

Veron Rd gets go ahead

Gosford Council has resolved to approve a development application (DA) for a luxury retirement village and other facilities on Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

One condition includes the provision of \$225,000 towards an Environmental Trust Fund (ETF).

Council reported that the fund would be used for the rehabilitation and management of other "remnant parcels of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW) within the area".

In its report, council said it noted the "strong support" by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) for the development.

Councillors also repeatedly pointed out the difficulty for council to succeed in any court action against the application.

Council also granted consent for a two lot residential subdivision of the land to enable the smaller part to be sold so that the development could go ahead under separate title and ownership.

Cr Terri Latella was the only councillor who dissented against the resolution.

Council's environment officer Mr Gary Chestnut told the council meeting that money from the developer, to be placed in the Council's Environmental Trust, "can't go to other projects" and could "only go towards the endangered ecological community on the Woy Woy Peninsula".

"This is the first time that there has been a management plan," Cr Hale said.

Cr Peter Hale also noted that council had no funds to maintain the land or the other 13 hectares.

"If not for a development occurring, those areas would continue to deteriorate," Cr Hale said.

"In relation to the rest of the city, he (the applicant) is also providing budget to maintain that land.

Cr Hale said that a number of issues had been satisfied since the previous court case.

"This leaves council with little room to move."

Cr Bell also noted the "strong support" for the development by the Department of Environment and Conservation and the difficulty for council to succeed in court action.

Cr Latella noted a concern that the new SIS had been provided by the applicant.

"I'd like to take council back to last time it was in court," Cr Latella said.

"The SIS that was provided back then and the court appointed expert had completely different opinions of what existed there (on site).

"There is always that interest base put forward."

Cr Latella said that the applicant, the NSW Scientific Committee, Gosford Council, the Land and Environment Court all agreed that the entire site was covered by UCSW.

"If the site is in fact covered, any development of the site could pose impact to the endangered ecology.

"If we do, as a body of people, declare that the whole site is covered, we should not be at all touching it."

Cr Latella said the site had remained intact because it had not been cleared for urban development.

"Through the community we have heard from the Nature Conservation Council, Australian Conservation Foundation and so many other people commented to council how they wish to keep this very special site, not only for the endangered ecological community but also because of what it gives the community back," Cr Latella said.

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The dunes and partially completed fencing along Patonga Beach

Residents call for consultation

Patonga residents are calling for better consultation by Gosford Council over the fencing of dune vegetation.

Patonga resident Ms Margaret Pomeranz has written to residents in the area, asking them to write to council, objecting to the dune area being "enclosed and planted with supposedly suitable species".

"There are a range of plans being developed for Patonga without adequate consultation with owners or residents," she said.

Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan said that some Patonga residents had disagreements with council's bush-care department.

Ms Maughan said that, with many projects in need of attention at Patonga, residents were "feeling there is insufficient communication from council and they are being left out of the plans".

"The dunes along Brisk Bay have been planted by council with low-growing natives.

"Over the last four years, some areas have been sectioned off with wire strands and low posts to protect the plantings and allowing pathways to the beach," Ms Maughan said.

"While many residents think it is a good idea to preserve the dunes, especially with the possibility of

global warming and rising sea levels predicted; obviously there are other Patongans who are very, very angry because last week someone attacked the wire fencing with bolt-cutters leaving metres of cut wire strewn amongst the vegetation."

Ms Maughan said the action "seems like vandalism".

Ms Pomeranz asked residents to sign a letter to the council.

"The dunes themselves have been stable for many years," the letter stated.

"The beach obviously has not.

"The dune ridge on the beach changes shape according to the tides and depending on the storms and currents that we experience.

"We vigorously object to the dune area of the beach being enclosed and planted with supposedly suitable species.

"The vegetation on the beach comprises natural grasses, pig-face, alyssum, gazanias and coreopsis, which, while we believe it is an introduced species, offers dwellers in Patonga and visitors a beautiful experience when it is in flower at the beginning of summer.

"We insist that the council makes available to residents of Patonga expert evidence from botanists, beach vegetation specialists and

environmentalists which supports the need for enclosure and replanting of the beach.

"We intend getting our own expert advice on this matter and request that no further action be taken by council until this issue has been thoroughly investigated and researched.

"It should be noted that many of us never received the 'hand-delivered' survey which solicited support for, but gave no opportunity to object to, protective dune fencing at Patonga Beach.

"Many of us believe that to preserve what we love about this place we have to become more active as a community."

Ms Pomeranz urged residents to join the Progress Association because it was "the one body that exists that can represent us to council".

"As a group we are not going to agree on every issue," Ms Pomeranz said.

"But at least with the Progress Association, there is a chance for healthy debate and for us to obtain accurate information."

Press release, 28 Apr 2007
Margaret Pomeranz, Patonga
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Jocelyn Maughan,
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Options sought for creek

Gosford Council has resolved that its consultant, Webb McKeown and Associates, pursue construction options and provide costing for channel improvement works in Mudflat Creek, Killcare.

It also resolved that the consultant cost house raising to a higher flood level and the setting of a higher flood planning level.

Webb McKeown & Associates consultant Mr Richard Dewar recently gave a presentation and update to council's flood risk management committee on work at the Fraser Rd/Mudflat Creek site.

Mr Dewar gave an overview on the responses from a community questionnaire and what measures could be taken to alleviate the

flooding issues.

Mr Dewar stated that "the existing creek system has no channel and is heavily vegetated with minimal habitat and sedimentation with obstructions and part of the creek is on private property".

The committee stated that it "agreed that the creek channel works need to be done".

A suggestion was made in the report that the consultant provide a triple bottom line assessment of options (financial, environmental and social implications required by the Floodplain Development Manual) including channel improvements, voluntary acquisitions, house raising and maintenance costs.

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Socrate's Café starts at Umina

The inaugural meeting of the Woy Woy Peninsula Socrates Café will be held at the Jasmine Greens Café, Umina, on Thursday, May 24.

The meeting will be held from 5.30pm and participants have asked to contact organisers soon due to limited space.

"Socrates Café is about people getting together to dialogue philosophically about life and to question the world we live in and our own beliefs," facilitator Ms Barbara Hasslacher said.

"Christopher Phillips is the author of the book Socrates Cafe which he wrote a few years ago based on his experiences of setting up these dialogue groups in public meeting places in the late 1990s.

"You can check out his web site at www.philosopher.org

"The aim is to question life, our place in it, reflect upon and challenge our views/ thoughts/ concepts in the spirit of respect and tolerance so that we can

learn from each other and amend views as necessary so that we can feel enriched from our exchange and create a better/safer/happier community and world.

"In questioning intelligently how we live, we can create more vibrant democracies and participatory societies.

"For it has been said that if a people/society do not question its leaders, it risks being manipulated/ dominated into doing/having laws which are unethical or inhumane, as history bears out.

"So reflecting and questioning, in the Socratic manner, may not merely form entertainment; rather a healthy and necessary thing to do on a regular basis in order to ensure a healthier community.

"The real question for us today is how to use philosophical enquiry to good use for our day and age to aid in resolving serious modern issues."

The Socrates Café is an informal discussion group where the topic discussed depends on the

participants present.

The facilitator will ask for questions from the group and a topic would be chosen as a starting point.

At the start of the session, the facilitator reminds the group of a few basic ground rules, namely one speaker at a time, no personal attacks on individual participants, not to speak for too long, the facilitator will act as timekeeper and direct the group and the role of facilitation is to be shared with other willing participants.

"The session tends to go for about one and a half hours but can continue on if the enthusiasm is there," Ms Hasslacher said.

There are monthly Socrates Cafe groups currently operating at Erina and Tuggerah.

For more information, telephone Ms Hasslacher on 4367 4730 or email her at salamu@iprimus.com.au.

**Press release, 8 May 2007
Barbara Hasslacher,
Socrates Cafe**

Mary Macs celebrates

Mary Macs Place will be celebrating Volunteers Week with an afternoon tea at their new home in the St John the Baptist Parish community centre during May.

The occasion will be a "house warming" for the 60 volunteers of Mary Mac's Place who will be relocating to the new Parish Centre in a few weeks.

The afternoon tea is on Tuesday, May 15, and will be hosted by Mary Mac's Place Steering Committee members including member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Cr Chris Holstein.

Volunteers Week runs from May 14 to 20 and provides a national focus for organisations wanting to recruit volunteers and promote the value of volunteering to the community.

Mary Mac's Place is a voluntary organisation offering relief from the trauma and stresses associated with homelessness, social isolation and financial disadvantage.

Mary Mac's Place representative Ms Robyn Schacht said the centre provided a welcoming environment

with social support, information and referrals to appropriate community services.

"Our dedicated and hard-working volunteers do amazing work in preparing and serving hot, nutritious midday meals, Monday to Friday, to homeless and socio/economically disadvantaged people of all ages," Ms Schacht said.

Last year alone, Mary Mac's Place served over 8000 meals to families and individuals in need.

"As Mary Mac's Place receives no ongoing government funding, we are dependEnt on the generosity and goodwill of individuals, groups and businesses in our community for financial support," Ms Schacht said.

Some of the Peninsula businesses sponsoring Mary Mac's Place include Umina Mall Cake Shop, Brumby's Bakery Woy Woy and Deepwater Plaza stores Peters Meats, Quick Serve Fruit & Veg and Michel's Patisserie.

For more information on Mary Mac's Place telephone Robyn Schacht on 4341 0584.

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Clare Graham, 11 May 2007

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The former abattoir site on Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

Abattoir site to become industrial

Gosford Council has decided to allow 14ha of the old Woy Woy abattoir site to become land for general industry.

In return, the other 20ha of the site would become open space and included in the council's Coastal Open Space System.

Council resolved last week to prepare a Draft Local Environment Plan for the former Woy Woy Abattoir, at Woy Woy Rd.

Under the Draft LEP, Lots 1, 183 and part of Lot 173 below the top of the quarry face would be rezoned from 4(d) Industrial (Offensive and Hazardous) to 4(a) Industrial (General).

