

Council grants Fast Ships a one-year extension

Gosford Council has resolved to approve Fast Ships Ltd's request for a one-year extension to complete infrastructure and provide a fast ferry service between "the Central Coast and Sydney".

Council has resolved to make it the final extension, with councillors split in the vote.

Fast Ships now has until June 27, 2009, to start the ferry service.

Cr Trevor Drake said he supported the idea of a Fast Ferry service to Sydney, and believed the community would too.

"I was not a (Council) member in 1996 when expression of interest went out," Cr Drake said.

"It's 10 years now, going into 11 years.

"It is clear that Fast Ships Limited has expended money.

"They've entered into an agreement, put up money, shown their credentials to a certain extent.

"It's incumbent on council to give them that 12 months.

"This is the last extension I'd agree to.

"It would be wonderful if a fast ferry commuter service could be established to go from Ettalong to Sydney.

"It is a service I think the Central Coast could use, but we should put them on quite clear notice that this is it."

Cr Terri Latella said her concerns were about the lack of vessel and a verifiable cost plan.

"My first major concern that that wharf and terminal actually gets a commuter fast ferry," Cr Latella said.

"Right now what I'm looking at is a proposal for a terminal and wharf.

"According to what has happened in the last year, none of the main issues have been met.

"I cannot support something

that 12 months ago we were so committed of giving one last chance.

"To date I don't think there has been any verifiable plan on cost to commuter.

"Obviously to date (Fast Ships) don't have a vessel or birthing rights."

At the end of the previously agreed 12-month period, council were expected to resolve to open the possibility of a fast ferry between Ettalong and Sydney to tender, meaning other companies would be able to apply to provide the service.

Cr Malcolm Brooks said that although he had been a supporter of the proposed fast ferry, he too had reservations.

"I can understand the frustrations going on with the applicant in regard to getting financial backers and a vessel.

"My colleague Cr Drake said this is their last chance, I'm inclined to agree with those thoughts.

"If they can't do it in 12 months, we should forget about a fast ferry for another 20 years."

Cr Vicki Scott also spoke against the development, stating that Fast Ships were "clutching at straws".

Cr Scott said that Fast Ships stated that it had approached every avenue in the country for funding, yet it was still pursuing the project.

"While I acknowledge the importance of this business in this area, it's just not going to happen," Cr Scott said.

"We promised we'd give them one last 12 months, yet here we are debating the same thing again."

Cr Doyle stated that there was nothing fast about the Fast Ferry calling it a "long, drawn out proposal".

"I have been fortunate or unfortunate to be debating this thing since 1999," Cr Doyle said.

"Twelve months ago when this came back I made it clear how long this piece of string was, but I was

fairly firm, very direct.

"I have taken the opportunity to discuss with directors what is possible and what is not.

"I wouldn't be so bloody-minded to stop this project going forward, I've supported for eight years.

"But I've had enough."

Cr Doyle said that without the word "final" in the resolution, council had "no hope" of securing his vote.

Cr Doyle asked for the 12-month period to be reduced to six months, but the change was not accepted by Cr Drake, who had moved the original motion.

"I am mindful that substantial amounts of shareholders and money are involved," Cr Doyle said.

"I don't wish to kill a dream off, but I would certainly like some consideration to drawing a line in the sand quite firmly."

Cr Bell said he would also support the inclusion of the word "final" as it was "definite" and would send a "clear message".

Cr Drake said that previous documents had specified a timetable for the project, and that he did not think the word "final" was necessary, but accepted the inclusion anyway.

Cr Drake said he believed in the "spirit of compromise".

"There is no cost to the community, only to the company, the community has got everything to gain," Cr Drake said.

Four councillors voted in favour of the extension, while three voted against.

Cr Chris Holstein was not in attendance at the meeting, and Cr Peter Hale did not vote due to his pecuniary interest as a director of the company.

Lyle Stone, 27 Feb 2007

Press release, 27 Feb 2007

Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Council agenda COR.16,

27 Feb 2007



The Umina Beach foreshore

Forum to be held on rate rise projects

Gosford Council will hold a forum on the Peninsula to discuss its Civic Infrastructure Strategy on March 19.

A location is yet to be decided.

Other forums to discuss the strategy will be held on March 21 at Erina and March 22 at Gosford.

At the forums "an indication of the communities support for the strategy will be taken", according to council.

Council said its website now includes information for the community about the strategy which includes \$430 million worth of projects to upgrade roads, community facilities, sporting facilities and the environment across the local region.

Information about the forums and ways community members can express their views on the strategy are also available on the site.

Projects funded on the Peninsula will be the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Enhancement, the Umina Beach Coastal Walkway, the implementation of a skate park strategy, the Blackwall Mountain plan of management, the Broken Bay Beaches plan of management and the Everglades Lagoon plan of management.

Projects that have missed out

include the Woy Woy waterfront development, Umina Beach streetscape improvements stages four and five, Peninsula Theatre stage 2 and a Umina Library upgrade.

To fund the bulk of the strategy's projects, council is seeking approval from the Minister for Local Government to implement the rate rise.

The rise would equate to a \$40 increase per year, for five years, or 11 cents per day extra, for "the majority of ratepayers".

Community members can review the projects on the council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/appleaday.

"The Civic Infrastructure Strategy is a result of community consultation, the projects included reflect the community aims in Gosford Vision 2025," Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said.

"This website is an easy way for everybody to be able to get all the information concerning the projects and their benefits to all facets of the Gosford community.

"I encourage everybody to log on and learn about how the Civic Infrastructure Strategy, if approved, will improve quality of life across the Gosford region."

Press release, 6 March 2007

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This Clean Up Australia Day project was the fifth that the Burrawang Bushland Reserve Bushcare group had organised, said coordinator Mr Jim Morrison.

In previous years, volunteers had gradually broken down the car into manageable components that could be manhandled and removed from the Reserve.

"Although this task has taken some time, it was able to be completed, most importantly with minimal impact to the reserve environment," said Mr Morrison.

Originally, six derelict cars had accumulated in the reserve.

After negotiation, Gosford Council had removed five of them a couple of years ago but the sixth could not be removed mechanically without substantial damage to the bush.

Mr Morrison said the day was attended by more volunteers than in previous years.

"Thirteen local residents, a record for this site, gave up part of their Sunday to participate in what was a very successful clean-up.

"A considerable amount of rubbish was removed from the reserve.

"The major components of the rubbish collected were bottles, cans, and "fast food" wrappings."

Media release, March 8
Jim Morrison,
Clean-Up site coordinator

Pink ugg boots were collected

Pink ugg boots and fishnets were among the rubbish the children and families from Ettalong Public School collected from the beach and bush reserve at Ettalong Beach on Sunday, March 4, as part of Clean Up Australia Day.

Parent Ms Sarah Rimmer said that over 10 garbage bags of rubbish were collected from the beach reserve between Booker Bay and Ettalong.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, who took part in the activity, said: "We have found everything from broken fishing rods to broken glass.

"The clean-up has made the area safer, especially for children, as well as restoring the beauty."

Clean-Up site organiser Ms Jane Tenney said: "It's amazing what a few people can do in a short time".

"This is the first time we have organised a Clean-Up Day activity and we would estimate that it took 10 people just over an hour to complete the clean up of the whole beach and bush area.

"It is immensely satisfying to get together with the community and accomplish this and we look forward to organising a bigger activity next year."

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Sarah Rimmer

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Intersection upgrade given priority

An upgrade for Picnic Parade at the Fassifern St, Flounder Rd intersection, Ettalong Beach, will be listed for consideration as a high priority in Gosford Council's capital works program.

This follows a request to council's traffic committee from Cr Chris Holstein.

Linemarking renewal and signposting will also be undertaken at the intersection following a resolution of the committee.

Cr Holstein asked the

committee to "review safety at the intersection".

A report to the committee stated that a number of traffic accidents had occurred at the intersection.

The committee stated that an inspection of the intersection revealed that major upgrading would be required to improve traffic conditions at the location.

Council has now resolved to include the upgrade as a high priority in its capital works program.

Council agenda TR.07.011, March 6



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Community groups back precinct playground

Peninsula community groups are behind a Gosford Council plan to build a large "precinct" playground at Umina Beach, according to Peninsula Families Action Group president Ms Sarah Tolmie.

Ms Tolmie said the action group had hosted a forum where community groups discussed what they would like to see in the recreation space and what issues such a proposed development raised.

It is understood that the option of not proceeding with a precinct park was not discussed, on the grounds that the forum was convened to find ways to proceed with the project.

However, environmental concerns were raised by some representatives, with the protection of existing native trees and bush suggested as a high priority.

"Key areas of concern were damage and antisocial behaviour," said Ms Tolmie.

"Attendees agreed that if the park was a well-planned development providing accessibility and interest to all

members of the community, then the space would be well used and people would take pride in the park."

She said the local groups believed that the Peninsula community was well equipped to take ownership of a large precinct park at Umina Beach, should the proposed development by Gosford Council go ahead.

Ideas for the park next to Umina Oval were presented by landscape architect for Gosford Council, Mr Terry Arnold.

Shade, creative landscaping and enough barbeque and picnic areas were suggested as priorities for any development, as well as a fenced area for preschoolers, use of the natural bush, toilets, bike paths and equipment for all ages.

Using the area at night was also discussed, with the suggestion of night markets and an amphitheatre for creative arts performances.

"It is hoped that families would be encouraged to use the space at all times of the day and that the development would link in with existing areas such as the skateboard park and BMX track, as well as linking to the Umina

Beach Surf Life Saving Club and its proposed café," Ms Tolmie said.

Attendees included representatives from the PCYC, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Club Umina, Umina Surf Life Saving Club, Woy Woy Sea Scouts and Gosford Crime Prevention Unit.

Liberal candidate Cr Chris Holstein and Independent candidate Ms Debra Wales also attended.

"We are really excited by the results of this meeting," said Ms Tolmie.

"It was well attended and the reaction of the community representatives was positive and encouraging, with offers of support coming from various groups within the local area.

"The Peninsula needs a large scale park to support not only the growing number of young families in the area but also the wider community as a whole.

