needed infrastructure such as the pump station to the Upper Wyong River" said Ms Wales

"I strongly object to Gosford Council using our water/sewerage funds as a cash cow to fund other projects totally unrelated to our water supply.

"If elected I will ensure that a Central Coast Water Corporation is put in place and managed by qualified experts in water supply who are capable of planning for our future needs rather than the unacceptable situation we currently have where unqualified councilors are dictating our future."

Ms Wales said that she was very concerned at the lack of opportunities for local jobs for

young people and the plight of daily commuters traveling into Sydney and Newcastle on overcrowded transport systems.

"People are telling me they want local jobs and more time with their families rather than commuting everyday," Ms Wales said.

"I will ensure that more incentives are provided for corporate and government relocations so that greater opportunities are available for local job generation.

"I will also ensure that the government gets behind the fast ferry link from Ettalong Beach to Circular Quay as an alternative to spending billions of dollars on a second freeway.

"The second freeway might be a good idea to some but it is so far down the track that it has little relevance to those who have commute daily into Sydney.

"In relation to law and order, while some want to re-open the police shop front at Umina Beach and waste our taxes on cardboards cut outs, the local community are

telling me that they want police on the beat where they are visible at our known trouble spots.

"We need to know our local police sergeant once again.

"I will also push for legislation that overhauls the judicial system so that our local police can have confidence that offenders don't walk out of court with just a slap on the wrist.

"I will also push to have courts hand down community service sentences for first offenders.

"This will be the election where independents will have an enormous impact in the next State Parliament.

"I believe grass roots representatives who really understand their local communities will have an important role to play and I want to be there representing the people of Gosford and the Peninsula."

**Press release, 5 Feb 2007
Debra Wales, Independent
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Clean Up Bouddi Peninsula

A number of locations on the Bouddi Peninsula will be part of Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 4, according to site coordinator Ms Deanna Bocking.

"This year you can join us to Clean Up Bouddi Peninsula by meeting at any of a number of locations," Ms Bocking said.

The locations include Killcare Heights, Killcare Beach, Killcare/

Hardys Bay, Hardys Bay Dog Track and Pretty Beach.

Participants for Killcare Heights have been asked to meet at 8am outside the Maitland Bay Store, The Scenic Dr, Killcare Heights.

Expected sites for the clean up involve the walks down toward the beach, surrounding bushland and Maitland Bay Dr.

Participants for Killcare Beach have been asked to meet at 8am near the surf club.

Expected Sites for clean up were the beach and surrounding bushland.

Those involved with the clean up at Killcare/Hardys Bay were asked to meet at 8am adjacent to the bus shelter, the Yum Yum tree, Hardys Bay foreshore, Araluen Dr, Killcare.

Expected Sites for clean up were the foreshore mudflats, around the wharfs, Stanley St Park, Hardys Bay Parade and bushland in

Stanley St and Blythe St.

Those taking part in the clean up at the Hardys Bay dog track have been asked to meet at 10.30am outside Hardys Bay Community Church, Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay.

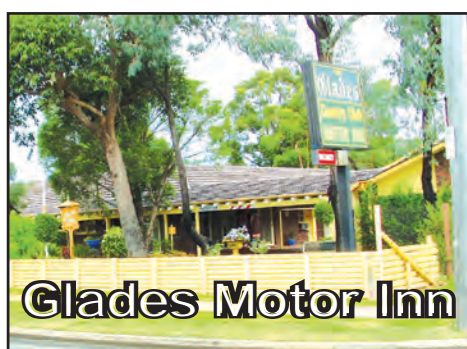
Expected Sites for clean up were along the foreshore and creek outlet on the western side of Hardys Bay and the dog track.

Participants for the Pretty Beach clean up have been asked to meet at 8am at Turo Park, near the barbecues, Pretty Beach Rd, Pretty Beach.

Expected sites for clean up were Turo Park, the creek, Pretty Beach foreshore and Wagstaffe beach, but not the dog track.

Volunteers have also been invited to enjoy a barbecue at 10.30am out the front of the Hardys Bay Community Church.