Part of Lot 173 above the top of the quarry face would be rezoned from 4(d) to 6(a) Open Space (Recreation) and dedicated to council for inclusion into the Coastal Open Space System (COSS).

A council report stated that Lot 173 was a heavily vegetated 22ha

area that was "mostly undeveloped with the exception of the existing quarry face located in the far-east section".

The report stated that the Draft Local Environment Plan would be forwarded to the Department of Planning with the advice that council considered the preparation of an environmental study was required.

**Council agenda ENV.21,
8 May 2007**



Gosford Council has decided to apply for its "civic infrastructure" rate increase.

It resolved last week to apply for a special rate variation of 9.98 per cent general fund rate increase in the financial years ending and including 2008 to 2012, subject to the inclusion of "all objections and comments received".

The rate increase was to fund a list of projects, including implementation of the controversial Ettalong Foreshore Plan of Management.

The general fund rate increase sought was for 6.4 per cent plus the "allowable rate increase", which is currently 3.5 per cent.

Crs Vicki Scott and Jim Macfadyen dissented, stating that some people would not be able to afford the increase.

Cr Craig Doyle said he did not necessarily agree with the priority list but did agree with the projects on it.

"I would personally like to see a lot more of the roads issues a lot higher in the list," Cr Doyle said.

"That is not necessarily the view of the community."

Cr Doyle stated that if the community of Gosford was not prepared to put its hands in its pockets to assist in addressing the shortfall, nobody else would.

"This doesn't mean we are letting the Federal or State government off the hook," Cr Doyle said.

"It is in our interest and the communities' interest to keep applying pressure on local members to assist us in these projects."

Cr Peter Hale labelled the decision the most important one council would make, and the most important one it had made in the last 20 years.

Cr Hale said that the "poor

attendance" at three community meetings to discuss the strategy showed the public's support.

"Clearly at those meetings support has been there," Cr Hale said.

"The rate rise puts the message to the State and Federal government that we are prepared to put our hands in our pockets, you put your hands in yours."

Cr Hale said he was also pleased that the strategy would commence or finish several environmental strategies.

Cr Terri Latella said she supported the rise because it gave the area a way to progress issues on the Central Coast forward, though she did not support rate pegging as such.

"It is not the right attitude to have for the future of our communities," Cr Latella said.

Cr Latella said she also believed council "could have done a bit of a better job" letting residents know "the way we feel".

Cr Latella made the statement in reference to 84 submissions in support of the strategy, and 112 in opposition to the strategy.

Council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky also made reference to a petition being collected by Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews opposing a rate increase of \$180, although he noted that she was "reluctant" to provide more information about the petition.

"Although the opposition concerns me I honestly believe it is because they haven't been completely made aware of what we (the community) need and why we need it," Cr Latella said.

Cr Latella said she also had an issue with the petition by Ms Andrews.

"I find it politically hypocritical

to send this petition off when she knows that we need the concurrence of the Minister to get this rate pegging, she being in a position where a lot of the infrastructure is coming from the State Government which isn't reasonably looking at us."

Cr Chris Holstein said the strategy and rate rise was an important issue and a major issue, putting his support behind it.

"To say I have not agonised over this decision would be an understatement," Cr Holstein said.

"Sixteen years as a councillor indicates to me, everything else has come from a council initiative."

"There is nobody in this chamber, no councillor who wouldn't support items on that list."

"But you will say no to them if you say no to rate rise this evening."

Cr Holstein pointed out that even if council passed the rate increase, the Minister could still "can it".

"If we don't get this rate rise, where will these works come from?" Cr Holstein said.

"I am very much concerned about the steps that we take from here and how we will win support from the government members."

"We have got to make it become a reality."

"Don't you be the ones to not let this city move forward."

Cr Trevor Drake said he also supported the rate rise, and stated it was "good" to see that the first six priorities on the list were on the Gosford centre.

Cr Drake said the funding would "free up funds" that could be used on projects such as "kerb, gutters and roads".

Cr Drake also agreed that a "lack of response" meant the community wanted the strategy.

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Fears of major landslide

Residents of the beachside towns of Patonga and Pearl Beach are in fear of being completely cut off from road access by a major landslide, but Gosford Council has failed to act for the last four years.

Residents are alarmed it will take a fatality to get action on the road: Last night serious accidents were narrowly avoided in two major rock falls.

In 2004 and 2005, Gosford Council received geotechnical reports that there was a high risk of collapse of the rock walls along Patonga Dr.

The situation on Pearl Beach Drive is also serious.

Despite repeated requests from residents and Progress Associations nothing has been done to stabilise the road for drivers, and increasingly, accidents are narrowly averted.

At about 5pm last night (Thursday), a large boulder 600mm x 600mm x 300mm.

6" fell near the start of Patonga Dr, halfway up the hill towards the hairpin bend.

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Cars traveling down the hill were forced, shortly after rounding a bend, to cross over double lines to the water-side to bypass the rock. At about 5pm resident John Walklate rang the police.

At 6pm a second resident rang the RTA who were not interested as it is a Council road, and on their advice he logged an emergency call to police.

The boulder was about 600mm x 600mm x 300mm and was a major hazard in the dark, as the dark rock was hard to see in the headlights.

Pearl Beach resident Paul Barclair next organised a team of three motorists to move it off the road in the dark after 6pm.

At about 11pm, there was a second and even more major landslide onto the road, just above the hairpin bend.

Resident Bruce Glynn was coming home from the theatre when he saw a young man with a torch on the hairpin bend, flagging cars to slow down.

Had the young man not done so Bruce believes he would have

driven straight into the huge fall of rock - the biggest of the many boulders being about 1200mm round.

This morning Gosford Council had moved the fallen rocks to the road verges, but had done nothing to remove loosened rocks above the fall, which are now perilous.

Water is seeping through the rock structures all along the road and residents and tourists need to be aware to take extreme care when driving these roads.

There are also many ongoing smaller falls all along Patonga and Pearl Beach drives, since the last rain.

Local residents are talking about the need to alert the state coroner and various State and Federal Ministers as to Council's failure to take action to rectify the situation for the last four years.

On the June 13, the long weekend, Pearl Beach will again host a major Chamber Music Festival.

We trust Gosford Council will act to ensure the safety of its patrons well before that date.

Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

What's in a name?

Naming rights, appropriate titles. What's in a name?

I haven't seen old Mr Whitfield riding a bike recently.

He is still walking a lot. He is still able to bend down and pick up litter off the Peninsula streets which hasn't gone unnoticed by him.

Mrs Fenton might agree that a former council independent Kevin Wills has done as much to promote cycling and a healthy lifestyle as old Keith ever did.

The Wills Bridge would be correct.

I hope Joan Fenton can still enjoy the splendid view from Staples Lookout and her knowledge of history hasn't defeated her and lost her optimism.

Staples Lookout is located along Woy Woy Rd through the bush from Kariong high on a hilly area overlooking the Peninsula and ocean spectacle.

I would like to nominate Keith to have three community vegetable gardens named in his living honour, the "Gardens of Whitfield", used and enjoyed by local youth and their families.

Also the old Woy Woy Baths can be renamed the Chris Holstein

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bars/baths, if he courageously swims a lap during May or June.

If it gets some of our local sons out of the Bayview Hotel and enjoying a challenge it will be beneficial.

They have been holding their mugs for too long wouldn't you agree?

Mr Watson, an elderly pianist from the Pearl Beach area, had an electric organ named after him. That was a nice thought from the Japanese manufacturers.

Thomas Watson used to sell their merchandise in his Parramatta music shops not long after the last world war.

Very interesting.

Bill Matthews, Woy Woy

No safeguards for rare bushland

Last Tuesday Gosford Councillors voted nine-to-one to approve the Development Application that will destroy half the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland on the Catholic site, corner of Veron Road and Hillview St in Woy Woy.

Cr Terri Latella was the only councillor to oppose the DA.

In supporting the DA's approval, councillors accepted the proposal that the only way to save half the UCSW on this site is to bulldoze the other half and cover it with prestigious luxury retirement villas.

They referred to this absurdity as "common sense," and omitted any reference to other ways rare bushland has been restored.

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They made no mention of the successful rehabilitation of UCSW by volunteer community groups on two other sites nearby.

They also argued they had no choice because the DEC concurrence report supported the DA, and so there were no legal grounds to refuse it.

And they reiterated the benevolence of the developer in providing compensation of \$225,000 and agreeing to care for the rare bushland that wasn't destroyed by the construction.

Many of the statements they made have been refuted by information provided by objectors

to the development.

The decision highlights the lack of environmental safeguards for rare remnant bushland like Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, and for the habitat it provides for endangered fauna such as the bush stone-curlew.

In speaking to the recommendation, councillors:

- said they were only able to act on information that had been provided by staff
- said that their "hands are tied" and they were "in a straightjacket" because both council staff and DEC officers had recommended approval
- believed there was little likelihood of successfully defending a rejection in court
- acknowledged the strong community opposition and expectation (that was "far too high") that the application be rejected
- congratulated the objectors for ensuring environmental matters were addressed

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Practise democracy

It is amazing to hear that the Federal ALP is denying local party democracy by dropping in Head Office annointed candidates in 10 seats.

Belinda Neal appears to be the one in Robertson.

As a former president of the Lismore branch and twice candidate for Richmond in the late 1980s, I remember that party democracy was strictly adhered to in those days.

How can a party pretend to pursue democracy in society if it cannot practice democracy in its own ranks?

By 1989, the ALP was moving away from its moorings and I resigned in October 1989.

I have not seen much in the way of serious reform and convincing new policies since then which has allowed the appalling Howard Government to create havoc in Australia for 11 years.

Dropping in celebrities is not going to change that either.

Adopting courageous reformist policies will.

The need for change is great but, again, very little emerged from the recent National Conference.

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What will the Robertson ALP membership do about it?

Vote with your feet!

Join or form a party that does practice democracy, advocates real change and stops the rot, or stand as an independent.

**Klaas Woldring
Pearl Beach**

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Council to meet agencies

Gosford Council will meet shortly with NSW Maritime and other government stake holders to discuss the issue of siltation in Brisbane Water, according to Gosford Council's manager of open space and leisure services Mr Phil Moore.