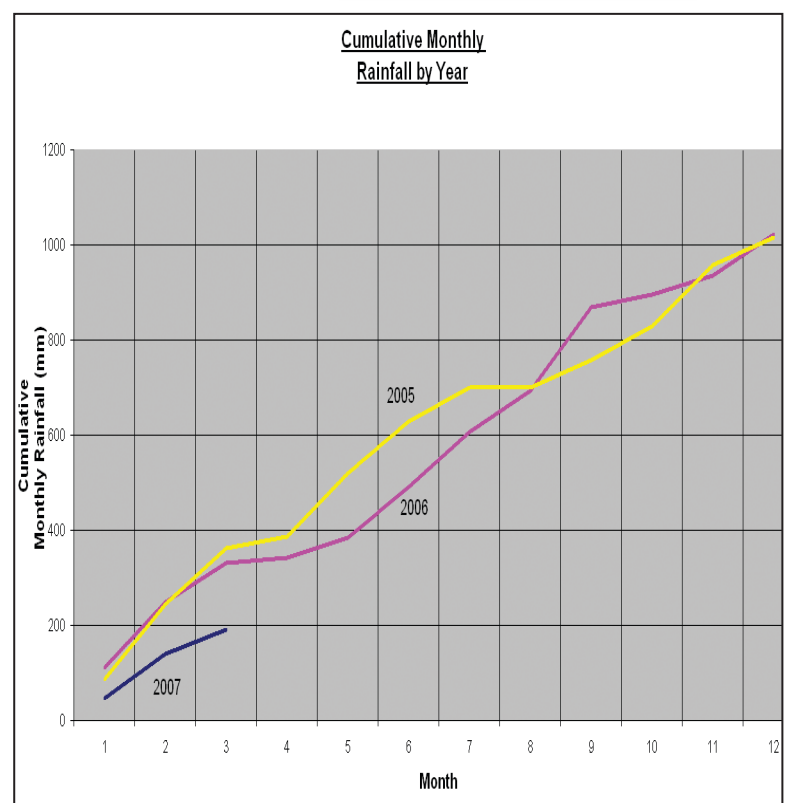
"The results of this forum prove how ready the community is to come on board with such a project."

The group will be holding a community fun day on site on May 12 to launch the project and provide an opportunity for local people to express their views about the development.

For further information, telephone 4343 1929.

Media release, 8 March 2007

**Jenni Darwin,
Peninsula Families
Action Group**



Rainfall down on previous years

Rainfall on the Peninsula has been just two thirds the average for the first 10 weeks of this year.

The rainfall is substantially less than the last two years, where rainfall has been close to average in the same period, according to figures provided by Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

Gosford Council is relying on rainwater on the Peninsula to recharge the water table which will supply its \$8 million groundwater extraction scheme, currently under construction.

Figures supplied by Mr Morrison show rainfall for January of 45.7mm, for February of 94mm, and for the first eight days of March of 50.7mm.

This compared to average figures of 103.1mm for January, 117mm for February and 130.8 for the whole of March.

Last year the rainfall figures for the three months were 113, 137.5 and 82.5 respectively.

The previous year, they were 85.6, 159.1 and 118.5.

Mark Snell, March 9

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Upgrade Ferry Rd wharf instead

The proposed fast commuter ferry to Sydney appears to have hit another snag with questions raised about the availability of docking space at Circular Quay.

Spokesman for Fast Ferries has said he is "confident that once arrangements are finalised we will have a slot but we can't get that until a boat becomes available".

This must surely cast doubt on the wisdom of Gosford Council's decision to grant this company a further extension on what was supposed to be their last chance to secure a boat.

Investors have continually abandoned this project and it is not hard to see why.

If they had read the same document that was available to

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the public way back in 1998, they would know it is not viable.

The document exhibited stated that the ferry would have a spotter standing on the bow to watch out for whales, and the ferry would have to slow down during the whale migration periods and when approaching North Head because of the penguin colony.

Cost would be approximately \$6 more than the train and commuters would have to park on the back streets of Ettalong.

Sea conditions would further slow the journey and, on between 12 and 20 days per year, the ferry would simply be unable to run because of big seas.

Questions are now raised about

the silting of the channel off Lobster Beach.

If big yachts are having problems navigating would the bigger ferry have similar problems and is Gosford Council guaranteeing the dredging of the channel at further cost to the ratepayer?

When I was asked to review this document all those years ago, I was reluctant for two reasons.

I don't have expertise in the ferry business and I thought it was a great idea.

I can walk down the beach and jump on a ferry, avoiding the crowded and sometimes unreliable trains or the dreaded F3.

It now appears many investors have similarly reviewed the proposal and reached the same conclusion that is obvious to any objective reader.

It is simply not viable.

Gosford Council should rescind its decision on a one-year extension and look to upgrading the Ferry Rd wharf for the time when somebody can fund a boat that is not a commuter service but is great for tourists when the weather is good.

The State Government pulled their offer of \$4.3 million to build a wharf.

Why? Maybe they looked at Sydney Harbour Ferries.

They can't make a profit on the harbour despite having a million customers available in the city.

How will a service with so many unanswered question and no boat make it work?

Bryan Ellis
Save Our Suburbs candidate for
Gosford
Umina

Politicians who listen

I was pleasantly surprised by Peter Debnam and Chris Holstein's interest in crime problems on the Peninsula.

How refreshing to find politicians who listen.

We need a clever "can do" attitude, not an "It's OK" song and dance.

Politicians that stick their heads

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in the sand, do not have leadership skills.

Gossip is not leadership.

It's time we recognise who is interested in real local issues and vote accordingly.

Juanita Hutchesson
Umina

No room at Circular Quay

It is no surprise to be reading about another 12 months delay for Fast Ships Pty Ltd in the Peninsula News.

What possible reason exists, apart from continuing what many ratepayers perceive to be an unhealthy relationship with developers having the upper hand.

Council remains supportive of locking up our foreshore reserves for the benefit of a few.

Certainly I have in the past and do again raise the fact that the proposed commuter service marketed in many newspapers and other media by Fast Ships Pty Ltd between Ettalong and Circular Quay is perceived as misleading readers and possibly investors from the first time this misinformation was published.

Documents available for perusal reveal the service is actually identified as "Ettalong to Sydney", confirmed for me by a Gosford Council officer today.

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General enquires I have made in the past to entities controlling commercial access to berths within Sydney Harbour, and that I make again today, do not reveal the existence of an assured capacity to provide a commuter service of say 10 round trips between Ettalong and Circular Quay.

Access to berths within Circular Quay are in high demand, while any overflow of interest in commercial arrangements which can't be accommodated generally flows on to the King St Wharf and elsewhere.

Wherever these other berths are, they are certainly not in the central hub of activity which is internationally-known, and nor can they be marketed to attract investors, as can the famous Circular Quay!

Edward James
Umina

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Chris Holstein
Liberal Candidate 2007

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The people of the Peninsula shouldn't have to put up with repeated acts of vandalism, violence, theft and abuse.

Labor has had 12 years to ensure the level of policing on the Peninsula is up to standard, they don't deserve another 4 years.

While you may see more police on the beat leading up to the election, keep in mind what happened last time we went to the polls – the Umina Beach Police Shop Front was closed just after the election and the Peninsula was left with minimal police.

Labor must be judged on its 12 year track record and for the Peninsula that is nothing but a failure.

The only way to ensure things change and safety is restored on the Peninsula is to change the government.

Vote 1 Chris Holstein.

Liberal Candidate for Gosford

The public is invited to a community forum on law and order to be hosted by Chris Holstein and NSW Shadow Minister for Police, Mike Gallacher

When: 2 sessions - 3pm and 6pm Wednesday March 14

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Regards

Chris Holstein

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A wonderful opportunity

People in the Gosford electorate have a wonderful opportunity to assess just what three of the candidates do with power when they have it, since three of them are either in power or have recently relinquished it.

We can judge whether these people have recommended sustainable development or have they walked hand-in-hand with the developers?

Did they try to do anything about the water and energy problems or did they wait until these got to crisis point before having all the

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answers?

Do these people really listen to the people or just pretend to do so?

Are they well informed?

Have they ever demonstrated a conflict of interest in matters brought before them?

Have they benefited from the use of their power?

Power is a very serious matter.

William Pitt is famous for saying in 1770 "Unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it."

Ordinary people had to work very hard and even suffer to get us the vote.

We must use that vote very carefully.

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

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The Umina Beach coastal walkway will be discussed at the forum

Discussion forum on Peninsula's future

The Peninsula Residents Association is inviting residents, groups, organisations and businesses to have a say in current and future issues affecting the Peninsula.

The group will be holding a discussion forum on Saturday, March 17, at 2pm, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Issues to be discussed include the Ettalong Beach foreshore enhancement; Umina Beach coastal walkway; Umina-Ocean Beach plan of management; transport; parks and recreation; kerbs and guttering and "other issues of importance to individuals".

Association secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan said the association wanted to develop guidelines for discussion with council when projects were being planned for the area.

"We believe the people of the area have some very positive ideas on development on the Peninsula which will make it a people- and environmentally-friendly location for residents and visitors, whilst allowing for sensible growth.

"The area is at a turning point with more people wanting to move to the coast to enjoy the lifestyle.

"It's important that the area retains a low key ambience, with an emphasis on sustainable design and planning.

"This will benefit residents, visitors and business."

The forum will be held on Saturday, March 17, at 2pm, Peninsula Community Centre, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

For further information, ring 0419 609 942.

Press release, 7 March 2007
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association

Another roundabout for Rabaul Ave

Gosford Council's has resolved to prepare a concept plan for a roundabout at the intersection of Poziers Ave and Rabaul Ave, Umina Beach.

Council has also resolved that bus movements through the roundabout be taken into consideration as part of the design process.

It has also resolved that, in the mean time, the renewal of line marking to "enhance safety at the intersection".

had Cr Chris Holstein asked council's traffic committee for a review of safety on behalf of local resident Ms R Walford.

The intersection of Pozieres Ave and Rabaul Ave is currently controlled by a Give Way restriction.

A report from the committee noted suggestions for a roundabout at the intersection instead of the existing Give Way restriction to reduce the number of traffic accidents and the "resultant property damage caused to 57 Pozieres Ave".

The report stated that a roundabout would assist to control traffic movements and to reduce speed through the intersection.

Council agenda TR.07.009, March 6

Council works

Gosford Council is currently undertaking projects at Ettalong, Umina Beach, Ocean Beach, Umina, Empire Bay and Daleys Point.

Internal tiling and finishes are taking place at Ettalong Oval.

At Umina Beach Surf Club, construction is now taking place from the ground floor slab while at Ocean Beach, the walls of the new surf club are being constructed.

