

Fast Ships ask for more time

Fast Ships Ltd, the proponent for a fast ferry service between Ettalong Beach and Sydney, has asked Gosford Council to extend by a year its deadline to provide the infrastructure and service.

Fast Ships told the council that it was experiencing difficulties in securing a vessel for the project.

It stated that a 12-month delay was anticipated in securing a vessel and asked for "the time to provide the various components" be extended by 12 months.

Council officers have recommended approval for the extension stating that council should "agree to Fast Ships Ltd's request for a 12-month extension to complete the infrastructure and provide a fast ferry service between the Central Coast and Sydney".

Officers stated that the earliest date for commencement of the ferry service without breach was June 27, 2008.

Fast Ships now want to extend the date to June 27, 2009.

Council officers stated that the company had submitted a draft construction program, and had applied for the certificates and plans required by part of clause 6.1 which includes a development

environment plan and development quality assurance plan.

Council officers stated that if council terminated the agreement, it could delay the project for a period that might exceed one year.

It stated that "it is in the public's interest that council proceed in its endeavours to facilitate the provision of an alternative mode of transport between the Central Coast and Sydney".

It further stated that "arrangements with Fast Ships Ltd are at an advanced stage and negotiations between Fast Ships Ltd and vessel providers are proceeding.

"Accordingly, at this stage it is recommended that council continue its arrangements with Fast Ships Ltd and grant a 12-month extension for it to complete the infrastructure and provide a fast ferry service between the Central Coast and Sydney."

The company obtained development consent for the wharf and terminal building last year.

A report from council stated that "other than preliminary works, no works have been commenced on either the wharf, infrastructure or the provision of a vessel".

Council agenda COR.16, 27 Feb 2007



Bouddi Group makes upgrade plans

A collaboration of organisations in the Bouddi area called The Bouddi Group has submitted a proposal to Gosford Council to an upgrade of the Hardys Bay Foreshore Precinct.

The group comprises the Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association, Killcare-Wagstaffe Trust, the Bouddi Society and Killcare Business Forum.

It presented a plan to Gosford Council on February 1 to upgrade Hardys Bay Foreshore Precinct in Araluen Dr from Killcare Rd to Heath Rd, said progress association president Mr Richard Harper.

"The Director of City Services spoke very favourably of the submission which also focused on road safety, traffic and parking in the vicinity of the Killcare Rd commercial area."

Mr Harper said the group was told that a "family-friendly" area

with a children's playground at the south end of Araluen Dr that is incorporated in the plan is consistent with council's new playground program."

Mr Harper said that the organizations formed the coalition The Bouddi Group about two years ago, to consider their mutual concerns at "the stress being applied to the area as a result of increasing population, both permanent and transitory on the natural and beautiful environment".

Mr Harper said examples of the concerns that were raised and addressed in the plan were lack of toilets in a family friendly environment; children on bikes, people in wheel chairs and people pushing prams having to share the road with cars; and general traffic, parking and pedestrian safety issues.

Mr Harper said that the Bouddi Group took the view that any

alterations and additions in the area should be tied into a master plan.

"This led to the collation of data, meetings and response sheets with our combined membership spread over the 1400 dwellings in the entire area," Mr Harper said.

"This resulted in the first and subsequent draft plans that were used to discuss proposals with groups including Araluen Dr residents, the Pretty Beach School, Killcare Rural Fire Brigade, Killcare Surf Club and Hardys Bay Residents Group."

The Bouddi Group has now asked council to support in the implementation of the proposed upgrading of part of the Hardys Bay Foreshore Precinct.

Press release, 9 Feb 2007

Richard Harper, Pretty Beach-Wagstaffe Progress Association

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• Plan to improve foreshore

Companies warn of ferry danger

Central Coast Ferries and Palm Beach Ferries have called on Gosford Council to prevent children jumping off wharves at Ettalong and Central Wharf at Davistown.

Central Coast Ferries manager Mr Mark Conway said that he was alarmed at the "absolute stupidity" of the kids.

"When we sound our horns coming into these wharves, the kids just ignore us," Mr Conway said.

"And when we try to stop them, they give us cheek."

"Where is parental supervision here?"

"We just want to coexist."

"Kids have been jumping off wharves since wharves were built, but they must be made aware of the dangers of the ferry propellers."

"The Codock II propellers are three feet in diameter."

"Council has promised rangers to patrol the wharves at peak times, but they can't be everywhere at once."

Mr Conway asked parents to supervise their children and warn them of the dangers that this practice carries: disfigurement, loss of limbs or loss of life.

Press release, 19 Feb 2007

Mark Conway, Central Coast Ferries

Rally to oppose village plans

A meeting to oppose development on rare bushland at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd will be held at the corner from 9am on Saturday, March 3.

The bush on the 1.1 hectare site was an endangered plant community known as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, said meeting convenor Mr Bryan Ellis of Save Our Suburbs Central Coast branch.

He said it would be destroyed if plans for a retirement village, currently before Gosford Council, were permitted to proceed.

The meeting would be "a public information and support morning" at the site on Saturday, March 3, from 9am to noon, he said.

"We need people to show their commitment to saving this last bit of bush."

"People can sign a letter of support or agree to donate hard

cash should this proceed to court.

"We will also have a letter to the Premier asking that he instruct his Planning Minister to call in this development and declare this land State Significant for its protection in perpetuity," said Mr Ellis.

Letter, 19 Feb 2007

Bryan Ellis, Save Our Suburbs

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Doors to the Davistown RSL Club event open at 7.30pm and tickets cost \$37.50.

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

The Davistown RSL club is located at 19 Murna Rd, Davistown.

Lyle Stone, 10 Feb 2007

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New dentist for Woy Woy

A new dentist for public dental patients has been allocated to Woy Woy.

Announcing the appointment, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said that the permanent position had been filled on a temporary basis.

"Action is underway to make this a permanent appointment."

Ms Andrews said: "This is good news for public dental patients in our area."

She said four new dentists had been appointed across the Central Coast.

"I want to give a warm welcome to the four new dentists who are coming to work in the Central Coast.

"There's more work to do, but additional dentists like this show we are heading in the right direction.

"The lemma Government has increased dental funding to \$130

million this year, which will continue to increase over the next three years.

"There is an Australia-wide shortage of dentists but the lemma Government has taken action to continue to provide essential public services to the people of NSW.

"If the Commonwealth took responsibility, and used some of their \$11.8 billion surplus for dental, that would make a real difference to hard-working families seeking affordable dental care.

"The Health Services Union have proposed a scheme where dental care would put on Medicare for children, youth and those over 65, it's one idea that is worthy of consideration.

"New research by the Health Services Union shows that 73 per cent of families believe dental care is a national responsibly.

"It's time for the Federal

Government to start listening to them.

Ms Andrews said that the new dentists for the Central Coast are part of the lemma Government's successful recruitment of 29 additional public dentists from overseas and Australia to work across the state as well as five new paediatric dental registrars who have already started work at Westmead adult and Children's hospitals."

Ms Andrews said Opposition plans to sack 20,000 public servants "would have a devastating impact on public dental care".

"Slashing the jobs of dental hygienists, receptionists and cleaners will mean that dentists and dental nurses will be forced to spend their time on paperwork not patients."

Press release, 23 Feb 2007

Marie Andrews, Member for Peats



Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and NSW Shadow Education Minister Mr Brad Hazzard

Liberals call for better funding of local schools

The whole of Woy Woy South Public School should be fenced with a high metal security fence, according to the Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein.

NSW Shadow Education Minister Brad Hazzard visited Woy Woy South Primary School with Cr Holstein on Friday to "highlight Labor's minimal funding of local schools".

"Almost every day I drive past Woy Woy South Primary School and to me it is a shining example of a job half done," Cr Holstein said.

"At the front of the school there is a high metal security fence in place, but only a few metres away on the other side of the school

there is dilapidated fence about a metre high.

"The school is left vulnerable to vandals as they can easily jump the low fence.

"This is not good enough.

"The lemma Labor Government should do the job properly and fence the whole school.

Mr Hazzard said: "Our students and dedicated teachers deserve much better than what they currently have to put up with."

"After 12 years of Labor things our schools are getting rundown, that's why we need a change of government," said Mr Hazzard.

Press release, 23 Feb 2007

Chris Holstein, Liberal candidate for gosford

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Minister for Roads Mr Eric Roozendaal, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher with 7 year old Ettalong Public School students Alec Morison and Zoe Sanders-Marletta at the pathway leading to the new bridge

Desalination sites proposed

Two locations on the Peninsula are being investigated for temporary desalination plants.

According to a report from a recent Gosford Wyong Water Authority Board meeting, the two Peninsula locations were Umina Oval and the Woy Woy Sewerage Treatment Works.

The two locations were among eight potential sites listed for further investigation in the local area.

Gosford Council stated in a recent report that no decision on the additional sites would be made until detailed investigations had been completed and the findings presented back to the Joint Water Authority and both councils.

"The reason we wanted to investigate additional and potential sites was to ensure that only the most appropriate locations in the region are being considered and that these, in turn, meet all of the stringent criteria being used to measure their overall suitability," Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said.

"Obviously the use of temporary mobile desalination plants remains a last resort.

"Development approvals have been given for three sites in Wyong Shire, but no decision has been made to install temporary desalination at these sites.

"Should temporary desalination be necessary units will be installed at these sites prior to consideration of locating units at any additional sites.

"Both the board and ourselves thought it important to undertake detailed investigations of as many potential sites as possible to ensure that if we do end up

having to install these units, they're located in areas where they'll have the least impact on the community and environment.

"Understandably many residents who live close to the previously identified potential sites in the Gosford area have raised considerable concerns about what impact the units will have on them and their surroundings.

"It is exactly these sorts of concerns and overall impacts that we'll be taking in consideration to make sure we get it right in terms of where these units are located should we have to pursue temporary desalination as a last resort."