He has told Peninsula News that the siltation issue was "fairly urgent".

Local ferry owners and operators have stated that siltation was causing issues on Brisbane Water, such as a vessel running aground, according to a recent newsletter.

"Main channels at Wagstaffe that have always been navigable, are now secondary channels.

"That is, they are not identified or lit by channels markers to indicate their purpose," the Central Coast Ferry newsletter stated.

"At Half Tide Rocks, care is needed rounding marks that were

previously shallow, and are now 'avoid at low tide' or 'take caution'.

"At Lobster Beach, there is now an exposed sand bank west of Lobbie Beach.

"At Cockle Channel's eastern end, it is 'enter at your own risk' at low tide.

"The Saratoga (ferry) does regular 'dredging' here," according to the newsletter.

"At Paddy's Channel's northern end, it is 'beware of sandbanks' at low tide.

"At Saratoga, markers have been removed."

Lintern Channel, at low tide, now had a very limited channel to navigate in.

The newsletter suggested that the siltation may have been due to sand being dumped in the area when it was taken from the site of the Ettalong resort and donated to council for use on the beach.

Mr Moore said that the newsletter's list of affected sites

was a "reasonable assessment", but there were other areas as well.

He said that beach nourishment may have contributed to some shoals, but pointed out that the shoals had always been a feature of the area.

"Ettalong has always been an area of erosion and has required beach nourishment on previous occasions to maintain the beach amenity," Mr Moore said.

Mr Moore rebuked suggestions that the siltation elsewhere in the estuary may be related to "nourishment" of sand from the Ettalong Club during its construction period.

Mr Moore said that he understood that council had accepted the offer of sand but with strict instructions that the sand was to be screened and would contain no rubble.

He said that "approximately 15,000 cubic metres of clean sand" was provided.

Mr Moore said that council was meeting with NSW Maritime and NSW Department of Lands to discuss the issue and to seek funding to undertake any necessary works.

"It is fairly urgent," Mr Moore said.

He said that siltation did occur but was generally a slow process, though it had recently reached a stage where remedial action may need to be undertaken, particularly in the Ettalong area.

Lyle Stone, 9 May 2007

Proposal for new business chamber

A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19, to discuss a proposal for the establishment of a Pearl Beach and Patonga Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be held at the Pearl Beach Café from 4pm to 5.30pm.

The proposer of the idea, Ms Karen Wakefield, said that after several years of discussions and dialogue with the local business community she decided that the establishment of a Chamber of Commerce could assist in growing the areas local businesses.

"The objective of this meeting will be to gauge the level of interest in the proposal, identify key steps, goals and objectives and to appoint a working committee to progress the proposal," Ms Wakefield said.

"I estimate that there are more than 100 businesses operated by Pearl Beach residents.

"Some are obvious, some are not so obvious.

"However, whatever the business, whether diverse and unique or well established, you are invited.

"At present there is no forum for these businesses to meet, network and share their scope."

Ms Wakefield said the initial meeting would be to discuss the proposal in an informal format.

"Tea and coffee will be provided and as well you are welcome to bring your own wine or beverage," Ms Wakefield said.

"The cost for the meeting is \$10."

Press release, 11 May 2007
Karen Wakefield, Pearl Beach and Patonga Chamber of Commerce

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Veron Rd

Development view

Speaking on behalf of applicant Providence Projects, Mr John Zavalokin told the Council meeting that the merits of the application had been "clearly described" in the "thorough report to council".

"The new application has a significant smaller foot print, and is supported by a very comprehensive Species Impact Statement," Mr Zavalokin said.

Mr Zavalokin said the plan was supported by the head of Earth and Environmental Science at the University of New South Wales Mr Paul Lowndes.

"This is the best decision for the survival of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (USCW)," Mr Zavalokin said.

"Currently, the site is neglected, and other (UCSW) sites are not attended to.

"We are offering some very practical initiatives."

Mr Zavalokin said the \$225,000

dedicated to the council's environmental trust fund would help council remove car bodies from the site and clear it of weeds.

"We will also implement a bush management plan at no cost to the public," Mr Zavalokin said.

"This is a very positive outcome for UCSW."

Mr Zavalokin said the proposal provided conservation-based management and labelled the plan as the "only documented plan of management for this species site".

"We will protect the area," Mr Zavalokin said.

"The proposal is also very considerate to our neighbours."

Mr Zavalokin said the development would also help remove undesirable social behaviour near the schools.

"All these initiatives should show council we are presenting an environmentally-sustainable outcome," Mr Zavalokin said.

**Lyle Stone, * May 2007
Council agenda ENV.22, ENV.23,
8 May 2007**

Veron Rd gets go ahead

Continued from page 1

Cr Latella also agreed that the decision made by the judge in the court case came down to looking at what was left of the particular species.

"Furthermore, if your community wants it protected, I cannot see why given the court decision that was just for an extra two units we are now going back and looking at it in a planning perspective instead of an environment and community perspective.

"A fair and equitable look at this instead of looking at a judgment would show that that may not be the case.

"If you don't protect this, what can I hope for the future?"

"As far as contributions goes, that trust was not developed and never intended to be for contribution from developers.

"When I asked the applicant whether he would contribute funds not withstanding the decision tonight, he said no.

"The development should not proceed."

Cr Craig Doyle said council had to make a decision based on the information provided to them.

"What isn't in challenge is that it (the site) is environmentally sensitive," Cr Doyle said.

"Last time the DEC was not in concurrence, hence the commissioner really had limited information other than confused information to make a decision from.

"Now council officers agreed,

based on the application.

"An independent authority has agreed.

"Now I'm no expert with environmental issues, but I do have to rely on our independent experts.

"For them to show concurrence may be at odds with environmental groups.

"This time we are lacking both of those weapons: Refute our own experts, refute DEC experts."

"For my money, my decision has to be based on independence."

"Sometimes you end up with a better result when you have to sacrifice some of it (the site)."

Cr Doyle said it would be a "better result" for the entire community of 13 hectares.

Cr Chris Holstein said he had some major concerns about the development, but stated that the bottom line came down to the DEC with its recommendation of approval and expert advice from council.

He also noted council's inability to purchase the site and the possibility of a lack of success in court.

Cr Robert Bell said there had never been an occasion that the council had won in the Land and Environment Court where at the same time a government agency said it supported the application.

"We are in a straightjacket. We do not have our officers behind us, supporting us," Cr Bell said.

"They have assessed it on all sorts of new things that have come to light.

"We don't have support from the government agency.

"We would put our solicitors in a position where they would have to try getting QCs from somewhere, environmental experts from somewhere to try and put a case together.

"The best thing we can do as has been outlined is to try and make the conditions so there is the best chance of a success on the conservation front and remediation of the site, in terms of what this

development does for the site.

"Community expectations in council are far too high and unrealistic.

"The law doesn't give us that assistance.

"If we had precedent that that had occurred, that would be something we can draw on.

"But we do not have any precedent to go on, no track record."

Cr Vicki Scott said she applauded objectors for their commitment to the land, and said she agreed that the site was a sensitive area.

"As Cr Bell said, this is impossible to deliver and I find it particular taxing," Cr Scott said.

"This has been one of the hardest decisions I have had to make, and I don't make it lightly.

"Apart from bush management funds the other way that this community is going to come out of this is having two units for social housing.

"Now I don't know how much these units are worth but it adds a great amount to the advantages we can get out of this."

Cr Trevor Drake praised council staff and the DEC for clause 82 and 83 of the special conditions for the site which "ensures that remainders of the endangered ecological community are protected in perpetuity" and that there is a net positive outcome with "future ongoing management".

"The end result is common sense has to prevail," Cr Drake said.

"I can't see more money being thrown away in court cases."

Cr Hale also stated that objectors of the site should be congratulated.

"If the objectors hadn't (brought attention to the) site, part of it may not have been protected."

Cr Hale also praised negotiations between staff and the developer.

"We now know how much UCSW we have left," Cr Hale said.

**Lyle Stone, 8 May 2007
Council agenda
ENV.22, ENV.23, 8 May 2007**

Environmental view

Local environmental activist Ms Shirley Hotchkiss told the Council meeting that it should reject the DA as there was only 11 hectares of UCSW left in the world, according to the DEC.

"Council spent many dollars opposing the previous DA in the Land and Environment Court," Ms Hotchkiss said.

Ms Hotchkiss said the court found that UCSW was "too valuable for any to be destroyed".

"Environmental value was the only issue council raised to the developer's revised proposal," Ms

Hotchkiss said.

"The current DA is not significantly different from the Option B Justice Bignold rejected.

"No money can compensate for destroying this site."

Ms Hotchkiss said the Species Impact Statement was based on partial, contradictory and inaccurate information.

"Destroying UCSW is irreversible," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"Council should reject this DA and pursue all avenues to protect this land."

**Lyle Stone, 8 May 2007
Council agenda ENV.22, ENV.23,
8 May 2007**



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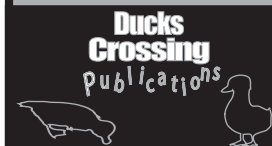
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ACF branch 'concerned'

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has expressed surprise and concern at Gosford Council's decision to allow development on rare bushland in Woy Woy.

ACF Central Coast branch president Mr Mark Snell said that in making their decision councillors acknowledged the groundswell of community feeling against the proposal.

"However, several councillors said they could only act on the information that had been provided by staff.

"They said they had to act on this advice and their hands were tied.

"To reject the application, they would have had to refute their own staff as well as advice from the Department of Environment and Conservation – and be prepared

to argue an appeal without their support.

"They believed there was little chance of success in a court action."

Mr Snell said that, despite this, the rarity of the bushland justified the rejection of the application.

He said only about 11 hectares remained in the world.

Mr Snell said the concurrence of the department to the development remained unexplained.

He said the department's report to Council contradicted a range of previously published statements by the department, and its assertions were unsubstantiated.

Mr Snell said that the ACF branch had concerns about the implications of the report for protection of other endangered species and ecological communities in the region.

