

Dredging planned for Ettalong Point

The Department of Lands is currently progressing efforts to start emergency dredging "to improve navigation channels around the Ettalong Point sand shoal", according to Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

Cr Maher said the sand shoal shifts and changes shape, with its current form and position making navigation into Brisbane Water "difficult".

"Council has alerted the Department of Lands, which owns the estuary bed, to the situation and has met with Lands Minister Mr Anthony Kelly to seek assistance to prioritise the dredging of the shoal," Cr Maher said.

"Suitable models and ecological data for the dredging operation already exist.

"A brief is being finalised to engage suitably qualified personnel to prepare the dredging plan and a

review of environmental factors.

"The Department of Lands are preparing tendering contracts and seeking expressions of interest to undertake the work.

"The proposal is that about 20,000 cubic metres of clean sand be dredged from the navigation channel."

Cr Maher said it was anticipated that the dredging program could cost as much as \$300,000.

Cr Maher also noted that prior to the commencement of dredging, the Department of Lands would need to consult with many public authorities.

"Given the scale of the dredging operation, the approvals and consultation required, and the funds that must be sourced, it is anticipated that the work may not be completed until October-November this year," Cr Maher said.

**Press release, 21 Jun 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**



The Woy Woy commuter carpark

Car park extension comes at last

An extension to the Woy Woy commuter car park, which was promised by the State Government for its last term of office, has been funded in this year's State Budget.

Member for Gosford Ms Andrews said \$2.5 million would be spent on the extension, bringing the total

cost of the project to \$7.2 million.

Ms Andrews said the Gosford electorate had received "a healthy share of the record funds for schools, hospitals, roads, transport and other vital infrastructure" in the current budget.

"The \$45 billion budget meets Premier Iemma's commitment to improve and expand the public

services the community relies on," Ms Andrews said.

"The Iemma Government will fund key capital works projects worth almost \$50 billion over the next four years."

**Press release, 19 Jun 2007
Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford**

Budget funds three local projects

The State Government has announced three projects for the Peninsula in the recent State Budget, in areas of health, energy and education.

In health, \$2.4 million has been set aside for the Woy Woy Transitional Care Unit, as part of the Pathways Home Program.

In energy, \$1.8 million has been earmarked to complete the construction of the Woy Woy and Umina Zone substations.

In Education, Pretty Beach Public School will receive four new classrooms, an administration area and a library as part of

the demountable replacement program.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said \$100,000 for a mobile police station would also benefit Peninsula residents as it "certainly would be deployed in the Woy Woy Peninsula area, though not all the time".

Ms Andrews said the station would be deployed in the area as a result of incidents identified in the past.

Ms Andrews said that she would provide more information on certain aspects of the budget after reading through the budget papers.

Lyle Stone, 21 Jun 2007

Annual lunch helps children

Save the Children Woy Woy branch held its annual luncheon on May 29, raising almost \$1000 for the organisation.

"It was a well attended event, and was just a few dollars short of our \$1000 target, which we may

reach with donations still coming in," publicity officer Mr Dennis Hensman said.

"The highlight of the day was our guest speakers Joan Victory and Jenny Grant from Radio Five-O-Plus, who gave a highly professional and entertaining performance, at the end of the day

their table was surrounded by so many fans."

Proceeds from the day went to needy children through the organisation's programs in inner city Sydney."

**Press Release, 12 Jun 2007
Dennis Hensman,
Save the Children Woy Woy**

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Choir sings at market day

The Umina Uniting Church will feature the Alloura Waters Village Choir at its winter Market Day on Saturday, June 30.

Morning tea would also be served on the day, said parish secretary Ms Annette Strong.

"Piping hot scones will be available to purchase, or eat immediately.

"This is the last time that Helen Edgell will be assisting Keith Woods with the scones."

Ms Strong said that Ms Edgell and her husband, the Reverend Bruce Edgell, would be moving

away upon retirement at end of August.

"Grateful thanks go to Helen for the many, many dozens of scones that she has made over the past 10 years in supporting the Broken Bay Parish and its wider work to the community."

The market day will be held between 8am and 1pm.

"Stalls will sell all sorts of food including barbecue, second hand books, trash and treasure, Alpha candles, and cards," Ms Strong said.

Press release, 16 Jun 2007
Annette Strong,
The Umina Uniting Church



New president for Rotary Club

Immediate past President Peter Doherty, left, congratulates Jay Thorogood on becoming the Club's 31st President

Local businessman Jay Thorogood has been named the new president of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

At the club's annual Changeover Dinner, the outgoing president was Mr Peter Doherty.

Mr Thorogood announced that plans for the coming year included two "new and exciting projects".

The projects include an NRMA Senior Driving talk and subsidised driving instruction for senior residents on the Peninsula, and also four Debt Reduction Workshops.

The NRMA Senior Driving courses will be held four times throughout the Rotary year and the first course will start on Tuesday, July 24.

In conjunction with the Central Coast Community College, Umina Beach Rotary Club will also conduct four Debt Reduction Workshops to "assist young people to budget, take control of their finances and remain out of debt".

For more information, telephone 0418 634 966.

Press release, 22 Jun 2007
Geoff Melville,
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

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Information wanted

Police are appealing to the public for information following an armed robbery of a service station at Umina on June 21.

Police stated that shortly after 6pm a female entered the service station on Ocean Beach Rd while the male attendant was stocking fridges at the rear of the store.

According to police: "As the attendant returned to the counter, the woman drew a silver knife from

her pocket and demanded money from the register.

"The man handed over an amount of cash before the woman fled the store.

"She was last seen running north along Ocean Beach Rd.

"Police were contacted and arrived a short time later.

"A crime scene was established and police patrolled the area for the armed woman."

Police stated the woman was described as being white/European in appearance and about 35-years-old.

She had light red coloured hair and fair skin and freckles and was last seen wearing a black beanie, dark sunglasses, a dark jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone with information as to the identity of the woman or who may have seen something in the area have been asked to telephone Gosford Police on 4323 5599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Plan for more storms, say green groups

Environment groups have called on the authorities to expect more frequent severe storms on the Peninsula as a result of climate change.

Both Peninsula Dune Care and the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation have called for authorities to recognise the vulnerability of the Peninsula, as a low-lying coastal sandplain.

Peninsula Dune Care has written to the Department of Lands saying that foreshore protection should be "number one priority".

"Protection, for Ettalong and Umina, is best provided by an elevated dune system with ample vegetation."

Dune Care convenor Mr Michael Gillian told the Lands Department: "It is incredible to believe that Gosford Council should be proposing plans ... which propose bulldozing and leveling the dune and vegetation system on the foreshore at Ettalong."

Mr Gillian said that severe erosion at Lance Webb reserve and blown sand at the Ferry Precinct and South Beach were indicative of what could be expected on a broader scale if the plans went ahead.

He said the dune system and vegetation at Town Beach had protected that area of the beach and roadway and showed the importance of a protective dune system.

Mr Gillian said the State Government should ensure the protection of the foreshore.

"Such events are likely to be more frequent in the future as a result of climate change."

"There is little point in having uninterrupted sea views at the expense of an increased risk of flooding on the Peninsula," he said.

The State Government, local councils and the community should plan for more severe coastal

storms like that experienced over the Queens Birthday weekend, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

The frequency of storms resulting from so-called "east coast lows" has doubled in the past 40 years, according to branch president Mr Mark Snell.

"We should plan for this to double again over the next 40 years as a result of climate change."

"Even with strong global action on climate change, the frequency and intensity of these storms can be expected to get worse before they get better," he said.

Mr Snell said the weekend's storm highlighted the vulnerability of the region's water, waste, energy, transport and communications infrastructure.

He said authorities should be planning now for such events, rather than waiting to react when a storm hits.

Mr Snell said that it was lucky for the Peninsula that its rain intensity was half that experienced further north.

