

## Council staff oppose Peninsula naming

**Gosford Council officers have argued that the Peninsula should not be officially named.**

In a report to council, the officers argue that the area is not a peninsula and none of it is currently unnamed.

In a recommendation expected to come before tomorrow night's council meeting, the officers say that no further action should be taken to name "The Peninsula" as "none of the areas in the submissions are unnamed, and as the area...is not a peninsula".

Officers stated that the Geographical Names Board's (GNB) designation of "peninsula" covers "a piece of land almost surrounded by water, especially one connected with the mainland by only a narrow neck of land or isthmus."

They said that under this definition the land known as the "The Peninsula" was "not appropriate".

Officers also noted that the use of the geographical names board designation of "urban place" was "a

place, site or precinct in an urban landscape, the name of which is in current use, but the limits of which have not been defined under the address locality program."

The council report stated that it received two submission to name the area of land administered as the suburbs of Woy Woy, Umina Beach, Ettalong Beach, Blackwall and Booker Bay as "The Peninsula or Woy Woy Peninsula".

The submissions are understood to have been those of Mr Lyle Stone of Peninsula News, and of local historian Ms Joan Fenton with community activist Ms Heather McKenzie.

The report stated that an investigation into the name "reveals, anecdotally, that in the early 1970's the then Shire President, suggested Woy Woy Peninsula, as a way, of minimising issues, that existed between three progress associations".

"In addition council has and continues to use the name The Peninsula or Peninsula in its management of the area."

**Council agenda COR.20, 27 March 2007**



*Polling underway at the Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus*

## Andrews is re-elected

**Former member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has been elected to a fourth term in office, as the member for the redistributed seat of Gosford.**

"I have given my assurance to my constituents that I will be working hard over this term to listen to, and try and resolve local issues," Ms Andrews said.

"I will work to make sure that

Gosford gets its fair share of the State budget, and I will continue to work hard towards improvements on issues such as our water supply, health services, education, roads, public transport and law enforcement."

At the time of this report at midday on Sunday, 34,455 votes had been counted in an electorate of 47,564.

Ms Andrews received 42 per cent of the vote, with 14,205 first

preference votes, followed by Liberal candidate Cr Chris Holstein with 35 per cent of the vote, with 11,639 first preference votes.

Independent candidate Ms Debra Wales received nine per cent of the vote with 3096 first votes, followed by Greens candidate Hillary Morris with seven percent and 2330 votes.

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## Registered for Earth Hour

**A local bed and breakfast will be one of the few Peninsula businesses registered to take part in Earth Hour on March 31.**

Ettalong Beach Bed and Breakfast will take part in the event, which will see over 1000 businesses from Sydney and the surrounding areas turn off all non-essential lighting at 7.30pm on March 31.

Earth Hour is the launch of a 12-month World Wildlife Fund campaign to reduce Sydney's greenhouse gas emissions by five per cent.

The event website reported that "this could be achieved if all businesses and households turned off unused lights and appliances on standby".

The website also stated that even though Earth Hour was a Sydney based event this year, businesses

and residents outside of Sydney were still invited to register, take part and to "show their support" by turning off their lights at 7.30pm local time".

Organisers stated that they hoped the event could grow into a global campaign.

Ettalong Beach Bed and Breakfast owner Ms Marie-Clare Pigott said the B&B would be turning off its lights and any appliances that were on standby.

"And we will be watching the glow over Sydney disappear," Ms Pigott said.

"We will spend the next hour sitting on the balcony star gazing.

"Our guests will be having an extra romantic time away with the ambience of candlelight in their rooms and the lounge area.

Ms Pigott said she and husband Gary decided to take part in the event as they had two teenage

children and wanted the earth to "remain a great place for them, and their children, to live in".

"We believe that if every person does a little something in his or her everyday lives it can have a massive impact and make the world a better place," Ms Pigott said.

"If businesses can lead by example and start thinking of the environment it will start a quiet, simple revolution, for the good of us all.

"All they need to do is on Friday, 30 March, make sure before they leave, for the weekend, that all non safety or emergency lights are switched off and that all electrical appliances are turned off or taken off standby."

For more information about Earth Hour visit the website at [www.earthhour.smh.com.au](http://www.earthhour.smh.com.au).

**Lyle Stone, 23 Mar 2007**

## Volunteering at Parklands

**Two Peninsula residents, Shirley and Clarrie Cook, have been recognised for their voluntary service at Mt Penang Parklands.**

"Mt Penang Gardens has recognised eight of its team of 20 volunteers for three years' service," corporation chairman Mr David King said.

"The Blue Thumb program, which is what the volunteer garden guide program is called, is invaluable to Mt Penang Gardens."

The Blue Thumbs are involved in many aspects of Mt Penang Gardens, from providing visitors with tour experiences, to participating in events such as weddings and media launches, and providing planning advice to areas for development within Mt Penang Gardens.

"This is an active, lively bunch of people," Mr King said.

"Mt Penang Gardens has been open since November 2003 and

although the volunteer program is one of the newest on the Central Coast, over 40 per cent of all Blue Thumbs have been with us since the start.

Mr and Ms Cook take part in the tour guiding aspects of Mt Penang Gardens and are "strongly involved" in a number of research programs to enhance the notes that the Blue Thumbs use for their guided tours.

"Mr and Ms Cook love being part of the program because apart from showing off one part of their 'neighbourhood' to either gardening enthusiasts or ones just out for a pleasant stroll, they are getting gentle exercise and can show how delightful a native garden can be," Mr King said.

"We enjoy the companionship and strong links made with other Blue Thumbs,"

Ms Cook said.

Mr King said: "The garden provides great examples of drought tolerant plants, stunning

native flower displays and unusual contemporary landscaping ideas which are suitable for the home garden."

The gardens are open 9:30am until 4:30pm daily.

Anyone wanting to volunteer at the gardens should call Roland Soder on 4340 1002 during business hours.

**Press release, 15 March 2007  
Margaret Paterson,  
Mt Penang Parklands**

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## Change to jetty fees rejected

**Minister for Lands Mr Tony Kelly has told The Bays Community Group he will not change the formula used to calculate jetty rentals.**

He told the group it was "premature to consider any change".

Following a public meeting in December last year, the group sent a submission to Mr Kelly and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews concerning the increase in jetty rentals.

It has taken the group up to three months to receive a reply from Mr Kelly.

President Mr Bob Puffett said Mr Kelly's response was a "total disappointment".

"It is frustrating to see this result," Mr Puffett said.

"It shows a lack of appreciation for what the people want."

The group reported it had been lobbying against the recommendation by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to alter the formula for three years.

Mr Kelly said the IPART formula was a "fair, uniform and a reasonable methodology for assessing" the rental fee of domestic waterfront tenancies.

"To revert an historic fee would be contrary to good Government and independent advice," Mr Kelly said.

According to Mr Puffett, the State Government had increased jetty rentals by "up to 150 per cent" since the introduction of the IPART formula in 2004.

"This increase (has) put the costs of having a jetty at an even greater one than our council rates," Mr Puffett said.

"The very nature of the Central Coast is enhanced by its waterways.

"The water brings a unique lifestyle and culture".

Mr Kelly said to assume price increases were a result of the new formula was "misleading and based on erroneous assumptions".

"If the old formula was applied to the current statutory land values, that this would have resulted in much higher rents," Mr Kelly said.

According to Mr Kelly the IPART recommendation is a "general formula" used to set rental prices that "reflect the market value of the occupancy".

However, Mr Puffett said most residents were "elderly, self-funded retirees" and the area "full of young families".

"This issue had caused considerable grief and some residents felt they would have to leave or sell those homes because of the implication of future fee rises," Mr Puffett said.

Mr Puffett said the Governments response to the jetty fee increase would "affect the way people vote" in the upcoming State election.

According to Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein the raising of the jetty rental fee was "a blatant grab for money by the lemma-Costa Government".

Cr Holstein called for the new pricing formula to be "scrapped" and "replaced with a more reasonable pricing structure" after attending the public meeting with the group in December last year.

"Everybody is feeling the pain with this Government charge which is unrealistic and downright outrageous," said Mr Puffett.

Clare Graham, 23 Mar 2007

## Centrelink to move

**Centrelink has confirmed its plan to relocate its Ettalong Customer Service Centre to Woy Woy.**

NSW state media advisor Mr Paul Creedon verified Centrelink's plan to relocate the Ocean View Rd branch to Woy Woy in February next year.

Mr Creedon said the decision was initially "out of (their) hands" since the lease on the Ettalong building was not renewed.

"I think the move will be a

positive one for the community," Mr Creedon said.

He said Woy Woy was central to the public transport system.

"The new location will make better access for customers since Woy Woy is close to buses and trains," Mr Creedon said.

Mr Creedon said the exact location of the new Woy Woy branch was still "being looked into" to ensure it would be a "state of the art, modern facility".

Clare Graham, 23 Mar 2007

## Officers suggest Staples Bridge

**Gosford Council officers have recommended that the newly-constructed cycleway bridge next to Woy Woy Bridge be named Staples Bridge.**

A council report stated that if no objections were received the cycleway bridge would be named Staples Bridge, however, if objections were received they would be referred to council for its determination.

The name was one of two options provided by council's local studies librarian Mr Geoff Potter.

Mr Potter also suggested the name Fred Couche.

The report stated that council had received a proposal to formalize a name for the bridge, Milligan Bridge, after Spike Milligan.

It alternatively suggested the bridge be named after an individual who was or has been important in the community.

It stated that the proposal to use the name Spike Milligan required approval from an England based agent who managed the name.

It stated that "seeking the use of the name with the well-known community event 'Spikefest' ... was a difficult and an expensive exercise".

It also noted that there was no relationship between the bridge and Mr Milligan.

Mr Potter was asked for some naming suggestions, and presented the names Fred Couche and Charles Jefferis Staples.

"Fred Couche, a large, friendly man with a hearty laugh, was well known in the district as a shell digger for the ketch 'Day Dawn', a racer of early racing boats, and the owner of Glenrock boarding house at Koolewong and many holiday cottages," Mr Potter stated in the report.

"Throughout Fred's life he was renowned as a saver of lives.

"He is recorded as having saved at least 36 persons from Brisbane Water at various times.

"Fred received a gold medal from the Humane Society for rescuing a small boy from the path of an oncoming train at Woy Woy Station.

"Fred died in 1933."

Mr Potter said it should be noted that Fred Couche was formally recognised by way of Couche



*The bridge being finalised before its opening weekend*

Park, a waterfront reserve at Koolewong.

Mr Potter said Charles Jefferis Staples had his real estate office on the southern corner of Blackwall Rd and Railway St for many years.

"Charles Jefferis Staples had, after a series of jobs at newspapers, joined his father in subdividing land at Woy Woy, Newcastle, the South Coast, and in the Blue Mountains.

"In the depression of the 1930s the Staples family reportedly 'lost the lot'.

"In 1930, Charles was appointed editor of the Gosford Times.

"After a dispute with the manager over dismissal of an employee, Staples Jnr was sacked in less than a year.

"Charles made a new start with Brisbane Water Free Press newspaper.

"Despite very difficult times, Staples eventually came to own all of the Gosford Times, which ran up to 1961.

"Staples became involved in civic life from 1920, when he was first elected to Erina Shire Council.

"In 1922-23 he began to agitate for Woy Woy to become a separate Local Government Area.

"In 1927 this came to pass, and Charles was the first president of Woy Woy Shire Council.

"He held this position for three years before retiring.

"Later he made a comeback

for another three years, with RSL backing, after which he retired again.

"He was prominent in the formation of the Gosford Municipal Council and in the fight for Gosford District Hospital.

"He was also Deputy-Mayor of Gosford Shire Council under WC Grahame.

"In later life CJ Staples became the Gosford District Coroner.

