

Flood study will lead to planning measures

New planning controls and stormwater measures could result from a flood study on the Peninsula, Gosford Council's flooding unit advisor Mr Vic Tysoe has told Peninsula News.

The flood study will lead to a risk management study which would recommend planning controls and stormwater infrastructure measures that are ecologically sustainable and affordable, he said.

"It will be used by council to define minimum floor levels for new development.

"It will assist council in prioritising the definition of areas requiring water sensitive urban design landscaping works to manage nuisance stormwater flooding."

Mr Tysoe said the study would be performed by consultants for council and would be managed by council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee.

"Public participation is an integral part of council's flood management process, right through from the flood study to the final development of a sustainable floodplain risk management plan," Mr Tysoe said.

"Expressions of Interest for public participation were called for earlier this year and as a result a representative from the Peninsula Residents Association was made a temporary member of the committee for the duration of the study.

"Upon its completion the study will be advertised to the public for

comment before it is recommended for adoption by council.

"Council will shortly commission a consultant who will be required to collect flood and drainage data."

Mr Tysoe said the public would be encouraged to supply information that would assist with the study."

Mr Tysoe said that the council had a grant from the State Government to prepare the flood study.

"Council has matched this in both the 2006/07 and 2007/08 Capital Works Programs.

"This is the first step in developing a Floodplain Risk Management Plan for the area.

"The estimated cost of the study is \$100,000 and it is anticipated that it will take up to 12 months to complete."

Mr Tysoe said that there were several reasons for the study.

"Much of the Peninsula area is prone to nuisance flooding, especially from long-duration rainfall events," Mr Tysoe said.

"Flooding occurs in road reserves and in private property, where it remains until it infiltrates or evaporates.

"Generally this nuisance flooding may remain for a couple of days.

"However, during very wet periods the water table can rise such that flooding remains for several weeks."

Mr Tysoe said the two main objectives of the study were data collection and the preparation of a flood study, in accordance with the State Governments Floodplain Development Manual.

Lyle Stone, 5 Jul 2007



Protester Paul Burns shows police the conditions of development consent, while developer John Zavolokin of Providence Projects is on the phone

Safeguards before clearing, says Council

Gosford Council's director of environment and planning Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings has said there will be "no wholesale clearing" before a construction certificate is issued for development of a retirement village on Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The statement came after a protest stopped work at the site on Friday.

Developer Providence Projects had previously been told it could clear the site without a construction certificate.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said that, before issue of the construction certificate, there would be "only minor clearing to allow completion of safety fencing, getting machinery in to remove the trees for relocation - through a safe passage to ensure UCSW protected throughout the whole process".

She said four trees are to be relocated before any clearing.

She said they needed to be relocated in winter to facilitate their survival.

"They are identified in the SIS and I commend their relocation."

However, Peninsula Bushcare Forum campaigner Ms Shirley Hotchkiss questioned the number of trees to be moved.

She said that already eight grass trees had "had their foliage chain-sawed off", and at least a further eight would appear to be in the way of safety fencing.

Given the size of the machinery involved, it would be surprising if they could move these grass trees without removing other trees and destroying other vegetation, she said.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said the developer had also agreed to provide environmental safeguards to cover activity before a construction certificate is issued.

"As an illustration of good faith, the developer has offered to provide upfront prior to application for the construction certificate the

first instalment of the monetary contribution to the an Environmental Trust Fund, being \$75000," said Ms Worthy-Jennings.

"In addition, the developer has lodged application with Council's solicitors for the preparation of the conservation covenant protecting the UCSW conservation area."

Ms Worthy-Jennings said the developer has been undertaking preliminary activities on the site in preparation for a construction certificate application.

"Activities required for this preparation include undertaking detailed geotechnical investigations to provide specific details on structural engineering and acid sulphate soil issues," she said.

"All activities currently undertaken on the site are in accordance with the conditions of consent and have been guided by a consulting ecologist and based on advice from Council.

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John Howard visits the Peninsula



Prime Minister Mr John Howard visited the Peninsula on Friday, July 6, attending a Central Coast Business Lunch held at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Mr Howard arrived in Ettalong just after 1pm and was warmly welcomed and applauded by a small group of people at the entrance to the club.

There were no protesters visible and the small police and security squad present, while watchful, had very little to do.

The Prime Minister and his entourage walked through the club and went to the private luncheon function room via the club's dining room where again he was warmly greeted by club members and their guests.

In the function room, the Prime Minister was again applauded by the 150 guests present before sitting down to lunch.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd officially welcomed his guest and briefly reviewed improvements in the economy during John Howard's reign as Prime Minister. Mr Howard's address

concentrated on his government's achievements and the opposition's failures and it was particularly aimed at business, large and small, in what was blatantly a re-election speech.

There was no mention of anything specific for the Central Coast apart from the missing link pipeline announced recently.

A brief question time allowed a small number of questions from the floor, before being cut short.

However, apart from saying that the Australian Technical College that was promised for the Central Coast at the last election would start next year, there was no specific new commitment for the Central Coast.

He laid the blame on the State Government for delays in commencing the college and for the area's problems in general.

Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal described Mr Howard's talk as "just more of the same".

"He came, he saw and then he left without doing anything at all," she said.

Cec Bucello, 6 Jul 2007

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Prime Minister John Howard speaks to the business lunch Participants held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

Dora the Explorer giveaway

Peninsula News, in conjunction with Dora the Explorer, is giving away five Dora the Explorer DVD collections.

The DVD's were launched through Australian newsagencies recently.

Each fortnight from July 4 a new DVD containing three episodes of Dora the Explorer will be released with an activity magazine packed with stories, puzzles and early-learning activities.