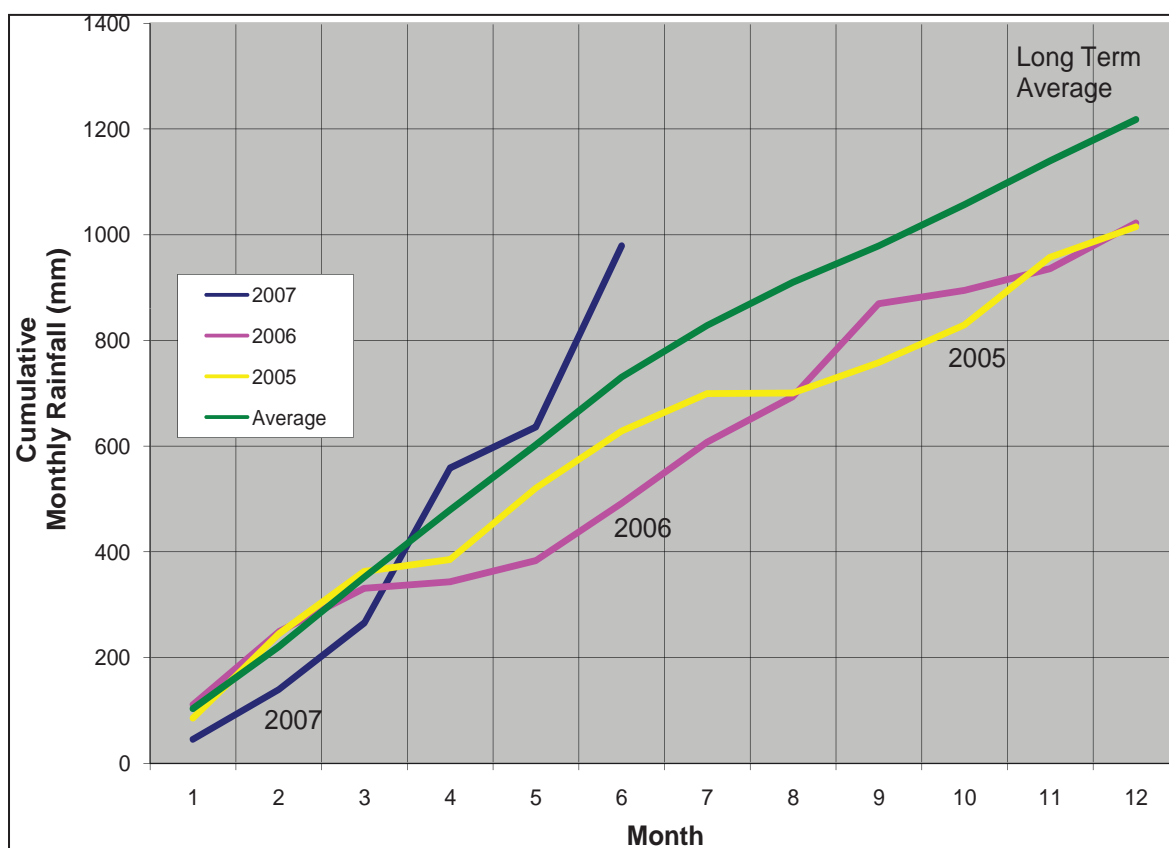
"The Peninsula may not be so lucky next time."

Mr Snell said that the State Government's planning strategy for the region and the Water Authority's Water Plan 2050 were examples of just two planning documents that had not taken the threat of climate change seriously.

He said that a risk analysis of the effects of climate change on the region, and contingency planning, should be part of any public planning document looking 20 or more years into the future.

Mr Snell said that concerned residents should consider attending the next meeting of the Central Coast's new Climate Action Group.

Press release, 14 Jun 2007
Michael Gillian,
Peninsula Dune Care
Mark Snell, ACF Central Coast



Rainfall close to last year's total

Rainfall so far this year is less than 50mm short of the total rainfall last year, according to figures provided by Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

At the end of last week, 979mm had fallen so far this year.

This compared to 1022mm, just 43mm more, for the whole of last year.

Rainfall for the month was 342.5mm, of which 217mm fell over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

This compares to an average for the month of 128.1mm.

There were 10 days with more than 5mm of rain this month.

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Mark Snell, 23 Jun 2007

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Nesbitt is strong advocate

I congratulate the CEO of the Peninsula Community Centre for his determination and strength to ensure that people like Councillor Chris Holstein are made accountable for misleading comments that he makes publicly in the media.

It's all very well for Cr Holstein to promote himself provided that his claims are actually correct.

It appears that for the second

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time, Cr Holstein has had to be corrected:

Firstly for his exaggerated claims that he "delivered the community centre" when in actual fact, it's been operating for over 30 years and, secondly, implying that "council provides funds to the community centre".

It is obvious to me that whenever Cr Holstein is made accountable,

he quickly blames others as being "politically motivated".

The truth is, we finally have a strong advocate in the centre's manager, Mr Nesbitt, who has the backbone to stand up to those sorts of self-promoters.

As a once prominent politician said "let's keep the bastards honest".

Good on you, Mr Nesbitt.

**Jack Galway
Woy Woy**

Send evidence of subsidence

I am very troubled, as are we all, not least the close family of those tragically killed by the collapse of the old Pacific Highway into Pyles Creek.

I have taken the trouble to visit the area and obtain my own overview, as ratepayers are being kept in the dark.

I have walked in Pyles Creek from Somersby Falls Rd where I found that culvert to be partially blocked, about 1000 meters to the site of the local road collapse.

Photos which I have provided politicians and media show that the plastic pipes under the highway are eroded away.

I have tried to have at least one of those photos tabled in Parliament accompanied by a request directed to the Minister for Local Government about the frequency and diligence of maintenance and cleaning.

I have been told by a political office worker, that I must provide additional documents with the date stamped photos of the on-going subsidence at The Rampart on the Woy Woy Peninsula and the collapse of the old Pacific Highway into Pyles Creek.

The documents ideally would show Gosford Council has been approached with concerns and

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complaints about maintenance and subsidence: Letters between ratepayers and council which would support my perception that our council may not have honoured its duty to ratepayers, and contractual obligations.

Without supporting documents, the photos of the eroded and partly blocked pipes can't be tabled in NSW Parliament.

If you have letters of complaint to council and their responses, which can be verified, or evidence that council has acted properly or improperly, I will not reject balance for political expediency.

Please forward copies to me at Edward James, PO Box 3024 Umina 2257.

**Edward James
Umina**

Determined to commercialise public park

In 1996 Gosford Council as trustees, attempted to offer that area of crown land referred to as "Patonga Caravan and Camping Area" to commercial interests for private lease.

As a result of overwhelming public opinion against this proposal, the then Minister for Land, Kim Yeadon caused an official and detailed "land assessment" to be carried out in accordance with the relevant act to determine the most appropriate use of this area.

That assessment determined that the subject land was not a caravan park nor a camping ground in its entirety, but in fact remained an "area of public recreation" as it had been proclaimed in 1917 and that it serves and provides very many and varied uses for the people of Patonga, the people of the shire and indeed the general public of this State.

The Minister decreed that due to the recreational significance of the site to the township of Patonga, the land was to be retained as a recreational area and low key camping and caravanning ground and that the intensification of its use as a caravan park was to be discouraged.

Gosford Council shelved its plan to commercialise the site and retired defeated!

In 1999, Council once again proposed to offer the site to

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commercial interests so that those interests could install what would have been highly profitable permanent on-site cabins as accommodation for people wishing to attend the Sydney Olympic Games.

Once again members of the public and residents of Patonga made representations to the Minister for Lands, who was then Richard Amery, opposing the Council's blatant attempt to commercialise their recreational ground which resulted in Mr Amery re-confirming the previous land assessment and instructing Gosford Council that the plan was not to proceed and that the provisions of the land assessment were to be adhered to.

People 2 - Gosford Council nil!

However, determination is a wonderful thing and Gosford Council is nothing if not determined.

Now we, the people of Patonga and the Shire, are faced with another attempt by Gosford Council to commercialise and destroy one of the most idyllic and valuable public areas on the entire Central Coast.

Although the Council insists it is in dire need of funds and it will be unable to provide the necessary services and infrastructure for the people of the Shire without a drastic rate rise, it is nevertheless

proceeding with an extremely costly and extravagant plan, which appears to be a complete contradiction to the spirit and contents of the existing "land assessment".

Council intends to realign the roadways inside the park so that there are two distinct areas, neither accessible from each other by vehicle; one containing four permanent on site cabins for accommodating tourists and a caretaker's residence, which is to be built in the park; a boom gate so that only those resident in the park will be able to gain admittance; and a separate entrance for those wishing to use the only public boat ramp in Patonga Creek.

If this is not intensifying the use of the area as a "caravan park" and precluding and alienating the public from its own recreation ground, I should like to see a better example!

These plans together with other modifications yet to be fully disclosed by Council will of course cost a huge amount of money in addition to the \$110,000 already expended by Council in providing the new children's playground recently installed in the park and which for the main part, sits almost totally unused.

I therefore urge anyone interested in the preservation of this public park (because that is exactly what it is and has been since 1917) to contact the current Minister for Lands, The Honourable Tony Kelly MP at Level 34 Governor Macquarie Towers, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney, 2000, the local member, Marie Andrews, MP at 20 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy, 2256 and also the General Manager of Gosford Council and to voice their opposition at the blatant commercialisation of this wonderful area.

**Vic Jefferies
Patonga**

More forum on page 6

Council responsibility for state of roads

I would like to know why Gosford Council is not paying for the funeral expenses of the five people who lost their lives on the Pacific Hwy at Somersby.

It was the responsibility of the Council and their duty of care to make sure that road was safe for all to travel on.

I feel that it is also time that all the councillors should either resign or be sacked.

They have proven to the people of the Central Coast that they are unable to do their job, efficiently and competently.

I call on the State Government to sack them all.

It is their fault that the roads all

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over the Central Coast are in such a bad state of affairs.