Umina Oval in Sydney Ave, Umina, is number two on the list, while the Woy Woy Sewerage Treatment Works is number five.

The report to the water authority stated that the investigation phase was likely to take six weeks.

The report stated that "the design and DA phase for those sites assessed as suitable will take 37 weeks".

"Following obtaining the necessary approvals, construction and commissioning could be completed in 17 weeks giving an overall procurement program of 60 weeks with a delivery date of late March 2008."

The board noted its preference for a temporary desalination plant at Vales Point Power Station before the beach locations due to the likelihood of "substantial cost, community and construction benefits over the beach sites".

Press release, 20 Feb 2007

Tamara Paterson, Gosford Council

Press release, 21 Feb 2007

Gosford Wyong Council

Water Authority

Below half average rain

The Peninsula has received less than half its average rainfall for the first two months of this year, according to Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

At the end of last week, a total of just 92.1mm of rain has fallen in the first two months of this year, he said.

This was just 42 percent of the combined average for the months of January and February of 220.1mm..

The rainfall for January was 45.7mm, compared to an average of 103.1mm.

With less than one week to go, the rainfall so far this month was 46.4, compared to an average of 117mm.

The heaviest fall this month was 21.6mm recorded on January 13.

Mark Snell, February 23

Andrews opens cycle bridge

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has opened the Woy Woy pedestrian and cycle bridge.

The pedestrian bridge, which cost \$1.3 million, was opened to the public on the weekend of February 17 and 18.

"This is fantastic news for the local community," Ms Andrews said.

"The completion of the Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge and approaches marks the completion of the final sections of the 6.5 kilometre Pt Clare to Woy Woy pedestrian and cycle path. Minister for Roads Mr Eric Roozendaal and Ms Andrews officially opened the bridge last week, joined by members of the local community and council representatives.

Ms Andrews said the pedestrian and cycle bridge would improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in the area. "The \$1.3 million Woy Woy Bay Inlet project is funded jointly by the State Government and Gosford Council," Ms Andrews said.

"The project involved the construction of a concrete and steel bridge, which is approximately 86 metres long and three metres wide." Support towers were installed in mid-November last year.

Two 22 metre pre-cast concrete poles were installed at each end of the bridge and a crane was used to put the poles in place.

Ms Andrews said the footings went down 26 metres.

The Point Clare to Woy Woy pedestrian and cycle path was undertaken in stages since November 2002.

Press release, 16 Feb 2007
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats



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Public protest to save bush

The decision to destroy the endangered bushland, Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW) at Veron Rd has now been postponed until after the State Election.

When this development proposal returns to Council after the election, we can expect the pro-development council to give the nod to this outrageous project.

What then for the rest of the Peninsula?

Over-developed and over-populated, we already have a deficit of open space for the current population.

If we can't save the little bit of open space that we have when it is considered worth being "nominated for national listing under the Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act." (Peninsula News, February 12), what is the point of having such Acts?

What a tangled web of stupidity

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and negligence is being woven here.

The Gosford Council, that wisely refused this destructive development and won its decision in the Land and Environment Court, has now asked the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) for its concurrence in approving the same destructive development.

The DEC having asked the Federal Government to ensure UCSW is protected by recognition in the EP&BC Act is now lending its concurrence to see that the site is destroyed.

The Council report states that the significant and large corkwood tree on the site will be killed by the excavation that will occur around it.

The DEC says that its requirements have been met to a "sufficient standard".

I don't believe that this is good enough.

I don't believe that council's report is sufficient to satisfy the concerns of the community.

It appears our only resort will be to take this matter to court and to that end we will be having a public information and support morning at the site on Saturday, March 3, from 9am to noon,

We need people to show their commitment to saving this last bit of bush.

People can sign a letter of support or agree to donate hard cash should this proceed to court.

We will also have a letter to the Premier asking that he instruct his Planning Minister to "call in" this development and declare this land "state significant" for its protection in perpetuity.

Bryan Ellis,
Save Our Suburbs,
Umina

Always has been Woy Woy Peninsula

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Always has been Woy Woy Peninsula while I've lived here. Let's have it gazetted before they pinch the name Peninsula. Perish the thought!

Rosemary Marcus
Umina Beach

I have a 1970's map of the Woy Woy area and on the front it says "Map of Woy Woy Peninsula and surrounding areas."

A pelican emblem of Central Coast NSW is underneath.

Inside it says "Sponsored by Vintage Press and Gosford City Tourist Association".

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Brown water all year

Gosford council should get their facts right.

We have had brown water here for several years, obviously Cr Maher doesn't know that and it happens on a regular basis not just this time of the year.

Perhaps it doesn't happen at Cr

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Maher's house at all. Lucky him.

I can't wait for the next council elections.

Jean Bateup, Woy Woy

Given up complaining

I can understand why "water complaints" are down one third in the past year.

It is not because we are getting less dirty water but because the majority of residents on the Peninsula have simply given up complaining.

I have lived on the Peninsula since July 2005 and in the last six months, hardly a week has gone by that we haven't had dirty water.

The problem seems to be worse on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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When I phoned the council about this the receptionist on one occasion said she thought the residents were extremely long-suffering.

On several other occasions, I have been assured that someone will get back to me but, as the neighbours have told me "no-one ever does".

Instead two packets of laundry powder/bleach are left on my front doorstep every time I complain.

The majority of my neighbours have also given up complaining.

I have lived in Brisbane, Sydney, Darwin and Adelaide and I have never experienced anything like the situation here.

As Marie Andrews so rightly said: "We are not living in a Third World country and this is totally unacceptable" but what do we do about it?

Helen McConaghy
Woy Woy

How much flushing can be done

Maybe you can help shed some light on this phenomena?

We moved to Umina from Sydney three years ago.

Over those three years pretty much regularly we get brown water, usually on weekends.

If we do remember to call the water people on the following Monday, we get the standard "Oh yeah, flushing the pipes".

How much flushing can be done in three years?

Why should we have to pay for this disgusting water?

Dave Holmes
Umina Beach

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Liberals pledge 25 more police

A Liberal/Nationals Coalition Government would assign an another 25 police officers to Woy Woy police station to guarantee a "24/7" operation, according to the Shadow Minister for Police, Mr Mike Gallacher.

"A Debnam-led Government will also reopen the Umina police station which (Member for Peats) Marie Andrews closed," Mr

Gallacher said.

Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein said the community wanted Umina station to remain open, "yet Labor failed to listen, instead stripping Gosford of resources in another example of Labor's cost cutting".

"Ms Andrews believes we are better off having more police out on the 'beat' but has allowed police resources to spiral downwards.

"Alarming, since 2003, Brisbane

Water Local Area Command has lost 21 officers.

"The continued loss of police from our region shows how Labor has failed to resource the Central Coast," Cr Holstein said.

"Ms Andrews can spin all she likes but the cuts to local police have all been on her watch," Mr Gallacher said.

"Cr Holstein said the community has had enough with the complacent attitude of this Government and

Labor's failure to take community concerns seriously.

"I will continue to work with Mike to ensure Labor is held accountable and to ensure the Central Coast gets the resources we deserve," Mr Holstein said.

"After 12 long years, enough is enough.

"NSW needs change and that requires a new Government," Mr Gallacher said.

Ms Andrews said the Liberal candidates on the Central Coast should congratulate the officers of the Brisbane Water LAC rather than trying to "whip up hysteria" over crime rates.

"Police in the region are continuing to drive down crime," Ms Andrews said.

"The latest figures from the Bureau of Crime Statistics show

that in the Gosford-Wyong area, in the two years to September 2006, two major categories of crime had fallen and all but one other remained stable.

"According to the BOCSAR figures car theft had fallen almost 14 per cent and the crime of 'steal from person' has plunged 22 per cent."

Ms Andrews said 236 police were stationed within the command, which was "actually above the authorised strength".

"On top of that, the LAC has just received eight probationary constables who have graduated from the Goulburn Police College,"

Ms Andrews said.

Press release, 20 Feb 2007

Chris Holstein,

Liberal candidate for Gosford

Veron Rd bushland decision deferred

Gosford Council has resolved to defer making a decision on a development application for a retirement village on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, until several days after the State election.

The development is on land identified as having rare bushland - Umina Coastal Sandplain Bushland recognised as an "endangered ecological community".

Representatives of developers Providence Projects stated at a council meeting on February 13

that they would need "about six weeks" for an arborist report.

Cr Craig Doyle stated that he would be "happy to support the item being returned at the first meeting in March".

Cr Robert Bell asked what would happen when the item came back in March.

"Does that mean council determines the matter whether those issues are addressed or not?" Cr Bell said.

Cr Terri Latella said that if the application was already recommended for approval than "surely the issues are addressed".

Cr Latella also said that she had not attended an informal inspection because of the deferral, but that she was looking at inspecting the site when it came back to council.

After having conversed with the proponents outside the meeting, Cr Jim Macfadyen suggested that the first weeks in March may not be possible for the applicant.

He said six weeks were needed.

The meeting resolved to defer the matter for six weeks at the request of the applicant to allow further information to be provided to address the issues of the deferred commencement.

Council agenda ENV.3, 13 Feb 2007

Candidates asked to save rare bush

The Peninsula Bushcare Forum has asked candidates for the seat of Gosford to support the preservation of rare Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW), "which only exists on the Peninsula".

It has called on the candidates to publicly oppose a development proposal for a "luxury retirement village" on the Catholic site at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy in the lead-up to the State election.

The forum's UCSW campaigner Ms Shirley Hotchkiss said the development could destroy up to 10 per cent of the remnant rare bushland.

Ms Hotchkiss said she was hopeful of support, given the public record of the main candidates.

