

## Veron Rd approval is recommended

**Gosford Council staff are continuing to recommend approval for the construction of a retirement village on rare bushland on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy, after a six-week deferment requested by the applicant.**

The DA was previously due to come before Council on February 13, but council agreed to the deferment after the developer requested extra time to provide details of the proposed staging of the development and an amended arborist's report.

However council's agenda states "the applicant has since indicated that it is not intended to stage the development at this juncture".

The amended arborist's report is not included in the business papers.

The Council report has also been modified to include a koala assessment, an offer by the developer of two of the units for rental as "social housing", and a response to a letter from the Australian Conservation Foundation's Central Coast branch.

In the report, the council's environment assessment officer stated: "Given the DEC has granted concurrence for this application, I am of the opinion that Council would be prudent to grant consent to the application subject to conditions."

"This opinion is not based solely on the DEC concurrence but with regard to the previous Land & Environment Court decision along with the judgement handed down in the Telstra Corporation Limited v Hornsby Shire Council [2006] NSW LEC 133.

"In short the applicant has demonstrated in the SIS, the full

extent of the proposed impact and presented a number of ameliorative measures to mitigate the extent of the impact.

"The DEC, which is the State authority for administering threatened species legislation, has considered this and granted concurrence.

"Based on the above information it would be unlikely for Council to defend further legal action in respect to a s97 challenge on refusal of this application.

"Given this, conditions are provided ... to strengthen environmental safe guards and approval of the application is recommended."

The Council report provided a response to the letter from the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

This letter asked for the council report to be reviewed and rewritten on the grounds that it is "inaccurate, inadequate and unbalanced, and that it misleads councillors in their consideration of development application 30219/2006".

It outlined 23 points that the ACF branch believed required correction.

The council report gave a four-page response to the letter, stating: "Ultimately the core issue in respect to this site is the impact of the proposal on Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

"Whilst the ACF letter is critical of Council for placing significant weight in the DEC concurrence report, it should be highlighted that the DEC is the peak state regulatory body for administering threatened species legislation in NSW.

"Council acknowledges that the proposal is likely to lead to a significant impact on UCSW and has maintained this position throughout

both the current applications the previous applications and the LEC proceedings."

The council report said the application had been lodged based on the facts that:

- UCSW occurs over the majority of the subject site;
- The proposed development is likely to lead to a significant impact on UCSW;
- The subject site contains habitat for a number of threatened species;
- An SIS is required to support the proposed development application;
- The SIS was to prepared in accordance with the DGR's and s109-111 of the TSC Act 1995;

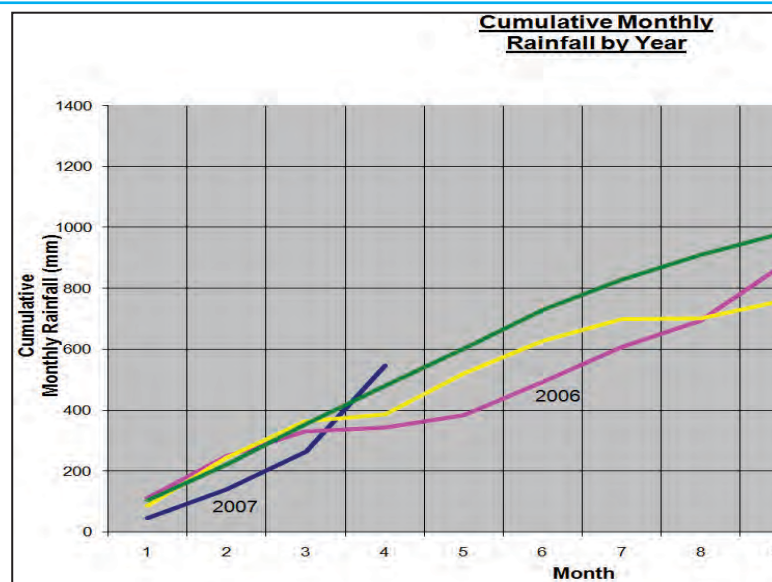
The report stated: "Council, whilst maintaining the position that the proposed development is likely to lead to a significant impact on UCSW, has formed the opinion, based on guidance from the Director General of the DEC that consent should be granted subject to conditions.

"Council holds the opinion that the proposed application has been assessed in accordance with the full statutory framework for assessment of threatened species, populations and ecological communities."

The conclusion to the response stated that "Council refutes these claims, however acknowledges that additional background information" on the previous development applications, the Land and Environment Court findings, and their relationship with the current application "would be beneficial to assist in clearly understanding the issues."

Council agenda ENV.22,  
1 May 2007

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CONSERVATIONISTS - Pg 9**



## Rainfall now above average

**Rainfall was more than twice the average for the month of April, with a total of 292.9mm having fallen by April 28.**

More than 220mm of this fell in five days last week – April 23 to 27 – according to Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

The long-term average for the month is 125.7mm.

Last week's heavy fall also took

the rainfall for the year to date to 558.8mm, more than 80mm above the average for the first four months of the year.

Last year it took until July to exceed 550mm.

It has been estimated that a Peninsula home with a roof area of 150 square metres would have been able to collect 33,000 litres of rainwater last week.

Mark Snell, March 27

## Anzac tribute - Page 22



A crowd gathered at the Empire Bay cenotaph on Anzac Day, 2005

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## Home show winners

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double pass valued at \$36.

The show runs from May 10 to 13 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

For more information on the show visit [www.sydneymeshow.com.au](http://www.sydneymeshow.com.au) or telephone 8923 8300.

Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007

## Church fete

**Ettalong Baptist Church will hold a fete on Saturday, May 5, starting at 8am.**

The fete will be held at Ettalong Baptist Church on the corner of Maitland Bay Dr and Barrenjoey Rd.

All Peninsula residents have been invited to come and take part

in activities on the day including a jumping castle and face painting.

The fete will also be selling crafts, plants, toys, books and pre-loved clothing.

All proceeds raised on the day will provide aid and support Australian and Overseas Missions.

Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007

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## Abattoir site may become industrial

**About 14ha of the Woy Woy abattoir and quarry site may be rezoned to general industrial 4(a) if another 20ha is donated to the Coastal Open Space System in a plan to be put to Gosford Council this week.**

Council officers have recommended that council prepare a draft local environment plan (DLEP) for lots 1, 183 and 173 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy, which previously formed part of the Woy Woy Quarry and Abattoir.

Officers recommended that council rezone lots 1, 183 and part of 173 below the top of the quarry face from 4(d) Industrial (Offensive or Hazardous) to 4(a) Industrial (general).

Officers further recommended that council rezone part of lot 173 above the top of the quarry face from 4(d) to 6(a) to be dedicated to council for inclusion into the Coastal Open Space System (COSS).

The applicant said the purpose of the rezoning to 4(a) was to permit a "more diverse range of industrial uses including hardware and building supply outlets and vehicle repair stations".

The applicant said that rezoning would ensure that the land continued to be employment generating land and stated that it would "remediate a potentially hazardous site and transform it into a more usable economic benefit".

Council reported that the owner of the property said they were "happy" for lot 173, above the industrial section of the property, to be donated to council for inclusion into the COSS, in exchange for the "maximum possible area" within the proposed 4(a) zone being "available for future development".

The council report stated that the Woy Woy abattoir had been closed since May 2004, and although the subject site was zoned as

employment generating land, it was currently "not being used to its full employment potential".

It stated that: "The rezoning of the site is considered to attract variety of small industry to the Woy Woy area and also provide much needed additional local employment".

A report from council officers stated that the subject land was zoned 4(d) with lots 1 and 183 "generally cleared and accommodating the old abattoir buildings".

It stated that "lot 173 is mostly undeveloped except for part of the existing quarry face located on the far eastern section of the lot".

The report stated that council's Natural Resources section welcomed the proposal to donate the land to the COSS, but that it would not be interested in part of lot 173 which had been disturbed by quarry activities.

It stated that: "Consequently, this part of lot 173 is to be included in the 4(a) zone."

The report stated that the rezoning to 4(a) of land already "disturbed and used for industrial purposes" was supported in principle, as it would permit an "orderly and economic" use of the land for employment generating activities.

It stated though that considerable detailed investigations would have to be undertaken in order to ensure that the site was suitable for the amended zone.

The report stated that: "the dedication to council of the undisturbed land on lot 173 and consequent zoning to 6(a) will result in the long term protection and conservation of the native vegetation and wildlife".

"Consequently, the DLEP satisfies the strategic directions outlined in council's policies and those of the Department of Planning."

Council officers recommended

that after the DLEP was prepared, it should be forwarded to the department of planning with the advice that council considers that the preparation of a environmental study is required.

Officers recommended that the environmental study should include a report addressing the aims and objectives of SEPP No 19 - Urban Bushland, a detailed Acid Sulphate soil assessment and an accompanying management plan and a detailed site investigation regarding potential contamination.

Officers also recommended that the study should also include a bushfire hazard assessment report, a flora and fauna assessment, a 7-Part test of significance to assess the impact of the proposal on adjoining National Park, a weed management plan, a floodplain risk management plan and a geotechnical Assessment for the disused quarry.

Council agenda ENV.21,  
1 May 2007

## Sauna sessions

**The winner of 10 free sessions in a far-infrared sauna valued at \$300 has been announced.**

Monique Penton of Blackwall won the competition run by Peninsula News and Gnostic Healing Sanctuary.

Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007

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# Name bridge after place, says historian

Local historian and Woy Woy resident Ms Joan Fenton has suggested the name Woy Woy Peninsula Bridge, instead of Staples Bridge or Spike Milligan Bridge, for the new cyclepath bridge on Brisbane Water Dr.

Ms Fenton said she objected to the naming of the bridge after "any individual person".

"The name 'chosen' by council, without any consultation with the Woy Woy community, is a proposal to name a bicycle and pedestrian bridge after a well-known land developer and real estate agent of the town, and who was a person who used his influence to form a movement that led to the formation of a separate Shire for Woy Woy in the 1920s," Ms Fenton said.

"Having achieved that aim, CJ Staples was the Shire's first President.

"There is no doubt that CJ Staples was influential in developing the town and district.

"It was his business to do so.

"The particular Staples individual that it is proposed naming the bridge after, CJ Staples, was the son of CR Staples, and the (landmark) real estate shop on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Railway St was the building housing the real estate business of the father, CR Staples



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"CR Staples also operated as a real estate agent in Victoria towards the end of the 19th century, and was responsible for developing the area around Laverton.

"CR Staples came to Woy Woy after serving a gaol sentence for fraud in Victoria following the spectacular bank collapses in the 1890s, leading to a devastating depression and resulting in many people losing their life savings.

"Staples Snr left Victoria when he was released from gaol, and found another district to develop - Woy Woy."

Ms Fenton said that in her

historical research of the district, she had not found any reference to either Staples men being known for "their prowess at cycling".

"Most modern societies outside the Central Coast bubble have moved on from the misogynistic tendencies of the past in naming public edifices and constructions after Great Men of Mark," Ms Fenton said.