Cr Maher is only worried about building his civic centres and the foreshore at Gosford, but we need safe roads first.

What's the point of having these buildings and venues if it is not safe to get there by car?

Maybe it's time to go back to the old days when Woy Woy had its own council and we weren't so much part of Gosford.

It's very clear the council can't handle such a large area of ground.

**Kerrie Stirling
Umina**

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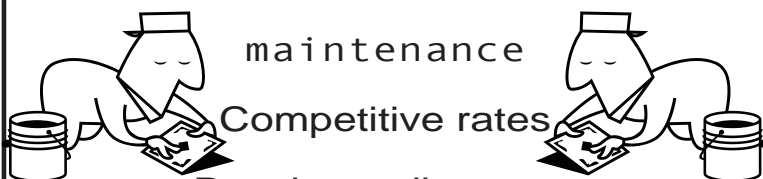
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Safari business starts from Blackwall

Blackwall resident Mr John Cooper has begun operating a safari business and hopes to "introduce Central Coast residents to the thrills of travel in Africa".

John, who operates the African Adventures Safari Company, said he has spent many years not only travelling throughout southern and eastern Africa but also "living, working and gaining a passion for Zimbabwe".

Mr Cooper said his close ties with Africa have enabled him to realise a "long-held desire" to share his experiences and adventures with others by organising and escorting safari groups.

Mr Cooper said; "the average Australian has a real affinity for the mystery, adventure and incredible wildlife of Africa but they don't feel confident to tackle Africa by themselves".

He said he intended to keep the "excitement and adventure but remove the worries of organisation that can be associated with African travel".

Mr Cooper said he had travelled extensively, finally resigning from

full time teaching in 1993 to take up casual teaching positions so he could be free to travel and spend longer intervals in Africa.

He said that during this time he spent most of his longer trips in Zimbabwe.

Mr Cooper said he has managed an ostrich farm in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe, worked as a site manager for a construction company working out of Harare and had a great deal to do with the safari industry.

He said that over the years he had many Australian visitors and organised their travel around Zimbabwe, most times acting as unofficial tour guide.

Mr Cooper said it was from the positive experiences gained from such trips, and the urging of friends, that he has decided to start his business.

He only operates with small groups (up to 10) or one-on-one, but he admits this is an expensive option, and he plans a safari around a group.

He discusses with the clients their likes and dislikes, their budgets, the amount of time they have and their

expectations and then formulates an appropriate itinerary.

Mr Cooper said every group had its own guide and vehicle. There were no tents unless you really wanted them, and the options are only limited "by your imagination".

Mr Cooper said he is currently preparing some itineraries for horseback adventures, a group that wants to see big game and play golf and for a group of fishing enthusiasts who wanted to "tackle the mighty tiger fish".

"I can just as easily organise a leisurely houseboat and big game experience on one of the largest lakes in the world, Lake Kariba, or have you flying over Victoria Falls in a helicopter," Mr Cooper said.

"I invite you to contact me with any queries about my safaris and what I have to offer.

"I am also only too pleased to advise you on travel in other parts of the African continent.

"I always have time to talk to anyone about Africa and provide my expertise and advice free of charge."

**Press release, 12 Jun 2007
John Cooper, African Adventures**



Andrew Clark



Andre Gumprecht



Tony Vidmar



John Hutchinson

Students train with Mariners

Students of the Umina Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College met and trained with the Central Coast Mariners soccer team on May 30.

The 13 Mariners players attending included Tony Vidmar, John Hutchinson, Andrew Clark and Andre Gumprecht.

The students formed separate groups which were each led by two Mariners players through a variety of coaching drills and modified

game formats.

Students were given the opportunity after the coaching exercises to put questions to and have their shirts signed by the players.

Teacher Mr Mark Rae said: "I apologise to all those parents who may have freaked out when they saw their sons and daughters coming into the house that afternoon with black ink all over their shirts."

**Newsletter, 22 Jun 2007
Brisbane Water Secondary College**

Volunteers wanted

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has called on volunteers for its Learning Assistance Program and Grandfriend Program.

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Camp Ellis in Maine following storms on April 19



Not me! I'm not dead

I note historian Joan Fenton suggests my name as a contender for the new pedestrian and cycle bridge at Woy Woy.

However, I must decline the honour for two fundamental reasons: one, I'm not dead; and two, the structure is too grand for my mild achievements.

I would suggest Keith O'Connell. He was the first State politician to represent Peats, which is mostly the Woy Woy Peninsula area.

He was the first politician to have

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his electorate office in Woy Woy.

Also, he got the Woy Woy railway station ramp built.

Another possibility is the great actress Sarah Bernhardt, (The Divine Sarah).

A footbridge was built for her when she visited friends at Woy Woy in the early 1880s.

The bridge was called the Sarah Bernhardt Bridge.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

Straying from Labor's path

The Dictator of Planning in New South Wales, Mr Sartor, will take away planning powers from councils if they knock back or modify development.

No surprise there.

But it is certainly a long, straying path from Labor Prime Minister Ben Chifleys' statement: "Labor should represent the people, in fact, stand for the people".

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

Storm damage can happen here

We have recently returned from a visit to relatives in the eastern states of the USA.

We arrived a day after the severe storms of April 19 and the first TV news which we saw, showed a state of emergency along the coast of New Jersey and the people being interviewed were lamenting the loss of their beach homes and their beach.

Further north along the coast, we heard that seven houses had been lost in those storms.

Certainly at Camp Ellis in Maine, we stood amidst the small cluster of houses where three houses had gone.

There was no sign of them and those which were left looked very forlorn and sad.

They were losing their foundations and so were lopsided and dejected looking.

It was both sad and frightening to look at.

A small earth-mover was valiantly trying to save a house which was only three metres from the new drop to the beach.

We then encountered much flooding caused by a seawall which had been built further down the coast.

Houses along the road which had previously looked out at the beach and the surf rolling in, just like The Esplanade, now looked out at a long pile of rubble, which authorities had placed there in an effort to stop the water going across the road into the homes.

At Newport, Rhode Island, famous for its yachting activities, there had been manicured lawns all along the front, above the beach, just like the ones which some people would like to see at Umina and Ocean Beach.

These lawns were now punctuated by large holes where the sea had swept in and up, taking the sand back with it and this together with the water falling on the top had helped to gouge out enormous holes.

In some places, efforts were being made to re-vegetate and re-build the dunes; an almost hopeless job.

Seeing such things makes me wonder just why the people of the Central Coast, and particularly on

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the Peninsula, seem so sure that such things will not happen to them.

Why have they been signing petitions asking Council and the State Government to remove the vegetation at Town Beach, Ettalong and encouraging the building of a commuter ferry and wharf, which will disturb another beach and thus affect the currents even more?

Whatever we do along the coast is vulnerable and will only be a temporary reprieve and definitely cause trouble elsewhere.

Anyone looking and thinking seriously about the situation now, with our own storms, should surely be beseeching Council to plant more vegetation all along the beaches instead of removing it.

Anyone seeing the people, who constantly chop down trees for a view, should be reporting this vandalism.

Surely a view of the sea through trees is preferable to a view of a pile of rubble?

We have been warned for a long time now of an increase in severe storms, particularly along our coast.

How much worse does it have to get before we come to our senses and believe it?

I suppose that as soon as the sun shines, all will be forgotten and it will be business as usual.

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Contributions

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Judy Abrahams was everyone's friend.

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Sadly, Judy passed away suddenly at her home in Nerang on the Gold Coast on June 17.

Prior to moving to the Gold Coast, Judy lived in Woy Woy.

Judy loved living on the Peninsula, in particular Woy Woy, where she had lived for many years with her husband Ray, daughter Diana and son David.

Judy had many adversities put in front of her in her lifetime, but the biggest one was when she was told she had breast cancer.

Throughout her surgery and treatment she showed us all what courage, strength and dignity was.

After her surgery and treatment, Judy had to reevaluate her life.

This involved moving to Queensland to be with her family.

She was very happy to be with her family but saddened because she had to leave her beloved Peninsula.

Many people will remember Judy as the presiding civil celebrant at their wedding.

All on the Coast knew her since her duties took her from Patonga to Mannering Park to conduct weddings.

She took great pride in her work and carried out her duties with great dignity and was sought after

Obituary

as a celebrant.

She remembered every couple that she married, taking great pride in the fact that they came back to her with children to have them named in a name-giving ceremony.

She loved to see a child walk past her or ride their bike past and say: "There goes little Johnny. I remember when he was a baby in my arms and I did his name-giving".

Then she would look at you with a gentle smile on her face and remark: "I can still remember the day I officiated at his parents wedding".

Then with a look that told you she was reminiscing about the past, she would softly look at you and say: "I have been so lucky to have known so many nice couples and to have been part of their special day".

Today Judy, so many people would be reminiscing about you and the day you made their lives complete by officiating at their wedding ceremony.

You were loved by many and will be missed by many, but your family will always miss you, as you were very lucky they had you as their mum and wife.