London publisher GE Fabbri said that every issue provides "hours of entertainment, amusement and learning for children and builds into a collection they will keep and enjoy over and over again".

The publishers stated that the collection had been "very successful" in the UK and was recently "successfully tested in Australia".

"Children all over the world enjoy

watching their favourite Dora the Explorer episodes, and joining in the fun with Dora and her friends," marketing team officer Mr Guy Holliday said.

He said Swiper the Fox was "a popular baddie".

Mr Holliday said children would see stories retold in the magazine and have fun with the puzzles and games and learning activities involving letters and numbers.

"There is a poster with each issue too," Mr Holliday said.

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Bridge is named after Spike Milligan

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher has used his casting vote to name the newly-constructed cycle bridge near Woy Woy the Spike Milligan Bridge.

With Cr Peter Hale and Cr Malcolm Brooks absent, the eight remaining councillors were split equally over the name.

A council staff report stated that the suggested names and number of responses received on the naming of the bridge showed "overwhelming community support" for The Spike Milligan Bridge.

It stated that: "from the 384 responses received, 346 supported this name".

It also stated that the agent who managed the "Spike Milligan" name had no objection to the bridge being named after Spike Milligan and stated that there would be no cost to council in relation to using

the name.

Council has resolved to invite members of the Milligan family residing in Australia to the unveiling of the name plaque.

In the advertising period, four petitions, 39 individual submissions and 11 individual objections were received suggesting names for the proposed cycleway bridge.

Original suggestions were to name it the Staples Bridge, though petitions and submissions stated that Mr Staples was both "unknown" and already had a lookout named after him.

Other suggestions were that the name should relate to where the bridge was directing traffic, a geographical feature or an early pioneer of Woy Woy.

One submission for the name Spike Milligan stated that he was "recognised, respected and admired by the majority of

residents on the Peninsula" while one against stated that naming the bridge after Spike Milligan was "insulting and crass, in particular as a memorial".

Council will now write to the Geographical Names Board advising of the resolution.

Upon gazettal of the name, a sign will be ordered and erected, according to council.

A complete list of names suggested for the bridge included the Spike Milligan Bridge, Spikes Bridge, AWM Setttee Bridge, Andrew Murphy Bridge, Don Leggett Bridge, James Webb Bridge, Keith O'Connell, Kokoda, Peninsula Bridge, Woy Woy Bridge, The 4 Bays Bridge, Parks Bay Bridge, Unity, Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge and Parkes Bay Inlet Bridge.

Council agenda COR.49,
3 Jul 2007



The Spike Milligan Bridge

Petitions about bridge

Two petitions were received by council about the Spike Milligan Bridge recently, one in favour of the name and another in favour of "The Woy Woy Cycleway Bridge".

The first petition, with 101 signatures, asked that the footbridge be named "The Spike Milligan Bridge", in memory of "the most famous comedian and his family ties with Woy Woy".

A second petition, with 49 signatures, was also received from Central Coast residents objecting to the naming of the bridge as "Staples Bridge".

Petitioners asked why the bridge had to be named after any particular person as there were "many pioneering families who could put a claim to its naming".

They stated that since the opening of the Woy Woy Railway Bridge in the late 1800s, the water crossing had been known as "The Woy Woy Bridge".

They supported the name of the "Woy Woy Cycleway Bridge".

Both petitions were referred to council's information management and technology department.

Council agenda P.35, P.37,
3 Jul 2007

Barking dog

Gosford Council has received a petition about a barking dog in Warrigal St, Blackwall.

The petition, with four signatures, was sent by residents of Gallipoli Ave who said that the dog barked "continually of an evening and all night".

The petition stated that the problem had been going on for "some four to six weeks" and they "cannot understand why the owner has done nothing to keep his dog quiet".

The petitioners asked that a ranger speak to the owner of the animal and ask the owner to do "something about the noise".

Council agenda P.34, 3 Jul 2007

Fluoride plant considered

Gosford Council will consider a tender for a fluoridation system at Woy Woy Water Treatment Plants at its reconvened meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, July 10.

The Council deferred the matter to receive "a full report" on the tenders received.

Tenders for the project closed on June 26.

A report from council officers stated that the time required for a "comprehensive assessment process" required that the matter be considered by council at its reconvened meeting of July 10.

It stated: "This will maximize the

time available for assessment of the tenders received and will not impact on the anticipated time frame for the project."

The project was to install fluoridation facilities to dose hydrofluosilicic acid product into the potable water at both water treatment plants.

The work includes design, drawings, construction, supply, installation, commissioning, testing, proving, operator training and provision of defects liability, operation and maintenance manuals and other technical documentation.

Council agenda WAT.18,
3 Jul 2007

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Foreshore plans are outdated, misleading and dangerous

As convenor of Peninsula Dunecare, I wish to bring to your attention three major matters which should be considered when determining whether the revised Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management and the Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan should be adopted.

The revised plans are covered in agenda item CIT.20 for the 3 July Council meeting.

The three major matters are: superceded plan brief and scientific input; misleading and inadequate plans exhibited; and legal precedents.

The Plans are based on Patterson Britton & Partners studies commenced in 1998 and based on climate change information from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published in 1996.

The world has moved on considerably since 1996 in its understanding of Climate Change and the impact of increasing adverse weather events.

In 1996, the Federal Government did not endorse the science supporting the impact of Climate Change - now that science is extensively endorsed and the recent devastating storm and flooding events on the Central Coast over the June 8/9 period highlight these concerns.

Ettalong Township is in a 1/50 floodprone zone and it is vital that Council ensures the protection of

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the low-lying Peninsula foreshore as a first priority.