"Sydney Harbour Bridge spans Sydney Harbour. Gladesville Bridge leads to Gladesville. "You get to Brooklyn by crossing the Brooklyn Bridge.

"The Golden Gate Bridge joins the two shores of the Golden Gate Strait in San Francisco Harbour.

"The Woy Woy Peninsula Bridge should welcome bicycle riders and visitors to the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"If, after considering the above, council still decides it prefers to plant a person's name upon this bridge, then I suggest it be named after a community leader of the past, one whose community work entailed no thought of personal profit, and who at least rode a bicycle.

"If this is council's decision, then let us call the bridge the Keith Whitfield Bridge."

Press release, 27 Apr 2007  
Joan Fenton

# People sign for Spike Bridge

Erina resident Mr Rod Fountain has collected over 245 signatures supporting the naming of the footpath-cycleway bridge on Brisbane Waters Dr, Woy Woy, as Spike Milligan Bridge.

Mr Fountain said the 245 names were collected by himself over a four-hour period in the Woy Woy shopping precinct, "roughly one a minute".

"I have no doubt that several thousand more signatures could be collected if the time allowed," Mr Fountain stated in the petition submission to Gosford Council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson.

"Comments made by the public were that the bridge looks ridiculous, that the reported \$1.3 million that was spent on construction could have been spent on more urgent projects and that no one had a clue who Mr Staples was.

"I have no doubt that several thousand more signatures could be collected if the time allowed.

"Gosford Council's arrogance in putting forward just one name of this construction and that name being someone, who is already recognized by the Staples

Lookout, who is unknown to the public, emphasises the council's total lack of communication and their dictatorial attitude towards the people who put them into office."

Mr Fountain stated Spike Milligan was "recognised, respected and admired by the majority of residents on the Peninsula and should be the logical choice".

"He is still being immortalised by a show currently playing in Sydney," Mr Fountain stated.

Mr Fountain stated the signatures on the petition included those of the butcher, newsagents, travel agent, real estate agents, police officers, hairdressers, bus drivers, taxi drivers, shop and supermarkets assistants, Gosford Council workers, bank tellers and even the retired editor of one of the Central Coast's largest newspapers.

Mr Fountain also criticised an advertisement for the proposed naming of the bridge as being "misleading inasmuch that it does not show the bridge and it describes the bridge as being in Koolewong whereas it is on the boundary of both Woy Woy and Koolewong".

Petition, 24 Apr 2007  
Rod Fountain, Erina



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# Where is intention to protect heritage?

**“George Frost House is outstandingly important and indeed rare as an historical record of the shipbuilding industry.**

“This is one of the most important stories of the history of Gosford and sets it apart as an area of historical interest.

“In terms of its historical and tourism potential it must be similar to Newcastle’s convict coal and steel industry, but with perhaps more tourism potential than coal or steel will ever have.”

This is the commissioned advice Gosford Council received from heritage consultant Elizabeth Evans and then chose to sweep aside by removing the Interim Heritage Order (IHO) they had placed on the Frost site.

This was done before they had undertaken a full and proper investigation of the site’s importance, both as part of historic Kincumber Village and in terms of Brisbane Water’s shipbuilding history.

Director Colleen Worthy-Jennings has assured the community (Daily Telegraph, April 4) that these necessary heritage studies will be completed by the end of the year.

Why then was Council so keen to prematurely remove that IHO they had put in place, allowing for destruction of the unresearched curtilage of the house?

They had been advised by Elizabeth Evans that destruction of the house’s curtilage would detract from the heritage value of the adjacent St Paul’s Church and graveyard, but they chose to ignore her warnings.

General Manager Peter Wilson advised councillors in open session on April 3 that removing the IHO “would not affect the property”.

They removed the IHO, and the adverse result is clear for all to see, but it is now too late.

Councillors had earlier approved the Section 96 amendment to a DA

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given before the heritage status of the house had been formally recognised.

This deprived the house of full heritage protection.

The Section 96 application that had actually proposed to clad the historic fabric of the house with fibro-cement weatherboards and remove windows and doors!

Elizabeth Evans advised Gosford Council: “The local community have the knowledge of this history and the imagination to recognise the significance of this house.”

Why could our elected councillors not do likewise?

And what of our remaining heritage?

For over a year now, Council has refused to replace its former heritage adviser, and it is now without the advice of the heritage committee it has disbanded.

It therefore now has no access internally to properly qualified advice.

Nor has it heeded qualified external advice on George Frost House, such as that from Elizabeth Evans, the NSW Heritage Office and the National Trust.

Before its disbandment in October 2006, Council’s own community-based heritage committee complained that they were being deprived of access to significant information on the heritage of our area (such as Elizabeth Evans’s reports) and the opportunity to advise councillors on heritage matters (September 2006 Committee minutes).

Council’s 2006-7 Corporate Plan lists only one item of heritage action: Restoration of the cottages at Dark Corner, Patonga - yet the NSW Heritage Act makes Gosford Council responsible for the protection of all items of local and regional heritage significance.

Where is the planning intention to accomplish this responsibility?

Gosford Council has also twice

recently proposed to demolish historic Fairview, the last house in the first settlement of Gosford, at Mangrove Creek.

Council acquired this house from Centrepoint Tower architect, Don Crone, who was preparing to retire there.

Gosford Council tenanted the house for about 30 years, let it deteriorate, and now proposes to demolish it even though WorkWise has offered to restore it as a community project.

As Andrew Woodhouse, Australian Heritage Institute, noted (SMH, April 21-22): “Heritage is what’s left from our history that we can feel, see and touch; it’s about items with relationships with our past we want to keep for our future.”

Brisbane Water will celebrate the bicentenary of its settlement in 2023.

The bicentenary of the first settlement of Gosford at Mangrove Creek is virtually upon us.

One wonders what further plans Gosford Council has for these community milestones?

And what heritage will be left for our children’s descendants in another 100 years?

Kay Williams  
Pearl Beach

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# Watching a rare pair

**We live on St Huberts Island and a couple of mouths ago a pair of bush stone-curlews laid one egg on our back lawn just three metres from our verandah.**

We had three weeks of watching their change over duties and then the chick emerged with one bird quickly dispatching the shell.

Our council environment officer and several bird watches came from Sydney to photograph and observe this beautiful chick but unfortunately the birds moved on after three days and we don’t know if the chick survived.

It is no wonder they are a rare and endangered species.

Wal and Iris Bate  
St Huberts Island

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# Wagstaffe once a paradise

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rage arguments the norm.

The lately-reconstructed community hall at Wagstaffe is great for everyone but locals who have to put up with late night car exoduses and crowd noises to satisfy outside interests.

We are represented on council by one person who is vitally interested in this area and another who worries about everything happening elsewhere exclusive to our particular complaints.

Mosquitoes and sand flies are the predominant species occupying our confines and after years of asking for eradication of them the council still does nothing with the proliferation of mangrove trees flies their accompanying mud and rubbish engulfing our local areas, maybe a name change to Mangrove Bay would be in accordance to this beach-filled area.

So to me it is farewell to this once-called paradise, and hello to a quite and peaceful future.

Bill Teasdell  
Wagstaffe

**More forum on pages 14 & 20**

# Wrong priorities?

**Information in your March 26 issue describes the proposed Civic Infrastructure Strategy, which would fund foreshore works and management plans, including the Blackwall Mountain plan of management, upgrading tracks, picnic areas, etc.**

The residents of Bayview Cres presented a signed petition to Gosford Council.

We requested that there was an urgent need to have the entrance to Bayview Cres upgraded because we had to cross double lines when turning right to Woy Woy and also ours cars often hit bottom when turning to proceed up to our residences.

After chasing council up regarding our petition, to which we had received no written reply, we were informed no funds were available to widen the approach.

Instead they erected two merging traffic signs which no one takes any notice of.

My question is why spend funds for walking tracks etc, when our street is in pitiful condition?

Cannot these funds be spent more sensibly to upgrade a dangerous corner for the ratepayers in Bayview Crescent?

Come and see for yourself.

Valma Gill  
Blackwall

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## No stopping in laneway?

**Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that No Stopping signs be placed on both sides of an unnamed laneway between Blackwall Rd and Edward St, Woy Woy.**

The committee has recommended that council notify residents with rear access to the unnamed laneway of the proposal to install No Stopping signs on both sides of the laneway.

It has also recommended that, subject to the concurrence of the local residents, No Stopping signs be provided on both sides of the unnamed laneway for its entire length.

The committee reported that a

local resident had asked for parking in the laneway to be prohibited.

The report stated that the resident advised that vehicles parked in the laneway continually blocked the rear access to his property.

"The length of the laneway is 260 metres and the only entry and exit is at the northern end.

"A solution to the problem would be to install No Stopping signs on both sides of the unnamed laneway, for its entire length.

"However, given the magnitude of casual laneway parking that would be removed, local residents should initially be notified of the proposal."

**Council agenda TR.07.031,  
1 May 2007**



Left to right: Doug Rose of Millea Law; Mark Colbert of Isetroc Financial Planning; Sandy and Peter Rogers of Broken Bay Lending Solutions; Steven Paul of SP Business Consulting Pty Ltd. Photo courtesy www.rareroseimages.biz

## Business group seeks members

**The Peninsula Business Breakfast Group is looking for new members in the area to join their team of businesses.**

The group was formed in August last year to generate new business leads for group members on the Peninsula.

The group is made up of a variety of businesses including financial advisors, finance broking, photography, publishing and accounting.

However, only one type of business is accepted into the group.

PBBG member Mr Doug Rose said the group does not have "a political or charitable agenda beyond helping each other's business".

"The group has a strong core of business members, though new members from professionals, retailers, service providers and trades people are very welcome," Mr Rose said.

"The primary benefit of the group

for new members is that suddenly there are several experienced and well connected business people promoting the new members business throughout the Peninsula.

"The secondary benefit is the networking with other small business people to discuss business issues and how they

were addressed by the members."

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**Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007**

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### APOLOGY TO ALISON BRANLEY

On 12th March 2007, an article appeared in the Peninsular News entitled "Wales Shocked by Newspaper Article".

The Peninsula News article reported Ms Wales' response to an earlier Express Advocate article written by journalist, Alison Branley. Ms Branley has alleged that the contents of the Peninsula News article was defamatory of her.

Ms Wales had not intended that the information provided to Lyle Stone of the Peninsula News would be published. Ms Wales accepts that Ms Branley's conduct was proper at all times.

Ms Wales gives a full and complete apology for any offence taken by Ms Branley.

## Footpath change for hospital

**Gosford Council's traffic committee have recommended that a short section of footpath be realigned on the eastern side of Vidler Ave, south of Dwyer Ave, Woy Woy.**

It has also recommended that one car parking space be removed from the eastern side of Vidler Ave, adjacent to the proposed footpath realignment.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital had asked council to provide a crossing facility adjacent to the hospital.

The committee report stated that: "It has been reported that pedestrians continually cross Vidler Ave for access to and from the nearby car parking areas in

Dwyer Ave and the Hospital.

"Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has requested that a crossing facility be provided to improve pedestrian safety at this location."

The committee said the "warrants" for a pedestrian crossing in Vidler Ave would not be met.

It stated that realigning a short section of footpath as well as removing one car parking space in the terminating section of Vidler Ave could "enhance pedestrian safety". "Pedestrians would then be encouraged to cross the terminating section of Vidler Ave, away from the busier intersection area," the committee stated.

**Council agenda TR.07.028,  
1 May 2007**

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# Option 3 bike path recommended



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Gosford Council officers have recommended "Option 3" be adopted as the route for the proposed shared footpath-cycleway through the Woy Woy CBD, between Brisbane Water Dr and Brick Wharf Rd.

A council report stated that many of the submissions urged council to retain the existing parking facilities and maintain both vehicular and pedestrian access to the "working waterfront".

It stated that "minor opposition" was offered to the proposal for the cycleway in general.

"Whilst the submissions received covered a broad range of issues, it is considered that Option 3 would best suit the opinions expressed by the public consultation process," the report stated.

"Option 3 is considered to have the least impact environmentally and should not restrict the development potential of the Woy Woy waterfront.

"It will be located clear of the existing wharves, bus facilities and restaurant."

The report stated that threshold narrowing of the road carriageway of The Bouvelarde only at the points of pedestrian/cyclist crossing would result in the loss of four car spaces which "whilst undesirable, is considered a lesser consequence in the context of the road safety benefit of the thresholds".

The report also stated that it would be necessary to acquire a small portion of the land owned by the CWA in The Bouvelarde to provide sufficient width for the shared footpath-cycleway.

It stated that: "no valuation report has been obtained in respect of the recommended land acquisition however it is expected to be relatively small bearing in mind the anticipated low impact on the property."

Council officers have also recommended that funding be sought from the Roads and Traffic Authority to finance the project on a 50:50 basis.

The cycleway will form part of the overall shared footpath-cycleway which when completed will extend from Gosford through Woy Woy, past the Peninsula Leisure Centre and proceed southerly to Umina Beach and Ettalong Beach.

The report stated that funding for the shared footpath-cycleway including the associated land for road widening acquisition, would be sought through the Capital Works Program in a future budget and State Government funding.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$215,000 which includes all land acquisition, construction and restoration costs.

Council agenda CIT.10,  
1 May 2007

## Taxi rank may move back

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that the taxi rank and shelter at the entry to Ettalong Beach Memorial Club be relocated to its previous position on the western side of Memorial Ave, just south of the Ocean View Rd intersection.

It also recommended that the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses be advised of the decision to relocate the taxi rank to its previous position due to the inability of using the post office car park for public parking.

Mayor Cr Laurie Maher and the Senior Management Group adopted a traffic committee recommendation at a meeting held on January 9 that the taxi rank be relocated to the eastern side of Memorial Ave, alongside the post office.

This decision was subject to the availability of public parking within the post office car park being

confirmed and signposted and that the street lighting at the intersection of Ocean View Rd and Memorial Ave be of a standard to clearly identify the pedestrian crossings.

The committee said that it had since been established that the post office car park was not available for public parking.

It stated that: "An alternative suggestion put to the traffic committee was to proceed with relocating the taxi rank alongside the post office and the displaced on-street parking could be accommodated in the public car park opposite the post office".

It stated that taxi ranks should be situated adjacent to bus zones and in the case of the

Ettalong Beach CBD this could be achieved by relocating the taxi rank to its previous position on the western side of Memorial Ave, just south of the Ocean View Rd intersection.

Council agenda TR.06.061,  
1 May 2007

## Rangers speak to owner

Gosford Council rangers have spoken to the owner of dogs on Korina Ave, Umina, following a petition to council over the dogs "constantly barking".

Council received a petition with six signatures on February 27, stating that the petitioners were seeking council's assistance in the

matter of five "constantly barking dogs".

Council referred the petition to its Education and Compliance directorate.

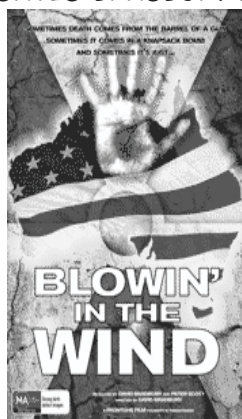
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Council agenda P.10, April 24

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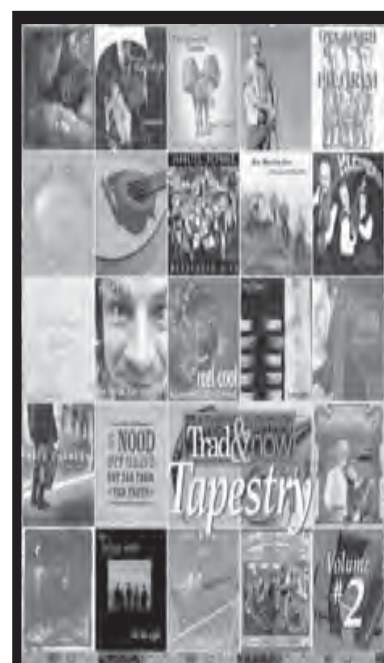
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## Signals or roundabout planned for Railway St

A proposal for traffic signals at the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Railway St, Woy Woy, has been deferred to the next traffic committee meeting pending computer modeling of the intersection and comments on the suitability of a roundabout at the intersection.

Council's Project Implementation Unit had asked for the committee to review the traffic signal plan.

The committee stated that

"concerns were raised" at the meeting regarding the potential for "lengthy traffic queues to extend southbound on Ocean Beach Rd from the proposed traffic signals".

It stated that: "With this in mind it was suggested that arrangements be made for computer modeling of the intersection, if this has not already been done, to determine if a roundabout would be a more suitable treatment for the intersection".

Council agenda TR.07.033,  
1 May 2007



The Pearl Beach Community Hall

## Crossing replaced with traffic lights

The pedestrian crossing in Blackwall Rd outside Woy Woy Public School is being replaced with traffic lights.

However, the school zone flashing lights will remain.

"The new signals will control traffic, providing a safer environment for all pedestrians particularly school aged and senior citizens," according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

Construction of the mid-block pedestrian signals began on Sunday, April 22, she said.

Ms Andrews said the lemma

Labor Government had provided \$260,000 for the work, which will take place on Blackwall Rd, south of Park Ave.

"This work is part of the NSW Government's three-year \$17 million Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade Program, on multi-lane government controlled roads," Ms Andrews said.

"Woy Woy residents will be among the first to benefit from this program, which is being rolled out over three years."

Press release, 20 Apr 2007  
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

## Grant for hall upgrade

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will receive a grant of \$66,000 to upgrade the Pearl Beach Community Hall.

It will refurbish and fit out the hall, and works will include a new kitchen and toilet facilities

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd announced the grant under the Regional Partnerships program.

"The hall is frequently used as a venue for community activities and events such as playgroup, Neighbourhood Watch meetings,

jazz concerts, and the classical music festival.

"This project will aim at improving facilities to accommodate these events better and promote even further use of the facility," Mr Lloyd said.

"The new kitchen facilities, landscaping with the provision of disabled access and a verandah will increase the comfort levels for all users in the community."

Mr Lloyd congratulated the local community for working together to access Regional Partnerships program funding and thanked

the Central Coast of NSW Area Consultative Committee for "helping to bring this project to fruition".

"It is a remarkable achievement that the community raised the magnificent sum of \$70,000 to make this project a reality," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd encouraged any community organisation to get in contact with the Central Coast Area Consultative Committee if it wished to seek funding through the Regional Partnerships program.

Press release, 24 Apr 2007  
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

## Action on 'nuisance'

A Gosford Council officer has approached the owner of two "nuisance dogs" on Bogan Rd, Booker Bay, to seek their cooperation in "abating the reported nuisance".

Council received a petition with seven signatures on January 23, asking for council's assistance in resolving the issue of two nuisance dogs that "bark constantly".

Council referred the petition to its Education and Compliance directorate.

Council has since sent a letter to the petitioners advising them that a council officer had attended the premises and asked the owner's cooperation in abating the reported nuisance and advising of the steps that can be taken should the problem continue.

Council agenda P.6, April 24

## Concerned about climate change

Gosford Council has received a petition with 22 signatures from local residents, with concerns about the effects of climate change on the low-

lying areas of the Peninsula.

The petitioners asked that council "urgently seek specialist coastal management advice as a scientific basis for the preparation of a foreshore management plan

to protect the Peninsula foreshore areas".

Council has referred the petition to its Open Space and Leisure Services directorate.

Council agenda P.26, April 24



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# Ample grounds to protect bush, says ACF branch

**A court decision last year "gave ample grounds" to reject a retirement village proposal which would "destroy rare bushland at Woy Woy", according to a regional conservation group.**

In recommending its approval, Gosford Council staff had misrepresented the nature of the court decision, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Branch president Mr Mark Snell said that a council staff report had continued to portray the court judgement as based on a technicality, rather than based on environmental impact.

"In fact, the rejection of the development was made by the judge entirely on environmental grounds," he said.

Mr Snell was commenting on six extra pages of background material which will be added to a planning report about the proposal to build on the "rare bushland" at the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The original planning report told councillors that there were insufficient grounds to reject the application and that the Council would be unlikely to be able to successfully defend an appeal in the Land and Environment Court.

"It appears council staff have not sought legal advice from their solicitors on this matter," said Mr Snell.

Mr Snell said that both the court case and advice objectors had received from the Environmental Defender's Office indicated that the Council had ample grounds to reject the application and that a rejection would be upheld in a

court appeal.

The application is expected to come before council tomorrow night, Tuesday, May 1.

The extra material portrayed the court decision against the development as being based on the technical inadequacy of a Species Impact Statement, Mr Snell said.

"However, the court actually based its decision on evidence provided by four ecologists, in addition to the SIS," Mr Snell said.

At paragraph 102 of his judgement, Justice Bignold stated that his decision was made balancing the "significant environmental impact" with the "matters weighing in favour of the proposal".

Mr Snell said council staff had also continued to place an over-reliance on a "concurrence report" from the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Council staff had cited comments made by the judge during the course of the case about the absence of a concurrence report.

Mr Snell said that, in his written judgement, the judge had merely observed (par 15) as an aside that the concurrence of the Director of National Parks and Wildlife had not been sought.

"It was not central to the findings," Mr Snell said.

"In a judgement of more than 9600 words, only 21 referred to the Director's concurrence.

"The bottom line is there is only 11 hectares of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland remaining anywhere in the world.

"It is gazetted as an Ecologically-Endangered Community and all of it is under threat of extinction in one way or another."

Mr Snell said the proposed site represented over 10 per cent of the

"rare bushland".

He said: "We need every little bit of it to give its survival every possible chance.

"We are asking councillors to reject the application on the grounds that the significance of its environmental impact is too great to allow it to proceed."

Mr Snell repeated the words of Justice Bignold when he said that the "impact justifies the epithet 'significant' in view of the very small overall areas of UCSW".