Judy's service was held on Tuesday, June 26, on the Gold Coast.

Letters of condolence may be sent c/o Diana Gibson PO Box 1288 Nerang QLD 4211.

**Diana Johnston
Umina Beach**

Running in the Gobi Desert

A former Peninsula resident is currently participating in the Gobi Desert Marathon in China as one of only three Australians in the race.

Bronwyn Hull, wife of current Tascott resident Mr Michael Hull, said Mr Hull was one of only "a handful of Australians" to take part in the 250km race.

"The Gobi Desert is the world's largest cold winter desert made up of mostly mountains, slot canyons, rocks, grasslands, salt flats, rivers and sand dunes," Ms Hull said.

"This year, 190 competitors from 23 countries will race.

"The Gobi March is the most international outdoor event in the world."

Mr Hull is a veteran of seven long distance Iron Man triathlons at Forster, Busselton and Japan, two Simpson Desert Cycle Classic, five Six-Foot Track Marathons in the Blue Mountains, the Boston Marathon, Canberra Ultra Marathon and The Great Wall of China Marathon.

However, Mr Hull rates this as the hardest he's ever done.

"The race is run at altitude, and combined with scorching temperatures during the day (35 degrees plus) and freezing conditions at night (down to -5 degrees), it is rated as one of the toughest ever," said Ms Hull.

She said that, in training for the event, Mr Hull clocked up enough kilometres to have run to Brisbane and back.

"He has been running on the beaches of the Peninsula, through the national parks and also the streets with a 12 kilo back pack on to help simulate the conditions of the Gobi March," Ms Hull said.

"Check points are located along the course every 10 to 12 kilometres with racers having to follow sand markers.

"Only one person has ever been lost for more than 24 hours."

Ms Hull said the race was as mentally challenging as it was physically.

"Sand storms and violent winds are one major problem with already the support and medical crew being forced to turn their plane around due to a severe sand storm," Ms Hull said.

Ms Hull said that although the Gobi Desert had less sand than the Sahara Desert, Michael was told to expect sand dunes as high as 1000ft and altitude of 14,000ft at some stages.

She said that Michael also had to be self-sufficient for all seven days, which involved carrying over 12kg in his back pack, with sleeping bag and sand protector sheet, food, water, torches, knives, first aid kit, clothes and toilet paper.

"They also have to carry all their rubbish with them, as there are huge fines for littering the desert," Ms Hull said.

"This year, however, the competitors have been asked to leave their water bottles at the end of the race for the locals.

"The bottles help to make carrying water easier for the locals.

"Something we take for granted is so precious to them."

Ms Hull said that each night the competitors bunked down in a 10-man tent, with a fire in the middle to cook on, and boiling water.

"They use the water for all their freeze dried food they have taken with them," Ms Hull said.

Ms Hull said Michael was also raising money for Juvenile Diabetes by participating in the race.

"The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation are doing a fantastic job world wide to find a cure for juvenile diabetes (Type

1)."

The marathon was held from June 17 to 23.

Both Michael and Bronwyn were "born and bred" in Woy Woy, with their parents still living in Woy Woy and Umina.

Their children attend Ettalong Public School. Tegan is school captain.

Their children play soccer for Woy Woy, along with dancing at Peninsula Youth Centre.

"We both still class ourselves as Peninsula people."

Lyle Stone, 21 Jun 2007

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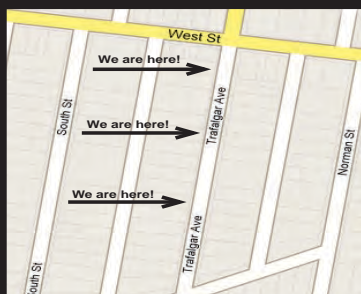
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Significant women: Carolyn Carter

CAROLYN CARTER has lived and worked in the Woy Woy/Umina Peninsula area since early 1991 when she was appointed Principal of Woy Woy High School.

She held this position until the end of December 2001, after which she became the Principal of the Woy Woy Senior Campus of the Brisbane Water Secondary College. She retired from this position in April 2003.

Carolyn was born at Scone in the Upper Hunter Region of NSW where her family owned a beef cattle property.

She attended Maitland Girls High School and trained as a teacher at the University of Newcastle and the Newcastle Teachers' College.

She commenced teaching in 1967, and previous to her appointment at Woy Woy, she taught at Newcastle, Walgett, Gosford (Henry Kendall High School), Tamworth and Narrabri.

Some of the community projects Carolyn has been involved in were as an adjunct to her role as a school

Principal.

In 1995 she started work on helping to establish the Peninsula Community Access News, a community newspaper that came out of the Peninsula Forum, which was set up to address issues associated with under age youth congregating at Ettalong Beach on Friday and Saturday nights.

In 2001 she joined the Peninsula Community Drug Action Team (PCDAT) as a representative of the Department of Education and Training.

Since her retirement from the NSW Teaching Service in 2003, Carolyn has continued her involvement with the PCVDAT whose focus has been on community building projects for young people on the Peninsula.

These have included such things as: A Youth Leadership course at the Umina Campus of the Brisbane Water Secondary College for the past five years, Live Youth Band events at the Umina PCYC; community barbecues at the Umina Beach Skate Park; Parent brochure; Parent Forums; and "Save-a-Mate: CPR course of youth on the Peninsula.

Carolyn has also been the



President of the Umina Beach Police and Community Youth Club Advisory Committee (previously the Management Committee) from March 2003 until the present.

This is now mainly a supporting and advisory role to the Club Manager and the Police Programmers.

As well as working in the Peninsula community, Carolyn has worked as a volunteer for Central Coast Lifeline since 1995 and is currently an assistant trainer of telephone counsellors for the Central Coast Centre. In 2003, she has also served on the Board of Coastlink Respite Care which is an organisation that

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

The first edition was published last year.

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

Women included in the publication have been nominated by their friends and admirers of their work, according to Ms Hardy.

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

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

Cec Bucello, 13 Apr 2007

provides respite to Central Coast people with an intellectual disability and their families.

She is also a member of the Zonta Club of Central Coast, which is a part of an international business and professional women's organisation which works to advance the status of women and girls.

She is a member of the Area 1 Zonta Trafficking Taskforce which was recently established to impact on or eliminate trafficking of young women and girls into Sydney for sex slavery.

Since retiring from teaching, Carolyn has trained as a counsellor and now works part-time as a drug and alcohol counsellor at Gorman House, a detoxification unit attached to the St. Vincent's Hospital Drug and Alcohol Services, Darlinghurst.

In conjunction with this service, she is currently in the process of organising a SMART Recovery drug and alcohol rehabilitation group on the Peninsula to start in January 2007

Significant women: Marjory Cleere

MARJORY CLEERE, nee Sheridan, was born in Ryde in 1932.

Her family moved to Ettalong when she was three, and they were only there two years when her father was killed whilst working on his truck.

Her Grandmother, Sybil Muriel Curnock had travelled the world and for many years, almost to the time of her passing, ran a small exchange library and was a lobbyist.

She was remembered for leaving a note for the milkman, "Please put Milk in one billy, water in the other, and I'll mix it to my own taste".

Granny as a leader, started the Housewives Association and also became the first President of the RSL Ladies Auxiliary.

Marjory's mother followed her in this role.

Muriel was invited to submit her name to a directory "The Notable Women in Australia" in 1930 for "distribution to Government Houses of the Empire, Australia House, Court of St James, Clubs of the Empire, Premiers' Offices, Empire Newspapers, American Newspapers, Empire Libraries and American Libraries".

Muriel declined the invitation.

Twice married, Marjory remained

on friendly terms with her first husband after they had each remarried and she still has contact with the children of his second marriage.

Her second marriage to a career soldier meant moving around to new postings, periods of separation, managing as a single mum (with her mum and her mum as back-up).

She remembers when Jack was in South Vietnam, he would write to her and include some special requests from his young soldiers.

Marjory would pack these items (mostly lollies) and send them with the next batch of reinforcements for his Unit.

They have had some great times and are still married after 51 years.

In 1970, Jack was posted to Army Headquarters in Canberra and Marjory moved back to Ettalong with the children, and for a period of time returned to work at Social Security.

This experience re-ignited her social conscience; so many people with so many problems.

Why? Marjory took to study, awareness and understanding, recognising at the same time that some problems need intervention at State or Federal level.

Marjory attended a committee



meeting of the then Woy Woy and District Youth Club where they talked about money and fund raising.

Before the meeting closed, Marjory asked about Activities and what was planned.

"None." was their reply.

"We used to have boxing, and had thought about chess and photography". A group of ladies, most of them older than Marjory, got together and ran Youth Dances in the old picture theatre, now the Senior Citizens Centre, with as many as 200 noisy kids.

There were complaints, but gradually with the help of a few men, the Saturday Dance was firmly established.

Income from the dances provided financial support for other activities

such as dancing and gymnastics conducted by instructors of the highest calibre, the aim being to make sure that activities for children of all ages was affordable and enjoyed by as many children as possible.