**Press release, 7 Feb 2007
Deanna Bocking,
Clean up Australia Day**



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Liberals open campaign office



Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein at his new office on Railway St, Woy Woy

Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein has opened his campaign office in Woy Woy.

Shadow Minister for the Environment Mr Michael Richardson also attended the February 2 official opening of the Woy Woy office and took the opportunity to reaffirm the Liberal's pledge to ensure no mining is allowed to threaten the Central Coast's water catchment.

"Our dedication to protecting the Central Coast's water catchment from coal mining is a top priority," said Mr Richardson.

"We need to ensure this fragile area is defended from the very real threat of long wall coal mining.

"Labor has not yet ruled out allowing coal mining under the Dooralong and Yarramalong Valleys, they can't be trusted to protect this vital area."

Cr Holstein's said that now his office on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Railway St in Woy Woy was open, he invited anyone with questions or concerns to visit and talk to him.

"I know there is a lot of dissatisfaction within the local community with how Labor is

running the state," Cr Holstein said.

"Locals are sick of the regular crime and vandalism occurrences on the Woy Woy Peninsula and the message I keep hearing again and again is 'give us a solution to the water shortage'," said Mr Holstein.

"The people of the Gosford electorate and the Central Coast have been ignored by Labor for the past 12 years, they deserve much better and I am prepared to fight to ensure our needs are fulfilled."

Press release, 2 Feb 2007

Chris Holstein,
Liberal Candidate for Gosford

Clean Up at Burrawang

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve bushcare group will be coordinating a Clean-Up Australia Day project at the reserve on Sunday, March 4.

It has invited interested residents to participate in the day.

The bushcare group has carried out similar Clean-Up Australia Day projects in the reserve and its environs for the past five years.

Over that period a "great deal of rubbish has been removed", according to site coordinator Mr Jim Morrison.

"People visiting the reserve have commented on the vast improvements to the reserve particularly the native regeneration that is occurring as well as the general lack of rubbish as a result of these regular cleanups," Mr Morrison said.

"If you would like to assist in this Clean-up Australia project, and help to prevent rubbish becoming part of the scenery, you will be most welcome."

The clean up will be held is March 4 from 9am to noon.

The meeting place will be the playground in Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy, at 9am for registration.

The Burrawang Bushland is located on the corner of Hillview and Railway Sts, Woy Woy.

Mr Morrison said participants should wear sturdy shoes and gloves and a hat and sunscreen.

Responsible adult should accompany children under 15.

Further details can be obtained from Mr Morrison on 4341 9583.

Press release, 8 Feb 2007

Jim Morrison, Burrawang
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CU, Club Umina, Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach 4341 2618

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

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

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-

12.45pm, enq: 4369 2034

Judo 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm, **Gambling Counselling** by

apointment, **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

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**,

Pledge means nurses but no casualty

A Coalition Government would employ more nurses across the state, which would "boost services at Woy Woy Hospital", Shadow Health Minister Ms Jillian Skinner said last week.

But the party had no plans to introduce emergency services to the hospital.

Ms Skinner stated that the hospital was more for "rehabilitation" and "recovery".

Ms Skinner was visiting the hospital along with Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein to announce the Coalition's \$207 million commitment to bring 500 nurses back to the profession.

"This policy is great news for the

people of Gosford and the Woy Woy Peninsula as it will encourage more nurses back to Woy Woy Hospital and that means better health services," Cr Holstein said.

"All hospitals are facing shortages of nurses and this translates to closure of hospital beds, meaning fewer patients are admitted to hospital.

"This adds up to longer waiting lists and jammed Emergency Departments.

"Just go down to the emergency department on a Saturday night and have a look at what nursing shortages are doing to our local hospitals."

Press release, 7 Feb 2007

Chris Holstein,

Liberal Candidate for Gosford



Marijke Greenway's 'Pelicans feeding at Fisherman's Wharf', stolen from Creative Courtyards

Painting stolen

A painting by local artist Marijke Greenway was stolen from Creative Courtyards at Woy Woy on January 24.

It was stolen at about 3.15pm just after a black out, Creative Courtyards owner Ms Janice Rutherford said.