The extra six pages of background information will be added to the planning report in response to a letter from the ACF branch, which claimed that the original report was "inaccurate, inadequate and unbalanced" and "misleads councillors".

While denying the claims, council staff agreed to provide "background information ... beneficial to assist in clearly understanding the issues", after the ACF branch took the matter to the NSW Ombudsman.

Mr Snell welcomed the additional material, stating that it described the history of a previous similar application for the same land, and an appeal to the Land and Environment Court.

However, Mr Snell said he was disappointed that council staff had not changed their recommendation for approval of the proposal.

**Press release, 24 Apr 2007  
Mark Snell, Australian  
Conservation Foundation**

## Forum calls to reject DA

**The Peninsula Bushcare Forum has called on Gosford Councillors to reject the application to build luxury retirement villas on the corner of Veron Raod and Hillview St in Woy Woy.**

Council is expected to consider the DA at its meeting next Tuesday.

The forum's UCSW campaigner, Ms Shirley Hotchkiss, said the presence of uncommon and threatened species in the vicinity of the Catholic land highlighted the absurdity of destroying 10 per cent of the remaining Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

"Last week staff and volunteers saw the bush stone-curlew again in the grounds of Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College," she said.

"It has been recorded in this vicinity many times in the last few months.

"Mostly the sightings have been of one bird, but one volunteer saw three birds. This suggests they are breeding nearby.

"An ecologist has advised the Department of Commerce that the new perimeter fence at the College needs to be modified so the bush stone-curlew can gain access.

"However this species threatened with extinction is not even considered in the Species Impact Statement that is part of the DA."

Ms Hotchkiss said her discovery of an uncommon plant at the College across the road from the Catholic site was additional evidence of the need to preserve the Catholic site's rare UCSW

bushland.

"This plant is *commelina cyanea*, but in a white-flowering form.

"*Commelina cyanea* is one of the native UCSW plants. The advice from botanical experts is that special care should be taken with its protection and conservation."

Ms Hotchkiss said for nearly three years community members had sent a strong message to councillors through petitions, submissions and letters that the Catholic site's rare bushland should be protected instead of destroyed.

Ms Hotchkiss said the recent evidence reinforced the existing strong case for councillors to reject the DA.

She said the Council report which recommends the DA be approved, is inadequate, and not only in relation to the bush stone-curlew.

"Neither the SIS, nor the council, nor the Department of Environment's concurrence report addresses several key factors.

"They don't address the quality of the total Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Endangered Ecological Community; the inconsistency between the concurrence report, the DEC draft management plan and the DEC's other published statements; the rationale for, or adequacy of, the compensation offered by the developer; the adequacy of "ameliorative" measures; or how the "Option B" SIS that was placed before the Land and Environment Court differs from the SIS for the current DA."

**Media release, April 26  
Shirley Hotchkiss, Peninsula  
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## Significant women: Hilda Bird

**Hilda Bird was born in Portsmouth in 1925 and went to the local school.**

She won a scholarship to attend the Grammar School and during the War was evacuated to Salisbury where the schools shared two sessions, morning from 8am and the afternoon session after lunch to 6pm.

Her family moved to Scotland and she attended Dunfermline High School Fyffe and went to work at the Dockyards where she met Alan who was also from Portsmouth, but she didn't know him there.

She also worked in Edinburgh at the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries.

Both Alan and Hilda worked for The Admiralty during the War.

They were married at Trinity Church in Scotland, then went south for Alan's work and both worked for the Civil Service.

Hilda worked with Sir William Penney the famous Atom Scientist in charge of the Woomera Atomic Bomb, and was due to accompany him to Australia, when she fell pregnant, so she left to have her first baby.



They have a daughter, who now lives in Tasmania where she is an artist and proof reader, and their son lives in England.

Hilda has always performed - the first she can remember was when she was chosen as 'Christmas Pudding' in the infant school because she was the fattest girl in class! She always belonged to an amateur theatre group each time they moved, but in Coventry joined The Heart of England Music Hall Society, where she had the pleasure of appearing with many of the OLD vaudeville/Music Hall Stars, Tommy Trinder being the most well-known.

Sandy Powell did his very last

show with the group, just one week before he died.

This interest led to the collection of tapes which started her off broadcasting here in Australia.

They lived near Coventry in England where Hilda was a Lay Magistrate at Nuneaton.

They then travelled to South Africa for Alan's work, staying five years.

Here Hilda became involved with taping hundreds of books for blind students of law and mathematics.

She also taught Zulu people English, as they could get better jobs if they spoke English.

She is also a proficient artist, often painting for theatre productions..

Alan and Hilda migrated to Australia when Alan retired in 1986.

He played golf and then became interested in theatre.

Hilda joined Woy Woy Little Theatre soon after arrival.

Her first part being Mrs Danvers in Rebecca.

She has acted and directed and produced many plays since, as well as backstage, where everybody did everything just like the old

**A second edition of "Significant Women of the Central Coast 2007" has been published as an International Women's Day project.**

The first edition was published last year.

It was collated by Ms Margaret Hardy, Gosford Council's Citizen of the Year, on behalf of the Multi Arts Confederation and Friends of Caroline Bay Inc and printed by Gosford Council in March.

Women included in the publication have been nominated

by their friends and admirers of their work, according to Ms Hardy.

"Most have a social conscience which drives them to make a difference, correct injustices, create works of art, or are creative in their approach to people and life," Ms Hardy said.

Peninsula News has been given permission to feature the profiles of women of the Peninsula in each edition in further recognition of their contribution to the community.

Cec Bucello, 13 Apr 2007

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Since The Peninsula Theatre was built, all productions are now held there.

Hilda has had many other interests since coming to Australia, She became a Marriage Celebrant, an Art Teacher at Mandala Clinic and has been broadcasting on both

2000 and Radio Five-O-Plus since about 1992. Her program on Radio Five-O-Plus which she has done for the past six years, is called "Tea and Talk" and is broadcast each

Friday.

Hilda and Alan have travelled the world including going down the Amazon River in a dugout canoe, visiting Patagonia and the Yukon in Alaska just a few of the exotic trips they have made.

They celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a cruise on the QE 2 and recently spent time with their family in France.

They have one grandson and one great grandson in England.

## Significant women: Joy Burrows

**Joy Burrows moved to Woy Woy in November 1977 to take care of her father until he passed away.**

Some time later, Joy commenced work as a volunteer within the community and continues this work to the present day

In the mid 1980's, Joy joined Woy Woy and District View Club and with the "View" ladies, worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Smith Family.

She held the position of Treasurer for four years, was a delegate for two years, and remains a member to this day.

In 1986 Joy joined the Woy Woy Branch of the Liberal party and her love of politics was born.

Also during 1986, she volunteered to help with Meals on Wheels and became mainly a driver.

In 1988 Joy attended the opening of the Woy Woy Environment Centre which was a Bicentennial Project.

On Opening day, she volunteered to work at the Centre. She manned and helped to promote the Centre and the Environment, every Monday for many years.

Holding the position of Treasurer of the Environment Centre for ten years, with the monthly Sunday excursions becoming an important part of the Centre's activities.

Joy joined the Killcare Heights Garden Club in 1990 and remains a member to date - for seven years she held the position of Publicity Officer and compiled the second edition of the Constitution and By-Laws in 2002, copies of which are with the Department of Fair Trading.

Early in 1988, Joy transferred

to the Empire Bay Branch of the Liberal party.

She became President in July 1995 and began revitalising the Branch.

In October 1997, the Branch was awarded the Bevan Bradbury Branch of the Year for all of NSW Joy is still a member.

During 1996, Joy moved to Green Point and continued her community work.

She became President of Robertson FEC (Liberal Party) in 1997 and the recipient of the Federal Meritorious for Service Award and Medal in 1998, for service to the Liberal Party of Australia at both Branch and Conference Level.

Joy is also the recipient of the Centenary Medal for Services to Local Government and Veterans awarded in 2000.

In 2001 she became an inaugural Recipient of Quiet Achievers Award from Gosford Rotary Club.

As a voting member on Gosford City Council's Traffic Committee for the past 12 years, Joy is well aware of the responsibility and safety issues involved in this role.

Joy is also a member of the Green Point Probus Club and was previously Treasurer of Terrigal Ladies Club for 4 years. She is also a member of the U3A.



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## Water testing for treatment plant

**Gosford Council officers have recommended that council accept the tender from Sydney Water to provide water quality analysis at several locations, including the Woy Woy Water Treatment Plant.**

The contract will cover water samples for a two-year period.

Tenders for the provision of water quality analysis services closed on February 13.

A report from council stated that the work had previously operated without a term contract, but as the number of samples had increased over the past 12 months, it was decided that a contract should be let for the work.

Council received eight tenders

for the work.

Council reported that a four-member tender evaluation panel agreed that "the most suitable tender came from Sydney Water".

Council stated that water samples tested in any one financial year will cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000, depending on the number of repeat samples required.

The work also includes the analysis of water samples from the Somersby Water Treatment Plant, raw water samples from Mangrove, Narara, Woy Woy and Somersby bore fields, as well as Mangrove Creek and Mooney Mooney Dams.

**Council agenda, WAT.11, 1 May 2007**

**A free community fun day has been organised by the Peninsula Families Action Group for residents to "celebrate and learn more" about a "precinct park" playground proposed for development at the Umina recreation reserve.**

The Peninsula Park Fun Day, organised by the Action Group with the support of Gosford Council and organisations such as Club Umina and the Umina SLSC, will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 10am to 2pm at the Umina Recreation Park opposite Umina Surf Club on Sydney Rd.

Action Group president and fun day organiser Ms Sarah Tolmie said the Fun Day catered for children and families with amusements and activities that include a giant slide, storytelling, clowning entertainments, face painting, bubbles, games and even play equipment for under five year olds.

Ms Tolmie said there would also be refreshments stalls,

displays of playground equipment and information stands from community groups such as Umina Surf Lifesaving, Club Umina, LETS (Local Exchange Trading System), Water Conservation information and other community support services.

Ms Tolmie said the purpose of the event was to inform the Peninsula public about a precinct park proposal for the Umina Beach Recreation Reserve.

"Concepts of a new playground will be shown and community feedback can be given in regards to how you would use the park and what you would like to see included in the design," Ms Tolmie said.

"Ideas for the park design include state of the art equipment for all ages, adult exercise equipment, picnic and BBQ facilities, sculpture and natural landscaping.

"We want to get families and the community out, enjoying playgrounds and natural open spaces.

"This event helps to spread the message about the health, social and community benefits of quality

parks, playgrounds and outdoor recreation.

"Our group has been working hard for almost two years to get this park project up and running.

"We are really pleased that Gosford Council is committed to providing a quality playground and community park facility.

"It is important that our community shows its support and can be involved in its design and planning.

"We should really be excited about this park as an important community asset."

Ms Tolmie said the Peninsula Families Action Group intends to work with council and "key community stakeholders" to "secure partnerships and explore grants opportunities to help fund the project".