There is little point in having uninterrupted sea views at the expense of increasing the risk of flooding and erosion on the Peninsula.

These plans, which propose levelling the dune system on Ettalong Town Beach and removing large amounts of mature vegetation, will increase the risks for all residents of the Peninsula. They are ill-advised plans.

The Plan of Management dated August 2006 and exhibited for comment following Council's meeting in that month were misleading and inadequate for the following reasons.

Firstly, they made no reference to the serious erosion that had taken place on Lance Webb Reserve since the initial plan was exhibited in 2002/3 and did not mention the

temporary emergency repatriation work that had to be carried out by Council in 2005.

Secondly, the development applications approved by Council in 1999 and 2000 relating to construction works in the Ferry Park Precinct were not shown on the plans and the public is still unaware of the implication of these construction/parking plans.

Thirdly, the items exhibited included a long-term plan entitled View to the Future for comment.

On the advice of the Department of Lands, this item has now been withdrawn.

It is clear that the Plan of Management information exhibited for comment in September/October 2006 was misleading and incomplete.

The public was not in a position to make informed comment on such incomplete and misleading information.

Council should consider whether it has met its statutory obligations with regard to this exhibited material.

Some Councils that have determined not to protect coastal foreshores are being sued by residents; Byron Bay Council is one example.

The Plans now tabled for approval demonstrate Council reducing foreshore protection and will be a solid base for future legal actions if and when inevitable erosion and flooding events occur on the Peninsula.

Additionally, the proposal to remove mature trees and vegetation to "improve sight lines" will create a dangerous precedent which can be used as a basis to undermine Council and State tree preservation laws.

If Council has adequate reason to remove trees for this purpose then there is no reason why other residents cannot use such actions as a precedent.

The whole Ettalong to Umina foreshore tree vegetation will be put at risk and this will further exacerbate Council's legal exposure.

I ask you to support the 633 signatories who signed the petition to "withdraw these plans and seek independent coastal management specialist advice to avoid putting the Ettalong Dune system and The Esplanade at risk".

To not do so will be seen as a dereliction of Council's duties.

Michael Gillian
Ettalong Beach

Stuck with an embarrassment?

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The mere fact that the now-defunct Spike Milligan Festival was a financial and cultural failure should have sent a clear message to the Council that the residents of the Peninsula deserve something better.

Unless local residents write to the Geographical Names Board at PO Box 143, Bathurst 2795, with their objection or to our local member Marie Andrews, we are going to be stuck with this embarrassment for years to come.

Debra Wales
Umina Beach

How very disappointing it is that the majority of Gosford councillors voted to name our local bridge after Spike Milligan, a British comedian whose claim to fame is being a part of the Goon comedy team from the 1960s and that he called Woy Woy "the largest above-ground cemetery in the southern hemisphere".

If Council were to name the bridge after a person, this honour should have been bestowed upon someone with significant historical ties to the local area or simply named it The Woy Woy Bridge.

Wonderful community spirit

Can I just say what a wonderful community spirit exists on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

A special thank you to the two Peninsula Rotary groups (Umina and Woy Woy), for all their fundraising efforts.

Whether it's for the bushfire brigade or other good causes, Rotarians work extremely hard.

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Another special mention is the Peninsula Families Action Group at Umina: Exceptional work on upgrading local parks, trying to get extra fundraising for swings, sunshades, fences and walkways is also hard work.

Sarah Tolmie is happy to accept new helpers on 0418 640 901.

Thanks again for all the other good community developers who work tirelessly for a better Peninsula.

Juanita Hutchesson
Umina

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Kerrie Stirling
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Road access forum held at Pearl Beach

A forum on road access to Pearl Beach has been arranged by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Held over the weekend, it was to be addressed by council's Manager of Engineering Services Mr John Cragg, together with project engineer Mr Theo Stephanou.

It was held to brief Pearl Beach residents on the results of Council's geotechnical test.

Pearl Beach-Patonga Chamber of Commerce media officer Ms Rosemary Ruthven said council had "stepped up to the plate", by providing falling rock signs on the southern side of Patonga Dr along with slope-stability remediation.

Ms Ruthven said council had also commissioned assessments of the stability of Pearl Beach Dr.

"Since 2003, Pearl Beach residents have tirelessly lobbied Gosford Council to assess and repair the three access roads into their village," Ms Ruthven said.

"Many sections of Mt Ettalong

Rd, Patonga Dr and Pearl Beach Dr are currently unstable; problems ranging from pot holes and rock falls, to landslides and subsidence.

"Being the only viable means of entering and exiting Pearl Beach, residents are well aware they are at serious risk should any one of these roads suffer a major road collapse.

"Until recently, only those repairs council perceived as immediate 'issues of concern' were undertaken.

"This piecemeal approach increasingly worried the community."

Pearl Beach resident Kay Williams has told councillors: "Unless a comprehensive understanding of the magnitude of the problem is obtained, through adequate assessment, there will not be an adequate, planned solution."

**Press release, 4 Jul 2007
Rosemary Ruthven, Patonga-
Pearl Beach Chamber of Commerce**



Peter's Meats manager Mr Kevin Crawley accepts the award from Umina Fire Brigade station officer Mr Garry Yates and Umina Fire Brigade members

Presentation to butcher

Umina Fire Brigade made a special presentation to the manager of a butcher's shop in Deepwater Plaza last week.

Umina fire station officer Mr Garry Yates said Peter's Meats had provided "ongoing generous support" over the years and the plaque was presented in recognition of the "outstanding support".

"In particular, over the two week period during the recent storm emergency on the Peninsula, Peter's Meats supplied enough meat to provide meals for all visiting brigades, including volunteer bush fire brigades, working from the station," Mr Yates said.