"Three of the four main candidates are on record as opposing development of the site and supporting its preservation as environmentally-sensitive bushland," said the forum's UCSW campaigner Ms Shirley Hotchkiss.

She said Liberal candidate Chris Holstein, Greens candidate Hillary Morris and independent Ms Debra Wales had all opposed development of the site at some time, and this had been recorded in Peninsula News.

Ms Hotchkiss said she could find no public statement about the site by Labor candidate, the Member

for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

"Cr Chris Holstein, the present Liberal candidate, opposed a previous development application in his role as councillor," said Ms Hotchkiss.

He seconded an urgency motion moved by Cr Trevor Drake for Gosford Council to investigate buying the land to save it from development on June 1 2004.

Ms Hotchkiss said: "On the Woy Woy Peninsula, Cr Holstein has also supported the work and humour of Spike Milligan, who was a staunch environmentalist.

"Cr Holstein played a key role in the establishment of Spikefest, a festival celebrating Spike Milligan's legacy."

Ms Hotchkiss said Greens candidate Hillary Morris was reported in the last issue of Peninsula News as being opposed to the current development.

Ms Morris said the Greens policy was to support sustainable development and oppose any that threaten vulnerable ecologies.

Ms Morris said Council's investment of ratepayer's money to successfully stop the previous proposal meant it had a moral obligation to refuse the current application.

Ms Hotchkiss said independent candidate Ms Debra Wales had strongly opposed development of the site.

On August 3, 2004, when she was the Liberal representative for

Peats, Ms Wales urged Council to bring it into public ownership to save the rare bushland.

She also helped organise a public rally to prevent the site's development.

"Open space is needed in the most densely populated area of Gosford City," Ms Wales said in a media release.

"It's not a question of dollars or politics but a question as to the health and well-being of our local neighbourhood."

Ms Wales cited the importance of the land's link to Brisbane Water National Park, as a wildlife corridor and the abundance of grass trees, birdlife and paperbarks.

"It is a precious piece of forest and a vital part of the quality of life on the Peninsula," she said.

Ms Wales also opposed the development on planning grounds, saying that medium density development should not be allowed in the area.

Ms Hotchkiss said she was hopeful for the support of the Labor candidate and current Member for Peats, Ms Andrews.

"Given Marie Andrews' support and advocacy for the views of ordinary community members, we are asking that she take a public stand on this matter that has long been opposed by community members across the political spectrum."

Media release, 21 Jan 2007

Shirley Hotchkiss,

Peninsula Bushcare Forum

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

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

4. A \$400 rebate to retrofit existing tanks by connecting them to toilets and/or washing machines. This will be in addition to the existing rebates offered by Gosford Council.

5. \$2m for installation of rainwater tanks in all state government buildings on the Central Coast.

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

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

Only a change of government will deliver the Liberals plan to drought proof the Central Coast now.

Vote 1 Chris Holstein, Liberal Candidate for Gosford

Chris will be available to meet with local residents and hear their concerns on Saturday March 3 from 2-4pm at his Campaign Office on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Railway St Woy Woy.

**Regards
Chris Holstein**

**Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts,
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Health



New funeral service

A new funeral service has opened its doors on the Peninsula, offering "reasonably priced professional service in times of need".

The Ettalong-based business Calvary Funerals is a family-owned funeral service, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Proprietor Mr Kenneth Young said he had over 25 years' experience in the funeral industry, having worked for a large funeral company in Scotland.

Mr Young said that although there was much competition for funeral services in the area, he

wanted to offer the community a more "reasonably-priced" funeral service.

"I want to offer the community a funeral service that is not too expensive, that comes with the quality and assurance people deserve in their time of need," Mr Young said.

"Unlike other funeral services, we do not seek excessive profits.

"We are only a small business, so a personalised service that is caring and compassionate is our main goal.

Mr Young said Calvary Funerals based itself on Christian values and ethics, focusing on the needs of those people left behind to arrange

their loved ones' funeral.

"Often the financial pressure during a family's time of loss can be overwhelming," Mr Young said.

"We offer a simple funeral for clients who want to do what is right for their loved one, without entering into financial difficulty.

"We also offer a funeral bond that allows the pre-payment of funerals.

"This can also ease the financial burden on families that have lost someone and allow people to have some say in their own funeral arrangements."

Clare Graham, 7 Feb 2007

Concert for cancer

Award winning country band Buckshot will be playing at the Woy Woy Leagues Club on March 17 at 8pm.

The concert is set to coincide with the Peninsula Relay for Life, with money raised from the concert to go to the Cancer Council.

Entertainment organiser Mr John Orme said the Leagues Club would pay for the band.

The concert is themed as a Johnny Cash tribute.

Mr Orme said that, after the tribute, the band would play a country rock mix for dancing until 11pm.

Mr Orme said the event would be open to the general public.

Another 50-minute show is expected to be performed by the band at the Relay for Life "possibly between 6pm and 7pm".

Tickets can be purchased from the club at \$10 each.

A bowls day has also been organized for the Ettalong Bowling Club on Monday, March 19, with an expect "kick off" around 9am, according to Mr Orme.

The proceeds from the bowls day will also go to the Cancer Council.

The Ettalong Bowling Club is sponsoring the event.

For more information on the bowls day, contact Narelle Richardson on 4342 4912.

Lyle Stone, 22 Feb 2007

Fire officers offer help for families

Fire officers from the NSW Fire Brigade's Umina fire station have offered help to families and carers if they suspect children are playing with fire.

Umina station commander Guy Ellis said children were often unaware that a tiny flame could grow into a dangerous fire.

"It is a sad fact that some of the children who die, or are injured, in home fires actually lit the fire themselves," Mr Ellis said.

"Most kids find fire fascinating.

"Unfortunately, some children, not understanding the danger, take it a step further and start experimenting with matches and lighters when they are left on their own, a potentially fatal scenario."

Mr Ellis said help was only a phone call away under a program which provides help for families to understand and manage children's fire-starting behavior.

"If you know or suspect that your child has been playing with fire, seek help immediately by calling the fire brigade's toll-free number 1800 600 700 and avoid a tragedy," Mr Ellis said.

The brigade recommended all families had and maintained smoke alarms, rehearsed their escape plan and know how to call 000 in

an emergency.

It also recommended that children were supervised at all times and were taught that fire is a tool not a toy.

The brigade has also recommended that parents keep lighters and matches secure and watch for evidence of fireplay, such as burns on bedding or clothing, or fire starting devices in children's pockets.

Under the Intervention and Fire Awareness Program, parents and carers ring a free and confidential service to arrange to talk to fire intervention officers.

The officers can also work directly with families to help them understand the issues, suggest strategies and develop an action plan to help make their home safer, and if necessary refer them to other professional help.

Press release, 7 Feb 2007
Guy Ellis, NSWFB Umina

Information on Life relay

An information night for the Peninsula Relay for Life will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at 7pm.

The information session will be held at the Terrigal Memorial Country Club, Dover Rd, Wamberal.

Participants on the night will find out the "what, why and how of Relay", what's on, what to bring, what to leave at home and fundraising tips.

The Relay for Life event is being held at Woy Woy Number One Oval on March 17 to 18, from 4pm.

The survivors walk will begin at 4.30pm, followed by a candlelight ceremony of hope at 7pm.

The Peninsula Relay for Life has currently only raised \$300 of its goal of \$12,699.

There are currently 13 teams already signed up for the event, short of the 60 team goal.

Relay for Life is an 18 hour teams event, where participants take it in turns to walk, skip or run their way around an oval, "having fun, meeting other members of their community, and raising funds to defeat cancer" community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart said.

"Teams are encouraged to camp out overnight, theme their outfits and their tents and do something about cancer in their community in a simple and social way," Ms Chart

said.

"It's a great team-building, fun event.

"This event is in its third year and receives amazing support from the local communities of the Peninsula area."

Registrations can be made online at www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au or by contacting The Cancer Council office on 4325 5444 for a registration form.

Early bird registration of \$11 per person is available until Friday, March 2.

From March 3 onwards, registration is \$15 per person.

"Relay for Life is a fundraising event and every dollar makes a difference," Ms Chart said.

Press release, 10 February 2007
NSW Cancer Council

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Hospital should be upgraded, says Wales

Woy Woy Hospital should regain its status as a fully operational hospital for the 36,000 people on living on the Peninsula and the surrounding communities, according to independent candidate for Gosford, Ms Debra Wales.

"Woy Woy Hospital is badly in need of repair and is under resourced to provide a much-needed service," Ms Wales said.

"I've met the staff and they do a fantastic job under primitive conditions.

"Our Woy Woy Hospital could be brought up to a high standard with full emergency service re-established if only the State Government would recognize it as a much-needed service for the Peninsula."

Ms Wales said Gosford Council should have approved a retirement village at Forrester's Beach to relieve pressure on Woy Woy Hospital.

"Woy Woy Hospital continues to take in aged residents desperately in need of hostel accommodation," she said.

"This is the very type of aged

care service that Forrester's Beach would have provided.

"It's not exclusive luxury retirement village but much needed aged care services.

"Woy Woy Hospital was once a thriving fully operational hospital providing the people on the Peninsula good medical care and a 24-hour emergency service.

"Today, it is simply a dormitory for frail and aged residents who are waiting for a bed to become available somewhere.... anywhere on the Central Coast.

"Claims made by Gosford councillor Malcolm Brooks to

the public and to the NSW Land & Environment Court that the Forrester's Beach project was an overdevelopment and place an unacceptable burden on our water supply are simply incorrect.

"Right next door is the Tarragal Glen Retirement Village which will be three times the size when completed yet Crs Brooks, Bell or Holstein objected to that development.

"The hypocrisy is shameful."

Ms Wales said that information presented by Cr Brooks and "the self proclaimed Forrester's Bushrangers" misrepresented the

facts of the proposed aged care development.