Organisers are seeking volunteers to assist on the day and anyone interested should telephone 0418 640 901 or email stolmie@uptime.net.au

**Press release, 25 Apr 2007**

**Sarah Tolmie,**

**Peninsula Families Action Group**

## Hale to chair Red Shield appeal

**Ettalong Beach Club chairman, Fast Ships chairman and Gosford councillor Peter Hale has become the chairman of The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, Central Coast.**

Cr Hale took over the role from Central Coast businessman Mr John Dawson, who chaired last year's Appeal.

"John Dawson and Tony Sansom before him both did outstanding jobs in coordinating the Appeal and in building understanding of the

need to support The Salvo's on the Central Coast," said Cr Hale.

"My challenge is to maintain that momentum and to ensure growth in the revenue collected for the Appeal on the Central Coast.

"The Central Coast is still one of the few regions in Australia where The Salvation Army commits more money than it collects," said Councillor Hale. "One of my objectives is to turn that around over the next five years."

The Salvation Army, Central Coast, is currently accepting donations to the Red Shield

Appeal.

For credit card donations, visit [www.salvos.org](http://www.salvos.org) or telephone 137 2586.

Cheques and money orders can be posted to PO Box 324, The Entrance, 2261.

Anyone willing to spare several hours over the door knock weekend of May 19 and 20 to be a volunteer collector should telephone The Salvation Army, Central Coast, on 4325 5614.

**Press release, 26 Apr 2007**

**Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic**

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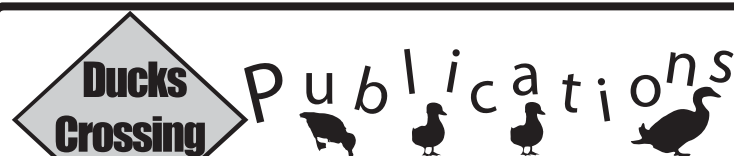
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Part of a large flock of Ibis at Rogers Park after the recent rain commenced

## Concerned about laneway parking

Gosford Council has received a petition with six signatures from residents concerned about parents of children from Woy Woy South Primary School using a nearby laneway to park in "every morning and afternoon of the school week".

The petition was from residents whose properties back onto the laneway off Waterloo Ave, opposite Woy Woy South Primary School.

The petitioners stated that the parking created a "danger for children using the footpath in Waterloo Ave with these vehicles

driving across the footpath".

The petitioners stated the vehicles partially block access to their properties.

They also stated that the surface of the laneway was soft sand with a strip of gravel down the middle, and the "excessive use" was "causing damage to the road surface".

The petitioners asked council to erect No Stopping signs along this laneway.

Council has referred the petition to its engineering services directorate.

Council agenda P.27, April 24

## Traffic committee turns down request

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended against providing No Stopping signs at the front of a house in Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina Beach.

It has also recommended against reducing the existing 60km/h speed limit on Mt Ettalong Rd.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews had asked council to reduce the speed limit in the area and provide parking restrictions.

The committee stated that kerbside parking near the general store on Mt Ettalong Rd was reported to "cause an obstruction

to the driveway" of a nearby house.

"It has been requested that a No Stopping restriction be imposed to deter this practice," the report stated.

"Further, it has been requested that the 60km/h speed limit be reduced to overcome the possibility of vehicles veering to the wrong side of the road for the purpose of avoiding a collision with any vehicles parked at the kerbside."

The committee stated that the provision of No Stopping signs was not recommended as it would impact on parking conditions in close proximity to the general

store.

It also suggested that instances of parking across the residential driveway should be reported to council's ranger service.

"The existing 60km/h speed limit is considered appropriate for Mt Ettalong Rd," the report stated.

"Also, the road is clearly linemarked to guide motorists through the bend."

Council agenda TR.07.029, 1 May 2007

## No action on no parking

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that council take no action to provide a No Parking zone along the eastern side of Edward St, Woy Woy.

Local residents had asked for the reinstatement of a No Parking restriction on the eastern side of Edward St near the intersection of Victoria Rd, Woy Woy.

However, a committee report stated that there was no indication in council's signposting records of a parking restriction on the eastern side of Edward St.

The report stated that: "It is considered that the standard 10 metre No Stopping rule at intersections is sufficient for this location".

Council agenda TR.07.032, 1 May 2007

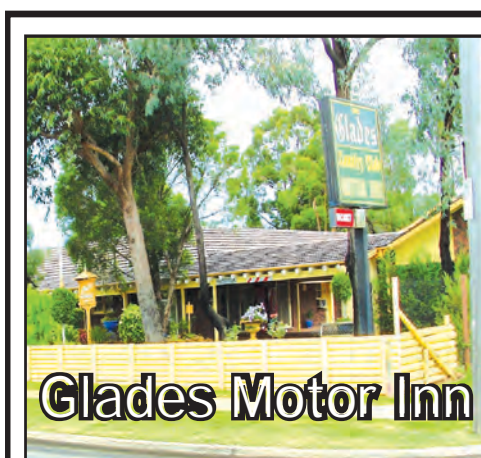


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# Food donations

**A Woy Woy fitness centre has collected and donated 61 bags of groceries weighing 545.5kg to the Salvation Army.**

"Curves continued its tradition of contributing to the local community with its most recent donations to charitable organizations," Curves Woy Woy owner Ms Gael Connop said.

"In their annual food drive last month, Curves clubs worldwide waived their joining fee and

collected a green recyclable bag of groceries in lieu of the regular joining fee.

"At Woy Woy Curves, 61 bags of groceries weighing 545.5 kg were collected and then distributed to the Salvation Army.

"At the same time as the clubs were busy collecting food, they were also running a Biggest Loser Race promotion which was to promote awareness and raise funds for Diabetes Australia."

**Press release, 18 Apr 2007**  
Gael Connop, Curves Woy Woy

# Street stall

**The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary street stall will be outside Flemings on West St, Umina Beach, on Thursday, May 17, from 9am to 3.30pm.**

Proceeds from the stall would support "our local hospital", said public relations officer Ms Pat Harding.

**Press release, 23 Apr 2007**  
Pat Harding,  
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

# Branch holds lunch

**The Woy Woy branch of the Save the Children organisation will hold its annual luncheon from noon on Tuesday, May 29.**

The luncheon will feature guest speakers Joan Victory and Jenny Grant from Radio 50 Plus.

The luncheon will be held at St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean

Beach Rd, Umina Beach.

Entry to the event will cost \$10 which includes lunch and lucky door prizes.

For more information, telephone May on 4341 1104 or Dennis Hensman on 4341 4775.

**Press release, 19 Apr 2007**  
Dennis Hensman, Save the Children Woy Woy

## Forum



## Waiting for a disaster?

**For over five weeks, I have sought to get urgent action from Gosford Council regarding two areas where vertical cracking of rock faces on Patonga Drive could endanger motorists if the wall breaks away.**

The two most dangerous areas are just before the second last and last right hand bends as you approach the turn-off to the water tower.

I understand that Council is awaiting advice on a grant from Government for "disaster" funding, and won't start on the work until their application is decided.

Meanwhile, they seem deaf to

## Forum

formal complaints that the rock face is opening up and cars are more endangered with each passing wet period.

Today I took new photos in addition to two previous sets of the worst area, where an angophora sapling is holding back three large rocks.

The rockface below has since cracked further in the last week.

Action is required before someone's life is endangered.

At the very least, motorists need to be warned to be aware of the areas.

**Kay Williams**  
Pearl Beach

# Problems exist with roundabout

**Problems already exist with the new raised roundabout at the junction of Wellington and Ocean Beach Rds Umina.**

Too late I arrived Friday morning to photograph the now-repaired collapsed edge of the raised turning point which was crushed beneath vehicles larger than buses.

They are managing better than B-doubles which have been

seen to reverse back and cut the corner because they simply can't negotiate the right turn around the roundabout from Wellington St into Ocean Beach Rd,

Was this planned by council with presumably input from the Brisbane Water Area Command of the NSW Police.

**Edward James**  
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Depp Studios in Trafalgar Ave, Umina

## New photographic studio opens

**A new photographic studio has commenced trading in Trafalgar Ave, Umina.**

Trading as Depp Studios, it is proprietor David Farmer's first business.

David has lived on the Peninsula all his life and is an experienced filmmaker.

He has been involved in making music videos for many well-known performers including John Williamson and Casey Chambers.

The studio has been set up to do portraits as well as movies.

In the past, his photography has mainly been scenic and he has

sold frame prints of those photos.

The studio does portraits and is looking to specialise in photographs of children, families, pets and weddings.

"I want to create an affordable studio where families can portraits done at a reasonable price," David said.

The studio also converts VHS videos to DVD and David has his own editing and mastering suite.

All clients having portraits done will receive a free CD of all their photographs so they can make extra photographs as they wish.

Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007



Beachside Furniture sells new and used furniture

## New business has old furniture

**A new business dealing in new and used office and home furniture has started trading in Umina.**

Based in Trafalgar Ave, the business trades as Beachside Furniture.

Proprietor Lance Adams lives on the Peninsula and said that he is keen to encourage people to visit his shops for office and home furniture at the right price.

Beachside Furniture commenced trading in mid-March, and buys and sells new and used factory second furniture.

Mr Adams said that because of the nature of the business the display stock is constantly changing.

"I am looking to make sure that all our customers receive value for money," Mr Adams said.

"We can also deliver anywhere

on the Peninsula at very reasonable prices."

Often on weekends, Lance puts on display his collection of vintage motorcycles at the front of his shop.

"My motorcycles create a great deal of excitement and it's good to see people appreciate fine machinery as old as that," Lance said.

Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007

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## Arts & Entertainment



The Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy

# Pay for theatre tickets at the library

**Tickets to shows at the Peninsula Theatre may now be purchased the Woy Woy Library customer service desk.**

"Theatre goers can now book tickets to shows at the Peninsula Theatre over the phone and pay for those tickets at the library," said Laycock St Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"The service is available from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and from 9am to noon on Saturdays.

"If you don't have a credit card to pay over the phone and you can't come to the Laycock St Theatre in North Gosford to pay for your tickets, the ability to go into one of our many agencies makes it much easier for our patrons."

As well as the new facility at Woy Woy Library, the service has been available for some time at Leading Edge Music Stores at Deepwater Plaza at Woy Woy.

"Patrons will need to talk to staff in the Laycock St Theatre Box Office to get information about shows, availability of tickets, costs, and so

on, but after putting your tickets on hold, it is now a simple matter of going to the library to pay for the tickets and then picking them up from the box office at Peninsula Theatre on the day or night of the performance.

Tickets for performances at the Laycock St Theatre will also be available through Woy Woy Library.

The Laycock St Theatre Box Office can be contacted by telephoning 4323 3233.

**Press release, 26 Apr 2007**  
**Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre**

## Author enjoys quiet time

Peninsula resident Mr Noel Olive, author of "Enough is Enough, a history of the Pilbara Mob", said he is looking forward to some "quiet time" after completing his book earlier this year.