Accepting on behalf of Peters Meats was manager Mr Kevin Crawley.

"We do it because the fire brigades do such a great job without receiving much thanks," Mr Crawley said.

"We'd like to show them that

they're appreciated."

Also present was Inspector Ron Sinclair who said "Peter's Meats have provided complimentary meats for our Triple O Day and every open day.

"They've been extremely

generous over the years."

Umina Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Captain Mr Vince Wiegold said: "We wanted to show our appreciation of the support received from Peter's Meats by presenting them with this special plaque".

Cec Bucello, 5 Jul 2007



Work takes place last week on Mt Ettalong Rd. Photo by Edward James



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Protesters look on as police paddy wagon arrives

Safeguards before clearing, says Council

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“Given the significant environmental constraints on the site, these preliminary activities have constituted the need for activities to be undertaken in accordance with the approved Bushland Management Plan (BMP).”

“The BMP provides specific actions for the protection of UCSW and include the placement

of protective fencing, the implementation of a wash-down bay, erosion and sedimentation control and advisory signage.

“Development application for a Senior Living development at Meacham Way Woy Woy was granted approval by Council on May 8.

“The approval was subject to number of conditions of consent, many of which relate to significant environmental safeguards for

the protection of the Endangered Ecological Community known as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW).

“The development was approved noting safeguard measures to protect the 96.25% UCSW whilst allowing 3.75% of the entire UCSW Community to be removed from the site.”

Gosford Council is expected to consider a staff report on Tuesday night about giving the developer access to the Hillview St site for “investigatory works” which will include some clearing and excavation.

Media releases, 6 Jul 2007
Colleen Worthy-Jennings,
Gosford Council
Shirley Hotchkiss,
Peninsula Bushcare Forum

Developer seeks dispensation

Developer Providence Projects has sought not to comply with consent conditions requiring bush regeneration of areas of rare bushland outside its Hillview St property, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Branch president Mr Mark Snell said the ACF branch had obtained a copy of a letter the developer had written to Council seeking a relaxation of the conditions, before they were approved in May.

In the letter, the developer acknowledged a requirement for a total of \$225,000 towards an environmental trust fund.

The developer wrote: “I also note that a number of other conditions refer to the Species Impact Statement (SIS) and the Bush Management Plan (BMP) ... it was the intent that initial rehabilitation

work be proposed ... for other lots ... that fall outside our boundary.

“As discussions ensued, it was made clear that it was impractical to offer these services.

“The contributions are in place of any work stipulated in the SIS and the BMP that falls outside lot 20.”

Mr Snell said the council did not change the conditions of consent when it approved the development application on May 8.

However, it now appeared that the developer would “get his way”, Mr Snell said.

Mr Snell said that council staff were making plans to receive seed and plants cleared from the development site for use on other UCSW sites.

“It is clear that the developer is not allowing time or money for preparatory work on other sites, and council staff are accepting this,” Mr Snell said.

Press release, 5 Jul 2007
Mark Snell, Australian Conservation Foundation

Certificate issue provides safeguards

The issue of a Construction Certificate for the Hillview St retirement village development was contingent on a number of safeguards, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

“An \$75,000 ‘upfront’ contribution must be paid to an environmental trust fund, of a total of \$225,000 ultimately required,” said branch president Mr Mark Snell.

“A security deposit of \$20,000 to

cover damage must be paid, and a further \$400,000 paid in Section 94 contributions.”

Mr Snell said a range of other precautionary conditions were required before a Construction Certificate is issued.

These included measures such as the provision of a landscape plan and an erosion and sediment control plan.

Media release, 6 Jun 2007
Mark Snell, ACF Central Coast

Petition tabled in parliament

A petition with 651 signatures was presented to the State Parliament on June 28 by Member for Gosford, Ms Marie Andrews.

Over 1000 people have now signed this petition that asks the State Government to intervene to stop the destruction of rare Umina Coastal Sandplain bushland and to protect it forever.

The bushland being destroyed is on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St in Woy Woy, and is the proposed site for a prestigious retirement village.

Bushcare Forum campaigner Ms Shirley Hotchkiss said: “Many people have helped me collect signatures.”

“They’ve taken forms to playgroups, schools, doctor’s surgeries, parties and festivals, as well circulated them among their friends, families, colleagues and neighbours.”

“I’d like to thank Marie Andrews for presenting our petition, all the people who’ve signed it, and all the people who’ve helped me collect signatures.”

Ms Hotchkiss said: “I’m going to keep collecting signatures for the petition, as it is a strong statement of the widespread community opposition to the destruction of this protected bushland.”


“People want to help protect this bush and the creatures that use it for habitat, like the bush stone-

curlew that’s threatened with local extinction.

“Signing this petition is one way community members are able to contribute.”



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Media release, 6 Jul 2007
Shirley Hotchkiss,
Peninsula Bushcare Forum



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How the events transpired

A bobcat, a front-end loader with backhoe and an excavator arrived at the Hillview St site today, ready to rip into the bush.

Fortunately I spotted the bobcat on my regular early morning ride/walk/reconnoitre, and got ready to face the bulldozer while others rang around to rally troops.

Armed with my conditions of consent, I walked from inside the fenceline to stand, and then sit my ground just inside the gate while the developer called the police to remove me.

I was worried I'd be arrested and carted off and the bulldozer would go in anyway.

And then Kate appeared, just happened to be passing, saw the heavy vehicles, and me sitting inside the gate. So she sat down beside me.

George, who also just happened to be passing by, and two others arrived, and then Mark came with a camera.

By this time, I think the developer realised he had a protest to deal with rather than just me.