"His first case was a multiple murder-suicide at Ourimbah, and his comments on some cases made national headlines.

"He retired for the last time in 1963, at the age of 78.

"He died in Sydney, in 1973, at the age of 88 years.

"This man, who could arguably be called 'Mr Woy Woy', did a lot for the town, and deserves to be remembered.

"It should be noted that although CJ Staples is commemorated with the Staples lookout on Woy Woy Rd, there is no other commemoration within Woy Woy."

Mr Potter said that as Mr Couche was recognised within the community area he served and Mr Staples was not, it was recommended that council propose to name the cycleway bridge adjacent to Woy Woy Bridge, Staples Bridge.

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# Tourist opportunities for secret retreat

Regarding forum on Peninsula's future, as a resident of Umina Beach and active member of the local Surf Club and various sports clubs, I get to see the area and spend a lot of time enjoying the outdoor lifestyle we here on the Peninsula are lucky to have at our doorstep.

I look everywhere when I'm down at the beach and see the potential tourist ventures the Peninsula could benefit from.

I have been to the top of Mt Ettalong lookout, which at 90m high, gives an amazing view of the area and Brisbane waters.

I've seen similar lookouts where they have a cable car/seating

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access.

Maybe something similar based at Kiddies' Corner at Umina beach rising up the lookout by steel towers reaching a viewing platform and restaurant.

So many people think a 600m long boardwalk between the Ocean and Umina Beach surf clubs would prove to be a popular walkway.

Another tourist venture would be boat rides from Ettalong to Woy Woy or Umina around to Lion Island or over to Pearl and Patonga and the Hawkesbury.

Guided bush walks could be held to Warrah Trig.

So many ideas and potential

tourist boosting ventures are at our doorstep.

These would create employment and add some flair into the ever-growing Peninsula.

Many people are relocating from busy, expensive Sydney and the Woy Woy Peninsula seems to be their retreat.

You see it everyday.

Umina needs a large shopping complex, cinemas, resort complexes, children's entertainment venues.

The Peninsula really is Sydney's best-kept secret.

It's time to adapt to the change and show it off.

Richard Braddish  
Umina



## What is point of tree policy?

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I have just found out from Gosford Council that there is a Development Application [DA33230/07] to build five villas at 11 Flathead Rd, Ettalong/Booker Bay.

If this application is approved it will result in the destruction of eight or nine magnificent trees.

Not just trees, these are what I call heritage trees.

Huge and old, originally they must have formed part of the Blackwall Mountain vegetation but over time have become isolated by road and bridge works.

I bought my villa six years ago just because of these trees, and

appreciate every day the birds that live there either permanently or seasonly.

What is the point of Gosford Council having a tree preservation policy if any little greedy developer can come along and say: "Oh, they are in the way - off with their heads"?

As if the area needed any more villas or town houses, they can't sell the current crop as it is.

How can we stop this vandalism of our vanishing heritage?

Nancy Marchant  
Ettalong Beach

## No police on hand

My own commercial property in West St, Umina, was burgled two weeks before Christmas.

Some 60 shop fronts have had their glass facades smashed, the same hardware store and shops several times till there is no prospect of insurance.

Often it is just vandalism but also for the purpose of robbing the businesses.

All this happens while they the business owners are tucked up in bed dreaming of a quiet night perhaps.

We are not alone in enduring the increasing criminal property damage.

Across NSW armed robberies and ram-raids are the most openly

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offensive to the good people whose bottom line, in the face of adversity, is simply to attempt to run businesses in a increasingly violent and dangerous environment.

In every case, they are in communities almost completely devoid of any worthwhile police

presence during the small hours.

This most recent episode, the ram-raid in West St, Umina, on Thursday, March 15, at 2.30 am, ended with our newspaper delivery guy giving chase to the four balaclava-clad miscreants.

With obviously no police on hand, a citizen car chase compounding this violent disturbance to our quiet enjoyment of community life, with no prospect of an arrest I must say.

I am angry and I can't understand why fellow citizens are not marching in the streets in protest!

We are not getting a discount on our taxes for a sub-standard police presence!

Edward James  
Umina

## Local government needs stronger powers

Those who are increasingly aware about the dysfunctional nature of Australian federalism (there are many including the Business Council of Australia [Report 10/06] and Kevin Rudd) still refer to some new kind of federation in which the blockages of the present one are removed.

They are either frightened of a complete revamp of the structure of government or think that it is politically unachievable.

Yet, this is precisely what needs to be considered.

At the very least, we should be able to put all the options on the table.

Several groups and individuals have written about far more substantial alternatives and it is high time that these ideas are put

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before the public.

Federal government is often a transitional phase for a nation, even though it can last over a 100 years.

Hanging on to it in some way or other will remain costly and dysfunctional piecemeal tinkering.

There are plenty of two-tier alternatives.

Does it make sense for the Central Coast to remain subservient to Sydney?

Sydney would be better off with a City Government and the Central Coast needs stronger local government powers as delegated by a National Government.

Two-tier Government should replace federation.

Klaas Woldring  
Pearl Beach



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# Tobacconist's shop reopens

**It has taken Umina Beach business owner Cathy James almost a week to reopen her shop following a ram-raid, which left her "thousands of dollars out of pocket".**

Ms James said that on March 15 at around 2:30am, thieves ram-raided Tobacco Station on West St using a stolen car.

Ms James said witnesses to the incident called police immediately.

She said the thieves had stolen thousands of dollars worth of cash, cigarettes, lighters and accessories, which "will not be entirely covered by insurance".

Ms James has owned the Umina tobacconist for more than nine years and said she is "lucky" to

have had no other major incidents.

"I have had one attempted robbery and two vandal attacks over the nine years I have been here," Ms James said.

"I am just lucky I have such a tight security system in place to prevent an attack.

"The police commented on how hard it would have been for the robbers to gain entry into the shop because it is like Fort Knox".

Ms James said closed circuit television cameras captured footage of the thieves reversing four times into the shop front before breaking the window and security fencing.

Police have since found the stolen car involved in the ram-raid in Sydney and are continuing with

their investigation.

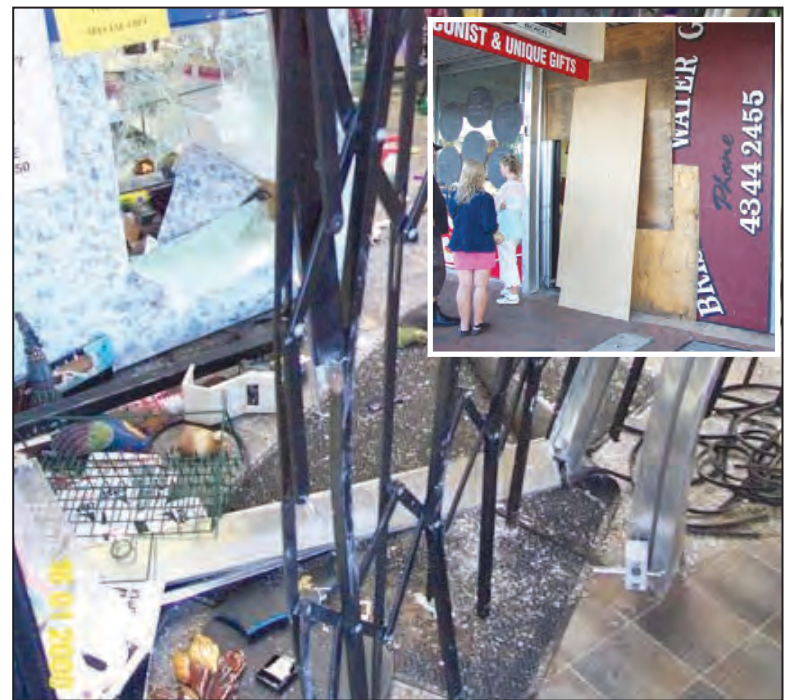
Ms James said she believed "more police on night patrol in the area or a local police station" would be the "only way to prevent further crime" in the area.

"I was obviously shocked by what happened to my business, but I also feel violated and angry," Ms James said.

"All this has definitely made me think twice about continuing with business."

Ms James said despite what has happened to her shop in recent weeks, the Peninsula is still a "friendly" and "unique" place to live and work.

Clare Graham, 22 March 2007



Above: Damage to the shop front caused by the ram raid and (insert) the temporary entrance to the shop.

Below: A hooded person involved in the ram raid enters the store (left) and two masked persons attempt to open the counter cabinet.

## Ram-raid shows need for police

**The latest act of "extreme vandalism" and robbery where a business was ram-raided in Umina was a prime example of why more police were needed on the Peninsula, according to Cr Chris Holstein.**

"This is the latest in a string of

constant incidences in Umina, whether it is shops having their windows broken, theft or vandalism," said Cr Holstein, the Liberal candidate for the seat of Gosford.

"This has got to stop."

Press release, 21 March 2007  
Cr Chris Holstein



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## Recycling project starts

**Gosford Council has started work on a new dual reticulation water recycling project at its Woy Woy "wastewater treatment plant".**

The work involves construction of a recycled water treatment plant together with tanker filling points, and is due for completion by May this year, according to a council report.

The report stated that the tanker filling stations would produce around 25 million litres of treated recycled water a year for use by council and private water tankers for tasks such as road works, dust suppression and irrigation purposes.

Three local concrete batching plants will also use the recycled water to replace town water in their production processes and for other non-drinking purposes.

"These projects are part of a whole host of work that is well underway to replace the use of town water with all forms of recycled water including rainwater, stormwater and treated wastewater from the wastewater treatment plants for non-drinking purposes," mayor Cr Laurie Maher said.

"Currently, we're saving nearly 500 million litres of town water a year by using groundwater,

rainwater, stormwater and treated recycled water for irrigating parks and other non-drinking purposes at council depots and facilities as well as toilet flushing at a number of council run childcare centres.

"This has the potential to more than double as we continue to identify and implement further opportunities to use rainwater, stormwater, greywater and treated recycled water at sports fields, public amenity blocks, Council depots and other facilities."

The total cost of the new water recycling project is more than \$3 million, of which

\$525,000 for phase one of the scheme is coming from the Central Coast Water Saving Fund.

Gosford and Wyong Councils each contributed \$1 million to the fund which was extended to include the Central Coast in May last year.

The council report stated that the aim of the water savings fund was to save drinking water in areas supplied by the Gosford-Wyong Councils' Water Authority and to "significantly contribute to the 32 per cent reduction target set under Level 4 Water Restrictions".

**Press release, 23 Mar 2007  
Tamara Paterson,  
Gosford Council**



*The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub Branch, one of the grant recipients*

## Groups receive small grants

**Six Peninsula organisations have received "small equipment grants" under a Federal Government program.**

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said the groups would be among 33 Central Coast community groups to share in \$79,180 from the program.

The program allows community and volunteer organisations to purchase equipment to make the work of volunteers "easier, safer and more enjoyable".

The local groups to benefit are the Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub Branch, the Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club, the Woy Woy Football Club, Woy Woy Public School P&C, the

Pearl Beach Heritage Association and Umina Campus P&C.

The RSL Sub Branch received \$2493 for a digital camera, chairs, a multifunction printer, surge protector and firewall.

Umina Beach Rugby League Club received \$2719 for a barbecue, bain-marie and pie oven.

Woy Woy Football Club received \$2993.10 for chairs, a freezer, a line marker and roller, and a table.

The Woy Woy Public School P&C Association received \$2999.70 for a cantilever umbrella, coffee machine, portable gazebos, portable tables and a stereo CD player.

The Pearl Beach Heritage Association has received \$2990.90 for a laptop and a multifunction printer.

The Umina Campus P&C Association received \$3000.90 for an Esky and accessories, portable fridge, storage containers and an urn.

"These Central Coast community organisations are sharing in an extra \$10 million of Australian Government funding in recognition of the huge demand for Volunteer Small Equipment Grants programme," Mr Lloyd said.