Media release, May 11
Mark Snell, ACF Central Coast



The Veron Rd proposed development site, with ties around the trees that are to be removed

Average rains yield nine weeks' water

Rainfall for the first half of May is keeping up to average, according to figures provided by Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

A total of 65.8mm fell in the first two weeks of May, more than half the monthly average of 122.3mm.

Rainfall of 62.2mm on the night of Wednesday, May 9, on the Peninsula was enough to fill a rainwater tank of more than 9000 litres on an average house, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

ACF Central Coast branch president Mr Mark Snell said that, depending on the number of people living in the house and their water use habits, this could be almost nine weeks' water supply to the household.

Mr Snell said that, in the 24 hours to 9am on Thursday, May 10, 9330 litres would have been captured from a roof area of 150 square metres.

Mr Snell said that, with wise water use, a person's water consumption was around 150 litres a day.

The rainfall was therefore enough to last one person 62 days (almost nine weeks) or two people about a month.

Mr Morrison said that an analysis of the rainfall pattern this year showed that 1mm or more of rain fell on an average of nine days a month up to the end of April.

So far in May, only two days recorded rainfall of more than 1mm.

Rainfall spreadsheet, 11 May 2007
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
Press release, 10 May 2007
Mark Snell, ACF Central Coast

Bush stone-curlew recorded

Gosford Council has recorded at least one bush stone-curlew in the vicinity of the Catholic owned land on the corner of Veron Road and Hillview St in Woy Woy.

The bird is listed as endangered under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act.

The annual survey is conducted as part of Council's attempt to prevent the local and regional extinction of this species.

The bush stone-curlew was recorded in the Everglades Golf Course, across the road from the Catholic land, now approved for development of a retirement village.

Prior to this survey, there have been regular recordings of these birds in this vicinity for the last five months, according to Ms Shirley Hotchkiss, convenor of Umina

P&C Bushcare.

Local residents, staff and volunteers at the Umina Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have seen and heard this bird on a regular basis since December.

Ms Hotchkiss said: "I saw the bird last December, and a friend saw it a couple of weeks later in the College grounds.

"Then the P&C President told me at the February meeting that he and college staff had seen it around the College most mornings.

"He said it spent a lot of time looking at itself in one of the windows, and the cleaners were complaining that it kept soiling their clean step.

"He said one of the cleaners at the building opposite the Catholic site often heard it down that way early in the morning.

"One day, they thought it was

dead because it dropped to the ground when they approached it, but then it jumped up and flew about 10 metres in the air.

"They call him Stony."

Ms Hotchkiss said she lived near the College and heard the bush stone-curlew often at night, including the previous Saturday.

"It has a wailing call, and on Saturday it was coming from the western boundary of the College, opposite the Catholic site."

Ms Hotchkiss said this bird roosts during the day in a sheltered area, and comes out at night to forage and mate.

"Its presence was yet another reason why the Council should have rejected the application to destroy the Catholic site's rare bushland."

Media release, May 7
Shirley Hotchkiss



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Rate rise stays for 25 years

Gosford Council has not made it clear that its "civic infrastructure" (CIS) rate levy would remain in place for 25 years, according to community activist Mr Ed James.

Mr James said that it had been stated that the rate increase would apply over five years, with many people believing that the levy was for this period.

He said: "There are to be five annual increases, totalling an average of \$201 87 in all over five years."

Mr James said each annual increase would fund a 20-year loan.

"Five loans staggered over the first five years each of 20 years' duration results in 25 years."

He said rates would not fall back to current "pegged" levels until after that period.

Mr James said he had complained about the way the council had publicised the rate increases and how the regional media had misconstrued it.

"I am concerned that the advice on the (Council) website is supportive of the same disinformation."

Gosford Council staff had confirmed to him that the rate levy would be in place for 25 years.

In an email from Council's finance manager Mr Brian Shackleton, Mr James was told: "Council is

seeking a Special Rate Variation to proceed with the 33 funded items in the Civic Infrastructure Strategy.

"One loan will be taken up in each of the first five years of the strategy and the 9.98 per cent (6.48 per cent CIS and assumed rate-pegging of 3.5 per cent) increase in rates each year is to fund the repayment of these loans.

"Each loan will be repaid over 20 years, therefore from the time that the first loan is raised until such time as the final loan is repaid will be 25 years.

"The rates will increase for each of the first five years, remain at that level for the next 15 years and then reduce over the following five years.

"Each year the Council will also apply the allowable rate-pegging limit as determined annually by the Minister for Local Government and this will remain in place as part of the ongoing General Fund Rate Levy.

"This proposal refers only to the General Fund rating structure.

"After 25 years all but 1.5 per cent of the Civic Infrastructure Levy will be removed.

"The 1.5 per cent will remain in place to fund the ongoing maintenance of those works constructed as part of the Civic Infrastructure.

**Email, May 11
Ed James, Umina**

Disappearance not suspicious

A teenage girl from Umina was located last week after going missing for a night.

NSW Police Media said the incident was not being treated as suspicious.

The 14-year-old was last seen by members of her family at their Umina Beach home at 4.40pm on May 3.

Her family discovered her missing half an hour later and reported the disappearance to police shortly after 6pm.

Police carried out extensive inquiries to locate the girl, including a search of the area by PoAir late in the evening and the dog unit.

The teenager was discovered

at 8.30am on May 4 at the Woy Woy Tip and taken to Gosford Hospital where she underwent an assessment.

The tip was closed while an examination of the scene was carried out by Forensic Services Group officers.

The inquiries were being undertaken in an attempt to clarify her whereabouts during the period of her disappearance.

Anyone with information which may assist investigators is urged to contact Gosford Police Station on (02) 4323 5599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Press release, 4 May 2007
NSW Police Force,
NSW Police Media**

Information about the NSW Government 10-year State Plan and Gosford Council's Vision 2025 will be provided at a free community information forum on Monday, May 28.

The forum will start at 4.30pm at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach, hosted by Penlink Incorporated.

PenLink chairman Mr Keiran Booth said the group would also announce a proposal to establish a "Chamber of Community" for the Peninsula services and community members.

PenLink Incorporated is an independent community group made up of community members who have experience or interest in a range of community service organisations and community groups.

Mr Booth said PenLink was not affiliated with, or aligned to any other government or non government organisation, despite the event being co-ordinated through the Gosford office of the Premier's Department.

Mr Booth said: "This will be a great opportunity for service organisations and members of the Peninsula community to hear first hand of the plans for our community under the plans.

"It is also an opportunity for local community groups and organisations to assess the opportunities available to community groups as a result of those plans."

PenLink Incorporated also planned to launch its proposal for the establishment of a Chamber of

Community for the Peninsula area and hopes to have a wide range of individuals and community and service groups joining the chamber.

"It will be an opportunity to bring together the great range of community talents and service skills within the local area as well as being an opportunity for local people to develop localised solutions to local issues," Mr Booth said.

Mr Booth said that the chamber "will be an opportunity for all interested Peninsula community members and organisations to have a cohesive, supportive and coordinated approach to the issues concerning our local community".

Mr Booth said: "All too often the service groups and agencies come up with wonderful solutions or proposals that are sometimes isolated from the rest of the community.

"PenLink's intention is to bring together a wide range of community representatives and their views to ensure that all aspects of the community are considered, that local services are able to deliver the services required by the community and to reduce the level of duplication of services."

Mr Booth said the Chamber of Community would operate in the same manner as the "successful Peninsula Chamber of Commerce", in that the individual needs, objectives and direction of organisations and community members would be respected and supported but actions or proposals would be informed by

the "desired needs and opinions" of other service or community organisations and members of the Peninsula community.

"PenLink hoped that the proposed Chamber of Community would allow the Peninsula community to have a united, coordinated and effective peak organisation," Mr Booth said.

"It will support a wide range of individuals and organisations who wish to see the Central Coast Peninsula community as a cohesive, thoughtful and supportive community who values and considers the diversity of needs of its community services and individuals.

"This is a great way for the Peninsula community to take control of local issues from a whole of community perspective and to propose and develop long term community strategies to deal with local issues.

"PenLink's strategic partnerships put it in a wonderful position to engage direct pathways to relevant State and local government organisations who can assist those strategies and proposals."

All community members, organisations and community services working in the Peninsula are welcome to attend.

For catering and seating purposes, those attending should register their interest by contacting Ms Alison Ford at the Gosford office of the Premier's Department on 4337 2311 by Wednesday, May 23.

**Press release, 7 May 2007
Keiran Booth,
PenLink Incorporated**

Films screened at Leagues Club

The Central Coast Pure Water Association will have two screenings of the films "Blowin' in the Wind" and "The Fluoride Deception" on Monday, May 21, at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

"Blowin' in the Wind" is a documentary by David Bradbury on

depleted uranium and US bombing exercises currently underway in Australia.

"The Fluoride Deception" is an interview with investigative journalist Christopher Bryson on the history of fluoridation.

Convenor Mr Don Turner said everyone was welcome to view the

films and to learn more about the issues at 2pm or 7pm on Monday, May 21, at the Woy Woy Leagues Club, in Blackwall Rd.

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**Press release, 9 May 2007
Don Turner, Central Coast Pure Water Association**



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Concern about phone tower

Some residents from Patonga have asked that a mobile phone base station be located at a site other than Eve Williams Oval, Patonga Dr, due to “aesthetic

reasons”, according to Gosford Council’s manager of open space and leisure services Mr Phil Moore.

Mr Moore said that this was the view of general feedback received, and that the community had suggested alternate sites which Telstra was now investigating.

A public meeting was held on May 3 at the Patonga Public Hall, where plans of the proposed tower were displayed and representatives of UrbisJHD (on behalf of Telstra) and council were on hand to answer questions.

Mr Moore said the tower “provides 3G technology” and was meant to “improve wireless broadband in the area”.

Mr Moore said 25 people attended the meeting.