"Claims that there are no doctors available belie the fact that a medical centre will be included in the new development," Ms Wales said.

"Unlike Tarragal Glen next door, the project provides much-needed hostel beds for the frail aged.

"We wouldn't have such a crisis in our public hospital system if council got on with the job of approving compliant aged care facilities instead of playing politics."

**Press release, 19 Feb 2007
Debra Wales, Independent
candidate for Gosford**

Volunteer information

Volunteering Central Coast (VCC) is conducting a free volunteer information session at the Peninsula Community Centre at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on Monday, March 19.

VCC acting recruitment coordinator Mr Eddie Kain said that volunteering allowed people to meet others, put their skills to good use and do something worthwhile in our community.

Volunteering Central Coast had more than 180 volunteer positions listed, "from working outdoors to cooking, from working with animals to receptionist work".

For further information, telephone VCC on 4329 7122 for details of the information session and bookings.

Press release, 6 Feb 2007

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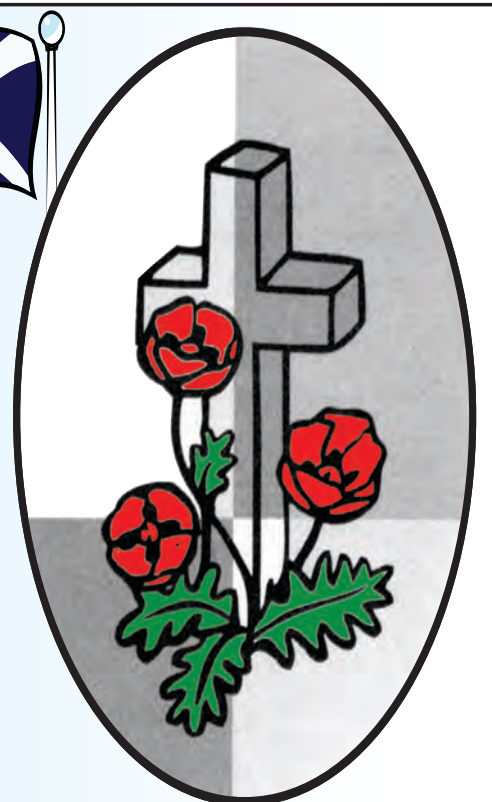
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Petition for paths and gutters

Gosford Council has received a petition from residents of Cooinda Retirement Village, Umina, about the road and footpath conditions of Springwood St.

The petitioners stated that there was no provision for pedestrian traffic.

They stated that there were no formed footpaths, no kerb and guttering, and the road edges were

in very poor condition making "every pedestrian journey a hazard".

The petitioners asked council to look at this situation with a view to providing a safe environment.

The petition contained 58 signatures.

Council has referred the petition to its engineering services department.

Council agenda P.11, 27 Feb 2007

Clean-up at Woy Woy

The Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative and the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch will be coordinating a clean-up in Woy Woy for Clean-Up Australia Day.

The clean up will combine an inspection and clearing of storm water outlets and water sampling of storm water pipes running into Brisbane waters from Lalina Ave

to Lions Park on the morning of March 3.

"Any Peninsula residents, especially those living nearby who use the reserve and might be impacted by storm water discharge, would be most welcome," said site coordinator Mr Paul Burns.

Mr Burns said a periodic follow up inspection of site pollution "hot spots" would be arranged.

For further information, phone Mr Burns on 4344 7066,

Lyle Stone, 19 Feb 2007



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Chemical clean-out at council depot

Gosford Council will be holding a free household chemical "clean out" on Saturday, March 3, at Woy Woy Depot from 9am to 3.30pm.

Council's senior technical officer Mr James Lawson said it was a "great opportunity" to get rid of old household chemicals such as motor oils, batteries, household cleaners and paints.

"Over 17.2 tonnes were handed

in at the household chemical clean out day last year at the Woy Woy Depot, so we are expecting a great response," Mr Lawson said.

"Other items that can be recycled include pesticides, aerosols, fungicides, weed killers, solvents, paints, poisons, fuels, acid and alkalis, and gas bottles."

Residents are asked to not mix chemicals and to handle them with caution.

A maximum of 20 litres or 20kg per item applies.

Up to 20 litres of old motor oil can be dropped off anytime during business hours free of charge at Woy Woy tip.

Both Gosford and Wyong Council received funding for the project from the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation.

For further information call the Clean Out Info Hotline on 131 555.

Press release, 20 Feb 2007

Kate Carragher, Gosford Council

Rubbish investigated

Gosford Council will investigate the ongoing build up of rubbish along Woy Woy Rd, following a request from Cr Terri Latella.

At council's meeting of February 6, Cr Latella asked the director of city services Mr Stephen Glen about current collection practices along Woy Woy Rd between South Woy Woy and Kariong "as there

seems to be an ongoing build up of rubbish along this scenic gateway".

Mr Glen said he would investigate the matter.

Council agenda Q.11, 6 Feb 2007

Barking dogs

Gosford Council has received a petition with six signatures concerning five dogs kept at Korina Ave, Umina.

The petitioners stated that the owners go away most weekends and the dogs "bark continuously".

The petitioners have asked for council's assistance in the matter.

Council has referred the petition to its education and compliance department.

Council agenda P.10, 27 Feb 2007

Landscapes and locomotives

An exhibition of work from Jeff Rigby, "From Bullaburra to Patonga", will be on display at the Bakehouse Gallery Patonga from now until the end of March, according to gallery owner Ms Jocelyn Maughan.

Ms Maughan said the exhibition displayed "exquisitely finished, highly perceptive accounts of landscape, the built environment, and, the love of Jeff's life, locomotives.

"Jeff mainly works in charcoal and watercolour wash, a felicitous coupling that gives both strength and sensitivity.

"The works are currently on display in the newly-refurbished 'over the road' shop front gallery, Bay St, Patonga.

"Jeff regularly exhibits in city galleries and has been purchased by Parliament House, Canberra, as well as most of the State collections.

"A book of Jeff's work, Sydney the Harbour City (which recorded the disappearance of Sydney's architectural heritage) was published in 1988."

Press release, 11 Feb 2007

Robin Norling, Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery



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Intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave

Wales calls for action on intersection

Independent candidate for Gosford Ms Debra Wales has "lashed out" at Gosford Council for its "inaction" in upgrading the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave after another major car crash on the morning of Wednesday, February 21.

"We have been asking Gosford Council to apply for Federal Black Spot funding for the past year since their ridiculous decision to allocate \$600,000 for traffic lights further north on Ocean Beach Rd," Ms Wales said.

"But they choose to ignore the highest accident-prone intersection where we have already had a pedestrian killed on the crossing.

"Will it take a dozen deaths before Gosford Council acts?

"The people on the Peninsula know exactly what this dreadful intersection is like but Gosford Council choose to do nothing.

"While we called for action,

the Council and the Federal Government then spent another \$100,000 on its eighth raised pedestrian crossing on the main street at Ettalong Beach against the advice of local residents who wanted it where the speeding problems actually are."

Ms Wales said she was calling for the Council Traffic Committee to be scrapped and to put the decision making into the hands of expert engineers.

"The experts will base their decisions on accident prone areas not political agenda," Ms Wales said.

"They ignore local residents, they ignore community representatives and they ignore the accident figures staring them in the face.

"It's time to go before another death occurs because of their ignorance."

**Press release, 21 Feb 2007
Debra Wales, Independent
candidate for Gosford**

Grant to clean up Hardy's Bay

The Hardy's Bay Residents' Group has received a \$15,000 grant from the State Government which "will significantly assist with the restoration of the bay's foreshore and the removal of derelict oyster leases in Killcare", according to group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

Mr Wilson said the decision to officially endorse cleaning-up the area flanking Hardys Bay Parade was "greeted with elation" by the residents' group which had "endured, for so long, the unsightly appearance of rows of roofing tiles, concrete slabs and other waste materials which had severely blemished one of the most picturesque outlooks on the Brisbane Water".

Group president Mr Adrian Williams described the grant as "a wonderful gesture".

"We are grateful to the State Government for this generous and timely support," Mr Williams said.

"Minister Grant McBride's office provided us with the necessary advice relating to the availability of grants and for its support of our application.

"It also serves as an acknowledgment of all the efforts our members have put into addressing this important issue."

The key objectives outlined by the residents group in a letter to Environment Minister Mr Bob

Debus was to restore the foreshore area of Hardys Bay Parade to its natural state, to create an area for seagrasses to regenerate and provide habitat for sea life, to prevent further siltation and environmental damage, to enhance the quality of the foreshore and to improve safety for the community and recreational craft.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Labour candidate for Terrigal Ms Deborah O'Neill recently met with members of the residents' group to present the cheque.

Mr Wilson said it was envisaged that all material would be removed by hand at low tide into a barge and floated ashore at high tide.

Mr Wilson said this would be used as backfill for Stage Two roadworks along Hardys Bay Parade.

"The Hardys Bay Residents Group project will involve the removal of the surrendered oyster leases and other unwanted matter along the foreshore of Hardys Bay Parade," Ms Andrews said.

"This will help protect the seagrass beds and provide habitat for small marine life.

"The grant is provided through the NSW Environmental Trust and is part of a statewide \$6 million package which funds 89 grants designed to improve the NSW environment at a grass-roots level."

Ms O'Neill welcomed the funding and commented that the grants

enabled communities to discover solutions to local environmental problems.

"I want to congratulate the Hardys Bay Residents Group who have worked so hard to secure this grant," Ms O'Neill said.

"This is a very important local project and I'm sure the residents here in Hardys Bay and Killcare would be extremely pleased to know that it has attracted State Government funding."