"The Australian Government recognizes the benefits to the community that these organisations provide and it is only fitting that we can help them in turn by providing funding to buy equipment that will enable them to continue to provide these great services."

**Press release, 22 Mar 2007  
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

## Tender for new grader

**A tender from Westrac for the supply and delivery of a Caterpillar 120H grader has been accepted by Gosford Council.**

The grader will replace a Caterpillar 12H Motor Grader based at Woy Woy.

The tender includes a workshop manual, spare parts manual, operators manual, first service kit and cabin filters.

Tenders were received from seven companies for the provision of a new grader.

One of the tenders was rejected as the machine did not meet council's specifications due to size, and the applicant lodged an incomplete submission.

A report from council officers stated that the Caterpillar 120H layout demonstrated a good OH&S design, including easy access, good visibility and clear access to

maintenance items.

The tendered machine also met all considerations detailed in council's specifications in areas involving machine controls, machine decals, training, noise emissions and the Ecologically Sustainable Development Act.

The report stated that the multi-criteria analysis indicated that the Caterpillar 120H ranked highest against the stated criteria.

It stated that "the Caterpillar offered better operating and OH&S considerations with superior operator forward and rear visibility, better seating and operator back and neck support".

"It is considered that the tender submitted by Westrac Pty Ltd for the Caterpillar 120H presents the most positive benefit to Council and is the preferred machine by operational staff, and is most suited to council's intended application."

**Council agenda CIT.5, March 6**

## Liberal pledge wrongly targeted, says Chamber

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has questioned a recent announcement by State Opposition Leader Mr Peter Debnam that the Liberals would allocate \$6 million for the upgrade of the intersection at Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd on the Peninsula if elected.**

"At a time when the Peninsula has a raft of badly constructed and poorly maintained roads, the Chamber questions the expenditure of \$6 million on an intersection that has a comparatively low accident history," said Chamber vice-president Mr Tom Tregent.

"The intersection with the highest accident history - at Lone Pine Ave and Ocean Beach Rd - has been completely ignored in the Liberals' funding announcement.

"From the Chamber's perspective, the last thing the Peninsula needs is yet another set of traffic lights on Blackwall Rd which would make three sets within a kilometre.

"Traffic congestion is already chaotic at peak hour because of the lights at the Leisure Centre and Allfield Rd.

"Business does not need more chaos by placing another set at McMasters Rd."

Mr Tregent also raised concerns over the price tag for the intersection

upgrade, labelling the \$6 million as "inflated".

"A lot of sub-standard roads could get fixed on the Peninsula for \$6 million," Mr Tregent said.

"The business community welcomes and supports investment into our roads infrastructure but it needs to be properly targeted."

Mr Tregent said the Lone Pine Ave-Ocean Beach Rd intersection "with the busy Umina Mall shops" was "an accident constantly happening".

"We would rather have seen that money go to upgrading this deadly intersection."

**Press release, 7 March 2007  
Tom Tregent,  
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

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## Garden club comes to an end

**Umina Garden Club has come to an end after 43 years on the Peninsula, following its inability to elect a new president.**

Former club president Glad Ryan said she could no longer continue on with her position due to illness.

"Unfortunately we had to end the club, after such a long time, because no one else wanted to take over from me," Ms Ryan said.

"The job of president can be tough and, with me being sick, I just couldn't carry on with my duties".

Ms Ryan said all 24 members were "very sad" about the outcome but understood that, without a president, the club could not continue.

A farewell lunch was held on March 10 at Woy Woy Bowling Club for Umina Garden Club members to celebrate the club's long history

on the Peninsula and to discuss the allocation of funds.

"We finished on a very happy note," Ms Ryan said.

"Everybody agreed on where the remaining funds should be donated".

Following the lunch the club decided to donate \$1000 to Woy Woy Aged Care Auxiliary, \$500 to The Salvation Army, and another \$500 to the RSPCA.

Ms Ryan said she was grateful to Charmhaven Garden Club who were "extremely helpful" in collecting all exhibition equipment from them.

"No one knew what to do with all our left over equipment," Ms Ryan said.

"We were lucky Charmhaven were willing to take on the extra gear, otherwise it would have gone to waste".

Clare Graham, 22 March 2007

## Rare bird sighted at Umina campus

**Cleaners at the Umina campus of Brisbane Waters Secondary College have regularly sighted a rare bird at the campus over the past few weeks.**

The bird, the bush stone-curlew which is listed as endangered, was seen at times on a daily basis.

Only about 20 breeding pairs are believed to exist on the Central Coast.

Umina campus P&C Bushcare convenor Shirley Hotchkiss said the sightings were very exciting.

"Several staff and volunteers working at Umina Campus saw the bird over a period of several weeks," she said.

"The sightings in this vicinity have required the new perimeter security fence at the campus to be modified.

"This will allow access for the bush stone-curlew, to assist its ability to forage, breed and raise young."

"The bush stone-curlew is listed as endangered under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act.

"The endangered category means it is close to extinction."

Ms Hotchkiss said the sightings were just across the road from the Catholic site on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, where a luxury retirement

village is proposed.

She said the proposed development, which was still to be considered by Gosford Council, would destroy rare bushland, known as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, which covers the site.

Ms Hotchkiss said the sightings "highlight the need to protect this endangered bushland for the bush stone-curlew's habitat so it doesn't become extinct".

"These sightings are grounds for a new Species Impact Statement to be completed before Council considers the DA.

"They are also an additional reason not to develop the site."

Ms Hotchkiss said the council had refused a similar DA previously and that the Land and Environment Court upheld the refusal.

"Despite this, council staff have recommended this DA be approved."

Ms Hotchkiss said she'd been looking after the rare bushland at the College for six years.

"I only saw the bush stone-curlew once this last time, though I saw it a few years ago in the College grounds.

"The cleaners said they saw it every morning because it stood in front of one of the windows looking at its reflection.

"They thought it was trying to find a mate.

"An officer in the National Parks and Wildlife Service's Biodiversity Conservation Unit said this was typical behaviour for this species.

"The behaviour was 'dispersal' behaviour, which meant that a breeding pair most likely existed in the vicinity."

Ms Hotchkiss said there were a number of ways residents could take action to help save this endangered bird and its habitat.

"People can contact Gosford councillors and urge them to reject this DA.

"People can also join a local bushcare group to help protect the bird's habitat.

There are two bushcare groups in this vicinity that look after UCSW bushland, as well as other groups on the Peninsula that look after different types of bushland, dunes and wetland.

Ms Hotchkiss said the cooler months were a great time to get involved in caring for the bush.

"There are many benefits that include increased fitness and reducing the impact of global warming.

"And, as well as protecting species threatened with extinction, people see many unfamiliar native plants coming into flower."

Telephone 4341 9301 for more information.

Media release, 23 Mar 07  
Shirley Hotchkiss

## Less rail tickets sold at Woy Woy

**The Liberal Party has claimed that ticket sales at Woy Woy railway station have decreased by 11 per cent, with "more than 70,000 fewer tickets sold".**

A press release from NSW opposition leader Mr Peter Debnam stated that "Labor's dithering is

forcing more cars on to the F3".

Mr Debnam said that promises for an expanded car park at Woy Woy had also been stalled for the past four years, with Labor "breaking their promise" in August 2002 to increase the railway car park by 300 spaces.

"Labor has since promised to deliver 145 car park spaces, only half their original promise," Mr Debnam said.

Mr Debnam said the NSW Liberals will/would have reviewed the status of Labor's commitment to determine if it was feasible to deliver the original 300 car spaces.

"We will also install CCTV into the car park," Mr Debnam said.

"We will commit \$7 million towards these improvements.

"It's important that if people want to catch a train they have a car park to help them do it. "However, at present the car parks at Gosford and Woy Woy are grossly inadequate.

"With the pressures of a growing population, it is time to take action.

"For too long commuters have been forced to endure a second rate system."

Shadow minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher said the latest combined statistics for motor vehicle theft and theft from a car were up at transport facilities by 3.8 per cent.

"Commuters who leave their cars at Gosford and Woy Woy station railway car parks are placing their property at increased risk," Mr Hartcher said.

Press release, 15 March 2007

Peter Debnam,

Opposition Leader for NSW

### PUBLIC NOTICE JETTY OWNERS CENTRAL COAST

Following the PUBLIC MEETING concerning the MASSIVE INCREASES in Jetty rentals a submission was sent to the Minister for Lands and our local Member Marie Andrews.

We have now received an official response which in effect says; "The IPART formula is considered to be fair, uniform and reasonable methodology for assessing the rental of domestic waterfront tenancies-----.

An historic fee base would be contrary to good Government-----. In the circumstances, it is premature to consider any change. The recommended formula needs to be given the opportunity to be tested over a longer period of time taking account of land value fluctuations."

This information is provided for those who attended the meeting seeking a review of the formula and the impact it has had on annual rentals which have escalated by over 100%.

Contact Marie Andrews and express your concern and displeasure at the outcome, ph. 4342 4122 or email

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## WATER SAVINGS FUND Call for applications

The Central Coast Water Savings Fund allocated almost \$2 million in Round 1 to 17 projects, saving 355 million litres of drinking water a year.

They include industrial water recycling schemes, stormwater harvesting initiatives to source irrigation water for golf and bowling clubs and efficiency projects to save water in businesses, homes and schools.

Round 2 is now open. Applications are invited for projects which will save or recycle water on the Central Coast.

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## Support group raises \$8000 for missions

**The Mission Support Group at Ettalong Uniting Church Hall raised \$8098 last year for missions both at home and overseas, according to group president Ms Phyllis Saunders.**

"Last year, the group had a very busy year raising funds for Mission both at home and overseas," Ms Saunders said.

"Our Christmas and Mothers Day Fetes were a great success due to the hard work of our members both beforehand and on the day.

"As usual during November, we received Christmas gifts for teenagers.

"These were forwarded to Dalmar for distribution to disadvantaged families."

Ms Saunders said the February meeting took the form of a bus trip to and inspection of the Burnside Homes site at North Parramatta.

"June saw our annual sausage sizzle.

"Our annual luncheon was held in July with a good attendance.

"Guest speaker was Richard Stewart who spoke of the work being done by Frontier Services.

"At our annual church service, two of our members spoke to us about their experiences in the Outback."

One of a visiting group of South Koreans spoke briefly and the

group entertained with their singing during morning tea.

"Earlier in the year, an interesting talk was given by Colin and Jill Bakon who were home on leave from Ecuador, on the work they are doing in that country.

"Following our August meeting, a DVD was screened on the work done to help Ethiopian women in the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa."

Ms Saunders said members and friends had been busy all through the year knitting squares and sewing them together to make rugs for distribution both here and overseas.

"Many bandages and stump socks have been knitted for leprosy patients," Ms Saunders said.

"These have been posted to various leprosy hospitals.

"By the end of the financial year, we had raised a total of \$8098.

"We have recently held our first meeting of the year and are in the process of planning 12 months of activities.

"We are only a small group and our greatest need is for more members."

The Mission Support Group meets at Ettalong Uniting Church Hall at 1:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

Press release, 8 March 2007

Sue Webster,

Broken Bay Mission Support Group



Pelicans Restaurant

## Andrews is re-elected

Continued from page 1...

Christian Democratic Party candidate Mr George Grant received three per cent of the vote, Australians Against Further Immigration candidate Mr Robert Moulds received two per cent and Save Our Suburbs representative Mr Bryan Ellis received one per cent.

In the 2003 State election, Ms Andrews won with 43.4 per cent of the vote, meaning a 1.4 per cent swing away from her in this election.

In the same election, Cr Holstein stood as an Independent, gaining 19.1 per cent of the vote.

This election, Liberal candidate Cr Holstein received 35 per cent of the vote, an increase of over 15 per cent.