At Umina, the kerb bed and drainage is being constructed on Mt Ettalong Rd.

The installation of a new playground is 95 per cent complete on the Empire Bay foreshore.

Retaining walls are being constructed at Daleys Point, along Fishermans Parade.

Press release, 27 Feb, 6 March 2007
Karen Weber, Gosford Council

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I will establish the Central Coast Water Corporation and take the management of our water supply out of the hands of inexperienced Councilors. We need the State Government to fully legislate the corporation now.

Ettalong Town Beach and Foreshore

I will ensure that the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan is signed off by Government and we get our town beach back for everyone to enjoy. For years this project has been held back by Gosford City Council. It is unacceptable that our beach has become overgrown and degraded.

Roads

Our local roads are a disgrace - for years council has blamed the State Government for lack of funding. In truth, it's Gosford Councilors who allocate budgets and they do not consider our Peninsula roads of high importance. I will ensure that the people of the Peninsula have their fair share of funding for better roads & footpaths.

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Election Feature



Labor: Marie Andrews

I have lived on the Woy Woy Peninsula for 20 years and have been actively working for the community in the areas of health, youth, education, seniors and public transport.

During my time as your Local Member, I have worked hard to achieve better services, such as:

- Upgrades of Brisbane Water Secondary College - Umina and Woy Woy campuses, Umina and Ettalong Public Schools;
- Renovation of bathrooms and toilets and refurbishment of general wards at Woy Woy Hospital, as well as funding for a transitional care unit;
- Woy Woy Dental Clinic;
- Extension of the \$2.50 Pensioner Excursion Ticket to cover private buses on the Central Coast;
- Improvements to the Woy Woy Rail/Bus interchange and extensions to the commuter carpark;
- Upgrading of Woy Woy Police Station which is a 24 hour/7 days per week service;
- Umina Fire Station;
- Over \$100 million for Gosford Hospital redevelopment including surgical admissions centre, MRI machine and new children's ward;
- Supporting the PCYC in Umina;
- Woy Woy Children's Court;
- Providing increased breast screening facilities;
- Working to ensure continued access for local residents to the Ettalong foreshore.

I have also successfully fought to save over 100 homes on the Peninsula from being acquired by Gosford Council and I am currently fighting to stop council's unreasonable rate hike.

With your support I will continue to vigorously campaign for the needs of residents in this electorate.

Marie Andrews
Member for Peats



Save Our Suburbs: Bryan Ellis

I have lived at Umina for 24 years and I became involved in community activity in the late 1980s when Gosford Council approved a development application to fill the former Lake Ettymalong and develop a housing estate.

Myself and others formed the Umina Nature Defense Organisation to try to stop the destruction of the lake and its flood storage capacity.

Over the last 15 years I have undertaken extensive lobbying and advocacy work directed at all levels of government.

The aim of this work has been to achieve protection of our suburbs and the adoption of sustainable development practices.

This work was instrumental in the Federal Government's decision to require council to undertake extensive bush regeneration work in the South Umina area to protect the habitat of a number of threatened species.

I joined SOS in 1999 and I am standing in this election because, after 10 years of record population growth, it is obvious that the State has failed to provide for the growing population.

As an SOS candidate, I seek to stop the overdevelopment of the Coast and support the development of infrastructure to cater for the existing population.

SOS also seeks to prohibit the practice of developers providing funding to political parties which is affecting the public decision making process.

If elected I will ensure that the character statements that we worked so hard to have included in Council's Development Control Plan 159 are enforced.

Changes need to be made so developers cannot continue to build two-storey "McMansions" in suburbs that are predominantly single storey residential.

We need to be looking at the limits to growth and the inability of all levels of government to fund their pro-developer policies.

I regularly attend council meetings and support other community organisations and individuals in making submissions on a range of local issues.

Statement, 7 Mar 2007

Bryan Ellis, Save Our Suburbs candidate for Gosford



Liberal: Chris Holstein

The Woy Woy Peninsula is a great place to live, and the decision you make on March 24 is a very important one that will affect this community for the next four years.

Over the past 12 years, Labor have failed to adequately resource our Peninsula police and as a result they can't get the thugs off the street.

I am serious about addressing crime and giving our hardworking police the resources they need to keep the community safe.

That's why the Liberals will assign an additional 25 police officers to Woy Woy Police Station to guarantee a "24/7" operation as well as reopening the Umina Police Shopfront.

We know our other major problem on the Peninsula is the drought.

We need to act fast to ensure we make every drop count, that's why we have developed a comprehensive \$132 million Central Coast Water Plan which includes the construction of a Central Coast Water Grid and pipeline between Mardi Dam and Mangrove Creek Dam

This storm water harvesting would see every day of rainfall benefiting the water supply.

This can happen NOW under the Liberal plan.

Labor's plan is for a dam that's 10 years away.

We can't wait that long.

Our Water Plan also includes a \$1500 rain water tank rebate for people purchasing tanks of 2000 litres or greater and we will protect the Central Coast water catchment from the threat of coal mining.

We also have a plan to fix our roads with a \$32 million upgrade of Brisbane Water Dr intersection at west Gosford and \$6 million for Blackwall Rd.

I need your support to fix NSW and repair the damage that has been done over 12 years of Labor neglect.

Chris Holstein
Liberal candidate for Gosford



Greens: Hillary Morris

Hillary Morris, a Central Coast resident since 1986, decided to stand for The Greens in the forthcoming election because she believes people are not being listened to.

"I felt the only way to change this was to run for State Parliament myself," Ms Morris said.

Hillary will work to properly manage the future of water resources on the Central Coast.

"A recent report on underground water indicates it is being over-extracted by four times its capacity," she said.

She is concerned about the welfare of the Ettalong foreshore whose character should be retained.

She doesn't want to see the same planning mistakes made on The Peninsula as are evident elsewhere on the coast.

Hillary has called for Gosford Council to refuse a development application which threatens the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland – the only type of its kind in the world.

The NSW Dept. of Environment and Conservation recommends the 11 hectares of Coastal Sandplain be nominated for a national listing as an endangered ecological community.

"I am also very aware of the struggle public schools constantly have in regard to financial support including building maintenance, counsellor placements and resource funding among others," she said.

She is conscious of the many other issues which are affecting residents.

"If selected to represent the people of this electorate, I will do my utmost to see these issues addressed and resolved," Hillary said.

"This will be done by lobbying local, state and federal governments to get the results you want."

To contact Hillary, email Gosford@nsw.greens.org.au or call 0424 079 442.

Hillary Morris
Greens candidate for Gosford



Independent: Debra Wales

I have been long time resident of Umina Beach, mother of two adult children raised on the Peninsula and successfully manage with my husband Matthew, an urban and environmental design consultancy business based in Umina Beach.

I have been committed to revitalizing the Peninsula town centres since 1995 initiating the Main Street program in a voluntary capacity, co-ordinating the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival and organizing the Queen of the Oyster Festival which has raised over \$70,000 for breast cancer research over the last two years.

When the last bank left Ettalong Beach, I initiated and, with a strong team, established the Ettalong Beach Community Bendigo Bank.

I have a proven community track record and will fight for the residents of the Peninsula.

- Our local roads are a disgrace – for years council has blamed the State Government for lack of funding. In truth, it's Gosford Councillors who allocate budgets and they do not consider our Peninsula roads of high importance. I will ensure that this changes and Gosford Council and the State Government give the people of the Peninsula a fair share of funding for kerb and gutter, drainage and much needed footpaths.
- I will ensure that the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan is signed off by Government and we get our town beach upgraded for everyone to enjoy. For years this project has been held up by council unnecessarily.
- I will establish the Central Coast Water Corporation to take the management of our water supply out of the hands of inexperienced councillors and into the hands of qualified experts.
- The Woy Woy Hospital is in disrepair. It should be upgraded to be fully operational hospital with full emergency services.
- Every effort should be made by State Government to establish a third transport link for a fast ferry service to Sydney and Newcastle. I will ensure this happens.

I live, work hard and relax on the Peninsula. It is the most wonderful place in Australia and that's why I want to represent the people of the Peninsula and Gosford in State Parliament to ensure that we all have the best opportunities for the future.

Debra Wales
Independent Candidate for Gosford



Polling Places

Booker Bay Pre-school	32 Telopea Street, Booker Bay
Ettalong Public School	Uligandi Street, Ettalong Beach
Woy Woy South Public School	The School Mall, Woy Woy
Gosford Public School	Vaughan Avenue, Gosford
Gosford East Public School	Webb Street, East Gosford
Gosford Hospital Volunteers Room	Holden Street, Gosford*
St Matthews Lutheran Church	296 Brisbane Water Drive, West Gosford
Henry Kendall High School	Faunce Street, Gosford
Kariong Public School	Truscott Avenue, Kariong
Mangrove Mountain Public Hall	Wiseman's Ferry Rd, Mangrove Mountain
Mooney Mooney Pub. School	Point Road, Mooney Mooney
Mount White Bush Fire Brigade	Pacific Highway, Mt. White
Umina Public School	Sydney Avenue, Umina Beach
Patonga Progress Hall	Brisk Street, Patonga
Pearl Beach Community Ctr.	Diamond Road, Pearl Beach
Peats Ridge Pub. School	660 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge
Point Clare Public School	Takari Avenue, Point Clare
Somersby Pub. School	840 Wisemans Ferry Rd, Somersby
Spencer Public School	Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer
Chertsey Public School	Willow Road, Springfield*
Umina Beach Branch Library	Bullion Street, Umina Beach
Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus	Veron Road, Umina Beach*
Umina Uniting Church	Neptune Street, Umina Beach*
Brisbane Water Secondary College-Woy Woy Campus	Edward Street, Woy Woy*
The Bays Community Hall	19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay
South. Woy Woy Progress Association Hall	Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy*
Wyoming Public School	Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming

*These polling places have wheelchair access.

Candidates for the seat of Gosford were asked to provide 250 words about what they have done and will do for the Peninsula and its people. Some candidates were enrolled after deadline and were not available to be approached for contributions.

This March 24th, it's time to Fix the Peninsula

The Liberals will bring Police back and protect the community by:

- **Upgrading Woy Woy Police Station with an additional 25 police officers to guarantee a "24/7" operation.**
- **Re-opening Umina Police Station**
- **Ensuring 1700 more police on the beat and on our roads**
- **Scrapping Labor's unlimited warning and three cautions for young offenders and increasing parental responsibility.**

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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 Liberal's plan to drought proof the Central Coast now.