Mr Wilson said the financial blessing had "delighted the local communities" and noted that much of the credit for the successful outcome has been attributed to residents group members Terry and Kay Feltham, who initiated the Stage One activity, "constantly pursued the early negotiations in obtaining the official removal permits for the Stage One cleanup and worked tirelessly, in liaison with other residents, during the arduous stages of the backbreaking groundwork".

"From all the kayaking we have done on the bay over the years, it has made us realise what a disgrace the waters have been left in through reasons of neglect," Mr Feltham said.

"We just want to see the foreshore returned to its natural state so that it can be used by everyone.

"Our bay is a priceless asset."

**Press release, 20 Feb 2007
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay
Residents Group**

Council rolls out water awareness

Gosford Council is currently rolling out the second stage of its "intensive community awareness campaign" about water saving information, targeting "students and commuters" at Woy Woy train station.

Council stated that over the next few weeks, staff would be targeting commuters and high school students at Gosford and Woy Woy train stations with water

saving information including a four minute shower timer and various fact sheets.

Stage two also incorporates additional mail outs to organisations across the local government area.

Last year saw over 300 clubs, restaurants and accommodation centres take delivery of posters, stickers and information on how to save water and the Level 4 water restrictions.

"Our community awareness campaign has been received with

enthusiasm off many businesses and residents, and it is great to see so many organisations wanting to take part," Mayor Cr Laurie Maher said.

"As you walk the main street of Gosford and visit many clubs and restaurants within the Gosford area, people will see posters displaying the message 'visit and stay, don't waste it away' and 'we all need it, don't waste it'."

**Press release, 14 Feb 2007
Tamara Paterson, Gosford Council**

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Funds pledged for The Web

The Web Youth Service at the Peninsula Community Centre has received a pledge of \$50,000 in funding in the lead-up to the State election.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the new funding would help the Web Youth Service provide better support to at-risk young people in the Central Coast area.

"More funding will allow the Web Youth Service to extend their operating hours to cover week nights and weekends, vital times in

which young people are potentially at risk," Ms Andrews said.

"The Central Coast area is growing rapidly and the service will now be able to better support the large number of young people in our community, keeping kids off the street and safe.

"This funding will give young people a greater chance to try new and different activities and meet friends.

"The service also runs a well-utilised drop-in centre, meaning young people always have a safe and secure environment to go to

and feel supported."

The service run by the Peninsula Community Centre currently receives \$250,000 annual funding.

The new funding boost joins an additional \$20,000 provided in July 2006.

Ms Andrews said The Web Youth Service was an important part of the Central Coast community and the funding comes as a result of representations made to the Minister for Community Services and Youth Ms Reba Meagher.

**Press release, 19 Feb 2007
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

Liquour accord is officially launched

A Peninsula Liquour Accord will be officially launched on Tuesday, March 6, from 10am at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Ettalong.

"Accords play an important role in the development and implementation of strategies aimed at reducing liquor-related problems within local communities and complement wider crime prevention strategies of the police, local councils and the Attorney General's Department," said Peninsula Liquour Accord coordinator Mr Wayne Dean.

"The NSW Office of Liquour, Gaming and Racing in conjunction with NSW Police and other stakeholders are co-ordinating the official launch of the Peninsula Liquour Accord.

"I am pleased to advise that the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Mr Grant McBride, will be attending to formally launch the accord."

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews along with representatives of Gosford Council, NSW Police, community groups and organizations and local licensed venues will also be attending.

"The Peninsula Liquour Accord endorses a Code of Practice incorporating the 'Responsible Service of Alcohol'," Mr Dean said.

"The Peninsula Liquour Accord initiative is supported by bottle shops, clubs, hotels, restaurants and the NSW Police."

**Press release, 23 Feb 2007
Wayne Dean,
Peninsula Liquour Accord**

Wales wants water corporation

Independent candidate for Gosford Ms Debra Wales has confirmed that her major commitment to the Gosford electorate will be to establish a Central Coast Water Corporation if elected on March 24.

"It is imperative that the State Government take the management of water and sewerage services out of the hands of councillors and into the hands of an experienced board of directors established under a corporation structure," Ms Wales said.

"After 30 years of failure to prepare the Central Coast

against drought, it is time that our precious water was managed by commercially successful directors of a corporation similar to that of the Hunter Water Corporation.

"The Hunter region is not under water restrictions because it has 75 per cent water storage.

"The region has successfully managed its water by drawing on three main water sources which is not dissimilar to the Central Coast.

"Yet our region is in crisis.

"The NSW government would set standards of customer service under an operating licence with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal setting pricing.

"The Department of Natural

Resources and the Department of Environment & Conservation would license the Corporation's wastewater systems and the Department of Health would play a very important role in setting the standards of monitoring quality as it does with the Hunter Water Corporation."

Ms Wales said that while the council's staff were hardworking and highly qualified, the problem "has always been" that all decisions were debated by Gosford and Wyong Councils with neither of them agreeing to build vital infrastructure "such as the pump station on the Upper Wyong River".

"It was an unforeseen disaster when the water in the Mangrove Dam was released for the pipeline to be constructed in the early 1990's," Ms Wales said.

"However, council subsequently failed to build the pump station and therefore, the dam levels never recovered.

"The decision not to build the pump station was made by councillors against management's recommendations".

"Establishing the Central Coast Corporation would ensure that our precious water is competently managed so that we can plan for the future.

"But more importantly, it will take the political agenda out of our water and ensure that the infrastructure is built."

**Press release, 19 Feb 2007
Debra Wales, Independent
candidate for Gosford**

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated. Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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 **Kindygym** 0 - 3yrs 9.15am, 3 - 5yrs 10.20am **PCC**

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

Fishing Club. EBWM

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans** Assoc Aust meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Enq: 4340 4160

Second Saturday of every month

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

Pretty Beach **Bushcare** group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.

Save our Suburbs, 1pm, 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

Chance to win

Peninsula News and Laycock Street Theatre are giving readers the chance to win one of three double passes to see *Love Child*, at a session of their choosing.

The show will be held at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy.

"This compelling drama is about a reconciliation between a mother and the daughter she gave away at birth," Laycock Street Theatre marketing manager Ms Lisa Kelly said.

"Anna (Amanda Muggleton) is a successful film editor in her 40s who lives alone in a cold, stylish apartment, until a young woman called Billie (Melinda Dransfield) arrives at her door.

"Billie is searching for her birth mother.

"Together these two fractured women confront the implications of distance; between then and now, between generations and between the one who gave away and the one who was let go.

"The play takes the characters on an emotional journey through anger and remorse to excitement and joy."

The play is from Australian playwright Ms Joanna Murray-Smith.

It will be held at The Peninsula



Theatre on the corner of McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

The sessions include Thursday, March 15, at 8pm, Friday, March 16, at 8pm or Saturday, March 17, at 2pm and 8pm.

To enter the competition, write your name, address and phone number and send it to Love Child Peninsula News Competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, 2250.

Entries close on March 2.

Lyle Stone, 22 Feb 2007

Phegan's Bay writer Belinda Castles will speak at the NSW Writers' Centres first Contemporary Australian Fiction Festival on March 24.

Ms Castles, winner of the 2006 Australian/Vogel literary award for her novel "The River Baptists", will speak on "Writing the First, Second, Fifth Novels".

The festival celebrates Australian contemporary writing in all its forms and features novelists, new writers, children's and young adult fiction, poets and playwrights. Brian Cook, who runs the Manuscript Assessment Agency in Terrigal and is a manuscript assessor, mentor and literary agent will also join the panel session on "Editing, Mentoring and Assessing Fiction". Publishers, editors, creative writing tutors and literary judges will face questions about the state of contemporary Australian fiction and the publishing industry and new writers will bring their "fresh perspectives and contemporary voices", according to communications director Ms Arabella Lee. "With eight panel sessions running throughout the day, the world premier launch of 'hyperpanofiction' and a 'Best First paragraph' writing competition the festival will be an exciting and inspiring day for anyone interested in books, writing and new Australian fiction," Ms Lee said. For a copy of the festival program contact the NSW Writers' Centre on 02 9555 9757 or visit www.nswwriterscentre.org.au.

The event will be held at the NSW Writers' Centre in Rozelle.

Press release, 20 Feb 2007
Arabella Lee, NSW Writers' Centre



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Photos selected for State Library

Patonga resident Ms Dawne Fahey has been told that two of her photographs will be hung in the NSW State Library.

Ms Fahey said she received the call following the closure of her "That Special Place" exhibition on the Central Coast recently.

"I arrived home late Thursday evening to a phone call and email, advising me that two of my eight entries into the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize were chosen as two of the 60 finalists for the exhibition which will be hung in NSW state library from March 12 for several months, then

going on to a travelling exhibition," Ms Fahey said.

"I am over the moon.

"It means I have a 30--to-one chance of winning.

"But regardless, it is an honour and privilege to be selected, and I am very grateful for that occurring."

Ms Fahey said that the two entries chosen were also photographs that were displayed during the "That Special Place" exhibition.

The first was a framed piece entitled "Ryan Flies a Kite" and the second, an unframed piece, "Daily Exercise".

Press release, 10 Feb 2007
Dawne Fahey

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Plan to improve Hardy's Bay foreshore

Protection of the Yum Yum trees, repairs to the seawall, relocation of dinghies on the foreshore, and improved transport facilities are features of The Bouddi Group's proposals in the Hardys Bay Foreshore Plan.

The group said the aim was to produce a plan that guided the Hardys Bay foreshore development "in a safe and orderly manner, allowing for future traffic flows and parking while continuing to provide a pleasant, low-key experience by preserving and improving the aesthetic qualities already enjoyed by residents and visitors to our area".

The plan includes recommendations about car parking and limitations, walkways, paths, landscaping, built structures, road widening and road drainage.

For the Yum Yum Trees on the corner of Killcare Rd and Araluen Dr, the plan recommended a timber structure be designed and constructed around the two coral trees to incorporate timber seats and a boardwalk with a primary function of protecting the trees roots "as recommended in the arborist's report to Gosford Council".