As an Independent in the current election, Ms Wales received only nine per cent of the vote, down

from 28 per cent when she stood as the Liberal candidate in 2003.

Cr Holstein said that the election did show some good "results".

"In this electorate, I don't believe the Coalition had ever won more than two booths," Cr Holstein said.

"In this election we won 11 to 12 booths, a good result."

Cr Holstein also noted the "five to six per cent swing", which he said made the seat marginal once again.

"This means it has to be given attention by the Government and also the Opposition.

"This is all for the betterment of our people.

"The area will get the attention it deserves, a good result for everyone."

Asked whether he would stay on as the Liberal candidate for Gosford, given the large vote attributed to him, Cr Holstein said it was the "Liberal party's decision".

Cr Holstein said that for now he would refocus on his role with council and Community Chest.

"It will go through due process," Cr Holstein said.

"But I will take a personal interest on the commitments Labor has made, whether I am the Liberal candidate or not.

"The commitments made for Karing High School, I won't let them forget.

"The big issue is still policing.

"I plead that she (Ms Andrews) make sure we get the police resources on the Peninsula.

"It is imperative; you have to have a strong police presence.

Cr Holstein said he hoped that the Labor Government would take the lead on the Coalition's water plan for the local area.

"We can't wait 10 years," Cr Holstein said.

Lyle Stone, 25 March 2007

## Footpath for Barrenjoey Rd

**Gosford Council has resolved to construct a concrete footpath at Ettalong Beach on the eastern side of Barrenjoey Rd, from the pedestrian refuge layback to the intersection of Bangalow St.**

Council resolved to construct the footpath after advertising a proposed pedestrian refuge island north of the intersection of Bangalow St.

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

A report from Gosford Council's traffic committee stated that it was noted at a meeting with local

residents that a concrete footpath should be provided on the eastern side of Barrenjoey Rd from the pedestrian refuge layback to the intersection of Bangalow St.

Council also received four submissions in relation to the project.

The council report stated that the residents of house numbers 104 and 106 Barrenjoey Rd raised concerns regarding the potential difficulty of accessing their driveways.

Council officers stated that the approaches to the pedestrian refuge would be in the form of painted islands that could be traversed for the purpose of accessing driveways and that the only concrete structure would be the two central medians of the

refuge.

The report stated that the resident of house number 107 was of the opinion that there was "no need for a pedestrian facility at this location".

The resident of house number 108 raised concerns regarding the close proximity of the public phone booth to the proposed pedestrian refuge on Barrenjoey Rd and the potential conflict that may be caused with on-street parking requirements.

Council officers stated that although located on Barrenjoey Rd, the phone booth was near the intersection of Bangalow St and "it would be a minor inconvenience for phone booth users to park in the side street".

Council agenda TR.07.014, March 6

## Restaurateur opens in Woy Woy

**Local restaurant operator Ms Melissa Coates has established herself in Woy Woy.**

She now operates Pelicans Restaurant at the rear of The Old Woy Woy Hotel.

Ms Coates said that the Pelicans Restaurant was the largest of all venues operated by her.

The new venue "easily seats"

over 200 people making it "suitable for a variety of functions, including birthdays, engagements and weddings".

Ms Coates commenced trading at Pelicans on February 7 and it is open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch and dinner offering a wide variety of cuisine, including crocodile.

Ms Coates said she was happy with the success of her new

business Pelicans Restaurant and Function Venue so far and looked forward to future development on the Peninsula.

"What's unique about Pelicans is it has one of the biggest dining areas on the Peninsula," Ms Coates said.

"Pelicans is an affordable, long-awaited party venue for the Peninsula."

Clare Graham, 23 March 2007

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## ACF branch calls for planning report review

**The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has called for an investigation of a planning report recommending approval of a retirement village on rare bushland in Woy Woy.**

The proposal would destroy Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, an endangered ecological community, on a 1.16 hectare site at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

In a 21-point letter to Gosford Council six weeks ago, the branch has described the report as "inaccurate, inadequate and unbalanced", claiming that it "misleads councillors in their consideration of the development application".

It called on the council's general manager to review and rewrite the report.

ACF branch president Mr Mark Snell said the branch had not received a response to its request and would now write to the Ombudsman, the Local Government Department and the Planning Institute of Australia.

"Six weeks is plenty of time for the council to prepare a response."

Mr Snell said that the report by council planners claimed that the council did not have adequate environmental grounds to reject the application and that council would be unlikely to be able to successfully defend an appeal.

"The report fails to mention that the council's rejection of a similar application was upheld in the Land and Environment Court last year.

"In the court case, Gosford Council argued against the development entirely on environmental grounds and Justice Bignold had found in the council's favour," said Mr Snell.

"The court had the benefit of expert evidence from four ecologists."

"The ACF branch is concerned that a report from Council staff, recommending the development

be approved, has misrepresented the court proceedings, resulting in misleading conclusions."

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

Mr Snell said the ACF branch would write to the Ombudsman, the Local Government Department and the Planning Institute of Australia.

The Ombudsman was charged with overseeing matters of administrative process.

"We would like the Ombudsman to investigate the adequacy and veracity of the report, and how it came to be written in the form it was published, as well as the council's lack of response to our request."

Mr Snell said the Local Government Department was concerned with encouraging best practice in council operation.

"We would like the standard of the report assessed, in the light of the department's recent Better Practice Review of Gosford Council.

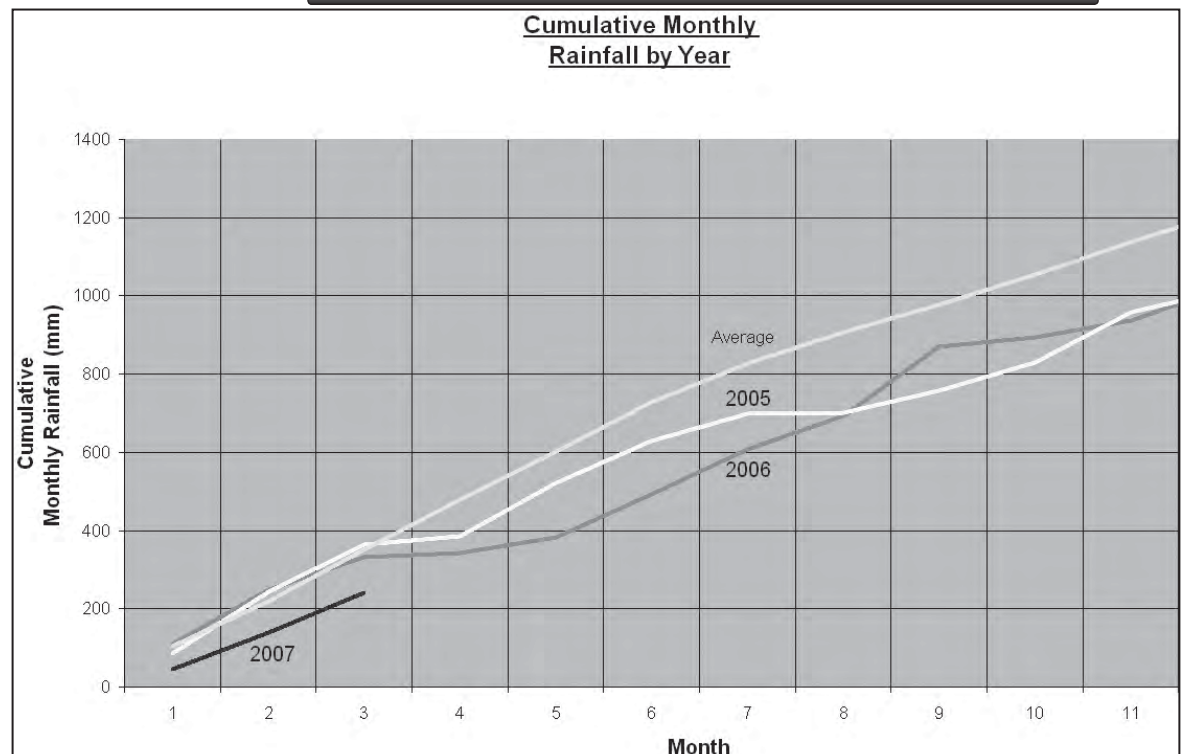
Among other issues, the Review highlighted the council's lack of procedures for admitting and correcting mistakes.

The Review also raised concerns that staff had been put under pressure to issue approvals against their own judgement.

"We would like the department to examine whether this was a factor in this instance."

Mr Snell said the ACF branch would approach the Planning Institute of Australia both in terms of a possible breach of its code of practice and also in terms of the Institute's concerns about threats to the independence and professionalism of planners working in local government.

**Media release, 20 Mar 2007**  
**Mark Snell, ACF Central Coast**



## Rainfall is 70% of average

**Rainfall on the Peninsula in the past fortnight has brought the total rainfall for the year to close to 70 per cent of average.**

In the week ending, Friday, March 23, a total of 46.5mm fell over four days, according to Woy

Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

However, this year's rainfall remains well below that for the previous two years, where rainfall in the first three months of the year was close to average.

By last Friday, a total of 101.6mm had fallen for the month, the highest

monthly rainfall so far this year.

However, this was still 29.2mm or 22 per cent down on the average for the month, with only seven days to go.

January rainfall was 45.7mm and February rainfall was 94mm.

**Mark Snell, 24 Mar 2007**

## Patonga Easter fete

**Patonga Progress Association will hold its annual fundraising Easter Fete on Saturday, April 7, from 9am in the Progress Hall, Brisk St, Patonga.**

The fete will be held in conjunction with the Patonga Beach market at the oval with proceeds going

towards the bush fire brigade and other community projects.

Items on sale at the fete will include homemade cakes, jams and pickles, plants, books, clothing, bric a brac and fancy goods.

Special events on at the hall include a chocolate wheel with Easter eggs to be won.

An Easter hat parade will be held at 11am followed by a free Easter egg treasure hunt in the hall grounds, said association secretary Ms Judy Singer.

Morning tea will also be available from 10am.

**Press release, 20 March 2007**  
**Judy Singer,**  
**Patonga Progress 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.**

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## Outrigger name changes

The Outrigger resort at Ettalong Beach changed its name to Mantra Ettalong Beach on March 1, following a \$120 million buyout from the Stella Hospitality Group (SHG).

The Ettalong Beach resort was one of 10 Outrigger properties in Australia to reopen under the Mantra name.

Mantra Ettalong Beach general manager Mr Nicolas Bottiglieri said the takeover was "a positive one for the area".



Staff outside the recently rebranded Outrigger Resort

"We have had an amazing response from guests and the local community following the change," Mr Bottiglieri said.

According to Mr Bottiglieri, "98 per cent of questionnaires returned by guests say they had a fantastic time" staying at the Mantra Ettalong Beach.

"Locals visiting the resort have also commented on how lovely the place is."

Mr Bottiglieri said the Mantra name suggested "pure relaxation", reflecting the Jhalu Day Spa and Fitness Centre on offer to guests.

Mr Bottiglieri said the takeover would introduce the area to the SHG and create "fantastic career options" for staff to "further their careers within the company".

The Mantra chain now own 21 properties nationwide, positioning it as "one of the biggest operators in the 4 to 4 1/2 star accommodation market" according to SHG chief executive officer Mr Bob East.

"The Outrigger deal is a tremendous boost to Mantra resorts in the four-star accommodation market," Mr East said.

"It delivers us a collection of premium properties in highly desirable tourism destinations around Australia."

Mr Bottiglieri said "one of the major physical changes" the Ettalong Beach resort underwent was the Mantra signage.

According to Mr Bottiglieri, "95 per cent of changes to signage were undertaken in only two days".

"This was a tremendous effort considering how much of a major undertaking the job was," Mr Bottiglieri said.