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Liberal Candidate for the new seat of Gosford

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Reject bushland DA, says State's top green group

The State's peak environmental organisation has joined other environmental groups in calling on Gosford Council to reject development of the Catholic site in Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The Nature Conservation Council (NCC) of NSW has made a submission to Gosford Council, which refers to the "enormous impacts that any development of the site would have on the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW)".

The Council will consider an application on March 27 for a 39-unit retirement village on the bushland block on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

The NCC submission, now published on its website, cites Justice Bignold's determination in the Land and Environment Court that "the loss of 0.5 hectares from the development site of 1.166 hectares of the endangered ecological community can only reasonably be regarded as significant indeed".

The NCC draws attention to the discrepancy between this finding and the Department of Environment and Conservation's stated reason for concurrence with the DA that "the proposal, as ameliorated by the conditions of concurrence, is unlikely to significantly compromise the local or regional viability of any threatened species known to occur on the subject site".

The NCC also criticised the developer's offer of \$225,000 as

justification for the destruction, to fund the rehabilitation of other UCSW remnant areas.

"This ignores the fact that this sum is not necessary for the rehabilitation of UCSW throughout Gosford Council.

"Rather, a similar UCSW site has been rehabilitated successfully by volunteer workers in your Council."

In conclusion, the NCC submission asks council to capitalise on its investment.

"In light of Council's past actions, court expenditures and commitment to preserving this endangered woodland, we strongly urge that Council reject the application before it."

Letter, 3 March 2007
Cate Faehrmann, NSW Nature Conservation Council

Rare bushland is election issue, says SOS

A development approval recommendation which would destroy one of the last pockets of rare bushland on the Peninsula is "looming as a factor in the State election", according to Save Our Suburbs (SOS) candidate for Gosford, Mr Bryan Ellis.

Mr Ellis said that the recommendation by Gosford Council planners to approve a 37-unit villa development on one of the last remaining pockets of the threatened Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland at Woy Woy was "a contentious decision".

Mr Ellis said that more than 100 local residents signed letters at a rally organised by SOS at the bushland asking the Premier to instruct his Planning Minister Sartor to "call in" the proposal and refuse to allow any development

on this site.

The Minister has the power to do this with any development that could be considered of "State significance".

"Surely a threatened ecological community that is recognised as such under the State's legislation is of State significance," said Mr Ellis.

"Only about seven hectares of this type of woodland remain intact in NSW.

"What chance is there of saving remaining pockets of bushland that define the Scenic Central Coast, if the State won't save bushland that its own legislation describes as threatened?" asked Mr Ellis.

Mr Ellis said residents were amazed that this development is back on the books.

The council had won at the Land and Environment Court an appeal against its refusal of this development, the developer having taken council's decision to the Court, he said.

"Shocked residents indicated that they were prepared to change their vote over this issue if the Premier doesn't do something."

He said that, with voters jaded by 12 years of Labor government, it was local issues such as this election that could be decisive in marginal electorates.

Save Our Suburbs will be endorsing candidates in Gosford and Terrigal and will be urging voters to register their concern by directing their vote to SOS.

Letter, 5 Mar 2007
Bryan Ellis, SOS candidate for Gosford

Wales committed to saving Hillview St bushland

Independent candidate for Gosford Ms Debra Wales has confirmed her commitment to saving the Hillview St bushland from a medium density development by Providence Projects' second application to Gosford Council.

"I organised the protest rally to save the last of the Umina sand plain from medium density in a 2(a) single residential zone back in August 2004 and here we are again still trying to save this precious ecological site," Ms Wales said.

"This proposed development should be in a 2(b) medium density

zone.

"People want reassurance that if they choose to live in a single residential zone, away from medium density units, they should not have to battle with this."

Providence Projects was denied approval in the courts early last year as the court deemed the bush block to be treated as an endangered ecological community and protected from development as a retirement village.

Ms Wales said she has met with the mayor to seek his support to refuse this development application again despite the fact that it may end up back in the Land and Environment Court.

"The applicant must have more money than brains," Ms Wales said.

"The retirement village does not have hostel beds for aged care nor does it have assisted aged care services.

"So it is a medium density coming in the back door under the guise of the State Government's Senior's Living legislation.

"It is now in the hands of Gosford Councillors to refuse this once again and to bring the land into the ownership of council so that it can be protected and maintained for the future."

Press release, 7 March 2007
Debra Wales, Independent candidate for Gosford

Consider open space, says Andrews

Member for Peats and Labor candidate for Gosford, Ms Marie Andrews, has called on Gosford Council to consider the need for open space when deciding the fate of the proposal to build a retirement village at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

"It is my view that the 10 elected councillors must reflect the opinion of the local residents in any local

government issue," said Ms Andrews.

"It is not just a matter of complying with the relevant DA regulations.

"We all acknowledge the fact that there is little open space on the Peninsula and any proposed loss of existing open space should demand the councillors' views with all politics aside," she said.

Email, March 9
Marie Andrews, Labor candidate for Gosford

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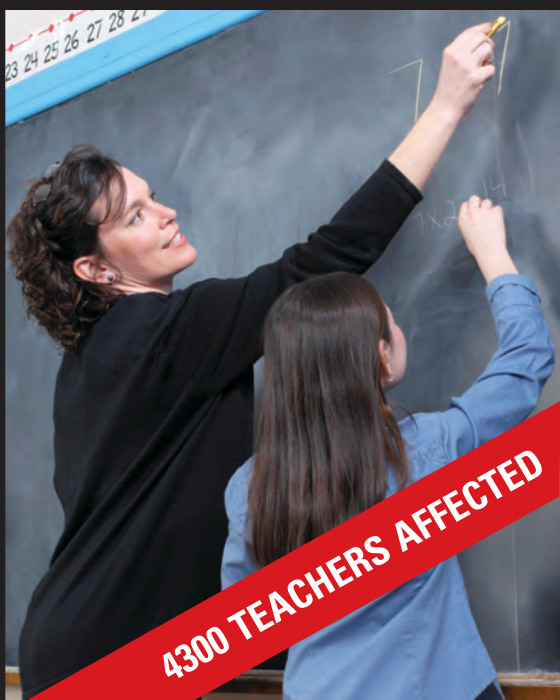
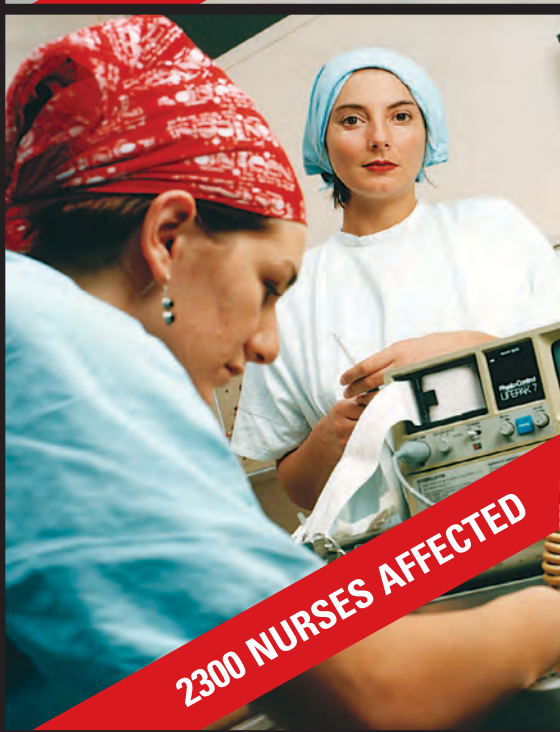
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The Australian 6.12.2006

I'll axe 20,000 jobs: Debnam

Imre Salusinszky
NSW political reporter

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By SIMON BENSON
State Political Reporter

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Wales 'shocked' by newspaper article

Independent candidate for Gosford Ms Debra Wales said she was "shocked" by the "unprofessional behavior" of a regional newspaper journalist following the publication of an article which raised the question of an alleged conflict of interest.

Ms Wales said the journalist and newspaper did a "disservice to the community" in publishing the article.

The article, by journalist Ms Alison Branley in the Central Coast Express Advocate, stated that Ms Wales had denied a conflict of interest over a proposed aged care development at Forresters Beach.

It stated she had released three press releases in a month supporting a proposed \$60 million development which was not inside the Gosford electorate.

The article stated that Ms Wales and her husband Matthew Wales together ran Wales and Associates, which had prepared environmental studies on the site for the developer Braedan Riley Investments.

It reported Ms Wales saying that the studies were prepared by her husband and not her.

Ms Wales said: "I was quite shocked by Alison Branley at her unprofessional behavior because I sent a press release on aged care with several points of interest and she set me up."

Ms Wales said it was "disappointing" that Alison Branley "ignored the fact that we have an aged care crisis looming" and that the State government was allowing Woy Woy Public Hospital "to be run down".

"I think Alison Branley and the Express did a disservice to our senior citizens because it's they that miss out.

"And we could have gone into battle for them but it's lost on those who just wanted to undermine my name.

"If that's the best they can come up with, good luck to them."

Central Coast Express Advocate editor Mr Geoff Hawthorne denied the article reflected unprofessional behavior, and said he completely supported journalist Ms Alison Branley.

Ms Branley was not available for comment at the time Peninsula News attempted to contact her.

Clare Graham, 9 March 2007

Lyle Stone, 7 March 2007



Hardys Bay Residents' Group member Mr Terry Feltham, Member for Gosford Mr Chris Hartcher, Kay Feltham, president of the Hardys Bay Residents' Group Mr Adrian Williams and Shadow Environment Minister Mr Michael Richardson,

Coalition promises \$100,000 for mosquito control

The NSW Coalition has undertaken to contribute \$100,000 to control "the current mosquito menace" if elected to Government, according to Hardys Bay Residents Group communication officer Mr Allan Wilson.

The money would be spent on a bacterial toxin, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* or Bti, which attacks mosquitoes in their larval stage.

Mr Wilson said the announced followed a visit to Hardys Bay by the Member for Gosford Mr Chris Hartcher and Shadow Environment Minister Mr Michael Richardson.

Mr Wilson said Mr Hartcher agreed that the insect would "continue to pose a serious health

problem" if no immediate action was taken by authorities.

"Not only are they a nuisance to live with, but the saltmarsh variety, prevalent in this area, is capable of carrying both Ross River fever and Barmah Forest fever," Mr Hartcher was reported as saying.