"There were no customers in the shop when I was in the front courtyard on the phone, and I would have been watched, when someone came in through the back gate that I was unaware had

been left closed and latched but not locked.

"They knew exactly what they wanted and took only this one painting of Marijke Greenway's called 'Pelicans feeding at Fisherman's Wharf'.

"The painting is an oil on canvas approximately 850mm by 600mm."

Ms Rutherford said that Marijke is an award-winning artist and her works are well known.

"This year she will be entering

into the Archibald Prize," Ms Rutherford said.

The gallery at 36 George St, Woy Woy, currently has nine local artists paintings hanging and three potters from the Central Coast Potters Society.

A new exhibition will operate from February 9 to 18.

Press release, 5 Feb 2007

Janice Rutherford,
Courtyard Capers

Students perform

Peninsula students will appear in the 16th year of Youth in Performing Arts (YIPA) at Laycock Street Theatre during June, according to Laycock Street Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

YIPA will present five concerts from June 5 to 9 featuring the "best young performers from the Central Coast aged between 12 and 21 years".

"Over 300 individual and group acts were auditioned by the Selection Panel last year," Ms Kelly said.

"Of those auditioned, the panel has the awesome task of selecting 28 different acts for each night of the concert series.

"Each night will also feature a guest presenter, being a past-performer from YIPA who has gone on to further their performance

career.

"These professional concerts are a fantastic opportunity to see a variety of talented youth performing in all performing arts genres."

Ms Kelly said performers also had the opportunity to apply for a number of scholarships which were donated from the proceeds of ticket sales, along with scholarships from local businesses and community groups, including Woy Woy Little Theatre, Gosford Musical Society, Mad Cow Theatre, Veronica Law School of Highland Dancing, Rotary West Gosford, and the Central Coast Jazz League.

Ms Kelly also said other scholarship donations were welcome.

Concerts will be staged at 8pm on Tuesday June 5, Wednesday June 6, Thursday June 7, Friday June 8 and Saturday June 9.

Press release, 7 Feb 2007

Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

Raising money for children's ward

A local hotel is hoping to raise money for the children's ward at Gosford Hospital during Easter, after the success of its raffles in December last year.

The Christmas raffles at the Bayview Hotel raised over \$2000 from selling \$2 tickets over a three-week period.

Twenty hams were donated by raffle organisers Keith Castle and Jimmy Humphries to give-away as prizes.

Hotel owner Mr Gary Narvo said he was "extremely happy" with the amount of money raised.

"It's great to see the Bayview patrons dig into their pockets for the sick kids at Gosford Hospital,

when they don't have much money to spare especially at Christmas time," Mr Narvo said.

"These Bayview battlers have showed just how selfless and compassionate they truly are.

"It is good to see such compassion when there are so many bad things going on elsewhere."

Mr Narvo said he hoped to sell at least 30 hams over the Easter

period in an attempt to raise even more funds for the Children's Ward at Gosford Hospital.

"Without the help and determination of Keith and Jimmy we could not have raised all that money," Mr Narvo said.

Clare Graham, 7 Feb 2007

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Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and residents of Patonga

Andrews calls for better coverage

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews recently met with residents of Patonga to support their campaign for improved TV and mobile phone reception in the area.

Ms Andrews said the Federal Government promised the residents of Patonga they would have TV reception and mobile phone coverage in their area once an antenna tower was built in the village.

A local resident and treasurer of the Patonga Progress Association, Ms Joyce Chambers, said the

tower was ineffective and that for one and a half years the community has had continual problems with their TV and mobile signals.

"This area has high risk of bushfires and we still do not have consistent mobile phone coverage," Ms Chambers said.

"We have many older residents in the village, many of whom are housebound and rely on their TV for information and entertainment.

"We have been campaigning, for the provision reliable mobile phone and TV reception since the town was completely isolated by the 1994 bushfires."

Ms Andrews said a fatal boating accident near Patonga in 2000 renewed calls for the urgent need for better coverage in the area.

"The Federal Government did grant funding for an antenna tower to be installed but it does not reliably pick up any TV network besides Channel 7, which has no sound," Ms Andrews said.