And then the police arrived and we showed them the consent conditions.

Fortunately the police agreed that Condition 1 stated clearly that no works shall commence until a construction certificate has been issued.

Peninsula Bushcare Forum campaigner Shirley Hotchkiss has been at the forefront of moves to preserve the Peninsula's unique endangered bushland – Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland. Here is her account of events as they transpired on Friday.

The developer was asked if he had one: "I don't need one."

This answer didn't fit with Condition 1, council was rung, and the police asked the developer to stop work until the matter could be clarified with council.

Workers were directed to stop work. They'd been using chainsaws, and we were directed to leave the site.

The developer rushed off to council to try to get his construction certificate or council's ok to keep bulldozing.

Then NBN arrived and filmed us standing around the gate, and interviewed Mark.

Sounds like there's been a bit of action in at council today as a result, and at next Tuesday's council meeting councillors will be asked to allow the developer to do "preliminary site works" to enable him to prepare the construction certificate application.

Notes, 6 Jun 2007
Shirley Hotchkiss,



Protesters Paul Burns, Shirley Hotchkiss, Sue Ellis, Kate Consterdine and Heather McKenzie at the site last Friday

Clearing was not 'work' for council staff

Gosford Council staff were to allow a developer to clear more than an acre of rare bushland in Woy Woy without environmental safeguards, because they said the word "works" did not cover clearing.

They have since reversed their decision.

Council staff had planned to allow the developer to clear the land at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

The site is covered with rare Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW) bushland, which is an endangered plant community under the Threatened Species Act.

Branch president Mr Mark Snell said that, originally, environmental safeguards required by development consent conditions were not going to be enforced because they were tied to the issue of a construction certificate.

He said that Condition One clearly stated that "No works shall be commenced until a Construction Certificate has been issued."

However, council staff had said land clearing was not "works", according to Mr Snell.

He said the council's acting planning manager had determined that the destruction of the bush was "site preparation" and not subject to the issue of a Construction Certificate or the environmental safeguards determined by the Department of Environment and Conservation or the Council

decision.

"This made a mockery of 'environmental safeguards'," said Mr Snell.

However, following a meeting between the developer and council staff after the protest on Friday, the interpretation of the word "works" would be reviewed and the developer would not be allowed to proceed with clearing until a construction certificate was issued.

Mr Snell said he had been told by the Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, as well as Crs Vicki Scott and Terri Latella, that they had received assurances that clearing would not now occur without environmental safeguards.

Media release, 5 Jul 2007
Mark Snell, Australian Conservation Foundation

Petition against retirement village

Gosford Council has received a petition objecting to a proposed retirement village on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

The petition, with 82 signatures, objected to the proposed 37-unit Everglades Retirement Village.

The petition stated that it was essential that land be set aside for recreational enjoyment due to the

density of proposed housing on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The petition also stated that the land should be made available for access to students from the adjacent schools to learn about the type of plants, birds and animals that "can be found on our coastal sand plains".

Council resolved to note the petition.

Council agenda P.40, 3 Jul 2007



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Press release, 4 Jul 2007
Sharlene Huber, Multicultural Social Support Services



Past president Mr Garry Varley, Past president Mr Peter Doherty and District Governor Ms Monica Saville.

High award for Rotarian

Local businessman Mr Garry Varley was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

"The award is one of the highest a club can bestow on a member and is named after the founder of Rotary International," said public relations officer Mr Geoff Melville.

"Garry Varley attended Ettalong Primary School, Woy Woy High and Macquarie University.

"Inducted in Umina Rotary in May 1991, Garry was program director in 1991-92, youth director

in 1992-93, vocational service director 1993-94, vice-president and youth counsellor in 1994-95, and club president in 1995-96.

"He was assistant to the district governor in 1997-98.

"Garry represented New South Wales in swimming.

"He was a champion basketball and water polo player.

"In recent years, his commitment to the community has been unsurpassed.

"His involvement with Peninsula Village over the past 20 years led him to be a board member for the

last five years and currently he is honorary treasurer.

"He has been a member of the Sydney Head and Neck Cancer Foundation for the past five years and received a special commendation from Professor Chris O'Brien from that organisation.

"Garry's award was presented by outgoing president Peter Doherty and incoming district governor Monica Saville."

Press release, 4 Jul 2007
Geoff Melville,
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Request of directorates

Gosford Council's disability access committee will ask council's senior management group to provide \$5000 from each directorate to pay for equipment at Peninsula Leisure Centre to "ensure equitable pool access".

A report from the committee stated that "it was decided that

there were no available funds from the Accessible Buildings Program".

"An urgent request for consideration from the Capital Works program was made, however, there were no further funds available"

Council agenda DA.002,
3 Jul 2007

Objection to dune project

Residents of Patonga have petitioned Gosford Council, objecting to the Patonga Dune Project.

A petition with 57 signatures was sent by the Patonga Beach Progress Association, "vigorously objecting" to the dune area of the beach being enclosed and planted with "supposedly" suitable species.

The petitioners asked that council make available to residents of Patonga expert evidence from botanists, beach vegetation specialists and environmentalists which support the need for enclosure and replanting of the beach.

Council referred the petition to its open space and leisure services department.