Clare Graham, 23 Mar 2007

## Journalist claims to have been defamed

**Express Advocate journalist Ms Alison Branley has claimed she has been defamed in an article headed "Wales shocked by newspaper article" in the March 12 edition of Peninsula News.**

In a letter to the editor of Peninsula News, her solicitor Mr Patrick Campion of Cropper Parkhill said that the article was "seriously defamatory" and imputed "that our client behaved in an unprofessional way and did a disservice to the community in publishing an article concerning Ms Debra Wales".

"It is completely untrue that our client behaved in an unprofessional way," he said.

"Our client interviewed Ms Wales and accurately reported what Ms Wales said."

"The issue of a possible conflict of interest was, in the circumstances, a very real one."

"That issue together with Ms Wales' comments on the issue were matters of substantial public interest."

"Our client accurately reported Ms Wales' denial and why she believed there was no conflict of interest."

"Ms Wales may not have liked the focus of the article but that does not make our client's behaviour unprofessional."

"It is noted in the context of unprofessional conduct, that your article states that our client was not available for comment."

"On our instructions, no effort was made to contact our client."

"There were three phone

numbers on which she could have been contacted, each with voice mail."

"There is no record whatsoever of any attempt to make contact with her."

"It is of course a very serious matter to publicly accuse a professional person of being guilty of unprofessional conduct."

"Our client has suffered and continues to suffer significant injury to her professional reputation and hurt to feelings as a direct consequence of your publication."

Ms Branley requested "the urgent publication of an apology and retraction".

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell said that he had the highest regard for the professionalism of Ms Branley, who is a former Peninsula News reporter.

"Ms Branley was an excellent employee, who always exhibited the highest professional standards."

"We are sorry if Ms Branley feels hurt as a result of our article."

"I believe her work on this occasion is a shining example of those high standards, for which she should be congratulated."

"As Mr Campion says, Ms Wales may not have liked the focus of the article but that does not make Ms Branley's behaviour unprofessional."

"Nor do I believe that our publication of Ms Wales' assertion carries the imputation that we believe it is true."

Mr Snell said Peninsula News had contacted the Express Advocate and spoken to the editor when Ms Branley was not available.

"We expected the editor would have left a message for her."

Mr Snell said he would welcome the opportunity to publish any further comments that Ms Branley or the Express Advocate wished to make.

Letter, March 21

Patrick Campion, Cropper Parkhill  
Mark Snell, 22 March 2007

## Council works

**Gosford Council is currently conducting projects at Umina, Woy Woy, Ettalong Ocean Beach and Daleys Point.**

Footpaths and accesses are being constructed on Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, as part of the road reconstruction.

At the Umina Beach and Ocean Beach Surf Club, walls are being constructed.

Internal finishes and landscaping are being conducted at Ettalong Oval, as part of the new amenities block.

Rocks walls and passing bays are being constructed on Fishermans Parade at Daleys Point.

The construction of the borefield pipeline is still taking place across the Peninsula.

Press release, 13, 20 March 2007  
Karen Weber, Gosford Council



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## Strategy forum draws 50 people

Gosford Council held a public forum for its Civic Infrastructure Strategy at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on March 19, attended by 50 residents and council staff.

The meeting was attended by Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher, council general manager Mr Peter Wilson, director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky, director of city services Mr Steven Glen, director of community services and organization development Mr Terry Thirlwell and director of water and sewerage Mr Rod Williams.

Councillors at the meeting included Cr Vicki Scott and Cr Peter Hale.

Labor candidate Ms Marie Andrews, Independent candidate Ms Debra Wales, Save Our Suburbs candidate Mr Bryan Ellis and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales also attended the meeting.

Residents who attended raised concerns about a rise in the proposed rate increase due to new land valuation prices, council raising the current rates, the order of the priority listing for the projects, the inclusion of "basic council duties" on the list and the inability of some residents to attend the meeting.

One resident wanted to know why a ballot at the meeting asked whether residents agreed with the strategy, instead of the rate increase.

The resident stated that it was an "important question" which was "a bit obscure".

Mr Pasternatsky said there were "no smoke and mirrors" in terms of the question and that council could not fund the 33 projects without an injection of capital.

"The ballot paper means that if the strategy doesn't go ahead, there is no rate increase.

"If you support it in principal, there's a rate increase," Mr Pasternatsky.

The resident also raised concerns about whether the rate value in the report was decided before or after new land valuations.

"Our valuation has risen by more than 30 per cent. Was the value before the new valuations or



Gosford Council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky discusses the Civic Infrastructure Strategy at the Peninsula Theatre community forum

afterwards?" the resident asked.

Mr Pasternatsky said that the rate was based on the old land values but noted that "if your land value goes up, the pie that council collects doesn't vary".

"Therefore it won't mean that you will be paying 30 per cent more because your land value has gone up by 30 per cent," Mr Pasternatsky said.

The resident also asked if council would raise general rates along with the proposed increase, suggesting council could raise rates "without State Government approval".

Cr Maher denied that council could increase rates by itself.

"The Minister is only one who can increase rates," Cr Maher said.

Another resident asked why council needed an increase for "basic council duties such as kerb and guttering" which "around this area (is) very poor".

Mr Pasternatsky said that council already funded a kerb and guttering program but stated that the strategy would "speed it up".

"At our current rate it would take about 80 years," Mr Pasternatsky said.

"The strategy would allow council to do it much quicker."

One resident said he was concerned that commuters were unable to attend any of the three meetings due to the time they were held, and also suggested some older people "won't come out" during the night.

Cr Maher said that the Vision 2025 document, which formed the basis of the Civic Infrastructure Strategy, was brought about following a "lack of forward planning" from council.

"We needed to plan at least 25 years out," Cr Maher said.

Cr Maher said that when the

funding from State or Federal government, public-private partnerships or alternatively the community has to pay for it.

"We will be asking State and Federal, and will be probably looking at public-private partnership.

"We are really going to the community to say these are the items you believe ought to be part of the regional capital of the Central Coast."

Cr Maher said council had sent almost 1000 fax sheets to community groups, to those with an interest in 2025 and to groups and organisations listed in the 54 projects.

Cr Maher said council had also set up a hotline, website and signage around the local area.

A ballot was also taken at each of the three meetings.

Cr Maher said that all submissions about the strategy would be noted.

He also stated that council had been "pretty open and pretty transparent" with the strategy,

stating that there was "no hidden agenda".

Mr Pasternatsky said council planned on obtaining loans to pay for the 33 listed projects, which the rate increase would assist in paying off.

"We can't do the projects with the limited resources that council has," Mr Pasternatsky said.

"For council to do all 54 projects would need \$430 million.

"That money in terms of loans would be a massive impost."

The loan would increase for five years, where it would then level out around the \$200 mark for residents with a land value around \$200,000, before gradually dropping down again.

Mr Pasternatsky said the gradual decrease in rates would be to fund future maintenance the projects.

He also noted that government funding may be available to council but stated that council would need funds to start the projects so that the government could assist.

Lyle Stone, 19 March 2007

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## Strategy funds foreshore works and management plans

**Six projects have been identified for the Peninsula if a rate rise proceeds to fund the Civic Infrastructure Strategy.**

The projects are 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.

The Ettalong Beach foreshore enhancement would provide ramps and viewing decks to ensure "access to and views of the beach and Broken Bay" while "maintaining and reinforcing sand dunes".

Council stated that the project could generate tourist investment and stimulate further growth of Ettalong and the wider Peninsula.

Council said indications were the project would be completed by 2009.

The Umina Beach Coastal Walkway would include scaling of Mt Ettalong opposite the foreshore to minimise the risk of falling rocks, construction of concrete pathways on approaches to the headland and construction of a walkway structure around the headland.

Council stated that indications were the project would be completed by 2011.

Under the strategy the Peninsula would receive two skate park facilities, with council indicating that the project would be completed by 2013, under the skate park strategy.

The implementation of the Blackwall Mountain Plan of

Management would involve upgrading tracks, upgrading picnic areas and a lookout, the installation of interpretive signage, development of interpretive materials and review of the plan of management.

Council said indications were that stage one of the implementation would be completed by 2013, with further stages to be funded under its capital works program.

The Broken Bay beaches plan of management would cover Putty Beach, Killcare Beach, Umina Beach, Ocean Beach, Pearl Beach and Patonga Beach.

The plan would involve the repair and maintenance of vegetation, the removal of weeds, regular monitoring of beach processes, maintenance and repair of drainage outlets, a complete revision of the plan of management and the repair and maintenance of the Pearl Beach rock pool.

Council said indications were that the implementation of stage one of the plan would be completed by 2011, with further stages to be funded under its capital works program.

The Everglades Lagoon plan of management would involve alligator weed control, bush regeneration, revegetation, signage, access formalisation, a community education program, "community involvement" and interpretive signage.

Council said indications were that the project would be completed by 2010.

Four other projects were considered but missed out on funding under the strategy.

They were the Woy Woy

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

The Woy Woy waterfront development would be to "develop and enhance the public and private berthing facilities at the Woy Woy waterfront as well as providing additional foreshore amenities including a new promenade and footpath/cycleway.

The project would involve a new pontoon ferry wharf, new public mooring wharves, a new commercial wharf, a new waterfront promenade and a footpath and cycleway between Brisbane Water Dr and the Brick Wharf Rd footpath and cycleway.

The Umina Beach CBD streetscape improvements stages four and five would involve the reconstruction and landscaping of Umina Beach CBD streets including West St, Trafalgar Ave and Bullion St.

Stage two works at Peninsula Theatre would "seek to further develop the...theatre into a performing arts hub through the construction of an additional wing to the east of the existing theatre to incorporate additional facilities".

The Umina Library upgrade would see the present library demolished and a new 700 square metre library built in its place, similar to the Kincumber library design.

Other region-wide projects would also involve the Peninsula indirectly.

**Press release, 6 March 2007  
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic  
Website, 6 March 2007**

## Strategy based on consultation

**Gosford Council director of community services and organization development Mr Terry Thirlwell said the Vision 2025 project, which formed the base of the Civic Infrastructure Strategy, had involved "extensive consultation with the community".**

Mr Thirlwell said his directorate was involved in the Vision process.

"The project involved a steering group made up of diverse sections of the community," Mr Thirlwell said.

"The process took 12 months.

"That group sat down and workshopped the issues in their local government area.

"That info would go back to the community, and the groups in the

community, where participants would receive feedback, which would come back to the group."

Mr Thirlwell said the community had always been invited to provide feedback.

Director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky said that at the end of the day, what came back to council was "what the community was saying that they want the area to be like in 25 years time".

"It is an opportunity to put the local government area on the map," Mr Pasternatsky said.

"At the end of the day, the community got what they want."

Cr Peter Hale said the 54 projects listed in the Civic Infrastructure Strategy had been rated under a point system by council officers, based on how projects were seen in Vision 2025.

**Lyle Stone, 19 March 2007**

## Shortfall expected

**Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has expressed concern about a projected shortfall in infrastructure funding for the Peninsula.**

He has said that expected Section 94 funding was lost as a result of the adjusted population projections for the Peninsula under the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

"While the Chamber supports the Peninsula Urban Direction Strategy, we are very concerned that the downward adjustment in the population projections over the next 20 years will mean that less developer contributions will be available for roads, drainage, open space and community facilities," Mr Wales said.

"The current Section 94 Contribution plans for the Peninsula were based on population increases of around 15,000 people over the next 20 years.

"Therefore, the planned road upgrading, drainage construction, public reserves and community facilities were based on developer funds that would be generated from the level of development required to house those people.

"There is an expectation that those facilities, including the repayment of the monies used to build the Peninsula Leisure Centre, would be progressively delivered

to the community as development proceeded.

"However, under the adopted Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy, the population growth has been revised to around 7000 people.

"Therefore, over half the developer contributions that were anticipated will in actual fact never be collected.

"The business community does not necessarily have a problem will lower population targets.