"In the event of an emergency, it is absolutely critical that this community have immediate access to all lines of communication.

"But they are also entitled to watch the cricket and tennis and nightly news like everyone else." Many residents said they had spent a considerable amount of money employing electricians and TV technicians to investigate what was wrong and others had paid for special antennas in the hope of improving their reception, Ms Andrews said.

Ms Andrews is calling on Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd to assist the residents in having the matter resolved immediately.

Press release, 9 Feb 2007
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Wales calls for fast ferry

Independent candidate for Gosford Ms Debra Wales has called on the State Government to back the high-speed ferry service from Ettalong Beach to Circular Quay, following the latest closure of the F3 Freeway after bushfires "raged out of control".

"Recent commitments by the NSW Liberals for a second freeway link from Kariong to Wisemans Ferry are about as believable as the Bob Carr's fast train to Sydney", Ms Wales said.

"The answer is staring everyone in the face.

"Governments must get behind the fast ferry service to Sydney and, if necessary, fund the wharf and terminal building.

"Compared to the Liberals \$1 billion price tag for a second freeway, the meager \$30 million for the fast ferry service is a much more realistic option.

"If Government got behind the fast ferry, it would be operational within 12 months delivering our hard-working commuters to the centre of Sydney in less than an hour.

"This is compared to the Liberals' fairytale promise to produce a study on the feasibility of a second six-lane freeway linking Kariong to Wisemans Ferry and the mooted M7 link which, even in our wildest dreams, will take 10 years of studies before a shovel hits the

dirt.

"That is, of course, dependent on the Federal Government coughing up its share of the billion dollar price tag.

"This also ignores the environmental impacts of such a freeway proposal which would carve a path through national parks and impair the world class vistas of the Hawkesbury River."

Ms Wales said that, by comparison, the high-speed ferry link to Sydney would have "minimal environmental impact" which had "already been confirmed through an EIS".

Ms Wales said that the high-speed ferry service was already approved, had valid consents and could commence work immediately.

"It just seems ridiculous to talk about second freeways and fast trains when we live on one of most accessible coastal waterways on the eastern seaboard less than an hour from Sydney", said Ms Wales.

"Elections always seem to bring out all the wild promises when more practical solutions are ready to go.

"In addition to ensuring a vital third transport link, the fast ferry will also deliver tourists onto the Central Coast producing hundreds of job opportunities and creating investment potential desperately needed in the local area."

Press release, 30 Jan 2007
Debra Wales, Independent candidate for Gosford

Action group to meet

The next Peninsula Residents Action Group meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24, at 2pm instead of 1pm, according to group coordinator Ms Juanita Hutchesson.

"It will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre on McMasters Rd, Woy Woy," Ms Hutchesson said.

Ms Hutchesson said members had sent letters to State and Federal Government politicians.

"More police are needed for the Peninsula.

"However, crime figures are down and we want this great police work and good community work to continue."

Press release, 9 Feb 2007
Juanita Hutchesson, Peninsula Residents Action Group

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Ettalong loses classroom

Ettalong Public School will lose a demountable classroom this year, as a result of falling enrolments.

The school received 15 less students than predicted this year, according to school principal Mr Bob Bourke.

The school had a total enrolment of 662 students.

"Students were allocated to new classes last Thursday (February 1) and by all accounts are happy and settled."

"We have placed these students into 25 classes plus the Special Education class."

"The enrolment was down by about 15 students on what we had predicted, with the result that 25 rather than 26 classes have been formed."

"This means also that the demountable classroom near the hall will be moved to another school."

Newsletter, 6 Feb 2007
Bob Bourke,
Ettalong Public School

All students gain HSC

All Year 12 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College passed their HSC exams last year.

And many received some "fantastic HSC results", according to senior campus principal Mr David Beattie.

"There were a number of students receiving results in Band 6, the highest performance band, as well as having their names in the Sydney Morning Herald honours list."

"Two students, Emily Francis and Ellie McGuinness, actually placed in the top 20 students in NSW in the PD/H/PE exams."

"Emily achieved a UAI of 98.3

and Ellie achieved 95.45."