Council agenda P.33, 3 Jul 2007

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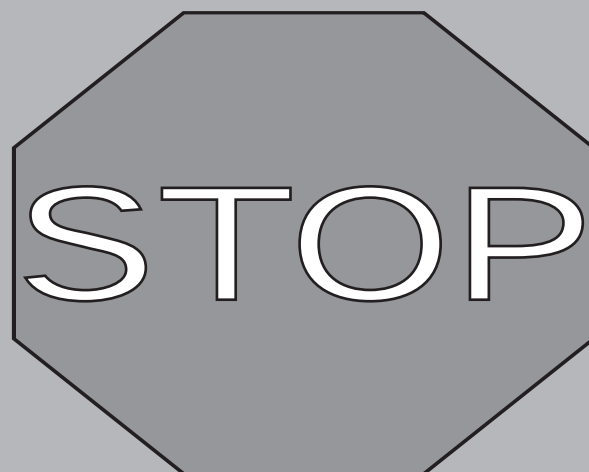
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Exercise program for breast cancer survivors

An eight-week exercise program designed for women who have experienced breast cancer will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre from July 16.

The program, called Encore, incorporates "gentle exercises, relaxation techniques, information and support" and is "safe, fun and therapeutic", according to publicity officer Ms Judi Gurzinski.

"The exercise program is specially designed to target areas that have been affected by breast cancer surgery and treatment," Ms Gurzinski said.

"Gentle but effective exercises improve strength, mobility and flexibility while the warm water in the hydrotherapy sessions relieve affected muscles.

"The classes provide an opportunity for women to share their experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

"The next program starts on July 16.

"Participation is free, is by enrolment only, and medical approval is required."

For more information, telephone Judi Gurzinski on 4358 0367.

Press release, 2 Jul 2007
Judi Gurzinski, Encore



Redevelopment for Meals complex?

The Meals on Wheels Complex at Woy Woy may be redeveloped by Gosford Council.

Cr Chris Holstein asked the

acting directing of community services what the current status was of council procuring funds for the possible redevelopment of the complex.

"If funds have been made

available, what is the status of the redevelopment?" Cr Holstein said.

The acting director said he would advise Cr Holstein on the matter following an investigation.

Council agenda Q.68, 3 Jul 2007

Traffic signals for Railway St

Traffic signals and "associated works" will be installed at the intersection of Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, based on the findings of an Intersection Traffic Study.

On May 8, council deferred a proposal for traffic signals pending computer modeling and an assessment of the suitability of a roundabout.

Consultants investigated the options of a roundabout or traffic signals, and their affect on traffic performance and queue lengths.

A report to the Traffic Committee found that both the traffic signals and roundabout options provided

an "adequate level of service for vehicular traffic through to the year 2030".

It stated that: "While roundabouts generally result in shorter traffic queue lengths, traffic signals provide improved pedestrian safety".

"The consultants considered both options (roundabout or signals) to be acceptable".

The committee stated that based on the information collected, a decision was made to proceed with traffic signals due to "greater pedestrian safety and use" together with a "considerable cost saving".

Council agenda TR.07.033,
3 Jul 2007

Peninsula Resident Association has been busy over the past few months, according to secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan

Ms Noonan said both she and president Ms Fran Armstrong attended the May and June meetings of Pen Link.

"Pen Link is a group of Peninsula organisations and individuals formed to co-ordinate ideas and activities such as community-building on the Peninsula, recent youth problems, and residents reclaiming public open spaces eg the park area near Umina Surf Club," Ms Noonan said.

Ms Noonan said she attended

the "Mountains to the Dunes" Conference at Mingara in May, gathering ideas on protection and education for environmental issues on the Peninsula.

Ms Noonan is the association representative on the Gosford Council Floodplain Risk Management Committee, with "specific interest" in the Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Study.

"Reports from the study will be passed on to the community through the Resident's Association and Peninsula News," Ms Noonan said.

"Council has asked for any information from the community regarding water heights and any photos from the recent storms be

sent to the committee."

Ms Noonan said committee member Mr Michael Gillian addressed council at its July 3 meeting on the proposed Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plans.

He supported the requirements of the Department of Lands for "additional environmental, social and scientific studies before adoption of the plan".

The matter was deferred by council to its July 10 meeting.

The next meeting of the Peninsula Residents Association will be held at 2pm on Saturday, July 21, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Press release, 4 Jul 2007
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association

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Ettalong foreshore

Council defers foreshore plan

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision on the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management and Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan to July 10, to allow further information to be provided to councillors.

Council officers had recommended that council incorporate changes recommended by the Department of Lands into the two reports, and that the revised plans be submitted back to the department for its review and adoption.

Council seemingly agreed with all changes except one, which would involve regular sand nourishment at Ettalong Beach.

Cr Terri Latella moved a motion that council employ a coastal engineer to consult on the environmental, social and scientific issues as addressed by the department in its letter to council.

The motion lapsed when the seconder withdrew his support of the motion.

Councillors were unsure whether a comment by the department about employing a coastal engineer was a recommendation or suggestion.

It was believed that if the comment was a recommendation, and council did nothing to alter its current stance, the department would not approve the plans.

The Department's report said it had reviewed both documents



Ettalong Beach foreshore from the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

"bearing in mind the diverse pressures, public comment and ultimately the need to reach a suitable balance" and provided its recommendations and comments for council's consideration.

Council officers stated that the majority of changes were considered to be minor and were a result of changes that had occurred since the draft Plan of Management was prepared in 2003.

Minor changes involved a name change at the department, the completion of the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and resort, the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, remediation

works at Lance Webb reserve, approval of the fast ferry terminal and the completion of the dune management plan.

Officers stated that more significant changes related to the deletion of the long term plan "View to the Future", and the inclusion of the Picnic Parade toilet block, the Fast Ferry Precinct, rock revetment and sand nourishment.

Officers stated that their inclusion "would not change the intent of the document, rather provide clarification on specific issues".

The department asked council to commit to a regular program of sand nourishment of the beach to "maintain the protection zone for houses, public infrastructure and reserve amenity", where the plan currently proposed monitoring of the beach and nourishment "when required".