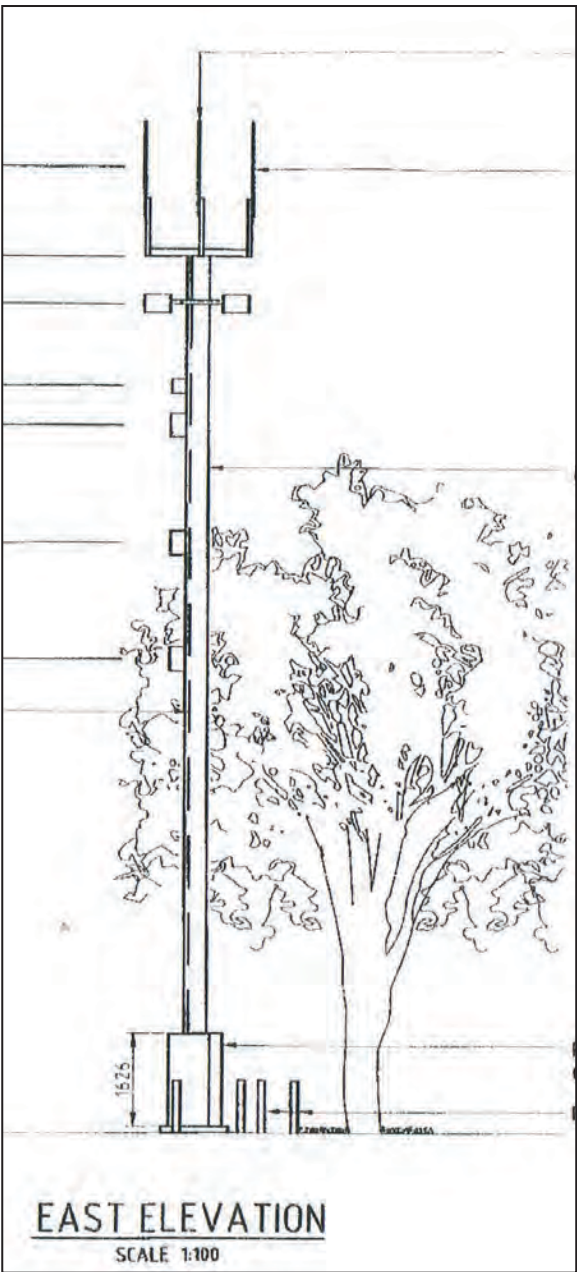
Mr Moore said a form for resident feedback was left with residents and the progress association, which were due back by June 1.

He said that if they found another site more suitable which was on council land, a report would go to council.

Lyle Stone, 9 May 2007

Letter, 23 Apr 2007

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Umina PCYC manager Mr Tim Keogh receives the Club Achievement Award on behalf of the PCYC

Recognition for Umina PCYC

Umina Beach Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) have been recognised by the State PCYC organisation for its commitment to young people on the Peninsula.

Umina Beach PCYC received the Club Achievement Award on Saturday, May 5, at the PCYC annual state conference in Mittagong.

Umina Beach PCYC was among 59 other clubs in NSW to be considered for the award.

The Club Achievement Award acknowledged significant improvement or innovation by a club, in particular improvements in financial performance, membership or volunteers, and innovation in community linkage and activities.

Umina Beach PCYC manager Mr Tim Keogh said he was "really happy" with the success of the

club.

"It is great to see everyone's hard work and dedication to the club acknowledged," Mr Keogh said.

"We have made such significant progress over the years, especially with membership and overall profile and efficiency."

Mr Keogh said he has been involved with Umina Beach PCYC since October 2004 and has been working with youth and youth-related projects for the past 23 years.

As well as achieving significant financial improvement over the last two years, Umina Beach PCYC membership grew from 446 at the end of 2004 to over 1300 at the end of 2006.

Mr Keogh said the club coordinated a traffic education program aimed to stop offenders of drink driving and speeding from re-offending, and runs what he considers to be "best practice"

dance parties for youth on the Peninsula.

The Umina Beach PCYC have organised more than 30 dance events on the Peninsula since 2005 "without any serious problems, injuries or incidents".

Mr Keogh said the award "was a testament to a hard-working team of people".

"We currently have approximately 30 registered volunteers who assist the club in a variety of ways," Mr Keogh said.

"Our volunteers come from a variety of different backgrounds and play an essential role in club operations and fulfill a vital role in forming and maintaining links with the local community.

"It's a great result from what can be achieved when the police, community and youth cooperate for a common goal," Mr Keogh said.

Clare Graham, 10 May 2007

Council works

Gosford Council has been conducting works recently at Umina Beach, Ocean Beach and Daleys Point.

Footpaths and accesses are being reconstructed on Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina.

At Ocean Beach Surf Club, walls are currently being established while at the Umina Beach Surf

Club, work is forming up from the ground floor slab.

On Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, islands are being completed at the new roundabout at the Wellington St intersection.

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

Press releases, 3 & 8 May 2007
Karen Weber, Gosford Council



Cystic Fibrosis Australia

65 Roses Day Art & Craft Show

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May, a group of local Central Coast artists/crafts persons are coming together to present a fund raiser event "65 Roses Day" Art/Craft show.

Friday 25th May is "65 Roses Day" which is the national fundraiser day for Cystic Fibrosis in Australia

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RSL Club head outlines plans

Hardy's Bay RSL Club's president Mr Steve Newman has outlined the club's plans and hopes for the future at a recent meeting of the Hardy's Bay Residents Group.

Mr Newman "praised" the efforts of club and community members who had "banded together to establish a perceived turnaround in the beleaguered club's fortunes", according to resident group spokesman Mr Allan Wilson.

Mr Wilson said that Mr Newman said that "a substantial rescue package", including a loan, had enabled outstanding debts to be settled.

"Our club's future is looking considerably brighter," Mr Newman said.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but we are certainly making good progress".

According to Mr Newman, the February to April period yielded "pleasing" returns but he issued a note of caution, being mindful of a possible downturn during the winter months.

Mr Newman said: "the diversity of the entertainment we provide will be broadened to cater for the various preferences and its type of presentation will be constantly



Hardy's Bay RSL Club president Steve Newman

under review."

Mr Newman advised the meeting that an appeal for funding remained a top priority.

Recruits were being sought to assist with a Meet and Greet program in which visitors would be welcomed to the club, membership cards checked and new members signed up.

Annual membership fees for

2006/2007 had been reduced to \$7.50.

Additionally, volunteers were required for taking on bus driving responsibilities, managing Thursday and Friday night raffles, and participating in general working bees.

Mr Wilson said that in the wake of the "serious ramifications which initially placed the club's continuing viability in jeopardy", the RSL's board had welcomed suggestions from the public for general club improvements and had taken "prompt" action to enhance the ambience of its premises and instituted other measures designed to attract greater patronage.

Mr Wilson said that resident group president Mr Adrian Williams "applauded" the RSL Club's positive approach and its efforts in endeavouring to overcome the "serious setbacks it has suffered".

"I'm sure many people living here, as well as our visitors, will offer sincere good wishes to the Hardy's Bay RSL Club for a successful outcome," Mr Williams said.

"It is an important member of our community."

**Press release, 8 May 2007
Allan Wilson,
Hardy's Bay Residents Group**

Association represented on flood committee

Peninsula Residents Association secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan has been invited to be a temporary member of Gosford Council's Flood Risk Management Committee (FRMC) for the duration of the Woy Woy Peninsula flood study.

A report from council stated that it had received four applications to become temporary members of the FRMC for the duration of the Woy Woy Peninsula flood study as a community representative.

According to the Floodplain Development Manual 2005, community representatives should, amongst other criteria, "form a link between the committee and the local population in the flood prone area".

The report stated that only Ms Noonan "satisfies the community selection criteria".

It stated that data collection and a flood study brief were 90 per cent complete but stated that council was waiting on a LiDAR survey

"which should be complete within the next three months".

Gosford Council has invited Empire Bay and District Progress Association members Ms Shirley Crocker and Mr M Pacey to become temporary members of its flood risk management committee for the duration of the Empire Bay Catchment flood study.

The committee stated that a notice inviting public participation was advertised on March 7.

Two applications to become temporary members of the FRMC for the duration of the Empire Bay Catchment flood study were received, with both applicants meeting the criteria to become a member of the committee.

The report stated that a draft technical brief for the Empire Bay Catchment Flood Study had been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and expressions of interest would be "advertised shortly".

Council agenda FM.06, FM.011, 1 May 2007



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Beds close at Woy Woy Hospital

General manager of the Central Coast Health Service Mr Ken Cahill has confirmed the temporary closure of 10 general beds at Woy Woy Hospital.

He said the closure was "due to medical coverage issues that are currently under negotiation".

"While we acknowledge that the health services prefer to have all beds available all of the time, sometimes that is not possible," Mr Cahill said.

"Throughout the year there are fluctuations in the number of available beds depending on issues such as activity levels, staffing, maintenance and holiday periods.

"We need to have some flexibility built into the system to allow for these issues.

"That flexibility also includes the ability to increase the number of beds when we need them.

"We do that with what we call 'surge beds'.

"Surge beds are an important part of our bed management strategy that help us meet bed demand during high activity periods such as we are currently experiencing.

"This year, we have seen a

significant increase in the number of trauma patients requiring emergency surgery, up 12.5 per cent, as well as people with chronic health conditions requiring admission.

"High activity levels in our theatres and wards also usually means there has first been a corresponding increase in the number of ambulance and walk-up presentations at our emergency departments.

"We are busy," said Mr Cahill, "and our staff has done an excellent job in caring for and finding beds for all our patients."

Mr Cahill said that due to the high number of presentations at Gosford and Wyong emergency departments, delays "may be encountered", particularly for those with illnesses or injuries of a non-emergency and minor nature.

"People in that category should consider seeing their local GP or attending a medical centre," Mr Cahill said.

"However, it is important to know that Emergency Departments never close.

"They are open 24 hours a day, every day of the year."

**Press release, 9 May 2007
Terry Hayes, NSW Health**

The community of Hardys Bay and Killcare will be hosting an "It's Easy Going Green" market weekend as part of celebrations for World Environment Day

The weekend markets will operate from 9am to 3pm on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10.

The weekend will feature a quest to "Unearth the Coast's Coolest", an individual who has made "significant contributions in reducing their environmental footprint and resides in the Central Coast area".