"These UAI ranks allowed both girls access to their course of choice at University."

Mr Beattie said "the 2006 cohort" had really positive outcomes from their secondary education.

"There are increased numbers of students going to University, while others are enrolling in TAFE or getting apprenticeships," Mr Beattie said.

"The job market certainly seems to be on the improve."

Mr Beattie said the college staff deserved congratulations "on a job well done".

"Their dedication and commitment to students working

towards the HSC is of the highest order," Mr Beattie said.

"Results across the college in ELLA and SNAP Tests, the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate continue to improve, reflecting high quality teaching and learning."

Mr Beattie said: "The 2006 HSC saw students gain top results in ancient history, biology, English, English extension 2, drama, PD/H/PE, studies of religion, design and technology, maths, maths extension 2, entertainment industries and hospitality."

Press release, 31 Jan 2007
David Beattie, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Department rejects 'humiliation' claims

The Department of Education and Training has rejected suggestions that students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have been discriminated against or humiliated because they had not been able to afford to pay voluntary school fees.

However, it has confirmed that as many as 10 per cent of students received only folios without certificates, because they had not completed a "sign-out".

The department was responding to a letter published in Peninsula News, claiming students had been humiliated by not be presented with certificates on the presentation day at the end of last year.

Department spokesman Mr Sven Wright said: "No students have been denied their School Certificate or folio because they were unable to pay voluntary contributions."

"No students were humiliated on stage during the presentation: all received identical blue folders, about 90 per cent of which

contained the students' School Certificates, reports and folios."

"To collect this documentation the school requires students to complete a "sign-out" procedure including the return of all textbooks and library books - parents are advised of this in writing early in Term 4 and students reminded throughout the term."

"Students who had not completed the process before the presentation received a reminder note in their blue folder."

"Special sessions for the return of books were held on the Wednesday morning before the presentation and immediately afterwards."

"About a dozen students are still to return their books - they will receive their School Certificates, reports and portfolios when they do so."

"A number of students would have returned their books and therefore received their documentation on or after December 21," he said.

Email, 2 Feb 2007
Sven Wright, Department of
Education and Training

Primary students make transition

Students making the transition from primary to secondary school were given special treatment at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary School, according to relieving college principal Mr David Beattie

"Year 7 students had two days with their teachers and peer support leaders in their new school so that they could get used to the learning environment and find out about life in high school," Mr Beattie said.

"Several students commented that it was a great way to start and it was good to get to know their teachers and which team they are in."

"The Umina campus places all students into one of seven teams so that they have fewer teachers than other high schools and so that teachers can work with them in a range of ways to support the transition from Year 6."

"Year 8 and 9 students commenced their studies on Thursday and look forward to another exciting year."

"Over at the senior campus, Year 11 and 12 students started on Tuesday, while Year 10 commenced on Wednesday."

"All students are now on their journey towards the Higher School Certificate, and if last year's results are anything to go by, should be scoring some great results and

UAIs over the next three years."

Mr Beattie said: "All students have had our expectations clearly explained to them."

"Their opportunities for academic excellence, sporting and cultural achievements are fantastic and we look forward to a great year."

"Our sports and performing arts academies are up and running and students can get involved in rugby league or football as a part of their HSC."

"A wide range of activities are planned for Wednesday afternoons in the performing arts."

Press release, 31 Jan 2007
David Beattie, Brisbane Water
Secondary College

Swimming carnival

Pretty Beach Public School held its swimming carnival on February 6 with several people taking out placings.

In the senior boys, Lachlan Randall came first, Ben Morrison second and Alec Baker third.

In the seniors girls, Katie Stewart

came first, Sunniva Abrahams second and Hannah Greirson third.

In the junior boys, Tom Passmore came first, Ben Canty second and Liam Baker third.

In the junior girls, Jessica McCarthy came first, Eloise

Riemann came second and Emily Cameron third.