Mr Olive spent the last five years writing a detailed history on "the suffering of the Aboriginal community of the Pilbara region in Western Australia".

Having worked with Aboriginal people as a young adult, Mr Olive said he went on to study law by correspondence at Macquarie University while working as a builder's labourer.

He said that in 1989 he was given the opportunity to represent Aboriginal people in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

"My experiences demanded that I record the history of suffering of the Pilbara mob and the spirit and dignity that has ensured their survival," Mr Olive said.

"These people live in Third World poverty.

"They should not have to put up with such racial inequality."

Mr Olive said he has been living on the Peninsula for over 11 years and enjoys the natural setting of the area, especially the waterfront outlook and bushwalking tracks.

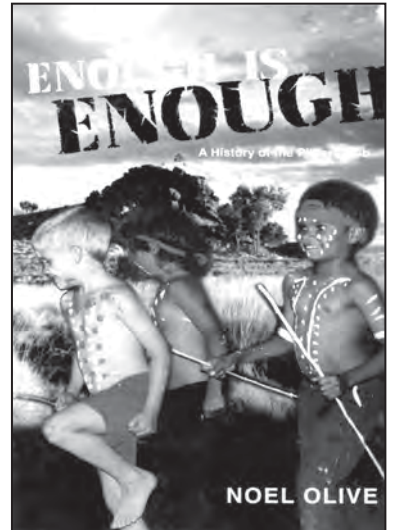
"I enjoy nature and bushwalking very much," Mr Olive said.

"The national parks around here are just beautiful.

"We live in such a naturally beautiful country."

Mr Olive recently got back from a trip to Western Australia where he visited the Pilbara people involved in his book.

"I gave those people who



contributed to my research a copy of the book so they could see what I had come up with," Mr Olive said.

"All of them have said what a great read it is.

"That makes all the hard work and dedication pay off."

Mr Olive said his book is an attempt to try and change white supremacy and racial inequality to Aboriginal people.

"The Aboriginal people have struggled with white supremacy for far too long," Mr Olive said.

"As Australia grows into a larger multicultural society, it is time this changed."

Mr Olive said he plans to begin writing on another book, "Sharing", later in the year.

The book is expected to detail anecdotal material he collected while writing "Enough is Enough".

Noel Olive's book "Enough is Enough" is available at Dymocks booksellers, Erina and Book Bazaar, Umina.

**Clare Graham, 27 Apr 2007**

### Woy Woy Environment Centre

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## Art show at Empire Bay

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The show will run from May 18 to 20 and all parents and community members "are welcome to attend".

"All students are currently producing works of art that will be available for sale at or before the art show for \$10," school principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said.

"Local artists work will also be for sale.

"A lucky door prize and raffle will be held on the day for a chance at winning a Dawne Fahey photograph of Maitland Bay."

**Newsletter, 26 Apr 2007**

**Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**



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## Theatre hosts festival of short plays

**Gosford Council will host a week-long festival of short plays at the Peninsula Theatre from July 24 to 28, featuring local actors and directors and showcasing the work of local playwrights.**

The Short & Sweet play festival was conceived by Mark Cleary of the Newtown Theatre in Sydney.

"In just six years, it has grown to be the world's biggest such festival, with more than 1500 international entries received annually and seasons featuring more than 100 plays drawing sell-out audiences in Sydney, Melbourne and Singapore - with NZ, the US and European versions on the way too," said Laycock St Theatre staff member Ms Terri Graham.

"The brilliant formula of short, tasty 'bites' of theatre is a hit with audiences everywhere because it offers something for everyone... as well as a stage for fresh, new work and the chance for upcoming

artists to strut their stuff.

"Artistic director of the season will be local actor, writer and director Steven Hopley, himself an award-winning veteran of Short and Sweet.

"Hopley, of Woy Woy, is not only well known locally for his comedy and classic productions but has had his own short plays performed at the Sydney Opera House and internationally including Paradise, Carpe Decaf and The Aussie Pride BBQ.

"Entries for scripts (for plays lasting no longer than 10 minutes) close on May 18 and may be submitted by any current or former resident of the Central Coast.

"There is no restriction on cast size, theme or style - writers are welcome to unleash their creativity on a story of their choosing."

To submit scripts or to seek further information about Short & Sweet at: [www.shortandsweet.org](http://www.shortandsweet.org).

Press release, 23 Apr 2007  
Terri Graham, Laycock St Theatre



The Irvine Family Piano Scholarship winner from last year

## Scholarships for students

**Two students from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music will be presented with scholarships at a free performance in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Sunday, May 6, at 2pm.**

The Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship and the Irvine Family Scholarship for piano playing reflect the wish of the Pearl Beach community to "foster a love of music amongst young people on the Central Coast" communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said.

The Director of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music Mr Chris Bearman will compare the competition and recital.

"The Association's fine Kawai piano and the ongoing piano scholarships have been given by the Irvine family in memory of their parents, Helen and Alex Irvine, pioneer residents of Pearl Beach," Ms Lillico said.

"We look forward to an afternoon of fine music performed by talented young music students.

"Entry is free however a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

"The scholarship concert is a precursor to the annual Pearl Beach Chamber Music Festival on the June long weekend."

Press release, 20 Apr 2007  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Folk club presents Australian concert

**The Troubadour folk club will present an Australian Theme Concert with "Collector" at the Peninsula Theatre on May 19, at 7.30pm.**

"There are bands that become essential in the labour of keeping the musical heritage of certain societies alive and in good health, researching and performing traditional music with acknowledgement and taste, while making it a lot of fun for the audience at the same time," Troubadour Central Coast media officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"There is such a band in Australia, and that's Collector.

"They breathe new life into the old songs and dance tunes of their native culture.

"From lively tunes to heartfelt ballads to acapella singing, with well thought out and tasteful arrangements, Collector has won plaudits for playing and re-creating the grand old music of the Australian Bush."

The event will also feature a dance display by the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association.

A blackboard concert and fun session will be held by Troubadour Central Coast at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy on May 13 starting at 1:30pm.

Ms Desborough said all were welcomed to perform or to just sit and listen.

Tea, coffee and afternoon tea will be provided.

Entry to the event is \$5 or \$3 concession.

Tickets for the Australian Theme Concert at the theatre will cost \$25 and \$20 concession.

They are available from the Laycock St theatre on 4323 3233 or from Peninsula Music, 38 George St, Woy Woy, on 4342 9099 or from the Troubadour folk club by telephoning 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929

Press release, 2 Apr 2007  
Leila Desborough,  
Troubadour Central Coast



## Troubadour Central Coast presents: Collector

traditional and collected Australian Music with "new life" - **Saturday May 19, 7.30pm**

Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy

Tickets on sale at Laycock St Theatre ticket office, Peninsula Music at Woy Woy or from the Troubadour by phoning 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

**Tickets \$25 - \$20 Concession - \$18 members**

See [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au) for more info

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# What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PCYC**, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

**WWBC**, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

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

**WWPH**, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

## DAILY EVENTS

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

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

## TUESDAY

### First Tuesday of every month

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

### Second Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

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

**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, **ESCC**

### Every Tuesday

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

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

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

**Judo** 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm, **Gambling Counselling** by apointment, Latin Salsa Dance 8pm, **School for Learning/Seniors - over 55's** 10am, **Belly Dancing**, 1pm, **PCC**.

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm; **Gym Sessions** 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9:15am & 6pm; **PCYC**

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy**, 6pm, **ECC**

**Ladies Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **Computers**, 9am, **ESCC** .

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: 4379 1132

**Bowls**; 10am, Card Club; 7.30pm, **Chess Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

**Tai-Chi** classes, 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705, **WH**

**Folk Art** 9.30am, **Silk Painting** 1pm **EBACC**

**Children's story time**, Umina library, 10.30 am (Except Jan).

**Sahaja yoga meditation**, 10:30am enq: 4328 1409, **CWAHWW**

**Playgroup** 10am Kids 0-5yrs, **WWPH**, enq: Juhel 4342 4362

**Butterfly Group Drop In (Domestic violence support)**, 12.30pm **PWHC**

**Woy Woy Blood Bank**, 11.15am to 8.45pm, session time 1pm to 7pm, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy

**WEDNESDAY**

### First Wednesday of every month

Older women's network, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079, **WWLC**

CWA social day, 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192, **CWAHWW**

Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association, 7.30pm, **EPH**

### Second Wednesday of every Month

**Woy Woy VIEW Club**, Friendship Day, **MOW**, 10.30-11am, enq: 4344 1440.

**Red Cross**, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy **Community Aged Care Auxiliary**, 10am enq: 4344 2599.

Umina Beach **Probus Club**, 9.30am, **ECC**

### Third Wednesday of every month

**Woy Woy VIEW Club - Luncheon** at the Everglades Country Club, 10.30-11am, enq: 4344 1440, **ECC**

### Every Wednesday

**St John's Ambulance**; Woy Woy Aged Care, 7pm, enq:4341 3341.

**Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade** 7.30pm Stanley St, Killcare, enq: 4360 2161.

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club**,. 9.30am & 7.30pm enq: 4341 6763,

**Oil Painting**, 9am, **Scrapbooking** 9am, **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924

**Playgroup** 10am, **Weight Watchers** 5.30pm, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm; **School for Learning/Seniors** 9am, **Gambling** and general counselling by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm

**The Web**, 12pm - 6pm; **PCC** . Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Brisbane Waters **Scrabble Club**, **MOW** 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.

**Seniors fitness** **EPH** 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

**Indoor Bowls** 9am; **Fitness** 1pm **Leatherwork** 9am; **Table Tennis** 9am. **Scrabble** 1pm; **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC**

**Gym Sessions** 8am (Incl **Self Defence for Young Women** 1pm; **Gym Circuit** 6pm; **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

**Oils & Acrylics** 9am, **Pastels & Drawing** 11.30am, **EBACC**

**Children's story time**, Woy Woy library, 10.30 - 11.30am (Except Jan).

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 12.15 & 6.30 , St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

**Handicraft CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

**THURSDAY**

### Second Thursday of every month

**Outsiders Club**, 9am; **Brisbane Water Seniors** 1pm Enq: 4344 5670 **EBWMC**

**Women's Health Clinic** Enq 4320 3741 **PWHC**

**Australiana Bus Trips** **PCC** **Women's Health Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741

**Fourth Thursday of every month**

9am **Free immunization clinic** for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, **BFC**

Umina **Probus**, **ECC**, 10am. **Women's Health Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741

### Every Thursday

**Creative Writing**, **CWAHWW**, Enq 4369 1187

**Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Music 2-5yrs** 9am, **Yoga** 10am, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Judo**, 5pm Enq: 43424121; **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, 4342 3684; **PCC**

**Free entertainment** 6.30 pm, **School for Learning/Seniors** 9am; **Senior Snooker** 8.30am

**Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **EMBC**.

Bouddi **Women's Drumming**, 2pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.