Fund raising continued unabated and a grant of some \$500,000 through the Red Scheme, saw the building of a magnificent Youth Club, (now demolished), adjacent to the Meals on Wheels building in MacMasters Road, Woy Woy.

If failure is accepted as a quality in a notable person, Marjory thinks she would be a prime candidate. She says "Youth outside sport are still sadly neglected.

Social activity, interaction, communication, employment, homelessness still abound." Included in the "Peninsula Plan" is a population increase.. ..places where adults are admitted ... but..

in the Plan ... Youth are omitted no dedicated "Space"...no learning to laugh classes... however right now the youth get plenty of mention linked to vandalism.

Marjory belongs to "Family & Friends of Drug Abusers".

She attended and spoke at the National Drug Summit in Canberra; is a member of "Family and Friends for Law Reform"; CSCCH Advisory Group, plus less formal groups with direct hands on helping aged persons and others with difficulties that may only need someone to discuss problems and be guided in the direction of appropriate resolutions.

Marjory has six children ...15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren who provide her with home grown experiences in the many problems facing families today.

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Help with meals in blackout

Meals for Peninsula Village residents were cooked at Woy Woy Aged Care and the Peninsula Leisure Centre when the retirement village was hit by an 18-hour blackout during storms over the Queens Birthday long weekend.

The retirement village's chief executive officer Ms Terri Parker said she was "extremely grateful" for the help.

Ms Parker said her number one priority was to provide a safe and conducive environment for residents.

"Our emergency lighting supply only lasted four hours so this created a multitude of problems in trying to care for the frail aged who require specialised nursing care," Ms Parker said.

"We also needed basics for our residents such as hot water, heating and hot meals."

The staff at the village did their best to provide a meal and drink and provide care to the residents, according to Ms Parker.

A large number of residents were taken home by their families but several frail and extensive care

residents remained at the village.

Woy Woy Aged Care and the Peninsula Leisure Centre opened their kitchens to the Peninsula Village allowing them to cook hot meals for their residents.

"This was no mean feat as this meant getting food and staff to the kitchens to cook, and getting the food back to the village still warm," Ms Parker said.

Woy Woy McDonalds provided a hot meal to village staff as they continued to help residents.

Power was restored to the village at 6pm on Sunday.

"I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the staff at Peninsula Village for their outstanding efforts and commitment to the aged residents they care for," Ms Parker said.

"Anyone who has a relative in the village, or planning to, should be grateful and relieved in knowing that the staff who work there have huge hearts and absolute commitment for what they do."

"I would also like to thank Energy Australia and the SES."

"These guys are heroes as far as we are concerned."

**Newsletter, 22 Jun 2007
Terri Parker, Peninsula Village**



The art class at Woy Woy Aged Care nursing home

Charity starts art at aged home

The local arm of the charity Life Without Barriers has started art activities at the Woy Woy Community Aged Care's nursing home, according to the Home's general manager Ms Jennifer Eddy.

Ms Eddy said that, each week through the Life Without Barriers program, people with disabilities visit residents at the nursing home to participate in art activities.

"Life Without Barriers client Christie Horton raised the idea as a way to help others," Ms Eddy

said.

"Artist Ann James has developed the program with Woy Woy Community Aged Care activities coordinator Ms Lisa Coombes."

"Residents are enjoying the art program and spending time with their visitors."

Life Without Barriers is a charitable organisation with an office at Woy Woy which provides innovative, community-based support services to people with disabilities.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care, also a charitable community organisation, provides care to the

frail aged in nursing home and hostel accommodation.

The program coordinator Joanne Nelson said: "We have found this experience to be very rewarding as our clients are looking forward to visiting each week."

"They are developing new relationships and it has been an experience enabling them to give within the community."

Ms Nelson said the classes had been running for a month, and included 10 to 12 participants each week.

**Press release, 15 Jun 2007
Jennifer Eddy, Woy Woy
Community Aged Care**

Coffee morning for women

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will host a coffee morning for women on Wednesday, July 4.

The social get together over morning tea will be held at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.

"It is a great opportunity to meet women especially if you are new to the area or feel isolated," health worker Ms Kate Bradfield said.

"The centre has no childcare facilities. However, you are welcome to bring your children if they remain under your supervision."

The group will be held from 10am

to noon.

No bookings are needed.

"Just turn up to the centre at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy," Ms Bradfield said.

**Press release, 19 Jun 2007
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula
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(Above and below left) Art displayed at the art show held recently at Woy Woy Aged Care

Art show held at aged centre

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Limited held an art show on Saturday, June 9.

Local artist Judy Hoste and many of her students displayed their art in an effort to raise funds for the

Woy Woy Aged Care.

The art show was organised by the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary.

**Phyllis Church
Secretary Woy Woy
Community Aged Care Auxiliary**



Some cast members, including Harley Lachlan and Jade Ridley, at a recent "Smile Day" fundraiser

Peninsula performers at Gang Show

Several Peninsula residents will take part in the 75th anniversary of the Central Coast Gang Show from July 11 to 14 at Laycock St Theatre.

"There are 11 cast members on stage, Scouts and Guides who live on the Peninsula, and also five more people who work back stage," said Assistant District Scout Commissioner Ms Tricia Fortier.

"They are all volunteers who

have been working on this show since February."

Ms Fortier said all involved were busily finalising the skits and songs.

Props were being made and costumes fitted.

"We have worked hard this year to ensure a fun variety show for all the family," Ms Fortier said.

"We would like to invite everyone to come along and see the show.

The cast involves 70 people.

The show will take place from 7.30pm from July 11 to 14, with a 1.30pm show also on July 14.

Tickets for adults are \$15, children under 15 years are \$8 and concession is \$12.50.

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**Press release, 17 Jun 2007
Tricia Fortier,
Central Coast Scouts**

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Recorders played at Opera House

Ettalong Public School joined other NSW schools on June 13 at the Sydney Opera House for the Combined Schools Recorder Ensemble as part of the NSW Public School's Festival of Instrumental Music.

Fourteen Ettalong students were selected for the night to perform in front of hundreds of people "on an instrument accessible to all".

School principal Mr Bob Bourke said the students who represented the school at the concert should be congratulated for their performance.

"I had the pleasure of attending the concert at the Opera House to hear students from our school perform," Mr Bourke said.

"What a venue and what a performance."

The festival also featured the NSW Public School's String

Ensemble.

According to Mr Bourke, students had been working hard to prepare for their part in the Ensemble since the beginning of the year.

"To perform in a venue like the Opera House and with other musicians of such high quality will be an experience our students will remember for a long time," Mr Bourke said.

**Newsletter, 19 Jun 2007
Bob Bourke,
Ettalong Public School**

Range of measures addresses bullying

A range of measures is available to address bullying at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College, according to acting campus principal Mr Gus Vrolyk.

Mr Vrolyk told parents in the school newsletter that the campus is committed to ensuring that all students could experience educational growth and development without interference or bullying from other students.

He said: "At the Umina Campus, we take the issue of bullying very seriously.

"Not only is there is a legislative framework under the National Safe Schools Framework, there are departmental guidelines and the school's own code of conduct and anti-bullying strategies.

"In 2005, we conducted an extensive review of school data about bullying, including a school-wide survey of all students.

"This work pinpointed a number of issues, especially in relation to bullying in the playground.

"As a result, there was a change both in supervisory practices and in rearranging the day to have the long break earlier."

Mr Vrolyk said that research indicated that a big problem in tackling bullying was the lack of reporting from students.

"Some students mistakenly believe that by trying to ignore the problem, it will go away," Mr Vrolyk said.

"The truth is it will not go away and, in fact, it often gets worse.

"Some students are fearful of reporting because they believe that by doing so they will face reprisals.

"Some students believe that teachers either do not care or cannot do anything about it."

Mr Vrolyk said that the campus takes positive steps both separately and in collaboration with parents to tackle bullying.

"If your child is being bullied, either the child or the parents need to notify the Team Leader or Assistant Team Leader who, in

the first instance, will act on the problem," Mr Vrolyk said.

"If these measures do not fix the problem, then the matter may be taken up with the deputies and, ultimately, the principal.

"A range of measures may be taken, from counselling and support for the victim to a variety of consequences for the perpetrator, including detentions, being taken out of the playground, and suspension from class or school.

"In many of these instances, there will be contact with the parents of the victim and the perpetrator.

"Where there is a persistent problem, we may involve the police and have the Police Liaison Officer conduct interviews.

"If an instance of bullying occurs on the way to or from school, then we take the view it is school business and will act accordingly.

"At other times, outside of school, parents and the community must accept responsibility.

"My advice in this regard is to contact the police."

Mr Vrolyk said that Australian research, based on a sample of 25,000 individuals, indicates that more than 20 per cent of males and 15 per cent of females report being bullied one or more times per week.

"Bullying is widespread and occurs both in the community and in schools and is particularly likely to occur in a group from which the potential victim cannot escape.