Council officers stated that the department's request would "commit council to significant cost on a regular basis".

They stated: "Concern is raised at this request as whilst council has care, control and management of the foreshore Reserve it is a Crown asset".

Officers recommended that current requirement to monitor and nourish when required be retained "but without any commitment to a regular program of sand nourishment of the beach".

Two master plans were prepared as part of the plan of management, the first of which was the long-term plan titled View to the Future.

The department stated that the document had a number of development proposals that were inconsistent with the second plan titled Short-Term Remediation and would require "extensive additional studies to be completed" before the View to the Future plan could be adopted.

Council officers stated that, to enable the plan to be finalised and adopted, it was necessary to focus on works within the Short -Term Remediation plan and update it to incorporate the dune management plan proposed works, the fast ferry car park upgrade and the Lance Webb emergency embankment remediation works.

The department stated that community concern was raised about the proposal to demolish the Picnic Parade toilet block without an immediate replacement.

The plan indicated that in the long term a new toilet facility was to be constructed along with a second toilet facility in the Town Beach facilities building opposite Beach St.

Council officers stated that the Short-Term Remediation plan would indicate the removal of the Picnic Parade toilet block and a replacement toilet facility incorporated in the Town Beach Facilities building opposite Beach St as a high priority.

The department said community concern was also raised with about the loss of parking near the beach area south of Beach St.

Council officers stated that consent conditions for the Fast Ferry development required the provision of 43 parking bays on the eastern side of The Esplanade, which although not approved provided additional parking spaces on the foreshore reserve.

Council officers have also agreed with a department recommendation to investigate the effectiveness and need to supplement rock revetment works between Ferry Rd and the Town Beach precinct.

Council agenda CIT.20, 3 Jul 2007

Call for engineer

Cr Terri Latella has unsuccessfully called for Gosford Council to employ a coastal engineer to look at the environmental, social and scientific issues surrounding Ettalong Beach.

She said the Department of Lands had identified the need in its comments on the proposed management plan for the area.

"Because the plan of management was finalised in 2003, there have definitely been some climatic changes that have and will occur.

"I suggest we take the time out now that we are reviewing this recommendation, and take on board what the department has said.

"We need to do the right thing to prevent further erosion."

Cr Craig Doyle asked council officers if the report was "questionable" and whether the acknowledgement of climate change could impact on previous conclusions and recommendations made in the report.

Following an answer from council staff that he found unsatisfactory, Cr Doyle suggested that the item be deferred for a week to allow officers to investigate the matter.

"I want to make a considered decision," Cr Doyle said.

Cr Trevor Drake and Robert Bell raised the concern that the department may not adopt the plans if the coastal studies had not been done.

"I think that there is a couple of ways to (interpret the letter), that if we were to proceed without taking the precaution, by advising us in advance, council accepts all liability," Cr Bell said.

"The other thing is that if we were to proceed as Cr Drake indicated and put it to the department, it will become a revolving exercise."

Cr Bell suggested that the department may have stated that a coastal engineer should be engaged, not could be engaged.

"It is wise for councillors to think about this again," Cr Bell said.

"We will only get further delay if the department throws it around.

"What's changed? Absolutely nothing. They will send it back to us again."

Lyle Stone, 6 Jul 2007

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Request to extend 40k zone

Gosford Council has resolved to ask the Roads and Traffic Authority to consider extending the proposed Ettalong Beach CBD 40km/h speed limit to the intersection of Schnapper Rd.

Overhead lighting will also be reviewed to "ensure optimum lighting is available" around the pedestrian refuge near the Ettalong Cinema.

But council has also decided not to provide a line-marked pedestrian crossing on Ocean View Rd near the intersection of Schnapper Rd, and to retain the existing pedestrian refuge.

A local business had asked for the pedestrian crossing through Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

A staff report to Council's traffic committee said that a traffic survey had previously been carried out near the intersection of Schnapper Rd on a weekday and the results

indicated only minimal pedestrian movements around the section of Ocean View Rd.

But the business reported that on weekends and during holiday periods there were a number of pedestrian movements, including children.

The traffic committee report stated that the pedestrian refuge island on Ocean View Rd provided for pedestrian movements in the vicinity of the cinema complex and that pedestrian numbers were "insufficient" to warrant a line-marked pedestrian crossing at this location.

It stated: "An extension of the proposed Ettalong Beach CBD 40km/h speed limit to the intersection of Schnapper Rd would enhance pedestrian safety on Ocean View Rd in the vicinity of the cinema complex."

**Council agenda TR.07.065,
3 Jul 2007**



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Statistical information for the Woy Woy Peninsula from last year's Census has recently been published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The data used in this article is the combined statistics for the postcodes of 2256 and 2257, which cover the whole Peninsula.

In the Census, held on August 8, there were 41580 people usually resident in these postcode areas.

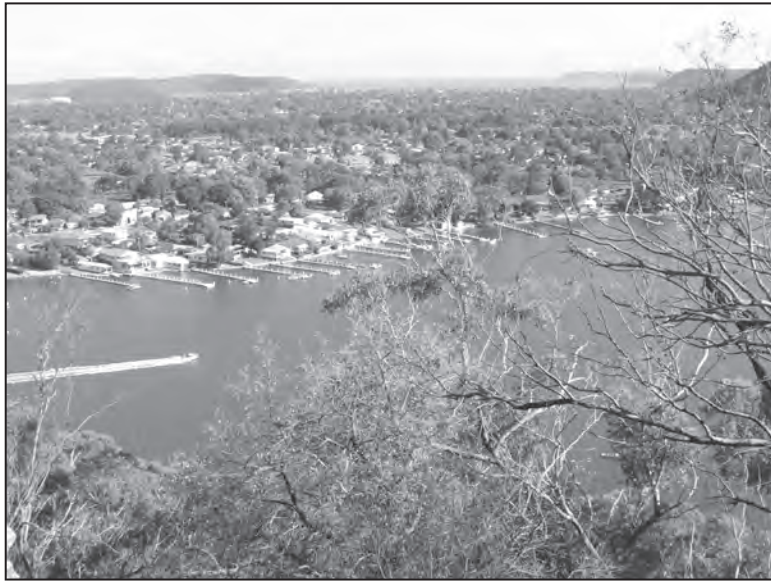
This was made up of 19,950 males and 21,630 females.