"The children were very well behaved and showed great sportsmanship," school principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

Newsletter, 8 Feb 2007
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School



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Water complaints down to one third

The number of
**discoloured water
complaints received
by Gosford Council in
the past two months
from the Peninsula "is
less than a third of the
number received over
the same period 12
months ago", according
to council.**

It stated that the "large
reduction" was a direct
result of an extensive mains
cleaning program that
has included air scouring,
upgrades to water treatment
and programmed flushing of
mains.

The next stage of the
air-scouring program will
commence during this year.

Council stated that the full
program was likely to extend
over a number of years.

"Discoloured water
complaints are typical across
Australia at this time of year,"
mayor Cr Laurie Maher said.

"During summer months
settled materials may
become mobile due to the
higher temperatures and
flow.

"Gosford Council is

continually taking samples
and conducting its flushing
program and this has
resulted in a huge reduction
of complaints.

"The number of complaints
is considerably down on last
year's figures."

The water removed from
pipes during cleaning is
captured, re-treated at the
Somersby treatment plant
and distributed back into the
system for consumption.

"Our air scouring project
was also quite successful
last year in the Peninsula,"
Cr Maher said.

"The program will be
starting again soon and will
recommence north of the
Peninsula heading towards
Gosford."

Council said that even
after mains are cleaned,
discoloured water can re-
occur.

If people experience
ongoing discoloured water,
they can contact council
during business hours on
4325 8222 or out of hours on
1800 680 828.

Press release, 5 Feb 2007
Tamara Paterson,
Gosford Council

Andrews calls for clean water

**Member for Peats Ms
Marie Andrews has
called on Gosford
Council to clean up the
pipes that carry water
for the majority of the
Peninsula.**

Ms Andrews said she was
fed up with having to account
for the council's inaction on
the dirty pipes.

"Local residents come to
me with serious concern
about the filth in their water
despite assurances given by
Gosford Council 12 months
ago that this situation was
only temporary.

"No one wants to wash
anything with water that
colour, let alone drink it," Ms
Andrews said.

Woy Woy resident Ms
Michelle Holborn advised
that her white cloth nappies
were coming out of the wash
dirtier than when she put
them in.

"If we are trying to save

water around here, this
certainly isn't helping," Ms
Holborn said.

Ms Andrews said she had
made several representations
to council on the issue and it
was still unresolved.

"Households should not
have to pay for special
'purified water' tanks on the
Central Coast just because
the council can't get their act
together," Ms Andrews said.

"We are not living in a
third world country and it is
unacceptable.

"People in this area should
not have to wait an eternity
for their water to run clear.

"This council has a track
record of lagging behind the
rest of NSW.

"Residents who fork out
their rates consistently and
on time, deserve to see
action now."

Press release, 29 Jan 2007
Marie Andrews,
Member for Peats

Wombats win at Nowra

The Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club had success recently when it travelled to Nowra for the NSW Country Championships on the Australia Day long weekend.

Team member Daniel Simpson said: "The Men's A Division played five games over the Friday and Saturday, going into the finals undefeated.

"They won the Semi final on Sunday morning 10 to 4.

"The team met East Newcastle in the grand final and were victorious winning 8 to 4.

"The Country Club Championships have been going since 1970 and this is the first time a Central Coast team has one the Mens A division cup."

Mr Simpson said the club had come second a few times in recent years.

"The win is a great achievement," Mr Simpson said.

"Other clubs in the competition were Central Newcastle, Cessnock, Lake Macquarie and Tuggeranong."

The team included Jim Moreland, Wayne Martin, Mitchell Baird, Daniel Simpson, Daniel Syddall, Tim Hall, Andrew Costello, Scott Henderson, Michael Macurren, Scott Webster, Daniel Robinson and Sam Wheeler.

The Woy Woy Wombats play on a Wednesday night at Woy Woy pool.

**Press release, 7 Feb 2007
Daniel Simpson,
Woy Woy Wombats**



Surf clubs promised \$10,000

Peninsula surf clubs would each receive \$10,000 to purchase essential equipment if a Coalition Government is elected, according to Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein.

He said the NSW Opposition Leader Mr Peter Debnam had promised \$1.29 million to upgrade equipment at the 129 clubs across the State, or \$10,000 per club.