"However, it is now apparent that council will have to seriously revise its infrastructure planning based on lower revenue and less development.

"This also raises the serious issue of the Peninsula Leisure Centre which was partly funded by Section 94 Contributions that were redirected away from other open space projects because the scale of the centre was never anticipated in the original Contribution Plan.

"We now have a situation where it is unlikely that we will ever recover the redirected funds because the lower population figures will negate that extra revenue.

"That means that other vital open space projects will miss out and that it something that the business community is most unhappy about."

**Press release, 21 March 2007  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula  
Chamber of Commerce**

## Footpath access

**Footpath access at Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, has received the attention of Gosford Council's city services section.**

Council's disability access committee reported that it received

a letter from Fairfield Council's Access Committee about "some footpath access issues" that had been reported by its members when visiting Fisherman's Wharf at Woy Woy.

The access committee stated

that City Services had "already taken appropriate action and a response letter has been sent to Fairfield Council".

**Council agenda DA.019,  
27 March 2007**

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## Anti-fluoride group raises concerns

**The Central Coast Pure Water Association raised concerns about health and cost issues with the new groundwater treatment plant in Woy Woy.**

Association chairperson Ms Sylvia Turner said most people were not aware that Gosford Council had approved a fluoridation plant at Woy Woy.

At the anti-fluoride group's first public meeting two weeks ago, questions were raised about the chemical, which will be contained at the Woy Woy Council Depot site where the ground water treatment will be undertaken.

"Concerns raised referred to the safety and security of the local residents should there be an accident or spill," Ms Turner said.

"The cost of these plants was not mentioned at the council meeting where the mayor used his casting vote to approve fluoride for Gosford," Ms Turner said.

"While in other regions, the Health Department offered to pay around \$600,000 per plant, here in Gosford negotiations are still being held.

"Despite the State Government's approval for funding to the other regions, it is worth noting that those funds still haven't been paid to the councils."

Ms Turner said local residents

needed to ask why the mayor "misled them" when he claimed a saving of \$1 million to put in works to ensure fluoride-free water when, according to previous council business papers "council's contribution was only \$450,000".

"I was very surprised to see a number of people at the meeting who have adverse reactions to chemicals," Ms Turner said.

"These people wanted to know how to avoid fluoride or if council is prepared to reimburse them for the costs to provide alternatives and/or doctors and hospital bills should they become ill."

Ms Turner said the CCPWA was happy to hear from people who may be adversely affected.

"As Gosford is one of the last regions with a large population to be fluoridated in NSW, there could be a higher concentration of people who have specifically moved here to avoid fluoridation," Ms Turner said.

"These people will be disadvantaged by the addition of fluoride to their drinking water and should be compensated accordingly."

More information can be obtained on at [www.ccpurewater.org](http://www.ccpurewater.org) or by telephoning 0408 439 348.

**Press release, 19 March 2007  
Sylvia Turner, Central Coast Pure Water Association Incorporated**



Exchange students next to the Lady Kendall II

## Rotary club gives students a tour

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has given district exchange students a tour of the Central Coast.**

The Rotary exchange students were staying with families in an area stretching from North Sydney to Lake Munmorrah.

"A total of 23 students attended

and were given a grand tour of the Central Coast which included a visit to the Australian Reptile Park, Challenge Ranch, a cruise of Brisbane Waters on the Lady Kendall and an observation car rally around the beaches and scenic points of interest," said the club's chairman of public relations

Mr Geoff Melville.

"They were great bunch of students from all parts of the world and it was a great opportunity for the Rotary Club of Umina Beach to showcase the beautiful Central Coast."

**Press release, 20 March 2007  
Geoff Melville,  
Rotary Club of Umina Beach**

## Café dream comes true

**A new café has opened on West St, Umina.**

Fresh on West café is a new food outlet which opened in January.

Cafe owners Mark and Allyson Lewis said they moved to make their home in Umina two years ago.

The young couple have two boys currently attending Umina Public School.

Fresh on West is open six days a week from 8am on week days and 9am on Saturday.

Ms Lewis said she had worked in the industry in Sydney for 15

years.

She has introduced many delicacies to Umina which include frappes, facetiae and Turkish breads.

"Locals have been most welcoming and keen to try different things," Ms Lewis said.

The cafe is children-friendly and offers discounts to seniors, including \$2 coffee, on Tuesdays.

The business employs three full-time and one-part time staff.

"Opening fresh on west café is a dream come true for me," Ms Lewis said.

**Cec Bucello, 19 Feb 2007**

## Petition calls for climate change plans

**Peninsula Dunecare convenor Mr Michael Gillian has forwarded a petition to Gosford Council general manager Mr Peter Wilson asking for urgent plans to**

**be drawn up "to provide foreshore protection for the Peninsula".**

Mr Gillian said the petition was signed by attendees at the Peninsula Residents Association meeting, "reflecting the concerns held by the community regarding the lack of plans to protect the Woy Woy Peninsula from climate change events".

"It is now universally accepted that as a result of global warming, low-lying coastal estuaries and lagoon areas (such as the Woy Woy Peninsula) are most at risk from rising sea levels and extreme weather events.

"Nevertheless, the proposed Ettalong foreshore 'upgrade' supported by council, is based on outdated 1995 reference material and does not reflect current

scientific input.

"To update their understanding as to how best to deal with climate change many Sydney Councils have formed the Sydney Coastal Councils Group, drawing on expertise from Sydney and Macquarie Universities.

"Newcastle University also has some expertise at the Ourimbah complex.

"Gosford Council needs to utilise such expert input to prepare a management plan to protect Woy Woy Peninsula foreshore areas.

"Council is requested to urgently seek specialist expert advice and input to provide a scientific basis for the preparation of a foreshore protection plan for the Peninsula."

**Press release, 23 March 2007  
Michael Gillian,  
Peninsula Dunecare**



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## Health



# Teddy bears raise \$1000

**Woy Woy branch of Save the Children held a Teddy Bears' Day Out recently, raising \$1000 for its mobile inner city play bus scheme.**

"The teddy bears came out to meet their friends on March 10," publicity officer Mr Dennis Hensman said.

"Some of them went home with a prize.

"There was so many of them in all shapes and sizes that the judges had a very hard task to choose the best in the five categories.

"Dancin' Mates of Umina gave a magnificent display of dancing, and were of such a high standard many visitors thought they were

from a theatre group."

Mr Hensman said prizes, cakes and drinks were donated by local shops.

"These helped to raise over \$1000 which will be going to Save the Children's mobile inner city play bus scheme," Mr Hensman said.

"The Big Red Bus visits designated parks five days a week to help very poor and disadvantaged children to have some play and educational time with others in the same situation.

"Help and professional advice is there for their parents, if needed."

**Press release, 14 March 2007  
Dennis Hensman, Save the Children Woy Woy Branch**



*Students from Dancin' Mates, Umina, perform at the Teddy Bears' Day Out*

## Volunteers wanted for adult day care

**The Peninsula Adult Day Care Centre is currently looking for volunteers**

"Volunteers are a rare breed," said centre manager Ms Tricia Semmens.

"They come in all shapes and sizes but they all have the same thing in common.

"They are caring, committed and willing to give their time to help others.

"If you have a keen sense of humour and like working with older

people, then you are the type of person we have caring for our clients at the social day centres.

"If you would like to spend time volunteering on the Peninsula then we would be pleased to hear from you."

Ms Semmens said volunteers prepared activities, served refreshments, handled food and washed-up, as well as spending individual time with clients helping with reading or games.

"The social day centres provide

a safe and happy environment for older people who are transport disadvantaged but would benefit from a day out of the house," Ms Semmens said.

"We have centres operating on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

"If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would like to attend the centre for a day out, please contact the Adult Day Care Office on 4320 3637."

**Press release, 19 March 2007  
Tricia Semmens, Adult Day Care**

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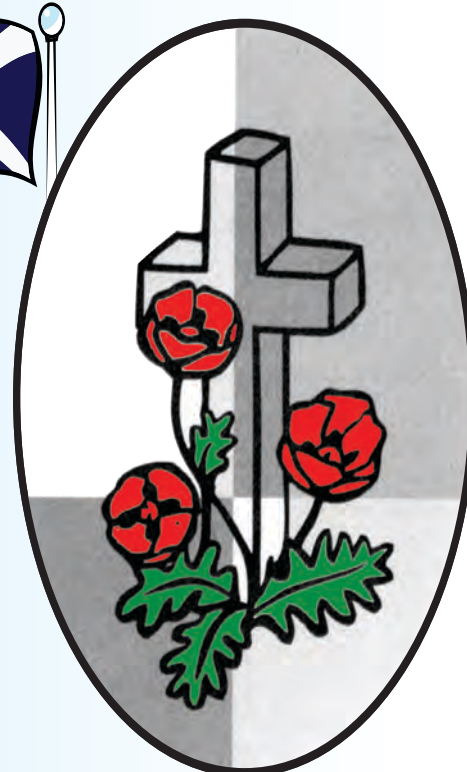
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### Skateboard clinics planned

**Easter school holiday skateboarding clinics will be running at Umina skate park for children six years and over.**

Nationally-recognised accredited coaches will conduct beginner and intermediate lessons at Umina on April 11 and 12 from 10am to 1pm. The two-day workshops will

include six hours of coaching sessions for a cost of \$60.

The sessions were designed to provide skaters of all competency levels with the opportunity to "get active, stay healthy and enjoy freestyle skating in a fun, safe and well-managed environment".

Participants have been asked to provide their own boards and safety gear including helmets,

kneepads and elbow pads to take part in the clinics.

A limited amount of hire equipment available,

To book, register at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, or telephone 4325 8123.

For further information, telephone 4325 8430.

**Press release, 19 March 2007  
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

### No stopping in laneway?

**An unnamed laneway off Alexandra St, Umina Beach, may get No Stopping signs following a recommendation from Gosford Council's traffic committee.**

The committee recommended that council provide No Stopping signs on a portion of the western side of the unnamed laneway so that sufficient clearance was available for access to and from a residents driveway.

The decision has now been deferred to allow for an inspection of the site.

Local resident Mr T Novielli asked for the No Stopping signs through member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Mr Novielli, who accessed his property via the short unnamed laneway off Alexandra St, addressed the traffic committee on the issue.

Mr Novielli said he had contacted council on several occasions to advise that the parking of vehicles and a boat trailer in the laneway

continually caused his family "a nuisance day and night" and often restricted access to his driveway.

A report from the traffic committee stated that Mr Novielli produced photos at the meeting to confirm the random parking of vehicles.

Mr Novielli asked that No Stopping signs be provided for the length of the laneway on both sides.

The traffic committee stated that the laneway width of 5.9 metres was "sufficient for motorists to manoeuvre past any randomly parked vehicles" and that the provision of No Stopping signs over the full length of the laneway was not warranted.

It stated however that sufficient clearance should be maintained to ensure that access was available to and from Mr Novielli's driveway at all times and recommended that No Stopping signs be provided on a portion of the western side of the un-named laneway.

**Council agenda TR.07.008,  
March 6**

### Pedestrian refuge to be considered

**A new footpath and a pedestrian refuge on Railway St, Woy Woy, will be considered in a future Traffic Facilities Program following a Gosford Council resolution on Tuesday, March 6.**

Council resolved to consider a pedestrian refuge island on Railway St, Woy Woy, 160 metres north of the Rawson Rd intersection.

It has also resolved to consider constructing 160 metres of footpath on the western side of Railway St, from the intersection of Rawson Rd to the proposed pedestrian refuge.

Both items were recommended

by council's traffic committee, following a request from member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews on behalf of local resident Ms M Mara.

Ms Mara had asked for a pedestrian refuge island north of Rawson Rd.

Ms Mara told Ms Andrews that "many residents west of the Rawson Rd level crossing walk to the Woy Woy CBD via the level crossing and Railway St".