"Bullying is regarded as a particularly destructive form of aggression," Mr Vrolyk said.

"It can be physical, verbal, or psychological and is intended to cause fear, distress, or harm to the victim."

Mr Vrolyk said that research indicated that schools are among the safest places for young people to be.

"I strongly believe that this is the case at our school," Mr Vrolyk said.

**Newsletter, 22 June, 2007
Gus Vrolyk,
Brisbane Water Secondary College**

Speaking standard improves

Woy Woy South Public School's annual public speaking competition has seen a continued improvement in the quality of speeches, according to Principal Mr Mick Tattam.

Years 3 to 6 competed against each other last week and were

asked to write, prepare and present on various topics in front of the rest of the school.

Mr Tattam said: "The standard of the students' speeches continue to improve from year to year making the adjudicators' job a very difficult one."

The grade winners for the competition were Harrison Van

Vliet from Year 3, Lauren Hayes from Year 4, Keeyah Robertson from Year 5 and Catherine Hilder from Year 6.

The Kindergarten to Year 2 Public Speaking competition will be held at the school later in the year.

**Newsletter, 12 Jun 2007
Mick Tattam,
Woy Woy South Public School**

Refurbished centre to open

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will be celebrating the official opening of its newly-refurbished Multipurpose Learning Centre on Friday, July 20, at 11am.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd will officiate the ceremony.

School principal Ms Helen Creen said the project would not have been possible without a \$46,000 Federal Government grant to the school.

"All parents and friends of our school are invited to attend the official opening.

"Please mark this date in your diary as it is a wonderful opportunity

for us to gather and celebrate."

Other Peninsula schools to have received grants from the Federal Government program include Umina Public School, Ettalong Public School and Pretty Beach Public School.

**Newsletter, 13 Jun 2007
Helen Creen, St John the Baptist**

Two complete reading challenge

Woy Woy South Public School Year 3 student Aleesha Caldwell and Year 4 student Alicea Nicholas have successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Students in Years 3 to 6 must independently read 20 books, up

to five of which they may choose themselves, to complete the challenge.

Students completing the challenge receive an official certificate and their names will appear on an honour roll.

The former Premier of NSW Mr Bob Carr initiated the challenge

in 2002 as a way to promote an interest in reading.

**Newsletter, 22 June, 2007
Woy Woy South Public School**

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Education



College students win with retail skills

Brisbane Water Secondary College students have won the Year 12 Aisle Maintenance section of the Retail Skills Showcase, at Erina Fair, on June 13 and 14.

The Woy Woy Campus students were led by retail teacher Ms Linda Langmaid.

The event was staged by Youth Connections.

Close to 300 students from 12 different schools and one TAFE campus took part in the event, which was open to all students on the Central Coast who were studying Retail Operations for their Higher School Certificate.

Youth Connections career and transition consultant Ms Alison Hood said the event began in 1998 as a result of the growing retail industry in the region.

It provided hands-on industry experience to students, as well as an opportunity to interact with potential future employers.

Youth Connections general

manager Ms Maggie MacFie said the showcase had become an integral part of the school calendar and an important opportunity for Retail students.

"Over 80 per cent of young people in the area enter the retail industry as their first profession," Ms MacFie said.

"Employers were calling for workers with industry related skills and experience and the showcase provides this for students.

"The showcase also offers an opportunity for students to display their talent and flair for the industry.

"Last year, one of the participating retailers were so impressed with a student, they offered her a job on the spot."

Students competed in teams representing their schools and participated in a number of activities including visual merchandising, aisle maintenance, cash register communications and sales display.

Press release, 12 Jun 2007

Alison Hood, Youth Connections

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Student of the month

Libby

David Hosford UMINA 4344 5042

Sarah comes in second

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Year 5 student Sarah Pollard finished second at the State Catholic schools' Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek recently.

The championships, at which 106 girls competed, represented the fourth level of progressive qualifying competition.

Sarah won at the third qualifying level and became the first student from St John the Baptist to win at this level.

Sarah's father Greg Pollard said that the event was a two kilometre run and was held in strong winds and rain.

Greg said: "She's confident in going to the state championships.

"Her mother (Francine Pollard) and I are runners.

"We help out and offer advice.

"For example, we've worked on lengthening her stride and teaching her long distance strategies.

"We try not to push too hard.

"But she's always chasing me up to go for a run together.

"She loves it."

Greg said that Sarah's love of running comes a close second to her love of swimming.

"She was age champion this year at the Gosford RSL Swimming Club," Mr Pollard said.

Greg said that Sarah has competed at the State representation qualifiers at Homebush.

"In 2006 at Homebush, she achieved third place in the butterfly," Mr Pollard said.

Sarah has won 36 medals for swimming competition achievements.

Con Orfanos, 22 Jun 2007



Sarah Pollard

School hosts debating round

Woy Woy South Public School hosted the fourth round of the Premier's Debating Challenge against Chertsey Public School on 18 June.

The topic debated was: "Too much emphasis is placed on sport".

Woy Woy South Public School students Blake Batten, Maddie Cook, Ariana Eckstrom, and Stephanie Webster were the affirmative team.

Woy Woy South was reported as having strongly stated their case, arguing that sport was only one part of life.

The team clearly rebutted opposing arguments and worked as a team by backing each other's arguments.

The Premier's Debating Challenge is open to students in NSW government schools in the categories of Years 5 and 6, Years 7 and 8, Years 9 and 10, Year 11, and Year 12.

All debates involve a conflict of ideas and arguments between two teams which are called the affirmative (for the proposition) and the negative (against the proposition).

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T Kendall,

Woy Woy South Public School

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Arts & Entertainment



Henry Mendelson greets Dean of the University of Sydney Conservatorium of Music Professor Kim Walker who officially opened the festival and is leader of the Bassoon Quartet

Chamber music show goes on

★ WHAT'S ON ★

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The Pearl Beach annual Chamber Music Festival took place on the Queen's Birthday weekend despite "shrieking winds, driving rain, falling trees and a power and telephone blackout", according to Mr Ivan Kinney of the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Mr Kinney said that Ms Lynne Lillico and the events committee were adamant that "the show must go on".

"In like mind, the intrepid Sydney musicians defied all attempts to dissuade them from coming, and found themselves performing on a gracefully candle-lit stage reminiscent of the salons, churches and coffee houses of

past centuries," Mr Kinney said.

"A wonderfully exuberant spirit prevailed throughout.

"The Sydney Bassoon Quartet, the Song Company, Trio Members of the Brandenburg Orchestra (cellos and theorbo), the Song Company and the Sydney Consort (violin, tenor recorder and harpsichord) were delighted with their reception and gave heart-warming performances.

"The Central Coast community supported the uniqueness of this year's festival and recognised Henry Mendelson who has been the guiding light to the festival for 15 years and has now resigned to pursue other activities."

Press release, 15 Jun 2007
Ivan Kinney, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Peninsula Community Centre Inc.

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Another session for Cultural Laboratory

Gosford Council will present another Cultural Laboratory session on Friday, August 3, from 7:30pm at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy.

"This popular event has encouraged many local arts practitioners to launch themselves onto the market and take their performing or visual art to a whole new level," said Peninsula Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"At the May Laboratory, local artist Garry Sleeman spoke about his collection of pen and pencil drawings, to the amazement of the audience.

"Sleeman is a people watcher who is interested in local Woy Woy characters and finds his subjects in bus shelters, at shopping malls and just generally going about their business.

"Short and Sweet festival organiser Steven Hopley also spoke about Woy Woy's inclusion in the prestigious short-play festival which will commence on July 25 at the Peninsula Theatre.

"Hopley is himself a winner of the world's biggest little play festival and is busy reading scripts to choose 10 of the best for production by local actors and directors.

"Tickets are on sale now for the Short and Sweet Festival.

"Other acts included performances by Brianna Hatter (a brilliant young contemporary style dancer who recently performed in Laycock Street Theatre's YIPA 2007) and the beautiful voice of Jade McCudden, another YIPA performer.

"Christopher Sainsbury from the Central Coast Conservatorium spoke about the process of writing a symphony.

"There was also a preview of hot Dutch duo Izhar Elias and Eric Bosgraaf who perform contemporary classical compositions with a backdrop of short films inspired by the theme 'Big Eye'.

"The duo will visit Gosford later in the year.

"Kincumber resident and community development worker Ruth Ross also spoke about her fascinating life.

"Ruth was a nominee for NSW Woman of the Year and has used her life experiences to help improve the lives of others.

"The Cultural Laboratory is always full of surprises and is an opportunity to see a little bit of everything."

Ms Kelly said each segment is no longer than 10 minutes.

"We often get people in the audience getting up to perform something they've been working on," said Ms Kelly.

"It's a really wonderful experience to see something in its infancy and watch it grow.

"The audience can give feedback in the Open Forum and mingle with the 'local celebrities' after the performances.