The plan stated that with the sea wall, the soil settlement behind the stone wall would be repaired in accordance with engineering details designed to prevent leeching of soil and sand in the future, according to the report.

It stated that an access would be constructed to the beach and water at the south west end from or through the wall "particularly for children to access and enjoy this small sandy beach".

Under the plan, the "essentially seaworthy dinghies" currently spread on the beach would be "relocated elsewhere" or to a single dinghy stand in an "inconspicuous location" at the south west end of the beach (similar to dinghy stands at Koolewong Foreshore Reserve), and the unseaworthy dinghies would "be destroyed" after being photographed and appropriate notices in local publications over several weeks advising of the

proposed action.

Under the transport and services section of the plan, the school bus stop on the south west side of Killcare Rd at the rear of Killcare Cellars would be clearly defined as a bus stop for pick up and set down for everyone travelling towards Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe.

The submission to council stated that the group was "unable to arrive at any meaningful number of car parking spaces that could be available on the south side of Araluen Dr in proximity to the business sector where the demand has more than doubled in the past two years".

The plan stated that "it was decided to incorporate into the plan 20 spaces of angle car parking designed to minimise the interruption to through traffic whilst accessing and exiting the parking safely".

It stated that it "may be considered preferable to break up the 20 spaces into two lots of 10 with landscaping in between".

"Also, the 20 spaces may be able to be reduced in number if some suitably located south side parking on Araluen Dr is found."

The plan also accommodated 40 parallel parking spaces on Araluen Dr west of Killcare Rd with the kerb and gutter to be replaced with a "soft" barrier.

Parking restriction incorporated in the plan included No Standing except for commercial deliveries in the vicinity of Killcare Rd and Araluen Dr intersection.

It stated that the line of sight to the left needed to be preserved for vehicles exiting the Killcare Cellars into Araluen Dr.

The plan requested No Parking alongside eating premises "for health and safety reasons".

It recommended a disabled parking space to be incorporated into the parking layout near the commercial premises.

The plan reinforced the "existing need" for a roundabout at the wider road reservation from 102 Araluen Dr or at the Heath Rd intersection.

It also stated that in the vicinity of the Araluen Dr and Heath Rd

intersection there was a need to remove or prune vegetation that was "constricting visibility for pedestrians and vehicles".

It stated that at least one speed-hump similar to that recently installed in Pretty Beach Rd at the school was considered necessary in Araluen Dr.

The report noted that a track proposed alongside the parallel parking and behind the angled parking was more likely to be used by children cycling to school, wheelchairs, prams and people parking to access the cafes and food outlets.

It stated that the preferred surface for the track "could be the same as constructed at Mt Penang Gardens instead of 'hard' surfaces eg concrete, and should be shaped to avoid the 'gun barrel' effect".

The plan stated that the landscaping of the area should "create a more interesting and improved environment using selected native plants without impeding residents' views".

It noted that planting to provide shading should be planned in consultation with the residents opposite.

The plan also establishes a family area at the south-west end of the park which "will take some pressure off parking and other activities that occur at the Yum Yum end of the park".

"A few additional picnic tables and seats will be required for the south-west end and a few in the central area," it stated.

"The location of built structures should be integrated into the landscaping design.

"Preliminary discussions have been held with Council's Coordinator for Parks and Waterways regarding the inclusion of a children's play area into this park.

"The Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association have offered to provide playground equipment."

The plan anticipated that Araluen Dr would require widening in order to accommodate the parking and two road lanes after a survey determined what the physical constraints and boundary definition showed.

It stated that all road and parking surfaces needed to be sealed to avoid the problem of dust and loose gravel.

It also proposed kerb and gutter to be avoided in favour of grassed swales "if necessary", and the existing grassed areas to be top dressed and areas prone to ponding after heavy rains to be raised and graded from the road to the seawall.

The plan acknowledged that the proposed layout was "conceptual in nature" and that it would be subject to council's policies, input from council's officers, consultants' advice and from the results of any surveys deemed to be necessary.

Plan outline, 9 Feb 2007
Richard Harper, Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association

Activities for Seniors Week

Gosford Council has coordinated a program of activities for Peninsula residents to celebrate Seniors Week, March 11 to 18.

Council stated that the diversity of the activities reflected this year's theme of Live Life, with "highlights of the week" including a rock and roll concert, opportunities to learn how to research family history, and free seniors' admission to two Gosford race meetings.

The 12th Annual Marie Andrews Barbecue and Concert will be held in two sessions on March 12.

The sessions will be from 10am to noon and 1pm to 3pm at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Entry to the event is a gold coin donation with proceeds going to Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary.

Tickets to the event are available from the club on March 8 and 9.

A rock and roll concert will be held on March 13 from 9.30am to noon at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre on the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St.

Participants have been asked to dress in 40s, 50s or 60s fashion "if it takes your fancy" and "enjoy the rhythms of Johnny Flashback, Central Coast Swing, and Blue Suede Shoes Dancers".

The cost of the event is \$5 and includes morning tea.

Bookings can be made on 4341 3222.

A historic walk along Davistown waterfront will be held on March 13 from 11am to 12.30pm.

Participants can catch the 10.45am ferry from Woy Woy to meet the guide at Lintern St wharf, Davistown.

Those taking part in the walk will have the opportunity to hear the history of Riley's Island.

Participants have been asked to wear walking shoes and bring water, weather protection and sunscreen.

The cost of the event is a gold coin donation and bookings can be made by contacting 4320 4205.

Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong, will be holding a "buy one ticket, get one free" promotion from March 13 to 16, up until 6pm each day.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will also be provided.

For more information, contact

4342 4666.

A Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course will be held on March 14 from 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm at the Meals on Wheels Hall on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The cost has been lowered from \$60 to \$10.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting 4324 6047.

An inspection of the hydrotherapy pool at Woy Woy Hospital will be held on March 16 from 10.30am to 11.30am.

The inspection is free and will include a demonstration by the Woy Woy Arthritis Group.

A Beginning Family History talk will be held on March 16, from 10am to noon and from 1pm to 3pm, at Umina Library, West St, Umina.

Each participant will receive research information, work sheets and a voucher for one day's free research at Central Coast Family History Centre.

The event is free with refreshments provided.

There is a limit of 20 participants per session.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting 4341 9899.

An excursion to Brisbane Water National Park for seniors with 4WDs will be held on March 17 from 9am to 5pm.

Participants will be able to join a 4WD tag-along with walks visiting various sites.

Those taking part in the tag-along have been asked to meet at the entrance to Woy Woy Tip, Nagari Rd.

Participants must have a good level of fitness and agility and have been asked to bring walking shoes, snacks, water and a portable lunch.

The cost of the event is \$10 per person.

There are limited numbers available for this event, and bookings are essential by contacting 4320 4205.

There will be free Seniors' admission to Gosford race meetings on both March 8 and 22.

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Teacher will be missed

Woy Woy Public School teacher Ms Debbie Westacott was elected as the Teachers Federation Officer for the Central Coast on Saturday, February 10. Ms Westacott started in the new position on Monday, February 19.

"We have lost a valued, committed and dedicated teacher who has touched the lives through education, of many students past and present here at Woy

Woy Public School," school principal Ms Ona Buckley said. "This is a wonderful new career path for Ms Westacott and she will continue to serve public education in her new role. "Although we are sad to see her go we wish her well in her future endeavour and know we will see her from time to time when she pops in to visit here at school."

Newsletter, 14 Feb 2007
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Don't enter through exit

Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley has asked parents not to drive into the school grounds through the exit gates.

"Please do not enter through our exit gates via Park or Bowden Rds to pick up students or make an easy turn," Ms Buckley said.

"This is where eager little and big students are busy leaving the school grounds after a long day at school.

"They are excited about

going home and are not really concentrating on what would be unexpected cars entering these gates.

"Imagine how you would feel if an accident occurred.

"Remember it is our job as adults to look after children.

"Often they cannot see you because of their size and undeveloped peripheral vision."

Newsletter, 14 Feb 2007
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Grants save water at school

Grants from the Federal Government and Gosford Council are helping students at Brisbane Water Secondary College save water on the Central Coast, according to relieving principal Mr David Beattie.

Mr Beattie said that the boys' toilets had been converted to waterless urinals, and dual flush systems had been installed on all toilets.

Mr Beattie said both campuses were in the process of having water tanks installed to collect run-off which would be used for watering gardens and the school's

agriculture farm.

"The work of the P&C and environment committees has been successful in receiving the grants," Mr Beattie said.

"Senior campus teacher Linda Langmaid was also instrumental in putting the improvements into place.

"The college is now able to monitor water use via the internet, identify any water leaks and make a sound contribution to educating students about our water shortage problems."

Press release, 20 Feb 2007
David Beattie, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Senior Campus Captains Brad, Mitchell, Rebecca and Sarah in the new landscaped courtyard area of the school)

School captains are elected

School captains for both the Umina middle school campus and Woy Woy senior campus have been elected by students and staff at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Relieving college principal Mr David Beattie said: "Our unique structure provides opportunities for students to undertake leadership roles at both campuses.

"Where else would Year 9 students have the chance to be school captains?

"Students have a range of responsibilities and represent the student body at a range of functions."

Umina campus captains were Jason Hayward and Amanda Bruce, while the vice-captains were Mark Brear and Alexandra Irving.

On the senior campus, Brad Hodge and Rebecca Guzman were elected as captains while Mitchell Rogers and Sarah Norton were the vice-captains.

"All students are highly respected

by students and staff alike," Mr Beattie said.

"They have played important roles in the college, including debating, creative arts, public speaking, dance, musicals and sport.

"Alex and Rebecca are terrific public speakers, with both girls winning Central Coast competitions in the last six months.