Ms Mara stated in a report that those residents needed to cross to the footpath on the eastern side of Railway St and "a pedestrian refuge would assist this movement".

A report from council's traffic committee stated that an inspection of Railway St indicated that it would be "undesirable" to provide a crossing facility at the Railway St, Rawson Rd intersection.

It stated that the most suitable location for a pedestrian refuge would be 160 metres north of Rawson Rd.

It stated that "as there is no footpath on the western side of Railway St, it would be necessary to provide a footpath link from Rawson Rd to the proposed pedestrian refuge".

**Council agenda TR.07.015,  
March 6**

### College P&C wants members

**Brisbane Water Secondary College P&C is wanting more members.**

Membership of the Parents and Citizens' Association is open to parents of students at the school, as well as to members of the local community, according to Umina campus president Mr Bruce Graf.

He said the P&C was involved in many aspects of the running of the school.

These included as operating the canteens, choosing and selling the school uniforms, maintaining a security watch, organising working bees and operating a bushcare group at the Umina campus.

The P&C also provided substantial funding for equipment, facilities and programs at the school, which would otherwise not be provided, he said.

For example, the P&C had recently considered a request for \$60,000 in assistance for the Woy Woy campus.

This included providing \$15,000 in classroom improvements such as window coverings and whiteboards and \$10,000 of multimedia software.

A range of programs were supported including \$1500 for

awards and scholarships, \$3000 for independently-prepared exam papers.

Other programs included a student leadership program, and a collaborative program for student improvement.

Money was also provided for subscriptions and library resources.

"The P&C applies for grants and also represents the interest of the students and the school community to the education department and politicians to ensure the best possible outcomes are available for students at the college," said Mr Graf

The P&C members are part of the decision-making process and are represented on many of the school committees, he said.

"The P&C creates the opening for parent participation in the school."

Meetings are held at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the month during school term. The meetings alternate between campuses.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16 at the library at Umina campus, in Veron Rd, Umina.

**Media release, March 23  
Bruce Graf, BWSC P&C Umina**

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## Council puts on youth week events

**Gosford Council will host a number of events as part of Youth Week, from April 14 to 21.**

Music, dance, surf lessons and skateboarding and BMX competitions were all part of the council's program on the Peninsula.

A Black Friday dance party for 10 to 16 year olds will be held at the Umina Police and Community Youth Centre (PCYC) from 7pm to 10pm on April 13.

The cost of the event is \$10.

For tickets, telephone Tim Keogh

on 4344 7851 or 0437 393 544, or email [tkeogh@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:tkeogh@pcycnsw.org.au).

Gosford City Surf School will run free surf lessons at Umina Beach from 9am to 10.30am on April 14.

Bookings are essential and can be made by telephoning Nick Leslie on 4325 8123 or 0418 308 675, or by emailing [nick.leslie@gosford.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nick.leslie@gosford.nsw.gov.au).

Urban music and dance demonstrations will be part of the "Uminafied" skateboarding and BMX competitions at Umina skate park from 10am to 3pm on April 21.

Both competitions are divided into two age categories; 12 to 16 and 16 to 24 years.

The activities are free but contestants in both competitions must pre-register by obtaining a waiver from Umina PCYC, Umina Library or Magickal You at Umina. Participants must bring the waiver along on the day.

For more information, telephone Liam Heyden or Fiona Miller on 4325 8351 or by emailing [liam.heyden@gosford.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liam.heyden@gosford.nsw.gov.au).

**Press release, 19 March 2007**  
Marion Newall, Gosford Council



## Choir presents Easter Banquet

**The Peninsula Choir will present An Easter Banquet as its annual Easter musical presentation this year.**

"The title is suggested by the first line of the ancient hymn 'The Lamb's High Banquet called to Share' which the choir will sing as it processes into the church," said publicity officer Ms Kay Williams.

"This will be followed by more fine music for Holy Week and Easter.

"As is the choir's custom, their items are drawn from many centuries, ranging from the seventh to the 20th.

"Composers represented include

Tallis, Campialn, Purcell, Bach and Vaughan Williams. "There will be opportunities for audience participation.

"A highlight will be JS Bach's best loved choral work 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring'."

Ms Williams said there would be two presentations involving the first on Palm Sunday, April 1, in the Umina Uniting Church at 5pm, and the second on Good Friday, April 6, in St Andrew's Anglican Church at 3pm.

Both churches are on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

**Press release, 20 March 2007**  
Kay Williams,  
The Peninsula Choir

## Set design workshop held at theatre

**Woy Woy Little Theatre will be hosting a set design workshop at the Peninsula Theatre over the weekend of April 28 and 29.**

The workshop will be conducted by Trish Ryan, a lecturer at Charles Sturt University in the BA Design for Theatre and Television program.

"Trish has had many years experience designing for theatre, film and television, with some of her TV design credits including shows such as GP, World Series Debating, Race Around the World and Wildside," theatre director Ms

Brenda Logan said.

"In theatre, Trish has worked with such troupes as Sax and Violins and Choir Practice, as well as on a number of experimental outdoor theatre works.

"This set design workshop will be of benefit to anyone with an interest in designing for theatre, or for students looking to apply for directing or technical production courses such as those offered by NIDA and WAAPA.

"This rare opportunity to receive first-hand advice from a qualified theatre industry professional will be of great interest to the Central Coast's ever expanding theatre community."

The workshops will be conducted at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on April 28 and 29, from 10am to 4pm.

The cost is \$10 for students, \$20 for Woy Woy Little Theatre members and \$40 for non-Woy Woy Little Theatre members.

Participants must be 16 or over to take part.

For further information or to

reserve a place in the workshop, telephone 4343 1027.

**Press release, 13 March 2007**  
Brenda Logan,  
Woy Woy Little Theatre

### FARAFINA 2007

African Drum & Dance  
Workshop Easter Long

Weekend 6th - 9th April 2007  
- Glenrock Recreation Centre  
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**Saturday 7th April** - 10am on the Cricket Oval

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Also the Patonga Progress Association will hold their fete in the Patonga Hall on the same day.

Morning Tea and Stalls from 9am.

Kids Easter hat parade at 11am and Easter egg treasure hunt.

**Enq: 4379 1444**

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# What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

**BFC**, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

**ECC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

**EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

**ESSC**, 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, **ESSC**, **Pearl Beach Craft group**, **PBPH**, 1.30pm.

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

**Diabetics 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, **ESSC**

### 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, **ESSC** .

**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**

CWAsocial 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

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**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, **ESSC**

**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, **ESSC**

**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 **ESSC**

**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

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**Cabaret** dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; **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, **ESSC**, Enq:4344 3131/4341 3222

**Social Dance**, New vogue, old time, \$2, refreshments, 1pm, **ESSC**.

enq:4344 3131/4341 3222.

## SUNDAY

### First Sunday of every month

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

### Second Sunday of every month

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

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

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

### Third Sunday of every month

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

**Vietnam Vets**, 11am.

**Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC**

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

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

### Fourth Sunday of every month

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

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



## What's On in and around the Peninsula

### Last Sunday of every month

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am, **EBWMC**

**Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market Enq: 4341 4151

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

### Every Sunday

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

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

**Patonga Bakehouse Gallery** 11am Enq: 4379 1102

### MONDAY

#### First Monday of every month

Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 4342 1722

Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587.

**Grandparents Parenting Support Group**, the Cottage, 91 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995 or 4341 2072.

#### Second Monday of every month

**Save the Children** St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina

1-30pm Enq 4324 4389

**Women 50+ Group Chat, PWHC RSL Women's Auxiliary, EBWMC**, 9am.

Pretty Beach/Wagstaffe **Progress Assoc WH** 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546

Killcare Heights **Garden Club**, 10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520

Coastal **Crones** (over 50's), **PWHC**

#### Third Monday of every month

**War widows Guild, EBWMC**

1pm, Enq: 4344 3486

#### Fourth Monday of every month

**Labor Party** Peninsula Day Branch, **CWAHWW**, 1pm.

**Carers support group**, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.

#### Last Monday of every Month

**WWLT Playreading**, Woy Woy P.S. 7.30pm, Enq: 4341 2931

#### Every Monday

**Walking with other Mums** Enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741

**3Cs**—Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm **BFC**. Enq: 43 431929

**Yoga WH** 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854.

**Computers**, 1pm, **ESCC**

**Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls** 9am; **Mahjong** 1pm; **Fitness** 1pm; **Yoga**

for beginners 2.30pm; **ESSC**.

**Gym Sessions** 8am, **Tiny Tots**

9:15am, **Circuit Boxing** (Women)

9.00am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm (Junior), 5pm (Senior)

**PCYC**

**Fairhaven Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **EMBC**

**Arts and Crafts** for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333

**Patchwork & Quilting**, 9am & 12.30pm, **Pottery** 10am & 1pm

**EBACC**

**Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am

**Gentle Exercise** for over 50's, 9.30am, **Yoga**, 10am, **Brisbane**

**Water Bridge Club**. 12.30pm, **BJP School of Physical Culture**

3.45pm, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm,

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**Craft group**, 1pm **BFC**

### Upcomming Events

## Vale Billy Thorpe

**Somewhere over the rainbow, Billy Thorpe put on his show, before his popularity began to grow.**

Some people may have thought he was crazy, and maybe this was so.

Another song was "Poison Ivy" with which he may have been stung.

This may account for his reputation as a "wild-Child", which may not be far from the truth.

Billy was the first of the really great "Rockers", and at first there were a great many knockers.

He became the "King" of the "Aztecs", and though he was wild, there were very few "wrecks".

There was nowhere to go but up and, at 18, he was only a "pup".

As the years rolled along, he was destined for "Gold", and his ambition was to be number one, and he became Australia's favorite "son".

In the early days he liked to chase girls, but later he copied them, and grew his own curls.

He spread his wings, and decided to take on the world, which

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became his stage, and he went on to come of age.

For one who started so young, there were many more songs yet to be "sung". Graduating to Sydney's "Bandstand", he then proceeded to rock the "Land".

The "Sound-Lounge" became a regular venue, and his music and songs were always on the menu.

As years rolled by, he settled down, and became a family man, and Lynn became his number one fan, and his brood increased to two.

His will to succeed was kindled anew, and his earthly pot began to brew.

(Not that brew, to my knowledge), but in a moment of madness, he went on an LSD kick, which fortunately didn't seem to slow him down, to any great extent.

His career and music continued to blossom, as did his status as an international performer.

He became a worthy ambassador for the Australian Music Industry, and his golden locks flourished for

many years.

He was doubtlessly the cause of much unrest, amidst many millions of worried parents, both in his own country and throughout the world.

The entire music industry, and indeed the world is much the poorer, following his passing, and if there is a life hereafter, he would like to imagine him playing to packed houses, in Heaven.

That is unless his early reputation as a "Wild Child" precedes him, in which case he may have to take an enforced holiday in Purgatory, for a period of cleansing his soul.

Vale! Billy Thorpe, and may you rest in peace, forever.

**Ray Bride**  
**Woy Woy**

## The safety of bushwalking

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I froze and very slowly tip-toed backwards, till I was well away.

I said to the others: "Don't go there. There's the grandfather of tiger snakes just around the corner and I'm going on another bushwalk."

"Where?" they asked.

"The Bayview," I replied.

**Keith Whitfield**  
**Woy Woy**

## Weighty useless pettifogging

The close-down of the hydroponic lettuce farm at MacMasters Beach by Council, aptly illustrates the words of a Charles Dickens character, namely, that "the law is an ass".

The State Government blithely carves up arable on the outskirts of Sydney to build more McMansions and no services, and if to compensate, someone tries to grow some fresh food on an urban land that it is suitable in size and fertility, the full weight of useless pettifogging kicks them in the vitals for there initiative and effort.

What do you expect in this land of opportunity, greed and stupidity?