"The mosquitoes breed in the estuarine wetlands around Empire Bay.

"They need to be controlled."

Mr Wilson said the use of Bti was preferable environmentally to other sprays.

He claimed Bti killed mosquito larvae but did not affect other marine life, and that it was "environmentally-friendly".

"Gosford City Council has agreed to conduct a trial program of aerial application of Bti, but lacks the funds to do so," he said.

"The funds will enable mosquito larvicide to be applied, as well as allow Gosford Council to develop a long-term mosquito control program."

Mr Wilson said the funding decision was greeted with elation by the Hardys Bay Residents Group whose members had repeatedly warned of the "serious health dangers" posed by the mosquitoes, in particular, the salt marsh species.

"This is a wonderful gesture and we are grateful to Chris Hartcher and Michael Richardson who spent quality time with us discussing the problem and in recognising its serious ramifications," Mr Wilson said.

**Press release, 28 Feb 2007
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group**

Easter sunrise service cancelled

The annual combined churches Easter Sunday Sunrise Service and Breakfast will not be held this year due to the Umina Surf Life Saving clubhouse rebuilding, according to the Reverend Bruce Edgell, convenor of the Brisbane Water Ministers Association.

"The generosity of the surf club in allowing the event to be held in and around its clubhouse has been an important factor in the popularity and success of the service since its inception many years ago," Mr Edgell said.

"The usual setting in front of the clubhouse is very special when the sun rises over the Bouddi National

Park, but on rainy mornings the interior of the building has proved a very suitable alternative.

"The fish and bread breakfast after the service is always held inside the clubhouse.

"Brisbane Water Ministers Association, the organiser of the service and breakfast each year, looked at other possible venues for this year, but all of them had difficulties one way or another.

"So reluctantly the decision was made to cancel.

"After Easter, people in all the local churches will be invited to take part in a simple survey about the future of the Easter Sunrise Service."

**Press release, 3 March 2007
Bruce Edgell, Brisbane Water Ministers Association**

Peninsula News bucks the trend

While prices are increasing everywhere else, *Peninsula News* management has decided to continue as it has over the years by bucking the trend and **this time significantly reducing advertising costs.**

Display advertising now costs a minimum of 10% or more less than in 1999 and by advance booking, prices are now up to 50% off the new reduced rates.

Full colour costs have also been reduced.

They are now 50% less than in 1999.

Classified advertising costs have also been reduced.

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Peninsula News was the first to have all articles on its own website, the first to use and publish an email address, the first to hold prices since commencement in March, 1999 and now after 8 years of publishing, the first to reduce prices significantly.

This has been made possible because the publisher of *Peninsula News*, Ducks Crossing Publications, now also publishes a number of other publications and can therefore share fixed overhead costs between those publications.

Also, enormous changes in technology have meant that the publication process is now quicker. Additionally, the expertise of staff has improved dramatically thereby increasing productivity.

Commencing with this edition, *Peninsula News* will continue to be a 24 tabloid page publication and will no longer be quarter folded.

This will result in more news for Peninsula (post codes 2256 and 2257) residents and more space for those articles that haven't been able to fit in the past.

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Roundabout referred

Gosford Council has decided to refer concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety at the roundabout in George St, Woy Woy, will be referred to Deepwater Plaza management.

Council has resolved to take the action following a request for improved traffic conditions from Creative Courtyards owner Ms Janice Rutherford through Cr Chris Holstein.

Council's traffic committee stated that it had been reported that the small roundabout in George St was unable to cope with the volume of circulating traffic and that the pedestrian desire line conflicted with the traffic movement due to an "inadequate footpath link".

The committee stated that an inspection of the site had revealed that the roundabout was located

on the privately owned Deepwater Plaza site.

It also stated that on-going discussions were being held with the Department of Transport regarding the proposed extensions to the nearby Woy Woy Commuter Car Park.

It stated that "any impact that the car park extensions may have on traffic generation at the roundabout should be addressed at this stage to ensure that all traffic and pedestrian concerns are taken into consideration".

Council has now resolved that council officers and the Department of Transport take into consideration any impact that the proposed Woy Woy Commuter Car Park extensions might have on traffic generation and pedestrian safety at the roundabout.

Council agenda TR.07.013,
March 6



Coopers of Umina had to replace its window after an attack by vandals

'Crime wave' is Labor's fault, says Holstein

Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein said the latest "crime wave" through Umina last Tuesday was "just another consequence of Labor's refusal to provide sufficient police to the Peninsula".

"I have spoken to local residents

today, and they are devastated by the rampage of criminals through West St," Cr Holstein said last Wednesday.

"Windows have been smashed in six shops and two homes in Umina, and residents now fear more vandalism, and maybe even worse.

"Since Australia Day, crime on the Peninsula has sky-rocketed, and the current Labor MP has done nothing except say that her government is heading in the right direction.

"If these increased attacks on the Peninsula are the right direction for Peninsula residents, then Ms Andrews should tell us what exactly she would consider the wrong direction."

Cr Holstein stated that Umina resident Ms Marie Lade reportedly said that Coopers, a haberdashery store next to her doctor, had its main window smashed in by the vandals.

"I was running late for my doctor's appointment because the parking available was taken up by glass repairmen," Ms Lade said.

"After I managed to find a spot, I saw the store staff moving stock out of the window.

"Not only is this going to cause problems for people who support

local businesses, but I can only imagine what these poor business owners are going through with insurance claims and repair costs."

Cr Holstein said this was another example of Labor's neglect of the Peninsula when it came to law and order.

"The Labor Party have closed down Umina police station, stripped 18 police officers from the local command and refused to get tough on the thugs who commit these crimes which affect people's livelihoods," Cr Holstein said.

"The Liberals have a straightforward plan to crack down on hoons, vandals and anti-social behaviour on the Peninsula, which includes re-opening Umina police station, assigning an extra 25 police officers to Woy Woy station, thus making it a 24 hour operational station once again, and ensuring these violent criminals are held responsible for their actions.

"After 12 long years of Labor neglect of law and order on the Peninsula, it is time to fix the Peninsula's police problem by electing the Liberal-National Coalition to government."

Press release, 8 March 2007

Chris Holstein,
Liberal candidate for Gosford

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Congratulations for fast ferry extension

Independent candidate for Gosford Ms Debra Wales has congratulated Gosford Council for granting Fast Ships a 12-month extension on its lease arrangements in order to secure the \$30 million for the project.

"This project is important to the Peninsula and the Central Coast so the extension was a good move by the council," Ms Wales said.

"It should be remembered that the fast ferry idea was proposed after the Central Coast was cut off from Sydney and Newcastle by the 1993 fires which engulfed the F3 freeway and the Sydney rail line isolating the Gosford and Peninsula region.

"Since then we have been strongly lobbying all levels of government for this vital ocean transport link.

"Unfortunately, whilst government were responsive and approvals were granted, it became much harder to seek funding for the project when Gosford Council granted approval to a second fast ferry proposal from Gosford to Sydney, the now defunct Supershuttle company.

"It made it extremely difficult to attract investor funds when council granted approval for two fast ferry services to run from the same area.

"That spooked lending institutions in the early stages of the project.

"Fast Ships Ltd has never asked for Government funding even though the State Government did offer conditional funding for the infrastructure.

"What Fast Ships did seek was letters of guarantee that would have given comfort to lending institutions.

"Unfortunately, neither the State nor Federal Government have done much even though the Commonwealth funds millions of dollars to overseas investment projects elsewhere in the country.

"Fast Ships have spent nearly \$4 million of local investment money on coastal engineering reports, environmental impact studies, hydrological surveys and tourism studies yet the company has had to seek overseas investment to fund the project in order to bring a much-needed transport link to the eastern seaboard.

"It was only last month that the freeway and rail line to Sydney

were once again closed due to bushfires with the only escape route being the existing Palm Beach Ferry service."

Ms Wales said that politicians talk about getting cars off the road and promote public transport yet "turn a blind eye to logical alternatives such as the fast ferry".

"It doesn't help when the company cops cheap derogatory comments from councillors like deputy mayor Cr Craig Doyle and the other silent politicians who think they are experts on fast ferries," Ms Wales said.

"Don't these people think that financial institutions read papers?"

"When the fast ferry finally commences it will provide a faster, safer more comfortable transport link between the Central Coast and Sydney.

"The days of standing in cramped peak-hour trains or bumper-to-bumper traffic exuding exhaust fumes would be a thing of the past.

"The sooner politicians provide real assistance, the faster we will be on a fast ferry to Sydney or Newcastle."

**Press release, 7 March 2007
Debra Wales, Independent
candidate for Gosford**

Web could receive four-year funding

A Liberal-led Coalition Government would commit to funding the Web Youth Service with \$200 000 over four years, the Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein has said.

"This money will ensure the youth service remains open on Friday and Saturday nights for the next four years," Cr Holstein said.

"The Web Youth Service needs \$50 000 a year to be able to pay staff to operate the centre on Friday and Saturday nights.

"This funding package will secure the future of the Web Youth Service for a full first term of a Liberals-Nationals Coalition Government.

"We recognise how valuable this service is to the Peninsula community.

"Through early intervention the Web Youth Service is able to keep local youth entertained and off the streets and out of trouble.

"The Web Youth Service offers

support, referral services and activities for 12 to 18 year olds.

"Under Labor the service has had to reapply for funding each year to enable activities to be run on Friday and Saturday nights."

Cr Holstein said that the threat of closure had "loomed over the Web Youth Service under Labor's reign".

"The Liberals and I believe that such a vital service should be funded for four years, not on a year to year basis," Cr Holstein said.

"We already have a problem with crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the Peninsula, if this service was left without funding we could expect more crime from our youth.

"That is why it's so important that this service continues and gives our kids every opportunity to grow up with a positive attitude."

**Press release, 26 Feb 2007
Chris Holstein, Liberal candidate
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Innovative program for teenage mums

An innovative program has been established to target young mothers and expectant young mothers aged between 14 and 21 to help them re-engage with their studies of Years 9, 10 and 12 and TAFE Certificates.

The Babes with Babes program operates from the Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School.

Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said the program existed only on the Central Coast at Umina and Bluehaven.

It is a partnership between TAFE NSW Hunter Institute Outreach, Gosford City Family Support

Services, Beachside Family Centre and Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Corporation.