"This may be in the form of innovation in energy saving technology and/or methods, educating or motivating others to reduce the impact of climate change or lobbying for a more positive environmental outlook," according to organiser Ms Anna McCall.

"The competition is in keeping with this year's theme to World Environment Day – Melting Ice – A hot topic."

Nominations are being sought and three finalists will be presented on the Sunday at the market weekend, with the winner announced at 11am.

Nominations will be judged by a panel of "three experts" including environmental educators from local councils.

The winner will be awarded with an overnight package on a luxury yacht including an evening sail with a skipper, dinner and breakfast with Hardys Bay Yacht Charters.

"The market weekend is designed to motivate and inspire our local and wider communities in reducing our ecological footprint at a grassroots and community level," Ms McCall said.

"We will put forward suggestions, resources and case studies that will simplify the sometimes

overwhelming prospect of 'going green'.

"This event will be carbon neutral with the small amounts of energy consumed offset.

"Exhibitions and displays will include solar and other renewable energy case studies and displays, solar hot water alternatives, energy efficient lighting and building design consultancy, water minimization programs and tips.

"The Toyota Prius will be on display as well as a range of organic and local fresh produce, organic designer clothing, recycling and waste management alternatives, native plants, energy neutral leisure activities, books, local school displays, kids craft activities, public transport information and an array of exciting new environmentally friendly products that will show the public exactly how easy it is to go green."

**Press release, 28 Apr 2007
Anna McCall, Hardys Bay**

New times for Smart

Tea morning

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will be held on the Peninsula to raise money for the Cancer Council on Thursday, May 24.

Campbell's Home Hardware has invited its customers to attend its Blackwall Rd store from 7am.

"Join us for breakfast, which includes sausages, bacon, eggs and of course endless cups of tea and coffee," store manager Mr Noel Annand said.

Campbell Building Materials was involved in a number of fundraising projects for the NSW Cancer Council.

"This event is another opportunity to raise funds to fight against this insidious disease."

**Newsletter, 11 May 2007
Noel Annand,
Campbell's Home Hardware**

Art and craft show

Empire Bay resident Ms Dayle McCredie has organised a 65 Roses Day Art and Craft Show in aid of cystic fibrosis.

It will be held on May 25, 26 and 27 at Kincumber Rugby League clubhouse, on the corner of MacKillop Rd and Empire Bay Dr.

The event has been organised by a group of local artists and craftspeople to showcase and sell their work.

Money raised from the show will

go towards research into a cure and local CF-affected families.

A number of paintings, glassware, ceramics, beaded jewellery and handmade cards will be on sale, as well as 65 Roses Day merchandise and a sausage sizzle.

Entry to the show is a gold coin donation.

The show begins at 9am both days and will finish at 5pm on Saturday and 3pm on Sunday.

Clare Graham, 11 May 2007

The Smart Recovery Group that has been meeting at Woy Woy since the beginning of February has new meeting times.

The group now meets from 10am to 11.30am every Friday at the Peninsula Community Centre.

"SMART stands for Self-Management and Recovery Training and is a facilitated self-help group for people who have an alcohol or other drug problem," Smart organiser Ms Carolyn Carter said.

"The program is based on the principles of cognitive behaviour

therapy which means that it focuses on the here and now.

"The emphasis is on how people, who have experienced or who are experiencing alcohol or other drug dependency, can change their habits associated with this.

"The meetings are open meetings and there is no need for people to book if they wish to attend."

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**Press release, 9 May 2007
Carolyn Carter, Smart Recovery**

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Jason Uptin and Blake Arahill

Two trialled for State team

Two junior rugby league players from Woy Woy were among 65 players chosen to trial for the NSW team recently.

Blake Arahill and Jason Uptin, two local Woy Woy Junior Under-12/1 players from St John the Baptist, Woy Woy, were selected to play in the Catholic Schools (Broken Bay Diocese) Rugby League Open Primary School Team.

The Broken Bay Diocese extends from Sydney Harbour to Newcastle.

The selections were made at

Narrabeen over a period of weeks.

Two other Woy Woy Juniors, Luke McIntyre and Kieran Callaghan, were also in contention but "narrowly missed out" in the final selections, according to Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club co-editor Ms Gayle Downey.

"With Saturday training at Manly leading up to the event, the boys forged new friendships with players from this larger circle," Ms Downey said.

"Overall, there were six players who made the team from the Central Coast.

"This was a great honour for them, their team, their school and Woy Woy JRLFC itself.

"Last week they travelled to Tamworth and played against teams from around the State.

"Some games were won and some lost."

While they were not selected for the State team, "Blake and Jason both agree that the experience was certainly memorable", said Ms Downey.

Press release, 7 May 2007
Gayle Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club

Selected for swim meet

Alessandra Gasparotto has been selected to represent New South Wales at the National Primary Schools swim meet in Adelaide in June this year, according to Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club director of junior activities Ms Robyn Carr.

"She will contest the 10-year-olds freestyle and relay events," Ms Carr said.

"To be selected for the NSW team, Alessandra has had an outstanding performance at the recent PSSA state titles, held at Homebush.

"Alessandra is a squad member of the Peninsula Leisure Centre and a junior nipper at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

"At the recent presentation night for the Ocean Beach SLSC, Alessandra received first place in the under-10 female club point



score and was awarded Junior Carnival Competitor of the Year.

"Alessandra was also a state medalist at the recent Junior Surf Life Saving Championships in the under-10 female surf race."

Press release, 10 May 2007
Robyn Carr, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club

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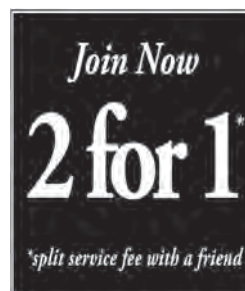
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Danny Kaye show at Woy Woy

Award-winning comedy show "A Tribute to Danny Kaye" is coming to the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on July 18.

As winner of the Best Comedy award at the 2005 Melbourne Fringe Festival, A Tribute to Danny Kaye pays homage to the comedy

legend.

The show is written and performed by Russell Fletcher, famous for his work at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and performances with corporate entertainers Troupe Du Jour.

Greg Riddell is the show's musical director and is considered "one

of Melbourne's most respected musicians" having composed scores for theatre, documentaries and short films.

Two shows will be performed on July 18 at 11am and 8pm.

For information or bookings the Laycock St Theatre box office can be contacted on 4323 3233.

Clare Graham, 11 May 2007

Old pictures on display

An exhibition of images from the late 1900s will be on display at Woy Woy Library in June.

The photos, from the Gosford City Library image collection, date from the late 1900s to the 1970s and display local children in a wide variety of environments, including

the school, library, with family and playing with friends.

Any resident wanting to donate images to council or allow it to copy images, should telephone Gosford City Library on 4348 9906.

Press release, 8 May 2007
Kate Carragher, Gosford Council

African dancing at Ettalong

A traditional African dancing class has begun at Ettalong.

The classes in Congolese and Rwandan dance are held at the progress hall, Fassifern St, Ettalong, every Friday, starting May 11, from 11am to 1pm and from 7pm to 9pm.

For more information, telephone Bahati on 0402 623 705 or e-mail bsalima@optusnet.com.au.

Press release, 4 May 2007
Garrie Sinclair

Tickets available at library

Peninsula residents will be able to pick up their Laycock Street Theatre tickets, as well as pay for them, at Woy Woy library.

The council had announced that tickets for events at the Peninsula Theatre and Laycock Street Theatre could be purchased from Gosford Council's Woy Woy Customer Service Centre at Woy

Woy library.

Cr Chris Holstein asked at last week's council meeting whether residents, who purchased tickets from the Woy Woy customer service centre, had to collect them from Gosford.

Council's Director of Community Services Mr Terry Thirlwell said that "tickets will be able to be collected at the Woy Woy office".

Council agenda Q.54, 1 May 2007

Tickets for Little Theatre

Tickets to the Woy Woy Little Theatre company's productions are not available through Woy Woy Library.

The theatre company's marketing and promotions officer Ms Leanne McLeod said that only tickets for Laycock Street productions could be purchased at Woy Woy Library.

Ticketing for Woy Woy Little Theatre would continue to operate autonomously through the Little Theatre company's ticketing office and via its subscription base.

"Although the Peninsula Theatre is the home of Woy Woy Little Theatre's productions, it is owned by Gosford Council, with Laycock St Theatre being the managing agents," Ms McLeod said.

"Laycock St Theatre also uses the theatre for its productions and hires the theatre out to other users.

"Laycock St Theatre looks after all tickets and marketing for all shows other than the Woy Woy Little Theatre.

"Woy Woy Little Theatre will still continue to arrange sales and ticketing of its own productions in the same manner as before."

Woy Woy Little Theatre tickets could only be purchased from the theatre's box office at the

Peninsula Theatre two weeks prior to opening night between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

General enquiries for Woy Woy Little Theatre could be made by telephoning either Barbara Hickey on 4341 2931 or Linda Williams on 4344 1800.

Press release, 11 May 2007
Leanne McLeod, Woy Woy Little

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Musicians perform for scholarship

The annual Scholarship Competition Concert by young local musicians took place in the Pearl Beach Community Hall on Sunday afternoon May 6.

The Irvine Piano Scholarship was awarded to Christine Chan, and the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship awarded to Jack Owens.

Seven competitors, all students of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, presented an "exciting and wonderfully varied program" under the direction of Conservatorium principal Christopher Bearman, according to Peninsula Choir leader and classical music buff Mr Ivan Kinny of Pearl Beach.

Mr Kinny said the associate artist was pianist Carl Schmidt, who provided "brilliant and sensitive accompaniments" to the young instrumentalists on the Irvine memorial piano.

Two scholarships were awarded to assist the winners to further their musical studies.

"The Irvine Piano Scholarship was awarded to Christine Chan, who delighted with her playing (from memory) of a Chopin nocturne and a prelude by Debussy, 'The Sunken Cathedral'," Mr Kinny said.

"In presenting this award on behalf of his brothers and himself, Dr John Irvine said that he had never heard the Kawai piano played so lovingly and sensitively.