**Keith Whitfield**  
**Woy Woy**

### Contributions

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One of the vandal-proof taps

## Vandal-proof taps installed

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has installed new vandal-proof taps and bubblers around the school, to stop the "wasting" of water.**

"The school has received a \$5000 water saving grant from

Gosford Council," head science teacher Mr Brett Giles said.

"More than half of this money has been spent with new vandal proof taps and bubblers being installed around the school.

"P&C president Bruce Graf, a plumber, and Jarrod Bright spent time at no cost to the school to

install these fixtures.

"I can happily say that students can no longer turn taps on and leave them running, wasting a precious resource."

**Newsletter, 19 February 2007  
Brett Giles, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College Umina Campus**

## Images of the Peninsula over the last two weeks



The Liberal bus arrives in Woy Woy, the day before the State election, March 24



Framework for the church being constructed on the corner of Victoria Rd and Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy



The Lady Kendall is raised from the water on Brisbane Water Dr, just outside of Woy Woy. Photo by Frank Storey.

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## Education



Josh Hirst & Landmark representative with Champion Carcase Ribbon & Shield

## Success at beef shows

The Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus agriculture department has started the year with a “string of success” in beef industry cattle competitions.

Both students and college steers have had “great success” according to agriculture teacher Mr Mark Fisher.

Mr Fisher said: “Four steers and 20 students led by Mr Geoff Spence and farm manager Mr Ron Unsworth competed at this years Maitland Show.

“Most of the students were involved in both the cattle judging and parading events.”

Mr Fisher said several students were well placed in both events with Gena Lyons “accounting well for herself” in the oral presentation for judging and Josh Hirst and Kristin Gee moving through to the Sydney Royal Easter Show paraders event, representing the Hunter Valley-Central Coast region.

“The highlight of the day, apart from a number of good placements with the steers, including first placement in two classes, was to

win the overall event with the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion School steers,” Mr Fisher said.

“This Grand Champion then went on the next day to win the Grand Champion Open steer.

“As a result of the good showing overall, Brisbane Water Secondary College was awarded the overall Champion School Shield for the show.”

“Thanks must go to Ron Unsworth for the extra unpaid work he puts in and to the dedicated cattle team students for their fine efforts.”

Mr Fisher, farm manager Mr Unsworth and volunteer Ms Sue Hughes also attended the Royal Canberra Show.

“We had huge success, being second out of 20 in the medium weight class, second out of 25 in the heavy weight class and reserve Champion Steer (live) and Overall Grand Champion Carcase,” Mr Fisher said.

The competition included 20 high schools from around the state, with 180 students and 60 steers.

The steers were bred and prepared by both high schools and commercial and stud cattleman.

“In addition, students who

haven’t participated in a cattle handling competition before won minor ribbons in this event,” Mr Fisher said.

“A swag of ribbons, plaques, trophies and a prize money cheque of \$2500 was brought back to the college with cattle team students’ heads held high.”

Mr Fisher said the college has been successfully involved in feeding, preparing and showing Limousin and Limousin cross cattle for over 12 years.

“Our introduction to the Limousin Society was through Mr Fred Nichols, owner and manager of the Woy Woy Meatworks,” Mr Fisher said.

“The college has enjoyed much success over the years with last year’s achievements including: Champion steer at Maitland Show, Champion steer at Castle Hill Show, Champion heavyweight steer at the Sydney Royal Easter Show (also in 2005), first place lightweight steer at Casino Beef Week and Reserve Champion, Champion and overall Grand Champion at the Quirindi Prime Stock Show.”

Press release, 14 March 2007  
Mark Fisher, Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Captains attend opening

Students from Pretty Beach Public School attended the official opening of Brisbane Water Secondary College on March 7 at the Woy Woy campus.

School captains Katie Stewart and Nathan Richardson and vice-captains Cian Donnellan and Naomi Jones attended the opening of new facilities including new administration buildings, covered learning areas, kitchens and

classrooms.

Principal Ms Vicki Redrup said the captains had the opportunity to meet the State Minister of Education Ms Carmel Tebbutt and Minister for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

“The facilities look terrific and the performances by Tessa Nuku and the year 12 dance class were very entertaining,” Ms Redrup said.

Newsletter, 22 March 2007  
Vicki Redrup,  
Pretty Beach Public School

## High school visits Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Vicki Redrup has hosted a visit from Kincumber High School, as the designated local high school for students living in the area.

“All our Year 6 students received their expression of interest high school forms last week,” Ms Redrup said.

Kincumber High School teacher Mr Ralph Murray and a group of school representatives held an

information session at the school last week for the Year 6 students.

“I am sure our students found the talk very informative and many questions were answered,” Ms Redrup said.

“Mr Murray will be attending our next general P&C meeting on Monday, April 2, to speak to any parents about Kincumber High School”.

Newsletter, 22 Mar 2007  
Vicki Redrup,  
Pretty Beach Public School

## Students go to Harmony Day event

Pretty Beach Public School captains Nathan Richardson and Katie Stewart attended a Harmony Day Regional Workshop in Newcastle, along with other captains, on March 21.

Harmony Day, which began in 1999, is a nationwide event focusing on Australia’s multicultural society and on cultural and social tolerance and understanding.

“Our captains researched and recorded our students’ diverse

heritage in poster form and presented this at the workshop,” principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

Ms Redrup said the school also participated by making friendship chains, reading poetry and playing cricket at lunch.

“At school, our vice-captains Cian Donnellan and Naomi Jones spoke about the meaning of harmony,” Ms Redrup said.

Newsletter, 22 Mar 2007  
Vicki Redrup,  
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Student of the month

Matthew

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The smiling assassins of the Ettalong open Men's Pairs Col Wetton Gosford and Ray Bracken Avoca Beach.

## Woy Woy second in night bowls

**Terrigal has beaten Woy Woy in the major-minor night pairs bowls competition held at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club recently.**

"Ettalong Memorial's night tournament, over five or six knockout games, was spread over three weeks," said Coast Bowls News publicity officer Mr Bob Penson.

"In the first round, 64 entrants from nearly every club on the Coast bedecked the greens to provide a profusion of colour under

the strong lights.

"Some nights later the field had been whittled down to just eight bowlers in the semi-final pairings.

"Kevin MacFadyen and Allan Rogers (Woy Woy) lined up against Bob Penson and Lindsay Adamson (Ettalong) in one contest.

"Jason Gouw and Tony Swaine (Terrigal) went head to head with Brian Murray (Everglades) and Greg Pigram (Ettalong) in the other.

"Form from the preliminary rounds held true and both semis were decided by just one shot.

"Woy Woy and Terrigal went into the final.

"They came together for the decider on the Thursday night, March 8.

"After a tense beginning, the Terrigal Terrors grabbed a five on the ninth end to take an eight-point lead.

"A series of three-shot ends followed shortly, whisking the game away from the stunned Woy Woy pair."

Press release, 23 March 2007  
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News

## Pairs competition draws 32 teams

**The Ettalong Memorial Open Men's Pairs resumed on March 12, with 32 teams attending Ettalong's bowling greens.**

Coast Bowls News publicity officer Mr Bob Penson said the day-long event saw teams play three games, each on a different green.

"After lunch, some strong two-game winners tumbled," Mr Penson said.

"Only seven teams made it through to grab the three wins needed to figure in a chance for

the prize money and glory.

"The composite team of Col Wetton (Gosford) and Ray Bracken (Avoca) with three wins +30 finished ahead of local heroes Mark Knowles and Tony Leslie (Ettalong) three wins +28.

"With bowlers of the calibre of Bruce Jewell, John Roberts, Terry Clark and Lindsay Adamson biting the dust at various stages, the strength of the combatants could not be doubted."

Mr Penson said the event would be held again in May.

Press release, 23 Mar 2007  
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News

## Young team wins bowls fours

**The Ettalong Memorial Championship Fours were held recently, with John Robert, Dalton Wilson, Harley McDonald and Darren Morrison winning the day of bowls.**

"John and his young team of Dalton Wilson (12), Harley McDonald (12) and Darren Morrison (19) proved too strong on the day for their opponents," said Coast Bowls News publicity officer Mr Bob Penson.

"Gaining a five on the ninth end to break an early stalemate, they

powered steadily away.

"After fighting through some memorable battles to reach the final, Lee Patterson, Mick McMahon, Graham Maier and Greg Pigram

could not quite respond, grabbing only six ends in the game."

Press release, 23 Mar 2007  
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News



(L /R) The Ettalong Memorial 'Fours' champions for 2007 Dalton Wilson, Harley McDonald, Darren Morrison and John Roberts

## Umina qualifies for three finals

**Third, fifth and sixth grade teams from Umina District Cricket Club have qualified for the grand final.**

Publicity officer Mr Mark Smith said: "After finishing minor premiers and losing the major semi-final to Lisarow, Umina third grade defeated last year's premiers Narara to qualify to have another crack at Lisarow in the grand final."

"Ryan Clement who has won the district bowling award for third grade with 32 wickets at 8 put in another fine performance against Narara getting 4/16.

"All other bowlers performed solidly taking two wickets each to

see Narara bowled out for 112.

"In reply Umina third's posted 5/125 when stumps were drawn.

"Lachlan O'Donnell with 48 not out was solid as a rock.

"He was supported in good partnerships by Craig Di Blasio and James Archibald before Kurt Smith helped him get Umina home.

"Fifth grade, which finished second this year, played exceptionally well to beat Kincumber in the final to qualify," said Mr Smith.

"Umina scored 194 with Paul Wright 55 not out, Darrin Trigg 26 and Justin (Chippy) Broady with 25.

"Bowling Kincumber out for 164, the stars were Greg 'Merv' Mathis

with 4/30 off 18.1, Max French 3/33 and Chris Feltis 2/27."

"Dave Muson's sixth grade, who finished fourth, have been playing the sudden death games from the start of the semi final series and last weekend they played Lisarow white and scored 141.

"Arthur Smith 34, Brendan Egan 26 and Rick Jones 20 were our best with the bat.

"The bowlers combined to knock them over for 123.

"Peter Jones took 4/40, Scott Atchison and Mark Bourke took two each."

Press release, 19 March 2007  
Mark Smith, Umina District Cricket Club

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Sport

# Two-bowl triples returns

The two-bowl triples event has returned to Umina Beach and had its first run on February 28.

"Mixed, ladies and men's teams from Wamberal to Woy Woy joined in the fray," Coast Bowls News publicity officer Mr Bob Penson said.

"Popular supporter of Central Coast Bowls, Creightons, provided the incentive to play strongly and with only three games of 12 ends it was essential to get away well.

"Only a few combinations from the 22 teams present managed to rack up the three wins needed to figure in the major prize money.

"In the end, the formidable composite grouping of Kevin Adamson (Everglades), Noel Barron and Gordon Wilkie (Umina) with three wins +31 edged out nearby Ettalong rivals of Marie Brailey, Joe Ednie and Brian Brailey three wins +27."

Press release, 23 Mar 2007  
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News



## Students take part in sack race

Students from Umina Public School took part in the return of Australia's largest organised school sack race on Friday, March 23.

Grade three and four students from the school took part in the Bakers Delight Schools' Sack Race, along with over 6000 children from around the country.

The event was a community

initiative supported by Umina Beach Bakers Delight, which offered fundraising opportunities to the school as part of the race day.

Sack race ambassador Ms Hayley Lewis described the event as "a simple and fun way to get children active and educate them on the importance of healthy eating".

Rosemarie Mondal from Umina Beach Bakers Delight, said the

team at Bakers Delight were thrilled with the huge response to this year's event.

"Childhood obesity is a serious issue and the response to this year's event illustrates that local communities are keen to participate in initiatives that promote a healthy lifestyle," Ms Mondal said.

Press release, 15 March 2007  
Claire Franklin, The PR Edge

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