The program provides teachers every Thursday from 9am to 2pm to facilitate self-directed learning, as well as providing crèche facilities, transport, meals and information about children and families and the services available for them.

"This very supportive environment is vital for these young mothers to continue their education, increase self-esteem and find employment," Ms Notara said.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews was a guest at the program on Thursday, March 1, to see the "innovative program" first hand and talk to the young

mothers who attend, according to Ms Notara.

"Marie Andrews was very impressed with the motivation and dedication of the young mothers taking part and said she would very pleased to discuss this valuable program with Education Minister Carmel Tebutt in order to seek full and ongoing funding."

Any interested mothers and expectant mothers aged 14 to 21 should contact Gosford City Family Support Services' young parent worker Ms Amber Gun on 4340 1585 for further information.

Press release, 5 March 2007
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre

Renovation for crisis accommodation

Woy Woy Women and Children's Service is to be renovated with a funding allocation of \$250,000.

The funding comes from the State Government's crisis accommodation program.

"The Woy Woy Women and Children's Service plays a vital role in the local area providing a place to stay for people in housing crisis who would otherwise be homeless," said Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

"This renovation of Woy Woy Women and Children's Service will improve the amenity and privacy for clients.

"This project is a valuable partnership between the Government and a non-government organisation that will provide support services."

Ms Andrews said that the investment was an "excellent example" of local community groups working in partnership with the government to find local solutions to local issues.

Ms Andrews said the investment showed that the lemma Government was making real progress in providing much-needed accommodation for the most vulnerable in the community.

Press release, 7 March 2007
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Workshops at health centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be holding two workshops over the coming weeks, with "Making Your Own Earrings" and "Teaching Your Dog Tricks".

The "Make Your Own Earrings" workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 14, from 10am to noon.

Health education worker Ms Kate Bradfield said: "If you have some favourite beads bring them along or come and choose from a range on the day.

"Cost is \$12 to cover all

materials."

"Teaching Your Dog Tricks" will be held on Wednesday, March 21, from 10am to noon.

"Trick training is an off-shoot of the positive dog training used by modern gentle dog trainers," Ms Bradfield said.

"Women with busy lives often comment that they need a second pair of hands, many have that available in their canine family members.

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"Tish Drury is a local pet dog trainer and animal behaviour therapist with 35 years experience of working with animals.

"Problem dog behaviours are generally the result of the boredom and frustration experienced by our dogs in the modern domestic home environment.

"In this session, Tish will show you how to turn some of your dog's bad behaviours into life skills and develop new and entertaining activities for you and your family to share with your dog."

No dogs will be allowed at the workshop.

Bookings for both workshops are essential and can be made by contacting the centre on 4342 5905.

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

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Coast Busters support Relay for Life team

Year 11 Brisbane Water Secondary College student Amber Cooke-White and Dragons Abreast Central Coast "Coast Busters" will be supporting the local Dragons Abreast team entry at this year's Peninsula Relay for Life to help raise cancer awareness.

Amber was only seven when her mother Vicki White was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Her Grandmother was diagnosed with lung cancer that same year and breast cancer more recently," Ms White said.

"Fortunately, due to early diagnosis and ongoing advancements in cancer prevention, detection and treatment the women in Amber's family are survivors.

"The Dragons Abreast girls, all breast cancer survivors who paddle Dragon Boats for fun, fitness, recovery and wellbeing, will be well represented at the Relay at Woy Woy Oval."

The team is also seeking sponsorship and donations to support their attendance at "Abreast in Australia 2007" at Caloundra, Queensland, in September.

"This Dragon Boat Regatta for Breast Cancer Survivors is to be the first time Australia has hosted the World event, and teams from Canada, about 800 paddlers alone, USA, Italy and New Zealand are registered to attend," Ms White said.

"Our local girls did us proud last year when they attended the First International Pink Breast Cancer Dragon Boat World Championships in Singapore representing Australia and brought home a bronze medal and first place plate."

For more information regarding paddling, joining Dragons Abreast Central Coast or for sponsorship enquiries or donations please contact Vicki White on 4341 0041, Carolyn Smith on 4332 3010 or Judi Gurzinski on 4358 0367.

**Press release, 3 March 2007
Vicki White, The Coast Busters**

Coming to terms with business ruin

It has taken Ms Delores Ward more than eight months to reopen her business opposite Woy Woy railway station after a fire in an adjacent bicycle shop last year.

Ms Ward said she had since spent the last nine months struggling to come to terms with the fire which left her business in ruin.

"I am usually a happy-go-lucky person, but this has just been devastating," Ms Ward said.

"Nine months is a long time to go without running a full-time business," Ms Ward said.

"I had no other choice but to work part-time and do home services.

Ms Ward estimated to have lost more than half of her business after the fire.

"A lot of people and businesses have asked why I haven't just picked up and moved elsewhere,

but they just don't understand the cost involved in that when I have lost so much already," Ms Ward said.

"I feel like they want me to give up."

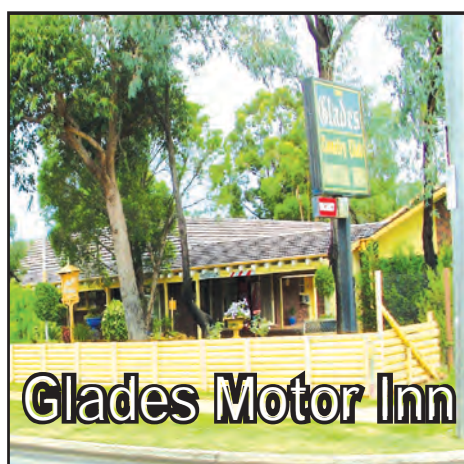
Ms Ward, who operates Dolores Massage and Beauty, said she had been in the massage and beauty business for five years and finds "passion in making people feel relaxed and de-stressed".

"We specialise in a number of Australian-made skin care products, with organic ingredients that suit Australia's harsher climate," Ms Ward said.

"That is what makes the business unique to the area."

As well as massage, Dolores Massage and Beauty offer a range of services from facials, manicures, pedicures and sunlight saunas at "reasonable prices".

Clare Graham, 9 March 2007



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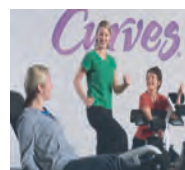
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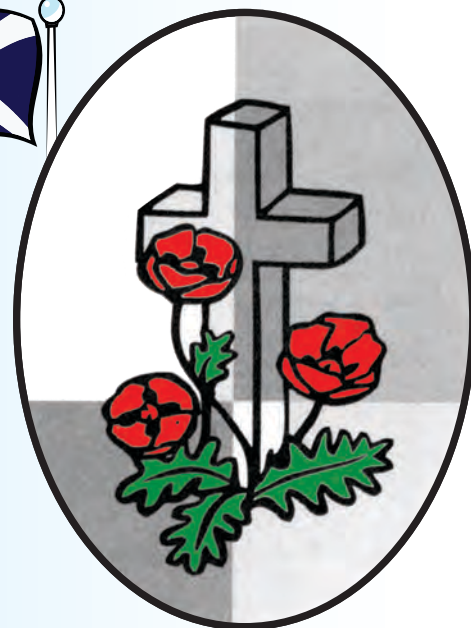


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Concerned about intersection upgrade

Independent for Gosford Ms Debra Wales has raised "serious concerns" over an announcement that the Liberals would allocate \$6 million to upgrade the intersection at Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd.

"(Gosford) Council has earmarked this intersection for yet another set of traffic lights which will create further chaos on Blackwall Rd," Ms Wales said.

"This will make three sets of lights between McMasters Rd and Allfield Rd.

"And for \$6 million, the intersection would need to be gold plated.

"In all my door knocking, residents are sick and tired of politicians not listening to what they want.

"They want better roads, footpaths and drainage, not more traffic lights.

"There is no point, building signalised intersections if the ordinary taxpayers can't even get there with the disgusting state of our roads.

"For \$6 million, at lot of our substandard roads could be fixed", said Debra Wales.

"But look who's advising Peter Debnam: Cr Chris Holstein, the same person who told us the aquatic centre would only cost \$16 million and the cost has now blown out to \$33 million."

Ms Wales said that her objective in State Parliament would be to secure a better deal for roads funding for council so that important collector roads were upgraded.

"The last thing I want to see is the Peninsula becoming traffic light city," Ms Wales said.

"Surely it's about time that the politicians listened to what true locals want to see rather than telling us what they think is good for us.

"Cr Holstein and the traffic committee don't live on the Peninsula and don't understand how local traffic movements work.

"It's therefore no surprise that we get nothing but traffic light chaos."

Cr Holstein told Peninsula News that the intersection upgrade would not necessarily involve traffic lights.

"There is no preconceived idea of what will need to take place at the intersection, only that it needs to be upgraded to allow safer and easier traffic movements.

"The \$6 million also includes Blackwall Rd and Allfield Rd just to the north which has been a bottleneck due to the half-cocked solution that the Labor party came up with for the intersection.

"It will all be reviewed as one entity to address the traffic congestion on Blackwall Rd."

Cr Holstein said these were the two main spots that needed to be addressed.

"However, if the investigations say that there are additional issues that need to be taken on Blackwall Rd that as the State Member I will make sure that the steps are taken to address.

"Blackwall has become nothing but a parking lot at the peak periods.

"My opponents are just scare mongering," he said

Press releases, 7 March 2007

Debra Wales, Independent

candidate for Gosford

Chris Holstein, Liberal candidate for Gosford

Parking signs at marina

Gosford Council has resolved to place No Parking signs adjacent to the Killcare Marina and wharf, following a request from marina chief executive officer Mr Michael Sparks.

Mr Sparks asked council for the No Parking signs on Araluen Dr to

discourage motorists from blocking access to Killcare Marina and the wharf for lengthy periods.

Council officers stated that the No Parking signs would still allow motorists to set down and pick up at the wharf.

Council agenda TR.07.006,

March 6



The Peninsula Community Centre, Woy Woy

Claiming credit for community centre

Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and the Peninsula Community Centre association president Ms Katie Smith have disputed claims of Cr Holstein's involvement with the centre in an exchange of media releases.

Ms Smith expressed her concern on February 28 at what she said were "misleading claims" made by Cr Holstein over his involvement in setting up the centre.

"The board is very concerned over Cr Holstein's misleading claim in his promotional material that he delivered to the Peninsula Community Centre," Ms Smith said.

"This is clearly misleading and without foundation.