"The audience agreed with him, recalling those qualities especially in the Debussy prelude, which required both great delicacy as well

as strength in the organistic chords of the central section, depicting the legendary cathedral rising from the sea and subsiding again."

Six other young artists competed for the scholarship awarded by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"Jack Owens, saxophonist, played with great brilliance in items by Bozza and Dubios, combining virtuosic melodic line and sensitive phrasing with dramatic tonal contrasts," Mr Kinny said.

"Selina Foo played her clarinet with impressive poise and breath-control.

"Her Fantasy Piece by Schumann showed a real mastery of tone and volume.

"Violinist Jennifer Stevens reached into the heights of intonation in her playing of an unaccompanied Sarabande by JS Bach, and demonstrated stylistic accord with her accompanist in a brilliant movement by Schubert.

"Joseph Kalou's flute playing was most enjoyable in works by Chopin and Mouquet.

"He showed great dexterity and beauty of tone, extending effortlessly into his high register.

"Jenna Brinkley played her saxophone with confidence and an impressive control of tone and phrasing in the traditional variations of The Carnival of Venice and a lively piece by Pikler.

"Gabrielle Steele's viola, an unusual instrument for a young person, brought the concert to a delightful conclusion.

"Gabrielle played with a warm feeling for her instrument's rich tone, and a stylish appreciation



Seated at piano Christine Chan winner of the Irvine Piano Scholarship
Jennifer Stevens - Violin; Jenna Brinkley - Saxophone; Accompanist - Carl Schmidt; Joseph Kalou - Flute; Jack Owens winner of the Pearl Beach Scholarship; Selina Foo - Clarinet and Gabrielle Steele - Viola.

of her chosen Bach Adagio and Allegro and two pieces by Gordon Jacob."

Mr Kinny said the adjudicator for the competition was Patrick Brislan, a "distinguished musician" with a background as horn player in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and as dean of the Elder Conservatorium in Adelaide.

Mr Brislan awarded the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship to Jack Owens.

Jack's prize was presented to him by Peter Lazar, who, as a former president of the association, had proposed the establishment of the scholarship.

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Ivan Kinny, Pearl Beach

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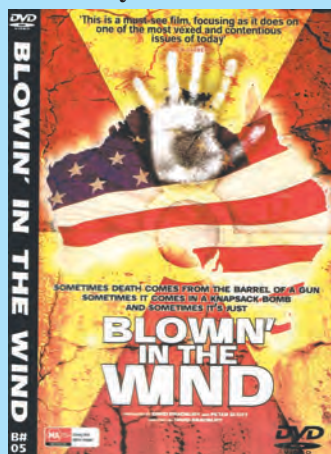
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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.

Fourth Sunday of every month

Buffalo Lodge Woy Woy 381 11am; **Buffalo Lodge** Gosford No 63 <

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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 15 - Mary Macs afternoon tea

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.

Annual Red Shield Appeal.

Collector, Peninsula Theatre, 7.30pm, enq: 4323 3233

Proposal for the establishment of a Pearl Beach and Patonga Chamber of Commerce

May 21 - Spectacular Movie Show - Woy Woy & District Rugby League Club

May 22 - Safer Seniors Drivers Workshop, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 1pm

May 23 - Bush walk to Box Head, Boudi National Park.

May 24 - Australias Biggest Morning Tea.

Inaugural meeting of the Woy Woy Peninsula Socrate's Cafe.

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

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

May 28 - Free Community information forum about the NSW Government 10 year State plan and Gosford Councils Vision

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.

June 9 - **Its Easy Going Market Weekend** Hardys Bay & Killcare comminugy

June 18 - A Tribute to Danny Kaye - Peninsula Theatre

July 24 - **PCC Inc General Meeting**, Peninsula Community Centre

Parents support walk

Ettalong School principal Mr Bob Bourke has thanked parents for supporting Walk to School day recently.

"Many parents supported us with a special effort in encouraging the children to walk to school last Friday," Mr Bourke said.

"It was terrific to see so many students arriving with their stickers attached.

"The day did much to raise awareness of safe habits in walking to and from school and healthy life styles."

Newsletter, 8 May 2007
Bob Bourke,
Ettalong Public School

Computer test results

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, South Woy Woy, has received student computer-test results from the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

The primary school congratulated Erin Tonkin and Aedan Southeren for their distinction results.

It also congratulated other students for their credit results: Harrison Moore, Hamish Sproule, Olivia Kennedy, Jordan Osborn and Philippa Tonkin.

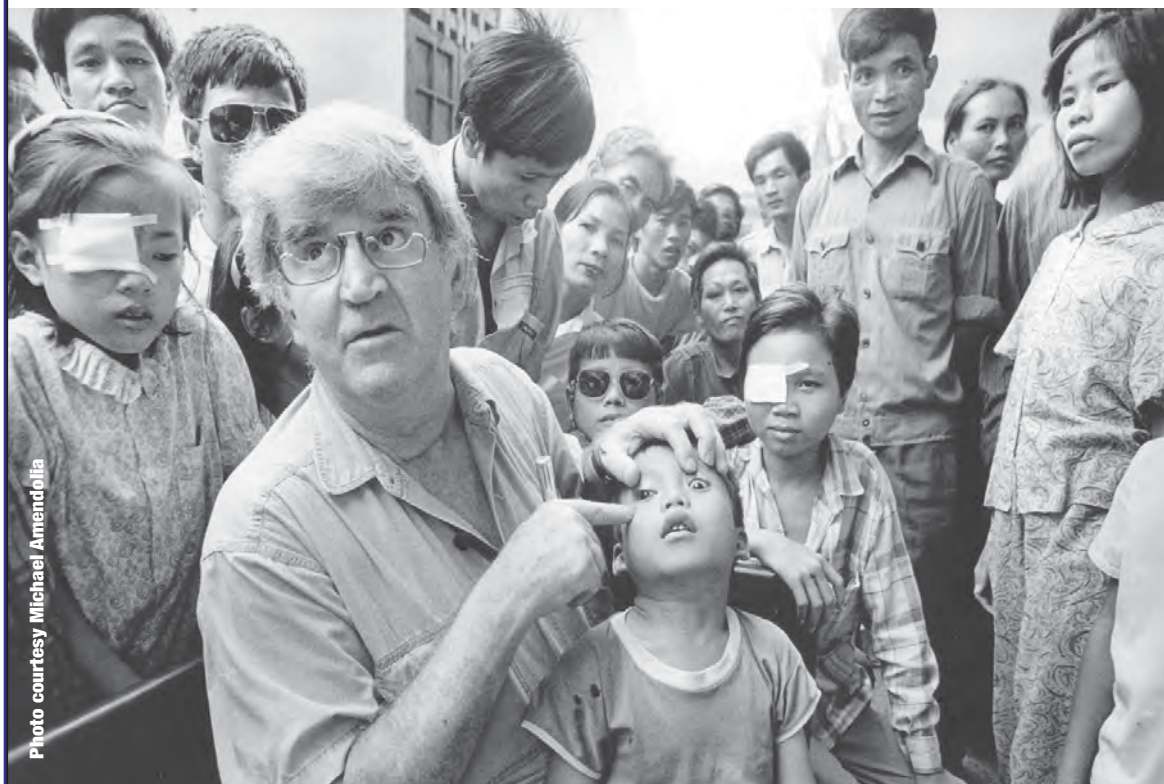
Educational Assessment Australia at the University of New South Wales runs the assessment program.

Ten countries now participate in ICAS.

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Newsletter, 9 May 2007
St John the Baptist
Primary School

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Education



School adopts Turo the whale

Pretty Beach Public School has adopted Turo, an Australian humpback whale, to "demonstrate the importance of whales to the community" according to school principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

Ms Redrup said the school urged people to do more to protect whales and the whale watching industry from "the threat of Japanese whaling".

"Each year, Turo joins the annual migrating of humpback whales that move north along the east coast of Australia to breed in the warmer waters of tropical Australia and the Pacific," Ms Redrup said.

"Pretty Beach has adopted Turo as the new mascot to show how

strongly we feel about protecting whales.

"The whales are an incredibly important part of our community- we look forward to the return of these magnificent creatures on migration each year.

"Many people here at Pretty Beach have seen them near Putty Beach over the years."

The school has joined the Humpback Whale Migrating Icon project by adopting and naming one of the migrating whales, identified by its unique and distinctive tail markings.

"Our whale, Turo, is named after a local aboriginal identity, Turo Downes, who lived in the area up to the 1940s," Ms Redrup said.

"The school had a competition for

naming the whale and this name was suggested from a kindergarten child, Rosie Drewett.

"Every student made a miniature whale this week and has placed their whale in the playground in the shape of a whale to support the National Day of Action to Protect Whales on Saturday, May 12."

"The Humpback Whale Migration Icon Project has been made possible by Trish and Wally Franklin, who for the past 18 years have used photographic methods to identify and database almost 3000 individual humpbacks that migrate to Australian waters every year."

Press release, 11 May 2007
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School

Unlimited rides at school fete

Woy Woy public school P&C fundraising coordinator Mr Mark Ellis has claimed a first for the Woy Woy Peninsula, with unlimited rides at the Woy Woy Public School fete for \$20.

"At our upcoming fete on Sunday, May 27, among the many stalls and activities available, you will be able to ride unlimited on a variety of thrill rides, family rides and kiddies ride for four hours," Mr Ellis said.

"At no other Peninsula event has such a promotion occurred.

"For \$20 prepaid, the kids can be thrilled by rides such as the hurricane or the cha cha.

"All ages can accept the challenge of the super slide as many times as they like.

"There will also be rides for smaller kids including flying helicopters and mini ferris wheels."

Tickets for the inaugural "ride fest" will be on sale to the public at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, from May 14 to 16 and one day before the fete on Saturday, May 26.

Tickets will also be on sale during the fete.

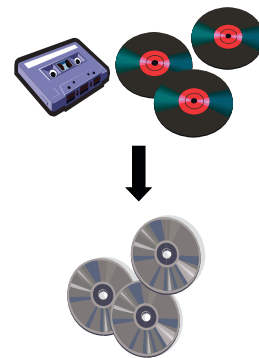
"We are looking forward to this exciting community event which is the school's major fundraiser for the year," Mr Ellis said.