"We also put on a yummy supper afterwards to give everybody the chance to share their experiences."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for concessions and students.

The program for the August Laboratory will be announced soon.

Tickets can be booked on 4323 3233.

Press release, 20 Jun 2007
Lisa Kelly, Laycock St Theatre

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

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Arts & Entertainment



The Mothers of Intention will play at the Troubadour folk club

'Mothers' play at folk club

The Mothers of Intention will be performing at the Troubadour folk club on Sunday, July 8, from 1.30pm.

"Mothers of Intention are a dynamic four-piece folk band, reinterpreting the classic Celtic folk songs and tunes," said Troubadour publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough.

"Lush three-part vocal harmony, driving guitar, fiery yet soulful

fiddle, lilting recorder and the steady bodhran heartbeat define the Mothers' sound.

"The Mothers also perform original songs, tunes and eclectic covers."

Mothers of Intention consist of Rosie McDonald on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Lainey Balsdon on recorder and percussion, Penny Rankin Smith on vocals and bodhran and Antoni Pyrzakowski

on fiddle, viola, mandolin, and vocals.

Tickets cost \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$7 concession.

The concert will be held at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, opposite Fisherman's Wharf.

Press release, 6 Jun 2007
Leila Desborough,
Troubadour Central Coast

Theatre group for older women

The Woy Woy Older Women's Network has invited the Older Women's Network Theatre Group to perform their latest show at the Woy Woy Leagues Club in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, starting at 11am on Thursday, July 5.

"This year this feisty group takes up as its theme 'You're Never Too Old', so don't give up on yourself, get up and come in," group member Ms Enid Harrison said.

"You still have skills and certainly experience."

"They perform with skits and songs centering on what is inside of you to help older women rediscover themselves."

"Donation on entry is \$3 so come along for an inexpensive and fun outing, all are welcome."

For more information, telephone Heather McKenzie on 4342 2197.

Press release, 20 Jun 2007
Enid Harrison,
Older Women's Network

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

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

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, **ECC**

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis**

Branch, 10am, enq: 4342 1790, **MOW**

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tap Dancing, EPH, 6pm, enq: 0438 033 039

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.

Country Women's Association (CWA) Umina Beach craft day, 9am - noon, CWA Hall, Sydney Ave, Umina, enq: 4341 5627.

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**

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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, 9am - 11am **PWHC**

Fishing Club. **EBWM**

Krait RSL Day Club - 10am, Woy Woy Community Aged Care - 4341 8564

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

Second Saturday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Third Saturday of every month

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

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

Last Saturday every month

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

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

Gamblers Anonymous, 2pm, **PCC**, 4342 0989.

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.

What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Fourth Sunday of every month

Buffalo **Lodge** Woy Woy 381 11am; Buffalo **Lodge** Gosford No 63 **UCH** 1pm.
Burrawang Bushland reserve **bushcare**, Nambucca Dr playgrnd 9am 4341 9301.

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.
Country Women's Association meeting, 10am, CWA Hall, Sydney Ave, Umina, enq: 4341 5627.

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, **CWAHHW**, 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; **ESCC**.

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

June 30th - Umina Uniting Church will feature the Alloura Waters Village Choir

July 2nd - Marie Andrews will be at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 1pm & Umina Library from 2pm

July 4th - **PWHC** will host a coffee morning for Women

July 5th - Woy Woy Older Women's Network Theatre perform their latest show at woy woy leagues

July 8th - Mothers of Intention perform at the Troubadour folk club 1.30pm

July 18th - Home Maintenance & Feng Shui **PWHC** 10am to noon

July 19th - Numerology **PWHC** 10am to noon

July 20th - St John the Baptists Catholic Primary School opening of the Multipurpose Learning Centre 11am

July 25th - Look good, Feel good **PWHC** 10am to noon

August 3rd - Gosford Council will present another Cultural Laboratory session at the Peninsula Theatre Woy Woy

Natasha wins at Gulgong

Umina resident **Natasha Swain** has won the Henry Lawson State-Wide Literary Award with her short story entry "The Tasmanian Boy".

Entrants had to maintain an Australian theme and Natasha's entry was deemed a "stand-out" by the judges, according to Natasha's mother, Ms Vicki-Lynn Swain.

"For her efforts, Natasha won \$200 for herself, a stunning bronze statuette of Henry Lawson engraved with her name and title of her work, and \$200 for her school," Ms Swain said.

"Presentations were made at Henry Lawson's birthplace of Gulgong."

Press release, 19 Jun 2007
Vicki-Lynn Swain



Natasha Swain

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Day Procedure Unit opened



Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher and Brisbane Water Private Hospital general manager Ms Pam Morphett welcome guests



Ms Morphett and Cr Maher in the Day Procedure Unit

Day procedure unit is opened

Brisbane Water Private Hospital officially opened its recently completed day procedure unit on June 15.

General manager Ms Pam Morphett welcomed dignitaries to the ceremony including Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, Healthscope State Manager Mr Paul Waterson, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce representatives Debra and Matthew Wales, Central Coast Business Review editor Mr Edgar Adams, representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs community, doctors, staff, relatives and friends of the hospital.

"Brisbane Water Private Hospital has been owned by Healthscope for two years and without their support the hospital wouldn't have achieved the opening of the day procedure unit," Ms Morphett said.

"It's quite remarkable what we have done in the last three months, and we appreciate their contributions."

Ms Morphett said that, reflecting on 11 years at the hospital, she realized there were three things that make it unique.

"The first thing is the medical staff.

"They trust the hospital and support the hospital and admit patients who they know will benefit from the hospital's services.

"So we thank the doctors," Ms Morphett said.

"Secondly, we thank the staff.

"They not only go the extra step, they go the extra mile, and they deliver the highest of quality care.

"They also make sure that every patient is treated with dignity and

respect.

"And the patients ... are the people who spread the good news and good will around the community and they are instrumental in the success of the hospital."

Cr Maher, whose daughter worked at the hospital for a number of years, said he was "very honoured" to declare the new additions open.

"In terms of hospitals, as we get older, we are going to need more and more of them," Cr Maher said.

"The young people need them just as much.

"We older people really have to look to that infrastructure in going forward.

"Our population isn't getting any younger.

"Our elderly population is going to keep on growing and will continue to put pressure on our medical services and hospital services.

"It's really great to see the public and private sector contributing to making sure we can live out our days in health, and wonderful support."

Day procedure unit nurse manager Ms Gay Leggett thanked the doctors and patients who "remained faithful despite some cramped and non-private conditions".

Ms Leggett said: "Thank you Healthscope for having the faith and spending the dollars.

"We have always had the right customer focus and now we have the facilities to match it."

Ms Leggett also thanked volunteers who raised \$15,000 for a new fish tank in the day procedure unit.

Lyle Stone, 20 Jun 2007



The fish tank donated by volunteers



Cr Maher, member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, Debra and Matthew Wales and Day Procedure Unit nurse manager Ms Gay Leggett inspect the Day Procedure Unit

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Liesl leads to Beijing

Multiple Paralympian Liesl Tesch of Woy Woy has led the Australian women's basketball team, the Gliders, to the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, following the completion of the Asia Oceania Qualifying Tournament in Sydney recently.

Parramatta Basketball Association media officer Mr Noel Rowsell said the Gliders defeated both New Zealand and Japan to finish at the top of the region, thereby qualifying with second-placed Japan for Beijing.

"Ms Tesch has been an inspiration in basketball for over 10 years, after winning selection in Australia's first international women's wheelchair basketball team in 1993," Mr Roswell said.

"Despite the routine challenges of a career as a school teacher and travelling to exotic foreign locations teaching wheelchair basketball, Liesl has remained focused on playing for Australia and is the only player from the 1993 campaign still competing on the international stage.

"That wealth of experience was evident during the past week, as Liesl guided her young, and some very young, team-mates, including 14-year old Jessica Pellow from Wagga Wagga, to perform at their best against three of the top-ranked nations in women's wheelchair basketball."

Press release, 17 Jun 2007
Noel Rowsell, Parramatta Basketball Association



Multiple paralympian Liesl Tesch

Scholarships launched for water sports

Gosford Council's Peninsula Leisure Centre at Woy Woy will launch a \$22,000 scholarship program on August 1 covering pool and open water swimming, surf life saving and water polo.

Council stated that the centre's new High Performance Program included gold, silver and bronze scholarships, with each level providing athletes with benefits such as training fee subsidies and access to the Centre's coaching staff and gym programs.

The program assists "talented young athletes" to reach the

highest level in their chosen sports while providing financial assistance to their parents.

Council's Leisure and Lifestyle coordinator Mr Simon Clarke said the program had been structured to produce the Central Coast's next generation of top aquatic athletes.

"I believe the High Performance Program will become a breeding ground for future Olympians or Commonwealth Games competitors," Mr Clarke said.

Applications for the scholarships are available by telephoning Scott Attwood on 4325 8123.