"Built in 1975, the community centre originally commenced operation under the name of the

Woy Woy Community Recreational Centre Inc."

She said it changed its name to the Peninsula Community Centre Inc on February 28, 1990, and had "proudly been delivering services to the people of the Peninsula ever since".

"Following lengthy negotiations over the need to upgrade the building, Gosford Council resolved to demolish the old building and build a new facility which was opened by the then Mayor Cr Bell in 2002."

Ms Smith said that the funds required for building came from council through general revenue and other funding streams.

"Despite the council funding, the centre still operates under a lease and pays a rental at a semi-commercial rate with monies raised through its operations and grants from Government," Ms Smith said.

"Whilst the board acknowledges

that Cr Holstein was one of 10 councillors at the time, it is misleading to take credit for the community centre at the expense of many other hard working members of the community.

"It is important to set the record straight so that individuals real involvement is clearly understood."

Cr Holstein said he was proud of his role in the development of the Peninsula Community Centre.

"I was on the Gosford Council building committee for the redevelopment of the Peninsula Community Centre and the Woy Woy Theatre along with two other councillors," said Cr Holstein.

"I'm very proud of the role I had in delivering the new building for the Peninsula Community Centre."

Press release, 28 Feb 2007

Wayne Barsing, Peninsula Community Centre

Press release, 2 March 2007

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Asbestos campaigner at charity premiere screening

James Hardie asbestos campaigner Bernie Banton will attend the charity premiere of Australian movie *Razzle Dazzle* to take place at Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong Beach, this Friday, March 16, at 8pm.

All funds raised from the screening will go to the Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia.

Local association representative Ms Maree Stokes said she was delighted that the Central Coast "snared" the premiere.

"The Ettalong Beach charity premiere of *Razzle Dazzle* takes place just one day after the film has its national premiere in Sydney, so Central Coast residents will be amongst the first in Australia to see this film," Ms Stokes said.

"We must acknowledge local girl Jodi Matterson, who ensured not just that this event take place in our community, but also that the premiere will benefit a great cause."

Jodi Matterson, who produced the film, grew up on the Central Coast and lost her father to an asbestos disease.

The film stars Kerry Armstrong, Ben Miller, Toni Lamond, Barry Crocker, Noeline Brown and Paul Mercurio.

Tickets are \$25 which includes pre-movie drinks and finger food.

Press release, 27 Feb 2007
Phil Davey, Turner Freeman



Musicians join Relay for Life

Troubadour Central Coast Inc and Peninsula Music have joined Relay for Life as a team, again this year, according to Troubadour folk club president Ms Marilyn Russell.

The relay will commence at 4pm on Saturday, March 17, and conclude at 10am on Sunday, March 18, at Woy Woy Oval.

"Relay for Life raises money for Cancer research and plays a very important role in caring for sufferers of cancer and their families," Ms Russell said.

"Our aim is to either walk or play music from 4pm Saturday, March 17, to 10am, Sunday, March 18.

"There only needs to be one team member minimum walking or playing music at a time, so if you can spend an hour or so, then it would take some of the burden off other team members.

Those who want to participate with the group can either walk laps around the oval, play music in the Troubadour tent, sing or add percussion to the music, make cups of tea or coffee or support those walking or playing music.

They can also help to raise some money by collecting sponsors, selling raffle tickets or a personal donation.

All money collected or raised would need to be paid to Ms Russell at the relay.

The band The Usual Suspects, whose members belong to the Woy Woy-based Troubadour folk club, have also donated their services to perform on the main stage at 9.30pm.

Those who would like to join the team can log on to www.relay.org.au.

cancercouncil.com.au and join Peninsula Music & Troubadour CC Inc team.

Participants T-Shirt and information package will be sent to Peninsula Music.

Peninsula Music staff will phone participants and tell them when their package has arrived.

"We hope you can spare some time and join our team," Ms Russell said.

Press release, 1 March 2007
Marilyn Russell, Troubadour Central Coast

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Movie classics at Wagstaffe

Bouddi Society vice president Mr David Dufty said Movie Classics at Wagstaffe Hall will start on Tuesday March 20 at 7.30pm with "Shadow of a Doubt", one of Alfred Hitchcock's "finest films of the 1940s".

"It stars Joseph Cotton as the infamous Merry Widow murderer

who takes refuge with the small-town family of his sister," Mr Dufty said.

Mr Dufty said the movie had been called "funny, gripping and expertly shot".

"Hitchcock himself describes this as one of his favourites," Mr Dufty said.

"All are welcome."

Entry is \$15, or \$12 for Bouddi Society members, and \$5 for students.

The cost includes refreshments and a pre-movie talk by prominent local movie-maker Mr Michael Rubbo.

Press release, 5 March 2007
David Dufty, Bouddi Society

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

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

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

Butterfly Group for Women who have suffered domestic violence

12.30pm PWHC

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

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

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, **ESSC**, 1pm. **Every Friday**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting 12.30pm **EBACC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fishing Club. **EBWM**

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

Second Saturday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Third Saturday of every month

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

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

Last Saturday every month

Wagstaffe **Bushcare** group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

Dancing Club; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156 **Snooker** 8.30am **EBWMC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

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

Second Sunday of every month

Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am BWSC, Enq: 4341 9301

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

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

Third Sunday of every month

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

Police in Umina at wrong time

What, apart from an attempt to influence voters in the new seat of Gosford, could the presence of five, count them – five, uniformed police on the footpaths in Umina CBD at 3.45 on a Thursday afternoon do to push down crime during the small hours of the night, when good people are sleeping?

The discussion among business operators was not complementary

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of Police Minister Watkins whose efforts to influence voter support for Labor are not welcomed.

Bob Pritchard would be amazed at what we have seen.

I noted that not one officer had the promised new equipment vest designed to reduce the chronic back injuries among uniformed police!

Edward James Umina

Council should be proud of unique woodland

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This planet is made up of intricate ecosystems often so complex that we still do not fully understand them.

We do not know how much further we can go without it having a devastating effect on us.

We continue to take, take, take, with no regard for anything else.

For instance, we are going to take the water from the sandplain for us, disregarding the vegetation and anything else which may depend on it.

This comparatively small piece of woodland is an integral part of a wildlife corridor used by the swift parrot, the glossy black cockatoo, the regent honeyeater and the powerful owl to name but a few.

All of these birds are on the endangered list.

Our council has spent many

thousands of dollars to have the original development proposal rejected and yet now they turn round and are willing to pass the revised plans.

Obviously they must have been misinformed since Justice Bignold decided against a similar development in the Environment Court and the Department of Environment and Conservation has recommended that the UCSW be listed under the Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Surely our council should be proud that we have something which is so significant, which we can leave to our children and which can form a part of the much needed open space, desperately needed by the increasing population of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Margaret Lund Woy Woy Bay

Better democracy is needed

It is hard to believe that the issue is seldom discussed, worse still, often deliberately avoided: How can it be that Australia ends up with two terrible major parties?

The choice for the voters nearly always seems to be which of the two is the least appalling to vote for.

NSW today is a prime example.

Can we have a public debate about the cause of this problem?

Surely this is an issue that can be addressed.

I believe there are two principal reasons:

1. The single-member district electoral system which produces the two-party tyranny of

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mediocrity;

2. Aspects of the Westminster system which result in adversarialism in Parliament and functional amateurism in Government.

We need the best legislature and the best democratic Government we can get.

We have neither.

The talent and experience are available but it is hard to find in Parliament.

Political system reform is long overdue in Australia.

Klaas Woldring Pearl Beach

Preferences cast for personal victory?

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Debra Wales has claimed the Peninsula needs help for so long, but now she's going to do a deal with the ALP, just so she can score a cheap personal victory at the expense of 40,000-odd voters in the Gosford electorate.

Ms Wales claims she is going to represent the Central Coast as a true independent, and represent

the best interests of all residents.

If this is so, how can she claim to be impartial when her husband is president of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, a position which requires the interests of businesses to be put first?

I know I'll be voting for Chris Holstein.

Jenny Rooke Booker Bay

Kariong High promises

Jack Galway (Peninsula News, 26 Feb 2007) seems to have a bit of a memory problem with regards to the Kariong High School.

While Mr Galway seeks to attack Chris Holstein about the commitment of the Liberals to Kariong High School from 2003, he might like to cast his mind back to the day Marie Andrews was elected as local Member for the Peats electorate, now known as Gosford.

Every election since 1995, Marie Andrews and Labor have promised to build Kariong High School, and every election they have let the students of Kariong down.

We never seem to see the Education Minister in the area looking at possible sites for Kariong High School.

Just a fortnight ago, Chris Holstein and Brad Hazzard committed to building the high school if elected.

If Mr Galway wants to talk about

bags of wind, perhaps he should visit Marie Andrews and the Labor campaign.

Four promises - all wind.

Bob Strong Woy Woy

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Education

New buildings are officially opened

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd officially opened the new buildings at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy on Wednesday, March 7.

Mr Lloyd was accompanied by State Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, State Minister for Education and Training Ms Carmel Tebbutt and college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

The new works include new administration buildings, covered

learning areas, kitchens and classrooms.

In total, \$9.3 million has been spent upgrading both the Umina and Woy Woy Campuses.

The Federal Government contributed \$5.7 million towards the project and the State Government contributed \$3.6 million.

Mr Lloyd was joined by parents, both past and present, teachers and principals in officially opening the new facilities.

Relieving college principal Mr

David Beattie said the formation of the college was officially announced in August 2001 following an extensive consultation process led by Mr Lewis, and an "enthusiastic" college steering committee.

"Commencing in 2002, students were re-directed to either Umina Middle School Campus for Years 7 to 9 or the Senior Campus for Years 10 to 12," Mr Lewis said.

"In 2007, the first group to combine as the College Year 7 now enter Year 12 ready to face the

challenges of the Higher School Certificate.

"Today the College stands proud as a quality provider of age appropriate education for students and the community of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"It has established an excellent record in academic, cultural and sporting achievement, and offers a wide range of unique initiatives and programs that meet the needs of students and staff.

"These include our extensive agriculture program, workshops for gifted and talented students, musicals, a sports academy, the bush tucker and Outback cafes and Creating our Futures program.

"With over 1700 students and 150 staff, the college has met its challenges and can be justifiably proud to have its official opening, recognising the achievements of the whole school community in the provision of public education in a local, comprehensive setting."

The officially opening was begun with the national anthem performed by Year 12 music students Mitchell Clews and Leatesha Wiliame

followed by an acknowledgement of country by Rachael McMinn of Year 11.