Mr Ellis said funds raised from the event would be used to fund various equipment and needs throughout the school which "otherwise would be unable to be purchased by the school".

For more information, telephone Mark Ellis on 0413 933 244.

Press release, 9 May 2007
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy Public School

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"The Secretary of the PCC Inc Board hereby gives notice to all current financial members of the Peninsula Community Centre Inc that a Special General Meeting (under Constitutional authority page 9 Part IV Clause (1)) will be conducted on Tuesday July 24th @ 11.00am @ the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy.

As this is not an AGM (Annual General Meeting - scheduled for Nov 2007) there are only 2 agenda items listed for discussion / membership approval:
(1) Proposed changes (5 resolutions) to the PCC Constitution.
(2) The appointment of 3 current serving Board Members as life members of the PCC.

No proxy voting will be permitted, & all members wishing to attend should arrive at 10.45am for pre-registration & collection of Voting Forms."

Bushwalk to Box Head

An organised bushwalk, "Wednesday Walkers - out to Box Head", will be held at Bouddi National Park on Wednesday, 23 May.

Beginning at Hardys Bay, the walk will be held as part of the National Parks Discovery Walks Talks and Tours program, part of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

The Wednesday Walkers bushwalk, rated medium in difficulty level, will take views over the sea, Lion Island, Tallow Beach, and beyond.

Participants will hear stories of the area, pass Sydney red gum (angophora costata), and be encouraged to be on the look-out for local

wildlife, such as the white-breasted sea eagle.

Participants have been asked to bring cameras, walking shoes, weather protection, snacks and water.

Walkers will meet at 9.30am at the corner of Araluen Dr and Killcare Rd, Hardys Bay, and the walk will finish at 12.30pm.

Anyone interested should book on 4320 4205 by 12pm on Tuesday, May 22.

Pre-payment is required and a full refund is given for cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.

For this walk, adults are charged \$7 and seniors \$6.

Brochure, 11 May 2007
National Parks and Wildlife Service

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Gosford Council has been awarded a further \$30,000 Recreational Fishers grant from the Department of Primary Industries to restore saltmarsh in Patonga.

Council officer and member of its Coastal and Estuary Management Committee Dr Peter Freewater announced the grant, which he said would support the \$60,000 already received, and would be used to grow saltmarsh plants as part of a trial to rehabilitate the saltmarsh at Patonga Creek.

Dr Freewater said the grant would also be used for bush regeneration contractors.

Council agenda CE.003, 1 May 2007

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Umina Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
47th Annual General Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the 47th Annual General Meeting of members of Umina Surf Life Saving Club will be held at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Memorial Ave, Ettalong on Sunday 24th June, 2007 at 2:30pm. Details on website www-umina-slsc.com or contact Secretary 4342 6123.

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Fun Day AT UMINA



The Peninsula Park Fun Day, organised by the Peninsula Families Action Group was held on Saturday, May 12, from 10am to 2pm at the Umina Recreation Park opposite Umina Surf Club on Sydney Rd.

The Fun Day catered for children and families with amusements and activities that included a giant slide, storytelling, clowning entertainments, face painting, bubbles, games and even play equipment for under five year olds.

The day featured 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.



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Lifesavers help appeal

Peninsula Surf Life Saving Clubs have been among the first to volunteer their time for the Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal.

Umina and Ocean Beach surf clubs, as well as Killcare, will join Surf Life Saving Central Coast on May 19 and 20 to raise money for the National Doorknock Appeal.

The Red Shield Appeal is the Salvos' major fundraising event to help raise money for the large network of social and community services they offer.

The Salvos need to reach a Red Shield Doorknock goal of \$194,000 on the Central Coast if they are to maintain their "vital local services" in the year ahead, according to

Central Coast Red Shield Appeal Chairman Cr Peter Hale.

"Our aim this year is to mobilise 3000 collectors throughout the Central Coast and the support of surf lifesaving in volunteering their members is a great start," Cr Hale said.

Cr Hale said The Salvation Army spent \$1.5 million on the Central Coast every year.

"We are encouraging people to form teams of four with a driver and to make collecting for the Salvos a social event."

Anybody wishing to volunteer can contact the Salvation Army (Central Coast) on 4325 5614.

Clare Graham, 11 May 2007

The Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club recently held its Annual Junior Presentation and Awards Evening.

"The presentation was not only for the children but for all those who contribute to the running of the junior activities," said director of junior activities Ms Robyn Carr.

"The evening was well attended and capped off a successful year for the club."

In the Under-8's, Sienna Inglis came first in the female group and Ben Amiet first in the male group, following by Phillipa Tonkin and Jack O'Keeffe in second, Tahlia Boyd, Shariah Tucket and Byron Watts in third.

Garion Verstegen received an encouragement award.

In the Under-9's, Jasmine Mandy and Ryan Jewiss came first, Caitlan Oakes and Sanden Hayes second with Jennifer Murphy and Coen Church third.

Jack Steed received the encouragement award.

In the Under-10's, Alessandra Gasparotto and Joshua Thorndyke came first, Sarah Pollard and Shaun Cole second with Kaitlyn Fredricks, Joshua Richardson and Terrence Yap third.

Khaleb Tyson received an encouragement award.

In the Under-11's, Mykayla Carr and Blake Arahill came first, Lauren Blanch and Wade Hannell second with Emma Woodger and Jacob Mandy third.

Joshua Doherty received the encouragement award.

In the Under-12's, Elyssia Gasparotto and Brett Riley came

first, Ashleigh Fitzpatrick and Benjamin McDermott second with Rebecca Cooper, William Weekes and Laura McGlone third.

Samantha Stanford received the encouragement award in this age group.

In the Under-13's, Sara Anderson and Matthew Hurst came first, Brooke Carr and Ryan Moate came second while Jessica Howarth and Kyle Inglis came third.

Aaron Jewiss received an encouragement award.

In the Under-14's, Natasha Swain and Matthew Thompson came first, Anna Tonkin and Max Kennedy came second and Gaby Remy and Connor Grimmond came third.

Nicolette Blanch received an encouragement award.

The Iron Man and Diamond Lady Champions were Mykayla Carr and Blake Arahill in the 11 Years group, Laura McGlone and Brett Riley in the 12 Years, Sara Anderson and Matthew Hurst in the 13 Years, and Natasha Swain, Matthew Thompson and Connor Grimmond in the 14 Years group.

The Age Managers of the Year were Under 11 managers Donna Hannell and Mark Arahill.

The Tony Doyle Memorial Trophy was presented to Gabrielle Remy as Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

The Most Improved Carnival Competitors were Jasmine Mandy in the female group and Ryan Moate in the male group.

The Competitor of the Year went to Matthew Hurst in the Under-13 group.

Alessandra Gasparotto was

recognised as Junior Competitor of the Year.

The Team of the Year award went to the Under-13 Male Surf Team of Keelan Bridge, Matthew Hurst, Ryan Moate and Gregory Bennett.

Natasha Swain was named Rookie of the Year.

The Rudy Knight Memorial Trophy was awarded to Laura McGlone for Outstanding Sportsmanship.

State medallists included Elyssia Gasparotto as a gold medallist in the Under-12 Board and a silver medallist in the Under-12 Iron Person.

Alessandra Gasparotto was a bronze medallist in the Under-10 Surf Race.

Matthew Hurst was a bronze medallist in the Under-13 Ironman and Surf Teams.

In the Under-13 Surf Teams, Ryan Moate, Gregory Bennett and Keelan Bridge were all bronze medallists.

Ms Carr said age managers were Kathleen Watts, John Hawkins, Louise and Peter Lambeth, Sharon and Bernie O'Keeffe, Trevor Watts, Simon Mandy, Grant Hayes, Maree Cole, Michelle Stone, Donna Hannell, Mark Arahill, Gerry McGlone, Rob Gassman, John Anderson and Vicki Swain.

Officials were Dave Unger, Ben Smith, Stuart Bennett, Sue Bennett, Di Moate, Denise Lees, Graham Lees, David Thompson, Eric Daniel, Douglas Lees, Daniel Jaggars and Kevin Manning.

Press release, 10 May 2007
Robyn Carr, Ocean Beach
Surf Life Saving Club

Sponsor for Woy Woy netball

A local fast food outlet has announced it will embark on sponsorship with Netball New South Wales, which it claims will see Woy Woy netball "reaping the benefits".

McDonald's Woy Woy will participate in the sponsorship to encourage local kids to "live an active and healthy lifestyle".

The sponsorship package includes encouragement awards, drink bottles, drink dispensers and volunteers' vests.

McDonald's Woy Woy licensee Mr John Ursino said that he was proud to be supporting grass roots sports in the Woy Woy community.

"McDonald's is committed to contributing to the communities in which we operate," said John.

"We look forward to building a strong relationship with the Woy Woy Netball Association and together drive netball at a local level this season."

Press release, 9 May 2007
Anne Doan, Professional
Public Relations

Name change comes with championships

The Peninsula Highland Dancing Association, formed in 1979, has changed its name after it was granted the international championships for Australia.

Now named the Central Coast Highland Dancing Incorporated, the group will host the International Highland Dancing Championships of Australia to be held at the Central Coast Youth Club, Niagara Park, from July 20 to 23.

"The organisation is thrilled to host this event, which will become an annual event bringing highland

dancers from all over Australia and the world to the Central Coast, as well as fostering the many dancers already here on the Coast," club secretary Ms Katrina O'Callaghan said.

"After losing a bid last year, the organisation worked tirelessly to ensure the governing body, the Australian Board of Highland Dancing, approved the application for the event," Ms O'Callaghan said.

Central Coast Highland Dancing chairman Mr Douglas McFarland said the group had many members who were associated with the

Veronica Law School of Highland Dancing, which currently had a pupil from Woy Woy.

"We will have a number of volunteers from the Peninsula, including some former dance champions," Mr McFarland said.

More information about the event can be found at www.downunderthekilt.com/phda or by telephoning Veronica McFarland on 4372 1556.

Press release, 8 May 2007
Katrina O'Callaghan, Central
Coast Highland Dancing

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