**Scrabble**, 12.30pm. **WWPH** , **Children's art classes** 4.30pm, **EBACC**

**Tai Chi** 11.30am & 3.45pm; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**, 9am; **Table Tennis**, 1.45pm; **Cards** noon, **ESCC**

**St John's Ambulance**; **Brisbane Water Cadets**, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

**Children's story time**, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30am (Except

Jan).

**Gym Sessions** 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am & 6pm **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC** .

**Social Tennis** 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

**Adult tap dancing**, **EPH** 10am; enq: 4342 3925

**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.

## FRIDAY

### Second Friday of every month

2pm **Peninsula Twins Club** Free. **BFC**

RSL Sub branch **EBWMC**, 2.30pm.

**Third Friday of every month**

Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

### Fourth Friday of every month

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, **WH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.

Civilian widows, **ESCC**, 1pm.

### Every Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Watercolour Painting** 10am, **EBACC**

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

**Gym Sessions** 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training** 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

**Peninsula Pastimes** Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm, 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**

**Peninsula Residents Association Meeting**

**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, **ESCC**, Enq:4344 3131/4341 3222

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

enq:4344 3131/4341 3222.

**SUNDAY**

### First Sunday of every month

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

### Second Sunday of every month

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

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

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

### Third Sunday of every month

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

**Vietnam Vets**, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC**

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

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



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### 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**, 10.30am and 1pm, **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,

**Gambling & general Counselling** by appointment, Music 2-5 yrs 9am **PCC**

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

### Upcoming Events

**May 2 - Dementia talk**, 11am, Woy Woy Leagues Club, enq: 4342 2197

**May 4 - Cultural Laboratory**, 7.30pm, Peninsula Theatre, enq: 4323 3233

**May 5 - A History Making Day**, Wagstaffe Hall, enq: 4360 1709.

**May 5 - Community and the Environment** discussion, 10.30am, **WVEC**

**May 5 - Ettalong Baptist Church Fete**, 8am - 12.30pm, cnr Maitland Bay Dr and Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong,

**May 8 - Nuclear Power is Not the Answer**, presentation, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7.30pm, enq: 4341 2327.

**May 8 - Positive Parenting Program**, BFC, enq: 4343 1929

**May 10 - Living with Teens** course begins, until June 14, 7pm to 9pm, Umina Uniting Church, enq: 4341 0793.

**May 11 - Donormobile blood bank**, 8am to 4.30pm, session time 9.30am to 2.30pm, Deepwater Plaza

**May 12 - Card making workshop**, 9am to 12 noon, **EBACC**, enq: 4341 3599

**May 12 - Precinct Park Fun Day**, Umina Recreation Reserve, 10am - 2pm, enq: 0418 640 901

**May 17 - Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary Street Stall**, 9am - 3.30pm, West St, Umina

**May 18 to May 20 - Art Show**, Empire Bay Public School

**May 19 - Sustainable home field trip**, enq: 4342 6589.

**May 19 - Collector**, Peninsula Theatre, 7.30pm, enq: 4323 3233

**May 26 - Scrapbooking Workshop**, 9am to 12 noon, **EBACC**, enq: 4341 3599.

**May 27 - Woy Woy Public School Fete**, enq: 0413 933 244

**May 29 - Save the Children Woy Woy Branch Luncheon**, 12 noon, St Andrews Church Hall, enq: 4341 1104

**June 2 - LETS trading day**, enq: 4344 6185.

## Engaging boys better in class

**The question of "how to get primary school boys better engaged in class" was addressed at a recent staff development day held at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club recently.**

Teachers from several Peninsula primary schools were among 170 teachers who attended the day on April 23.

The local participating primary schools were Umina, Ettalong, Empire Bay, Woy Woy and Woy

Woy South.

Victoria Clay and Denis O'Brien from the University of Newcastle's FamilyAction Centre discussed with teachers strategies for encouraging boys to apply themselves better, with topics including literacy, mentoring, Indigenous education and information technology. The pair stated that when the teachers return to their classes they will involve their colleagues in assessing which elements of the program will be "most useful"

to their particular school, and build best-practice into their lessons "to the benefit of boys and also girls, who also do better in a more settled learning environment".

The program is based on a federal government "Success for Boys" grant of \$70,000, applied for by Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus head science teacher Mr Brett Giles.

**Press release, 20 Apr 2007**  
**Sven Wright, Department of Education and Training**

## Positive parenting program planned

**A Positive Parenting Program will be run at Beachside Family Centre for families of children aged two to 10 years old, starting on Tuesday, May 8.**

"Triple P is a group program where you will learn effective parenting strategies, how to promote your child's development, how to manage common child behaviour problems, principles to help you deal with almost any situation that might arise," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"Triple P suggests simple routines and small changes that can make a big difference to your family.

"It helps you understand the way your family works and uses the things you already say, think, feel and do in new ways.

"The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm from May 8 to 29 and will include two follow-up phone calls after group program to see how parents are going."

Ms Notara said the Triple P Program was free and that parents would only need to purchase a manual for \$17.

Ms Notara said there would also be a "What Makes Toddlers Tick" course starting at Beachside Family Centre on Wednesday, May 9, for parents and carers of one- to three-year-olds.

"This course will help you understand your child's behaviour better, develop simple ideas to manage and build confidence for the challenges and joys that toddlers bring to life," Ms Notara said.

Childcare is available for 0 to 5 year olds for a gold coin donation.

Bookings are essential.

For more information on either parents course, telephone Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Beachside Family Centre is located in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

**Press release, 27 Apr 2007**  
**Debbie Notara,**  
**Beachside Family Centre**

## P&C holds fete

**Woy Woy Public School P&C association will hold a fete from 10.30am on Sunday, May 27, within the school grounds.**

"This year's event includes a wide variety of carnival rides including the hurricane, cha cha, jumping castles and many more activities, competitions, food and craft stalls," said fete coordinator Mr Mark Ellis.

"There will also be a mega-chocolate wheel with some great prizes.

"Also this year we are selling prepaid tickets for designated amusement rides where you can get four hours unlimited rides for

\$20. Otherwise, individual tickets can be purchased on the day."

For more information, telephone

Mark Ellis on 0413 933 244.

**Press release, 26 Apr 2007**  
**Mark Ellis,**  
**Woy Woy Public School P&C**

### The Central Coast Potters Society

will hold its annual Mothers Day Exhibition and Sale at Gosford

Regional Gallery from

30th April - 9th May.

This exhibition will be open from 9.30am - 4.15pm everyday in Studio 1.

On display will be a wide range of items all hand-made locally.

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## Central Coast Bush Dance & Music Association

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**May 12 - Bush Dance with Sydney Coves**

**June 9 - Contra Dance with Ryebuck**

East Gosford Progress Hall, Henry Parry Drive @ 7.30pm

Enq: 02 4388 2253 - Admission \$15 incl. supper

Folk Fed Affiliates & Pensioners \$12, Children 12 to 18 \$8

**www.ccbdma.org for more information**



## Forum

# Statistics don't mean squat

**Living in the centre of Commercial Business Districts most of my life, I understand that after the loss of several glass shop fronts, shop insurance is no longer an affordable option for struggling business people.**

In fact it ceases to be a viable option for the whole business area as insurers pick up on reports of increased risk.

While the cost is generally

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written into the tenants lease, and the flow on from uninsured drunken vandalism graffiti and opportunistic burglaries continues to mount, our third or fourth police minister in as many years is only able to claim statistics on reported crime have dropped.

We here know the actual crime rate increases.

The years of insufficient police

presence has resulted in heaps of historical records and video footage but nothing else of value.

We have had a gut full of this garbage from four successive Labor Governments, without on-the-ground police presence in the small hours in our taxpaying communities, statistics from Mr Wedderburn of the Bureau of Crime Statistics don't mean squat.

**Edward James Umina**

**As a Scrabble-player, I believed Ern Foster to be one of the elite members of the Woy Woy Scrabble Club.**

He was the type of person who believed in encouraging newer players, who needed a bit of coaching in tactics, without letting it detract from his own competitiveness.

I had experienced a couple of very rare successes against him, over the few short years that I knew

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him (and I stress the word "rare").

The Scrabble fraternity on the Woy Woy Peninsula, as well as the NSW Scrabble Players Association, is much poorer for his passing, and my family's condolences go to Margaret and her surviving family.

Here is a small offering of verse, that I have composed, which I hope will befit this solemn occasion.

# Disastrous delay

**Another disastrous delay made by Cityrail has left Central Coast commuters angry and fed up.**

The Wednesday 3:00pm Central to Gosford rail service was unexpectedly interrupted by a screaming woman who was drinking and neglecting her two toddlers in a pram.

Passengers were disgusted by her drunk and disorderly behaviour after her pram was jolted in between the inter-connecting

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carriage doors.

Passengers told the woman to stop yelling and cursing, while another female passenger took matters further.

The passenger approached the train guard located at the rear carriage and after reporting the outspoken woman who was drinking and screaming at onlookers, no efforts were offered by the guard.

"Cityrail has failed to take responsibility for the safety of passengers. The small children could have been harmed and other passengers abused by their mother," said an onlooker.

The train was delayed at Cowan station for several minutes while passengers watched the woman scream at the train and remove her jammed pram.

**Eleanor Pendleton Woy Woy**

*As a scrabble player, Ern Foster was the best,  
He played the craftiest scrabble in the west,  
However bad the state of the game,  
His will to win remained the same.*

*When things looked impossibly bleak,  
He often found the titles he would seek,  
And if his opponent got up to win,  
Ern took it bravely on the chin.*

*Vale! Ern Foster, may you rest in peace*

*- Ray and Laurin Bride Woy Woy*

# Greed of banks

**As an old-timer, I can recall many of the leaders of the Labor Party in the past were hurt by the greed and social fascism of the banks.**

They were pushed off their land and thrown on Poverty Row by these financial institutions.

Labor Prime Minister Ben Chifflery tried to nationalise the banks to bring them under the control of the people.

Decades later, another Labor Prime Minister privatised and de-regulated these banks, under the

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now current social banner "Greed is Good" and "Let's Screw the Poor".

**Keith Whitfield Woy Woy**

# Chain down bins

**Fifty-seven business people on the Woy Woy Peninsula have asked Gosford Council for an immediate response to their petition to have the Council secure the garbage bins along West St and in cross streets of Umina.**

Their demands are due to the

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internal steel bins being used to smash shopfronts because they are not chained to the base of their attractive surrounds.

It is understood that similar bins in the vicinity of Woy Woy rail station are chained down.

Criminal property damage and vandalism has business operators with their hands constantly in pockets supplementing an ineffective nighttime police presence on the Peninsula.

**Edward James Umina**

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## Deaths

### In Memorium

**Laurence ("Laurie") Walters**, late of Woy Woy and formerly of Lindfield NSW, passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long illness at the Brisbane Waters Private Hospital on April 20, 2007. Beloved Father of Cherole, John and daughters in-law Marcelle and Leonora. Grandfather of 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and loving friend of Pam, Jessica and Billy. Lovingly cared for by the Brisbane Waters staff during his illness. Relatives and friends will hold a service and wake on 1st May 2007 at the Everglades Country Club where he spent many happy days.