"Brad played the lead role in the 2006 College musical 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum', while the others have taken their place in debating, sport

or dance teams.

"Jason also has a possible future in cricket after being selected in the NSW Combined High Schools Under-15s team to contest the Australian Championships in Canberra later this term.

"I really look forward to working with these excellent students and involve them in the vision and planning of the College," said Mr Beattie.

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David Beattie,

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New store opens



Margaret Prescott, the former owner of Ettalong Beach Gardeners' Cottage, has returned to the hospitality industry.

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Umina, Coastal Treats.

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The business serves breakfast, morning, afternoon teas and lunch seven days a week and specialises in fresh salads and home cooked foods baked on the premises.

Ms Prescott said people especially liked her lemon merangue pie.

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Cec Bucello, 23 Feb 2007

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Get some perspective

Woy Woy history submitted

The following history of the Woy Woy Peninsula was submitted by historian Ms Joan Fenton along with her joint proposal with Ms Heather McKenzie to the Geographic Names Board that the area be officially recognized.

The area now known as the Central Coast of New South Wales was known as the Brisbane Water District from the early 19th century.

Administration of the district was by local magistrates from the 1820s, and by the Brisbane Water District Council in the 1840s.

Later in the century, the Erina Shire Council was formed, which covered most of the district, with a small municipality looking after the town of Gosford.

The first separation

The term 'Woy Woy District' has been in common use since the early 1900s, following the first developer's land subdivision in the district in 1903 (Green's Estate).

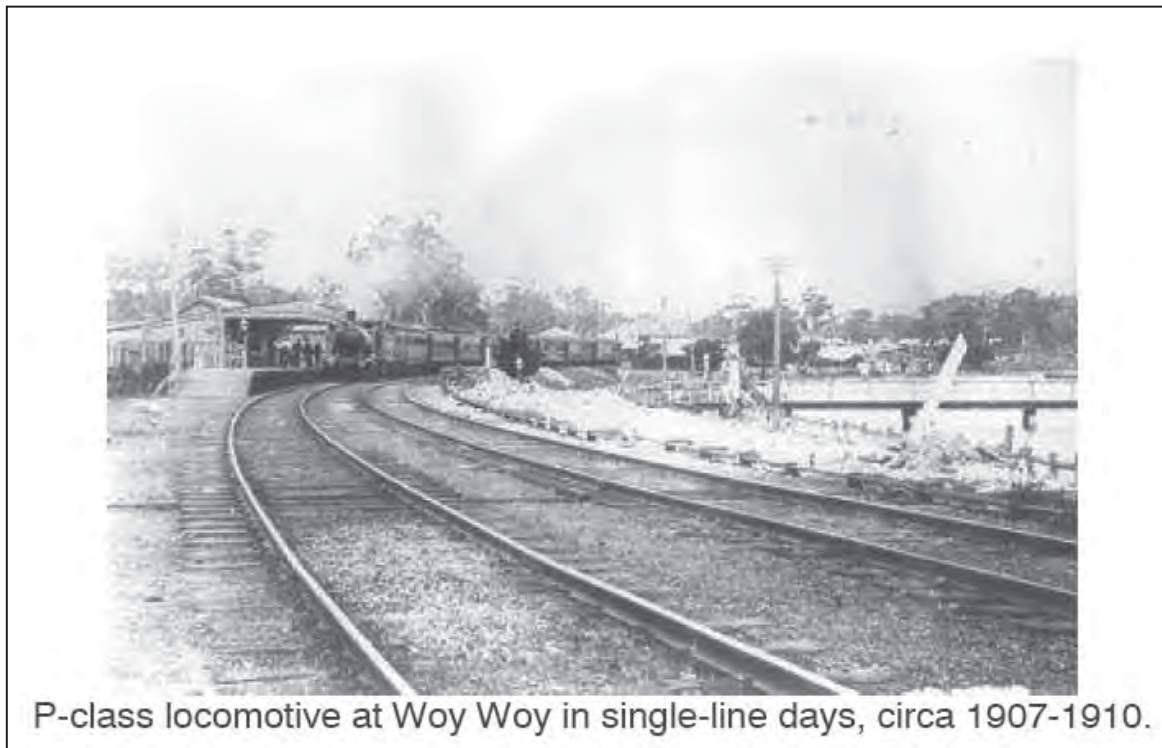
This terminology separated this district from the Gosford District (both districts were in Erina Shire).

Both 'Districts' were easily distinguishable because each had a Railway Station, which served as the 'porch' for each district.

Both districts were comprised of 'localities', some of which were villages, others may have comprised a guest house (or two) and occasionally a general store or post office in the front room of someone's house to cater for tourists' needs.

Some of the localities that were to become included in the general description of 'Woy Woy District' were (original spellings used): Blackwall, Booker Bay, Daley's Point, Davis-Town, Empire Bay, Ettalong Beach, Hardy's Bay, Horsfield Bay, Killcare, Orange Grove, Patonga, Pearl Beach, Pretty Beach, Saratoga, Umina, Wagstaffe's Point and Woy Woy Bay.

Sometimes, these localities were



P-class locomotive at Woy Woy in single-line days, circa 1907-1910.

mere dreams, existing only as a plan on a land sale brochure, such as Ocean Beach City and Ettalong Township.

The first 'Ettalong' subdivision was the 'Ettalong Township' subdivision in 1906.

Ettalong Township was a dream of Hugh Duff & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers of Sydney.

This proposed Township was one mile to the south of Woy Woy Village, entirely fronting the railway line at Woy Woy; miles from present-day Ettalong Beach.

The "Ettalong Beach, Woy Woy" subdivision did not occur until 1914.

Needless to say, the Great War interrupted the hopes of the developers, and the subdivision was re-launched and vigorously marketed from 1917.

The 1917 brochure describes the Estate as being "On the Mainland Woy Woy".

The main selling feature was the "inexhaustible supply of fresh pure drinking water" by means of spear pumps.

The brochure encouraged

potential buyers to be the first to own land at Ettalong Beach: "Do not wait for the surf pavilions, refreshment rooms, post office".

It was to be some years before any of these facilities were to become reality.

The second separation In due course, the sale of building lots proceeded, and some weekenders 'shacks' were built.

The permanent population of the Woy Woy District also grew, but not quickly enough for the local land developers.

To promote the district (and the sale of land), a well-orchestrated movement grew from the early 1920s to form a separate Shire for Woy Woy.

This was eventually successful, and the Woy Woy Shire Council was formed in 1928, encompassing all the various localities that existed at that date into the one local government body.

High on the priority list of works to be done was the erection of facilities for tourists and land buyers, at the ratepayers' expense.

Woy Woy Shire was to last until 1947, when it was amalgamated with Erina Shire and Gosford Municipality to form two shires: Gosford Shire and Wyong Shire.

As roads and railways improved, the permanent population

increased further.

Permanent cottages had replaced many of the shacks.

After 1960, when the railway line was electrified, thus making commuting a more attractive option to many, the permanent population grew quickly.

Commuting was further encouraged by the completion of the last section of the Tollway from Berowra to Calga in 1968.

As the owners of the weekenders reached retirement age, they withdrew to their former weekenders

as permanent residents.

The third separation

In 1972, with the election of the Whitlam government and assisted by the vigorous lobbying of the new Federal member for Robertson, Barry Cohen, much funding became available to community organisations.

Many groups, sporting and community, were formed and applied for funding to provide community facilities.

As many localities in the district found their own voices to lobby for funding, the 'mainland' area was recognised as an entity on its own, separating it from the towns and localities that had previously been 'lumped in' as part of Woy Woy (access was only available in the past by water from Woy Woy), but which were now genuinely geographically separated from the mainland due to their accessibility by road and/or rail.

Two major organisations formed in the early 1970s were the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Group (an umbrella group of organisations on the Woy Woy Peninsula) and the Peninsula Netball Association.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Group was successful in acting as a coordinator group and the Peninsula Netball Association was successful in gaining funding to build the netball courts at Lemon Grove at Ettalong Beach.

Email, 19 Feb 2007
Joan Fenton



Alderton's Fish Supply, The Boulevard, Woy Woy. Circa 1940s. (Building still standing 2006.)

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Investigate low power FM

Problems of ABC Radio National reception have been reported to the Federal MPs Lloyd and Ticehurst many times by the FABC and others, to no avail.

Reception of Radio National is provided by a medium wave (AM) transmitter located in Sydney (576kHz AM).

The quality of the signal varies widely for a population of 300,000.

A low power transmitter at Newcastle (1512kHz AM) does not provide adequate coverage for most of the area.

While most of the Central Coast RN listeners use Sydney this station is deficient in many respects.

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Reception of ABC FM Radio is also not adequate, either from Sydney or Newcastle transmitters, even with high quality radio receivers., except if a dedicated external antenna is used employing a masthead amplifier.

The ABC has provided high quality local VHF FM transmitters at Gosford for ABC Regional Radio and News Radio.

Submissions have been made to the MPs as well as to ABC Management that similar facilities for RN and ABC FM be provided.

An FABC member with spectrum research experience has examined

the VHF FM band in the Central Coast and believes that there is ample space for a low-power FM station in the Central Coast area.

He argues that many very small populations in rural and outback areas benefit from local VHF FM coverage for RN and ABC FM programs.

The Central Coast region could benefit likewise - for a much larger population.

This area deserves serious consideration by the ABC and Central Coast federal MPs who should take these requests for reception improvement on board.

**Klaas Woldring
Pearl Beach**

Change of tune

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commitment to the proposed Kariong High School.

But now that he is the Liberal Party's candidate, we are supposed to believe every word he tells us.

I think it is every voter's responsibility to think carefully who we vote in to represent our community in State Parliament and an opportunist is not deserving in my opinion.