Press release, 22 Jun 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Harley makes junior finals

Harley McDonald from Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club joined Terrigal's Ben Bourne in a close match for the Junior Championship title.

McDonald and Bourne played against Rys Holbrook and Shane Rixom from Toukley District for the Junior Pairs title last month.

Junior bowls development officer Mr Terry Nielson congratulated both teams on a "wonderful" exhibition of bowling under lights on a holding green, and "very chilly" conditions.

"[The match] was a great example of the high standard of junior bowls on the Central Coast with the game all tied up going into the last end," Mr Nielson said.

According to Mr Nielson the "diminutive duo" of Harley McDonald and Ben Bourne had come home strongly after the closing end.

"In the end, Rys and Shane steadied to score two vital shots on the last end to take out the 2007 pair's title," Mr Nielson said.

Publication, 22 Jun 2007
Terry Nielson, Coat Bowls News



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Age champion of Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics Luke Podnar

Luke is age champion

Young Peninsula resident Luke Podnar has achieved his goal of becoming age champion of Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics.

Luke, 9, of Woy Woy has been involved in Little Athletics for several years and "enjoys the variety that comes with the sport".

For the past three seasons, Luke has gained second place for his age, up until this season.

Luke's mum Julie said he tried

"really hard" this season to beat his second place record.

"He was so happy to finally get the big trophy," Ms Podnar said.

Luke was also awarded the clubs highest overall point scorer trophy for the season.

"We are very proud of him," Ms Podnar said.

To continue his winning streak, Luke also received first place at his Ettalong Primary School cross country competition.

Clare Graham, 22 Jun 2007



Brandon takes judo gold

Ettalong Public School student Brandon Stokes has been celebrating his Gold Medal victory at the Australian Judo Championships on June 11.

Brandon traveled to Adelaide over the Queen's Birthday long weekend, along with three others from Woy Woy Judo Club, to represent the NSW state team.

It was Brandon's first National titles and, according to club secretary Ms Lindy Simmons, he should be "extremely proud" of his efforts on the day.

Brandon is now ranked number one in Australia for the under-13's under-34kg division.

Ms Simmons said three other players from the Peninsula also competed.

Jordan Smith, who was the gold medalist in the boys under-13's in

2006, came through and fought off for the bronze medal.

Jordan is ranked fourth in Australia for the boys under-16s under-66kg division.

Kieran Handley came home with the bronze medal in the boys under-13s under-42 kg division, after winning three of his four matches.

Kayla Wells competed in two days of competition.

Kayla competed in the girls under-16's under-63 kg division coming out with fifth place.

On her second day of competition, Kayla moved up into the Junior Women under-63 kg division and came in fourth, just missing out on the bronze medal.

Ms Simmons said Woy Woy Judo Club has had State representation at the Championships every year since 1983.

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Mariners appoint Peninsula ambassadors

Two Central Coast Mariners will be football "ambassadors" on the Peninsula this season.

Mile Jedinak will be the ambassador for Umina United while Dean Heffernan will be the ambassador for Woy Woy.

"The Central Coast Mariners have further strengthened their ties with the Central Coast football family by re-launching their ambassador program for the A-League 2007-08 season," publicity officer Mr Benjamin Coonan said.

"The ambassador program allocates one Mariners squad or coaching staff member to each of the region's 22 local clubs, providing a link for each grass

roots football organisation to their local heroes.

"During the course of a season, the Mariners are inundated with requests from local clubs to attend training, official functions and presentations, and the ambassador program guarantees each club their Mariners player at their event."

Mariners' executive chairman Mr Lyall Gorman said: "An important part of our success as a club off the field since our inception has been our integration with the local football family and the ambassador program is the perfect vehicle for us to promote this link.

"On the field, we have provided a unique pathway for local clubs to progress their best players to

the A-League through our youth academy, while our ambassador program provides a direct link to our local clubs off the field, which is equally as important."

Mr Coonan said the Central Coast was home to over 15,000 registered soccer players, "a number greater than any other two sporting codes combined on the Central Coast".

The Mariners' next trial match will take place on Wednesday, June 27, when they will take on a selection of players from the Central Coast Premier League in the third annual Central Coast Charity Plate at Plum Park.

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Benjamin Coonan,
Central Coast Mariners

Bob is lifesaver of the year

Umina Surf Life Saving Club member Mr Robert Powell was awarded the Central Coast Life Saver of the Year award at this year's Central Coast Life Saving Awards of Excellence.

The award ceremony was held on Saturday, June 16, at Mingara Recreation Club and recognised unique contributions to surf life saving on the Central Coast.

Umina club secretary Ms Christine Lavers said Mr Powell took out one of the most prestigious awards in surf life saving.

"Bob has devoted many hours of

his time as a volunteer into training and development all over the Central Coast," Ms Lavers said.

"We, here at Umina, are very privileged to have Bob with us as he inspires many of the members to be involved and do their best."

Mr Powell was involved in training courses including spinal management, trainer and assessors programs and Certificate 2 in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).

He has also been the face of surf life saving by taking the message of programs such as Beach to Bush in and around the Wagga Wagga District and teaching the benefits of life saving to school children on

the Central Coast.

The Umina club also received second place on the night in the Energy Australia Surf Patrol competition.

"This means our patrolling members are very well trained and proficient in their duties on the beach," Ms Lavers said.

Representatives from all Central Coast clubs attended the ceremony.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, NSW Surf Life Saving president Mr Brett Harrod and the Gosford and Wyong mayors also attended.

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Bowling club at zone competition

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club was the only club to represent the Central Coast at last month's North Shore Zone competition at Asquith Bowling Club, according to Coast Bowls News journalist Mr Bob Penson.

The competition was played over three consecutive Wednesdays and clubs provided both a pair and a triples team to compete.

Ettalong joined teams from St Ives, West Pymble, Turramurra and Belrose to play a total of 18 games of 13 ends.

"Ettalong managed to gain a place in the final, only to miss out on the major \$1200 prize by only one point to St Ives," Mr Penson said.

"St Ives" finished with a total of 30 to Ettalong's 29 points.

Mr Penson said the final two teams were well out from other competitors.

Ettalong's team was captain Mick Douglas, John Garside, John Trim, Mick Martin, Roger Boland and Eddie McDermott.

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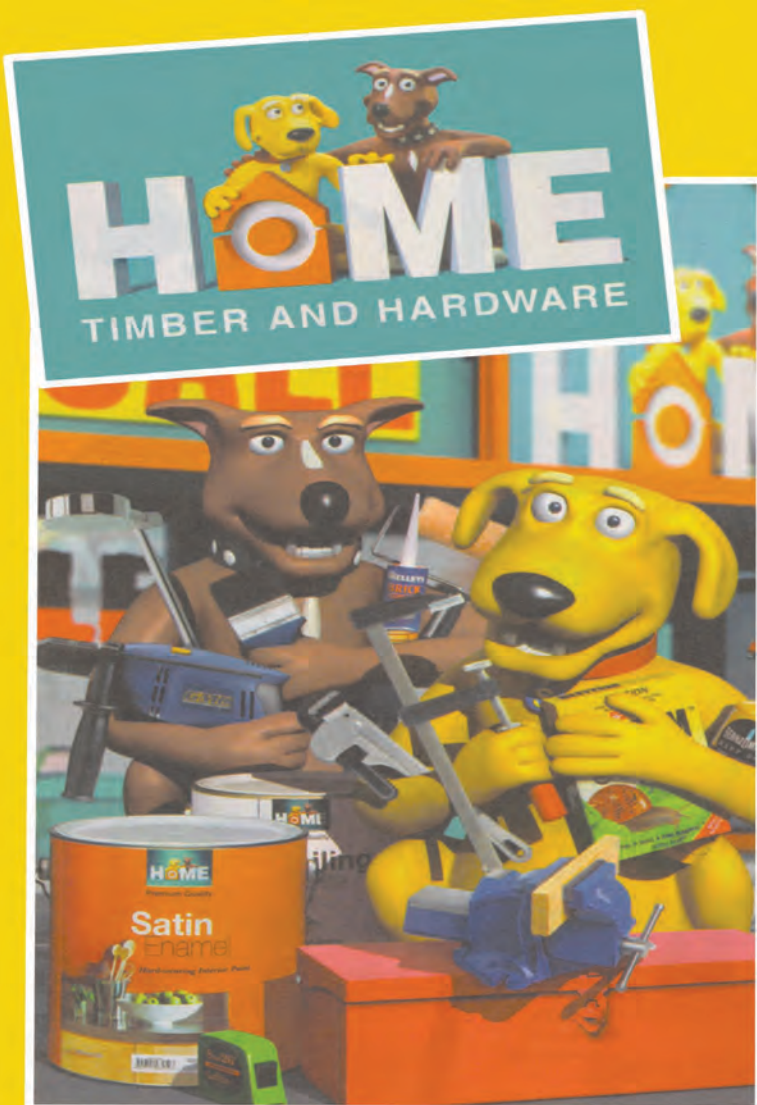
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