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# Anzac Day



Anzac Day March 1999



Ettalong Public School students (above) and (right) Brisbane Water Secondary College students marching in the Anzac Day parade in 2006



Anzac Day March 1999



Woy Woy Anzac Day Wreaths



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Anzac Day March Woy Woy, 1923



## Roads funds redistributed

**Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended redistributing funding for two Peninsula traffic facility projects due to "construction constraints and community concerns".**

The funds would be redirected from proposed projects at Flathead Rd and Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong Beach to projects outside the Peninsula.

The committee has recommended that the remaining funds from the two projects be used to construct a new pedestrian refuge approved for Ocean View Dr, Wamberal.

The committee stated that there was "extensive community opposition" to the location proposed for the first of several traffic calming devices at Flathead Rd.

It stated that a review of the location and need for the facility has been proposed in next year's Traffic Facilities Program.

The funds remaining from the project were \$6683.

Council had resolved that the other project, which proposed to provide a pedestrian refuge north of Bangalow St, would be returned to the traffic committee for further consideration.

The traffic committee stated that due to time constraints, it was proposed to re-list the project for consideration in next year's traffic facilities program which would allow time for a new location to be investigated.

The funds remaining from the project were \$8000.

**Council agenda TR.07.047, 1 May 2007**



*Ms Robyn Schacht and the Vocational Service Director of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Mr Chris Nelson at the presentation*

## Anzac attendees

**Students from Empire Bay Public School attended the Anzac Day ceremony at Empire Bay last Wednesday.**

"The students were well behaved, respectful and represented the school in a manner that they should be proud of," school principal Ms

Sharon McEvoy said.

"All participating students received a Citizenship Certificate to commend their effort and involvement in the day."

**Newsletter, 26 Apr 2007**

**Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**

## Pride of Workmanship award presented

**The recipient of the 2007 Woy Woy Rotary Club Pride of Workmanship Award, Ms Robyn Schacht, project officer of Mary Mac's Place, has been described as an "angel with her sleeves rolled up".**

Graham Kinross submitted the nomination on behalf of the 60 volunteers and numerous clients of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

Mary Mac's provides meals, personal assistance, and welfare support and referral to a diverse range of people across the

Peninsula.

In his presentation, Mr Kinross said that Robyn's life philosophy; beliefs, attitudes and values were all focused upon, and directed to, helping those in genuine need in the community.

Her management and leadership of the organisation and its volunteers were outstanding, he said.

In receiving the award, Ms Schacht thanked those who had supported the service including the Peninsula community, a range of businesses, Ms Trish Devlin of

Centercare, Father John Hill, Mary Mac's volunteers and the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Vocational Service Director for the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Mr Chris Nelson, congratulated Ms Schacht and said that the Pride of Workmanship Awards were an important opportunity to recognise and acknowledge people whose work performance, ethics, attitude, and workmanship were "of a consistently and exceptionally high standard".

**Press release, 25 Apr 2007**

**Graham Kinross, Mary Mac's Place**

## Parking plan recommended

**Gosford Council's traffic committee have recommended that interim line marking and a parking control plan for Araluen Dr, Killcare, be approved for public consultation.**

The recommendation was made

following a request from council's road safety and traffic unit.

The unit had sought the committee's endorsement for an interim linemarking and parking control plan in the area adjacent to Killcare Rd.

**Council agenda TR.07.049, 1 May 2007**

## Council works

**Gosford Council has been conducting works on the Peninsula at Ocean Beach, Umina Beach and Daleys Point.**

At Ocean Beach Surf Club, walls are currently being established as part of the surf club rebuilding program.

At Umina Beach Surf Club, forming up for the ground floor slab is taking place.

Footpaths and accesses are

being constructed at Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina.

Nightwork and road diversions began on April 17 for the construction of a roundabout at Wellington St and Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

Council is now completing islands at the intersection.

Rock walls and passing bays are being constructed on Fishermans Parade, Daleys Point.

**Press release, 17 Apr, 24 Apr 2007**

**Karen Weber, Gosford Council**

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## Shane wins judo silver

**Retired policeman and Woy Woy Judo Club sensei, Shane Hobbs, recently won the silver medal in his division of the World Police and Fire Games held recently at the Adelaide Convention Centre.**

Club secretary Ms Lindy Simmons said Mr Hobbs set a rigorous training schedule in the lead-up to the games.

"Shane entered in the under 73kg Grand Masters division," Ms Simmons said.

"The weigh-in area was dominated mainly by Russians, Koreans and Chinese judokas.

"Shane, who stands at 160cm, was amazed and slightly concerned at the build of some of the players."

Ms Simmons said that after the weigh-in, the draw was compiled, and Shane was up against two Russians.

"Although shorter, they were very stocky in build," Ms Simmons said.

"The bouts were four minutes long under the rules of Australian

Judo Federation.

"In the first bout, A Shchelkushkin (third dan) took a double-handed grip on the one lapel of Shane's jacket and was immediately penalised – for an instant two points to Shane.

"Shchelkushkin attacked again with ouchi gari (inner leg reap) and both went to the ground where Shane had an opportunity to attempt a strangle.

"The referee signaled to start again.

"Shchelkushkin then attempted a standing strangle that pulled Shane to the ground.

"Keeping his chin tucked in firmly, Shane moved around his opponent and pinned him to the mat for 30 seconds, taking out the match for 10 points."

Ms Simmons said the second bout was against V Muravyev (fourth dan), five time Soviet Union champion, one time Olympic champion and current Sambo Champion.

Ms Simmons said the player took

a defensive stance by not standing upright and "proved to be very strong and harder to attack".

"Using attempts at foot sweeps at first then extending to full leg sweeps in order to get in underneath Shane was able to score a yuko (five points) and a koka (three points) on his opponent who had a yuko already," Ms Simmons said.

"With time running out, Shane came in for soto maki komi (outer winding body throw) with the Russian taking a grip under Shane's leg and lifting him up and throwing him with Te guruma (hand technique) that resulted in an ippon (10 points) to the Russian."

Shane received the Silver Medal in his division.

"The two Russian opponents were very friendly and exchanged club badges and flags," Ms Simmons said.

Mr Hobbs would "endeavour to attend the next games".

**Press release, 20 Apr 2007  
Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club**

## Umina juniors to field 22 teams

**Umina Junior Rugby League Football Club will field 22 teams in all age groups of both boys' and girls' competition, according to coaching co-coordinator Mr Chris Newman.**

Mr Newman said one major highlight for the pre-season duties of the club was a major skill development day for all members.

Mr Newman said all coaches in the club were involved, led by himself and long serving member Mr Eric Murphy.

"The Umina skills development day is an initiative by the club to provide a structured environment for both the players and coaches

to enhance their skills of rugby league," Mr Newman said.

"We had about 170 players in attendance throughout the day all with the opportunity to learn new Rugby League skills in a safe, fun-filled structured environment.

"We encourage sportsmanship, teamwork and friendships; promote an appropriate code of conduct for players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators alike.

"Umina Bunnies are here and will most certainly be a force this year and for many years to come in the Central Coast Junior Rugby League competition."

**Press release, 23 Apr 2007  
Chris Newman, Umina Rugby League Football Club**

## Cricket presentations made at Umina

**Umina District Cricket Club recently held its annual presentation dinner at Ettalong Beach Memorial Bowling Club, where awards were presented to players.**

Major award winners were Michael Grealy, David Ford, Dave Munson, Jason Creese and Gary, Josie and Kayle Blake.

Michael Grealy was presented with the Ettalong Beach Memorial Bowling Club Player of The Year award and also the Warwick Egan Award for the most dismissals (19).

David Ford was presented with the Jamie Doran Award for Leading Wicket Taker, with 39 wickets.

Dave Munson was presented with the Ross Steele Award for being the leading run scorer with 435 runs.

Jason Creese was awarded the Steve Cattley Award for being the most improved player.

The Blake family was presented with the Jim Steele Clubperson of the Year award.

The under-21 player of the year award went to Ben Smith while the Rookie of the Year award went to Evan Smith.

Team awards went to Simon Blake in first grade for batting and Colin Smyth for bowling, Noel Gaunt in second grade for batting and Greg Shirley for bowling, Nick Garnett in third grade for batting and Ryan Clement for bowling.

Ryan was also awarded the CCCA District Bowling Award.

Other team awards went to Steve Collins in fourth grade for batting and David Ford for

bowling, Gordon Ives in fifth grade for batting and Naithan Roberts for bowling, Arthur Smith in sixth grade for batting and Peter Jones for bowling, Daniel Campbell in seventh grade for batting and Ben Crain for bowling.

"This was a very successful year for the club which saw third grade, minor premiers and grand finalists and also fifth grade and sixth grade qualified for the grand final," publicity officer Mr Mark Smith said.

"With first grade and fourth grade both finishing equal fourth and missing out on the semis by quotient and the club moving to fourth in the CCCA Club Championship shows that Umina DCC is returning to its rightful place among the top clubs on the Central Coast.

"This was supported by many players from the junior ranks of the club who stepped up to play senior cricket this year.

"This year saw 17-year-olds Matt Jones and Chris Clement play first grade and Shane Burraston and Evan Smith playing second grade all season.

"The club's under-16s also had many players backing up to play with the senior club after

their morning commitments were finished and of that Nick Garnet, Lachlan O'Donnell and Craig Di Blasio were a major part of the third grade Minor Premiers and grand finalist team.

"The fifth grade grand final featured Max French and Chris Feltis from the club's under-16 side.

"On the representative scene, Simon Blake captained the NSW Country team for the second year in a row at the Australian Country Cricket Championships.

Ben Smith was selected in the NSW Country Colts team against Sydney and Matt Jones was selected in the Country Under-17s team against Sydney.

"Highlights of the presentation saw sixth grade's Mick Grealy win the Ettalong Beach Memorial Bowling Club Player of the Year from David Ford and David Munson.

"Another highlight was Ryan Clement winning the CCCA District (& Umina DCC) Bowling award for 32 wickets at 8.47 in third grade."

**Press release, 24 April 2007  
Mark Smith, Umina District Cricket Club**



*Bowls Club President Syd Smith congratulates Les Morrison (right) for winning the Everglades Major Singles and Les Maguire for making the final.*

## Les Morrison is singles champion at Everglades

**Les Morrison is Everglades Major Singles Champion.**

His opponent in the final was Les Maguire.

"Both men were in superb form, being members of the club's Grade 1 team, and coming straight from victories over Halekulani and Avoca Beach" Coast Bowls News editor Mr Kevin Dring said.

"Les Morrison had won through to the final with a convincing win over Barry O'Connor.

"Les Maguire on the other hand had a very close win over the more fancied Kevin Smith.

"In the final, Les Morrison played the better bowls to win 31-12 for his second title."

"Last year Les was runner-up in the Champion of Champions and hopes to do one better this year."

**Magazine, 27 Apr 2007  
Kevin Dring, Coast Bowls News**

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