"I believe that the clubs themselves are best placed to determine the priorities for the equipment they need," Cr Holstein

said.

"This money will go along way to ensuring our Surf Life Saving Clubs at Umina and Ocean Beaches have the most technologically-advanced equipment available.

"I can not think of a better 100th birthday present for Surf Life Saving Australia than our commitment to provide \$1.29 million capital funding to Surf Life Saving Clubs in NSW to help purchase essential safety equipment," Mr Holstein said.

**Press release, 6 Feb 2007
Chris Holstein,
Liberal Candidate for Gosford**

Carnivals at pool

The Peninsula Leisure Centre and Gosford Olympic Pool will be running over 50 school swimming carnivals over the next few months, according to Gosford Council.

As a result of the busy period, members of the general public will have restricted access to the centres while carnivals are in progress during February and

March.

Swimmers can call the Peninsula Leisure Centre on 4325 8123 or Gosford Olympic Pool on 4325 1869 to check on pool availability times.

Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au also provides a detailed timetable.

**Press release, 29 Jan 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

Club wins placings

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club has finished last year's competition with 15 places at zone level, six national finalists, one national champion and five team places.

Teacher Ms Robyn Stephen said the 7 to 8 year team also placed first overall in the national team championships.

"Placegetters included Georgia Riley who came first at Zone in the five year division and Jessica Nolan who came second and Tara Wright who came fifth in the same division," Ms Stephen said.

"Tannika Hynds came second at Zone in the six year division.

"Simone Bradley came 15th at Zone in the seven year division and 15th at Nationals, while Amber Antonio came second in the same division.

"In the eight year division, Edwina Clune-Purcell came 15th at Zone and reached the final at Nationals, while Kirstyn Karele came fifth at

Zone in the same division.

"Lauren Riley came 15th at Zone in the nine year division and Rebecca Hutchins came third in the same section.

"Keeyah Robertson placed fifth at State Repechage.

"Keiryn Payne came second at Zone in the 11 year division and reached the final at Nationals, while Charlotte Clune-Purcell came third at Zone in the same division and also reached the final at Nationals.

"Kiara Hoste came third at Zone in the 12 year division and Hannah Clune-Purcell came second in the 14 year division and reached the final at Nationals.

"Lesa McNeill reached the Senior National Final, which was held at the Sydney Opera House, and in the second year Ladies division Amy Ward came fifth at Zone and was a National Finalist at the State Sports Centre, Homebush."

Ms Stephen said the Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture club runs "physic" classes for girls and ladies at the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday and Wednesday

afternoons.

The program includes standing and floor exercises, aerobic type warm-ups, ballet and dance, all choreographed to develop strength, grace, confidence, co-ordination and flexibility.

"This in turn teaches the relationship of music to movement, rhythm, self-discipline, composition, balance and musical interpretation," Ms Stephen said.

"Each age has a separate syllabus and students have the opportunity to enter annual competitions.

"Competitions are at club, interclub, district and state level and culminate in national finals in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House and the State Sports Centre, Homebush.

"Girls can compete as a member of a team or individually.

"Girls from three years up may participate."

**Press release, 1 Feb 2007
Robyn Stephen,
Woy Woy Recreational
Physical Culture Club**

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Fytofoam in place at Umina oval

Foam inserted in oval

Umina oval has received maintenance recently as work begun to insert water retaining foam in the field's surface.

The technology is a first to the Central Coast and involves the insertion of a product called Fytofoam into the root zone of the playing field.

Gosford Council claimed in a media release that this improved surface

drainage and the foam structure absorbs water and nutrients, retaining them to allow grass to hydrate as needed, cutting water usage by approximately 70 per cent.

It is estimated that the project will save up to eight megalitres of water a year.

Council received \$36,364 through round two of the Federal Community Water Grants to help assist with the

funding of the project.

Further funding is being provided by a joint partnership between Gosford Council and the main users of the oval, Umina Public School, Umina Rugby League Club and Umina Soccer Club.

The insertion of the foam began on Monday, January 29, and continued until Wednesday, January 31.

Press release, 30 Jan 2007
Kylie Gillett, Gosford Council

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