**Jack Galway
Woy Woy**

Ettalong - ratepayers to pick up the pieces

It is interesting to see that Gosford Council can ask for a rate rise but at the same time find the money to employ a public relations firm Brilliant Logic to promote their plans to the public.

Ettalong Beach is top of the agenda.

Even the Oyster Festival has been moved there.

Woy Woy with its railway station and shopping centres is to encompass most of the enlarging population but its name is no longer wanted for the Peninsula.

Obviously, the businesses of Woy Woy might as well hang up their hats, for everything will be

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happening at Ettalong.

If Council gets its way, Ettalong will comprise an artificial beach in front of the Outrigger Resort, the business centre will have been re-located to the new ferry precinct and the foreshore from Kourung St to Beach St will be concreted and covered with tourist traps, bus turning area and fuel storage facilities.

In other words, it will be an excessive over-development with the inevitable litter and perhaps other undesirables and no sign of a beach.

If all of this is suddenly overcome

by the effects of climate change, no worries.

We the ratepayers will be there as usual to pick up the pieces and pay.

No wonder Gosford Council wants a rate rise.

My experience tells me that Council rarely listens to the community.

It goes through the hoops as a PR exercise.

They have their own agenda and woe betide anyone who gets in the way.

Democracy is in a sad state.

**Margaret Lund
Woy Woy**

In considering a commuter fast ferry service from Ettalong to Sydney, financial viability is of paramount importance.

Fast Ships were offered State Government support in 2002/3 but did not find financial backing for the project.

I believe a major factor would be because fares would have to be prohibitive.

Estimates show adequate financial returns on a \$30m project require high fare levels.

While the prospect of a commuter ferry service is appealing, high fare levels are unlikely to attract

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sufficient commuter traffic.

The community does not want a repeat of the Port Macquarie example quoted by Susan Dean in the last edition of Peninsula News - a wharf and no commuter ferry service.

It is essential Gosford Council only allows construction of the wharf to proceed subject to pre-conditions that satisfy it that a financially viable commuter ferry service is possible.

**Michael Gillian
Ettalong Beach**

Why the push for the ferry

Some people still persist with the idea that the State Government can be persuaded to help fund the fast ferry to Sydney.

In 2002, the State Government heeded their advisers and opted out of the whole venture knowing it to be unviable.

There were grave reservations, particularly with the projected 55-

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minute journey.

"In adverse sea conditions, it would not be alarmist to suggest that a seasoned seafarer would find prevailing conditions most uncomfortable. This may have an adverse effect on ongoing patronage for the service," said the secretary of the Institute of Marine

and Power Engineers

"The Fast ships proposal rises or falls on the merit or otherwise of its business case and not the grant of government support for the building of a wharf.

"Public expenditure in a venture that ultimately collapses brings opprobrium on the maritime industry at large."

Why then is there this continued push for this ferry?

After all, we already have a wharf at the end of Ferry Rd.

If the wharf is built and the venture then fails, it will be we the rate-payers who will be left to pick up the pieces.

No wonder the council wants a rise in rates.

**Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay**

Intrusive footpath use will expand

To those ratepayers concerned, Gosford Council did provide an opportunity for its ratepayers to be directly involved. In a process of formalising "the standards" of footpath use.

In what was till recently the illegal encroachment right across the local government area, all sorts of commercial activity is now allowed onto our public footpaths and road reserves.

An obscure yet mandatory insurance requirement under the Local Government Act has come into play.

Until recently overlooked by all involved, it was the underlying factor motivating our council to combine three separate policies.

People who are now complaining

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loudly in the local press about the erection of what will become a tacky vinyl clad "structure" adjacent to the pedestrian crossing should ready themselves for an explosion of intrusive footpath use.

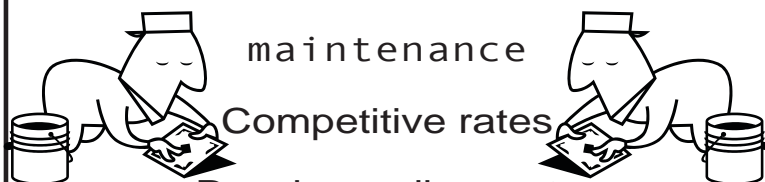
Gosford Council is just one of many councils across NSW opening this Pandora's box.

Section 125 of the Roads Act 1993 No 33 "Approval to use footway for restaurant purposes" and Section 126 of the Roads Act 1993 No 33 "Authority to erect structures" are particular pieces of legislation which are being exploited by councils to service the aspirational desires of a few.

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Concerned neighbours

Gosford Council has received a petition with three signatures from the neighbours of 39 South St, Umina Beach.

They were concerned that the proposed two-storey development will "not only reduce their standard of living but also impact negatively on their property values".

The petitioners have asked council and the developer to meet

with them on site to discuss their concerns and "hopefully work towards a development at 39 South St that will not only be profitable for the developer, but also acceptable to existing residents".

The petition was forwarded to council's development department.

Council agenda P.15, 27 Feb 2007

Council works

Gosford Council has detailed a list of projects currently taking place around the Peninsula.

The works are taking place at Daleys Point, Empire Bay, Ettalong, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach.

Works at Daleys Point include the construction of a retaining wall and the relocation of sewer services at Fishermans Parade.

On the Empire Bay foreshore, the installation of a new playground is 95 per cent complete.

Tiling and finishing is currently taking place in the amenities block

at Ettalong Oval.

Surf Clubs are being constructed at both Ocean Beach and Umina Beach.

At Ocean Beach, the ground floor slab is being poured.

At Umina Beach, the ground floor slab and foundation piling has been completed.

Drainage works and kerb bedding is currently taking place on Mt Ettalong Rd at Umina.

The construction of borefield pipelines is currently in progress across the whole Peninsula.

**Press release, 13, 20 Feb 2007
Karen Weber, Gosford Council**

Eagles Swoop into bowls finals

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has finished in the top three sides coming into the play-off series.

The Ettalong Eagles lost their last game to rivals East Maitland, who are now minor premiers.

The Eagles are now the only Central Coast club in the finals race and will have "two bites of the cherry" in the top five finals format.

They face the Valentine Lakes in a play-off away from home, after finishing only one point behind them on the competition table.

The grand final will be held at East Maitland Bowling Club on Friday, March 9.

If Ettalong wins, it will be the second win by a Central Coast team in the first two years of the new format play-off.

Bob Penson

Premiership Table

East Maitland Griffins – 108.5

Valentine Lakers – 104.5

Ettalong Eagles – 103.5

Alder Park Stallions – 101

East Cessnock Comets – 97

Redhead Sharks – 95.5

Halekulani Hornets – 93

Kurri Kurri Cannons – 88.5

Charlestown Tigers – 83

Kahibah Blues – 81.5

Nelson Bay Marlins – 77

Beresfield Magpies – 73

Wallsend Bears – 66.5



(L to R)

James, Matt (back row), Luke, Chris & Mitchell.

Record for junior rugby

A record number of new players have joined the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club.

Publicity officer Ms Anita Uptin said: "From the Under-6 to the Under-16, the four registrations days so far were very busy."

"With over 200 children both

boys and girls registering, it kept the gear steward Mr Ray Stone and helpers Billie and Wayne Drewe flat out fitting all this children with their clothing."

Ms Uptin said that people registering also bought tickets in the club's raffle.

The lucky winners were Nathan McManus from the Under-15

side with the first prize, Shaun Callaghan from the Under-11 side with second prize and Callum Kirk from the Under-6 side with the third prize.

Press release, 15 Feb 2007

**Anita Uptin,
Woy Woy Junior Rugby
League Football Club**

Public speaking course

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters Club is holding a public speaking course this month.

The speechcraft course is being taught by club member Greg Hoffman a former Peninsula News volunteer.

"Greg Hoffman joined the Ettalong Beach Toastmasters Club 10 years ago," said club president Ms Jan Cummings said.

"Although Greg didn't have any problem in speaking with people, he felt he needed to fine tune his speaking skills for presentations at work."

"Even though Greg is now a trained speaker, he remains in Toastmasters."

"If you ask him, he'll tell you it's because of the ongoing training and opportunities to present at each meeting."

"Greg enjoys presenting humorous speeches but can also deliver serious topics as well."

"He'll also tell you about the camaraderie between the members and clubs here on the Central Coast."

"Toastmasters is an international non-profit organization and has helped many people take their first confident steps towards a better future."

"Over the last few years, Greg has been approached by several organizations to MC music events and, just recently, he was the main

presenter at the Woy Woy Australia Day Festival."

Ms Cummings said the speechcraft course could help nervous people overcome their fear of speaking in front of groups.

The course commenced on

Monday, February 19.

For more information about the course, please call Greg on 0413 993 710 or the club on 4341 6842.

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A view of Woy Woy with Woy Woy Bay in the foreground

Residents support Peninsula naming

Two Peninsula residents have helped support the naming of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Local identity Ms Heather McKenzie and historian Ms Joan Fenton have forwarded a proposal for the name "Woy Woy Peninsula" to the Geographical Names Board.

They expect a reply this week.

The pair made the submission recently, outlining the reasons why the area should be recognised as the "Woy Woy Peninsula".

The submission stated that "the locality name of the 'Woy Woy Peninsula' has been used by local, state, and federal governments for the peninsula that includes the towns of Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong Beach for at least the past 40 years".

It further stated that "adjoining suburbs (St Huberts Island, Patonga, Pearl Beach, Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay, Blackwall) are usually referred to as part of the locality known as the Woy Woy Peninsula."

Ms Fenton is a local historian who has lived on the Peninsula for 37 years, and is co-author of "Gosford: From Shire to City 1947-1997". Long-time Peninsula resident Ms Heather McKenzie is a former Gosford City Citizen of the Year and works for the betterment of the local community.

Lyle Stone, 20 Feb 2007

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