This was followed by a dance item from the schools Year 12 dance class.

Both Ms Andrews and Ms Tebbutt spoke at the opening, along Mr Lewis and Mr Lloyd who spoke on behalf of the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training Ms Julie Bishop.

Former Woy Woy Campus student Tessa Nuku closed the ceremony with a performance of On the Cliff's Edge by Sarah Humphries, accompanied by Brendan Boney.

This opening was followed by a brief tour of the Senior Campus grounds.

Mr Beattie thanked the State and Federal Governments for their input and contribution to the building program and refurbishment of both campuses of the college.

Lyle Stone, 7 March 2007

Press release, 6 March 2007

Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Program, 7 March 2007

David Beattie, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Principal David Beattie leads MP Jim Lloyd and other dignitaries on a tour of Brisbane Water Secondary College



Tessa Nuku and Brendan Boney entertain the masses



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Parking stays in school zone

Gosford Council's has resolved to take no action to extend the No Stopping zone on the eastern side of Ocean Beach Rd, near Woy Woy South Public School.

Council's traffic committee recommended against extending the zone.

A request for the extension had come from the Roads and Traffic Authority's School Crossings coordinator.

Council received a report stating that afternoon southbound traffic queues were common on Ocean Beach Rd, while motorists wait to turn right into Dorothy Ave.

It stated that as a result, southbound through-traffic

on Ocean Beach Rd were unable to pass the queue because of cars parked at the kerbside.

The RTA coordinator asked that the existing No Stopping zone on the eastern side of Ocean Beach Rd be extended 45 metres further north to remove the kerbside parking and "thereby improve the traffic flow on this section of Ocean Beach Rd".

The traffic committee said the removal of the kerbside parking to allow the passing of queued vehicles on Ocean Beach Rd was "undesirable" due to "the close proximity of the pedestrian crossing at Woy Woy South Public School".

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Education



Rabbitohs visit Woy Woy South

Woy Woy South Public School students were visited by first grade players from the South Sydney Rugby League Football Club team

recently, according to assistant principal Mr Steve Collins.

Mr Collins said the players answered questions from students.

"After some questions and answers from regular first graders

Paul Mellor, Shannon Hegarty and Fetuli Tulanova, the NRL stars took time out to sign guernseys, flags, footballs, shoes and also have some photos taken," Mr Collins said.

Press release, 26 Feb 2007
Steve Collins,
Woy Woy South Public School

Talk planned on children's speech

A speech pathologist will hold a workshop on children's speech in Umina on Wednesday, March 28.

The pathologist will discuss issues such as helping your child to talk better, when to see a speech pathologist and where to get more help, among other more specific questions.

Questions addressed will include whether it is normal to understand your child when others can't, what age the 'k' sound should be said correctly and why to help when children have a lisp.

The speech pathologist will discuss articulation development, how to determine if there is a problem and ways that a parent may help to correct it.

Beachside Family Centre is offering the workshop at Umina.

"There will be a very experienced speech pathologist who will run this 90-minute workshop," centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"Many parents on the Peninsula have concerns about their child's speech and are unsure what help is available.

"We are running this workshop at night to make it available to

Platypus Pete's Water Passport will be taken home by students of Pretty Beach Public School next week as part of the "Take it Easy with Water" initiative to be launched throughout the Central Coast.

Pete, the water inhabiting marsupial, represents all the animals and plants in the environment that share the water supply.

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said the aim of the passport was to teach children about sustainability.

Ms Redrup said the passports had been distributed by The Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre and were "a way of raising the awareness of the water crisis on the Coast".

"Residential water makes up two thirds of the overall water supply within the area," Ms Redrup said.

According to Rumbalara spokesperson, Mr Mark Attwooll, introducing Pete to the children was a way of educating families as to how they can reduce water use in their homes.



"The whole idea behind Pete is to make what he is teaching fun, informative and rewarding," Mr Attwooll said.

"The passports engage the household in homework activities that reveal how, when and why water gets used and in ways in which it can be saved."

Students will receive prizes for the most "Platypus Points" offered for each litre of water saved above the target of 100 litres per week.

On completing their passport every participant earns a certificate.

Ms Redrup said the school "jumped at the chance" to take part in the initiative.

"The children at Pretty Beach are acutely aware of the importance of their environment because of the school's unique location between the bay and the bush," Ms Redrup said.

"The children are looking forward to taking part in Pete's water saving activities because they know he'll show them how to make important water saving behaviour changes."

Press release, 9 March 2007
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School



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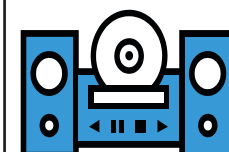
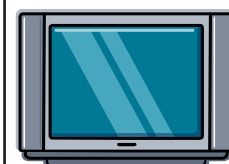
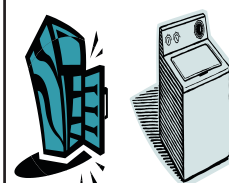
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Alex is best on the Coast

Umina Surf Club under-14s member Alex Bainbridge has been chosen as the Central Coast Junior Lifesaver of the Year, according to Nippers beach training manager Mr Carl Krucler.

"To achieve his selection Alex had to undergo a demanding application process that included a written submission and a number of interviews at both club and branch level," Mr Krucler said.

"He was vying for the prestigious title against the very best under-14s from every Central Coast club.

"Alex then progressed to the next stage where he was up against finalists from the State's other 10 branches on a short list for 2006-7 NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

"This process entailed another

long interview and two days of intense scrutiny at a development camp in Wollongong.

"The interview and camp focused not only on achievements in surf lifesaving but community service, leadership skills, personality and lifesaving techniques.

"Unfortunately Alex was not selected as the NSW Lifesaver of the Year but he congratulated the winners and commented that their award was well deserved."

Alex said: "It was an interesting experience and a great honour to represent Umina at this level".

Mr Krucler said Alex encouraged all of next year's under-14s to participate and hoped Umina would go one step further next year.

**Press release, 28 Feb 2007
Carl Krucler, Umina Surf Life Saving Club**



Sam Workman-Brown

Ocean Beach succeeds at surf titles

Ocean Beach Surf Club had an "extremely successful" three days at the annual State Surf Lifesaving titles held at Cronulla from February 23 to 25, according to Under-17s team manager Ms Vicki Swain.

Ms Swain said the titles attracted the top competitors from all over the State.

Participants took part in the patrol competition, the First Aid competition and the champion lifesaver competition.

In the patrol competition, under-17s Ashleigh Swain, Lauren Swain, Jessica Moyes and Jessica Allan won the bronze medal.

In the Open section, Ocean Beach placed fourth.

The patrol competition includes an exam, resuscitation, surf swim race, board rescue race, and an emergency scenario.

In the first aid competition, under-17s Jessica Moyes and Lauren Swain won the gold medal and Jessica Allan and Ashleigh Swain won the silver medal.

In the under-15s, Bryce Sainty and Gabby Remy won the gold

medal and Kayla Hannell and Rebecca Allan placed fourth. In the Open section while Richard Grimmond and Katie Dixon placed fifth.

The first aid competition involves an emergency scenario in which patients are realistically injured.

The champion lifesaver competition saw Shelley Smith place third in the Open Section and Jessica Moyes place third in the under-17 section.

In the under-15 section, Natasha Swain won the gold medal making her the under-15 State Champion Lifesaver.

The champion lifesaver competition involves an exam, resuscitation, a surf swim race, a board race, a beach sprint race and a tube swim race.

"Considering these events are hotly contested by all the big name clubs such as Cronulla, Manly and Swansea Belmont, it was a huge achievement by a smaller club such as Ocean Beach," Ms Vicky Swain said.

**Press release, 26 Feb 2007
Vicky Swain, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

Ettalong teenager Sam Workman-Brown has recently been selected to represent Australia, playing futsal (indoor soccer) at the exclusive International Costa Dorada Cup, to be held in Spain in early July.

Sam is the only player from the Central Coast to be chosen and as a Year 10 student at Narrabeen Sports High School he has "continually topped the soccer program" according to father Mr Danny Workman.

"Sam was chosen through his performances at the recent National Futsal Championships, held in Canberra during January this year," Mr Workman said.

"Sam's team NSW Lightning competed against eight teams from five states.

Teenager selected for national side

"They were met with a very strong Victorian side in the semi-finals, but Sam skillfully scored the tie breaker, avoiding a stressful penalty shootout.

"The final score was 4-3.

"Lightning met their stable mates, NSW Thunder, in the final and defeated them 3-1, taking out the title."

Mr Workman said Sam had been seeking support from the local businesses to assist in funding his \$6000 trip.

"He has received a few small sponsorships but has yet been unable to acquire a major prize for

a raffle to be conducted by Umina United Soccer Club," Mr Workman said.

"If you are a local business and believe you may have something to offer, Sam may be contacted through this publication.

"Alternatively cheques may be made payable to Sam Workman-Brown Trip Fund.

"Sam will no doubt make a great ambassador for junior sport on the Central Coast."

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**Press Release, 6 March 2007
Danny Workman, Ettalong Beach**

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Malibu club holds contest

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club conducted its February contest on Sunday, February 11, at Umina.

“During the contest we conducted an Hawaiian style ‘paddle out’ ceremony for a long time member, John Hirst who passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve,” club member Mr Craig Coulton said.

The contest involved A grade, B Grade and Juniors.

In the A Grade, M Williams came first in heat one, H Wall came first in heat two and G Halliday came first in heat three.

Coming in second was W Medcalf in heat one, R Stockings in heat two and C Coulton in heat three.

In third place was B Wakelin in heat one, P Flint in heat two and B Cook in heat three.

In fourth place was C Wilkinson in heat one and D Wakelin in heat two.

In the B Grade, D Young placed first in heat one, K Flint in heat two, L Wilkinson in heat three and M Day in heat four.

In second place was B Williams in heat one, J Buchanan in heat two, A Blunden in heat three and P Bruce in heat four.

In third place was C Palmer in heat one, D Moulton in heat two, M Cook in heat three and P Elliott in heat four.

In fourth place was B Olsson in heat one, P Devlin in heat two, R

McAskill in heat three and S Free in heat four.

In fifth place was K Darby in heat two.

In the Juniors, M Cook placed first, S Palmer second, B Hughes third, D McAskill fourth and J Williams fifth.

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Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach
Malibu Club

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