Of the total population, the percentage of Indigenous persons (2.4 per cent) was only slightly higher than the percentage of Indigenous persons in Australia (2.3 per cent).

Around 17.8 per cent of the population usually resident here were children aged between 0-14 years, 36.4 per cent were persons aged 55 years and over.

The median age of persons was 45 years, compared with 37 years for persons in Australia.

Of persons usually resident here, 85.8 per cent were Australian citizens, 13.5 per cent were born overseas and 0.4 per cent were overseas visitors.



The Woy Woy Peninsula as seen from Phegans Bay

About 77 per cent of persons usually resident in the area stated they were born in Australia.

Other common responses were: England with 4.6 per cent, New Zealand with 1.6 per cent, Scotland with 0.7 per cent and Germany with 0.4 per cent.

English was stated as the only language spoken at home by 87.9 per cent of persons usually resident in the area.

The most common languages

other than English spoken at home were: Spanish 0.3 per cent, Italian 0.3 per cent, German 0.3 per cent and Greek 0.2 per cent.

The most common responses for religious affiliation for persons usually resident in the area were Anglican 30.3 per cent, Catholic 25.9 per cent, no religion 14.5 per cent, Uniting Church 4.1 per cent and Presbyterian and Reformed 3.6 per cent.

About 38.3 per cent of persons

aged 15 years and over usually resident in the area were married, 22.8 per cent never married, 12.7 per cent separated or divorced and 8.4 per cent widowed.

The median weekly individual income for persons aged 15 years and over who were usual residents was \$378 in 2256 and \$383 in 2257, compared with \$466 in Australia.

The median weekly household income was \$709 in 2256 and \$724 in 2257, compared with \$1027 in Australia.

The median weekly family income was \$1025 in 2256 and \$1003 in 2257, compared with \$1171 in Australia.

There were 10819 families in both postcode areas: 35.5 per cent were couple families with children, 42.7 per cent were couple families without children, 20.2 per cent were one parent families and 1.6 per cent were other families.

There were 21,043 private dwellings. Of those dwellings, only 17,558 were occupied.

About 75.5 per cent were separate houses, 14.5 per cent were semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc, 7.8 per cent were flat, unit or apartment and 2.1 per cent were other dwellings.

In 2256, the median weekly rent was \$195 compared to \$208 in the 2257 district.

This was compared to \$190 in Australia.

The median monthly housing loan repayment was \$1495 in 2256 compared to \$1470 in 2257 and \$1300 in Australia.

The average household size was 2.25 and the average number of persons per bedroom was 1.1.

Of occupied private dwellings, 38.7 per cent were fully owned, 23.3 per cent were being purchased and 27 per cent were rented.

Family households accounted for 60.6 per cent of occupied private dwellings, 29.3 per cent were lone person households and 2.7 per cent were group households.

Of the occupied private dwellings being rented, 65.5 per cent were rented from a real estate agent, 9.4 per cent were rented from a State or Territory housing authority and 22.6 per cent were rented from other landlord type.

In comparison, nationally 50.5 per cent were rented from a real estate agent and 14.9 per cent from a state or territory housing authority.

Lyle Stone, 5 Jul 2007

Towards a plastic bag-free community

The Bouddi Peninsula could become plastic bag free if discussions with Gosford Council come to fruition.

The initiative came from a community forum held at a "Going Green" market weekend held at Hardy's Bay over the Queens Birthday weekend.

"Commercial waste systems for organic waste and recyclable glass bottles is another area mentioned, where we can reduce landfill and hence reduce dangerous greenhouse gases," said organiser Ms Anna McCall.

"Again this will be followed up with council."

Long-term alternative renewable energy projects were suggested in public spaces.

Signage recognizing the efforts

of our "Greener Community" would be "an important means of showcasing what we have achieved".

Ms McCall said: "We will be looking into providing metrics, displayed in public on the improvements made within our community."

She said organisers hoped to distribute a "greencard" produced for the purpose of the market weekend which provides people with a list of websites providing information on how they can make some changes in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Hardys Bay "It's Easy Going Green" market weekend went ahead on June 9 and 10 despite the "severe storm".

Ms McCall said the "extreme

weather conditions" were another example of why people should act now against climate change.

"Although some exhibitors were unable to make the event, we did have on display an array of organic fruit and veg thanks to Gabby of Jasmine Greens, Solar hot water displays, solar PV information, worm farms, bokashi compost buckets, ethical investments, solar passive design, eco friendly fire places, native plants and electric bikes," Ms McCall said.

"The Honda hybrid was also on display Sunday morning."

Ms McCall congratulated Maree Duffy for winning the Hardys Bay Pamper Package in recognition of her "fantastic efforts" in educating children on environmental issues such as waste, energy and water

conservation.

Geoff and Fran Brew won the "Coasts Coolest" with their sustainable house in the Yarramalong valley and Lyn Kent of Daleys Point won a water tank, donated by Gosford Council, by making a pledge to take three actions to reduce her greenhouse gas emissions.

"To wrap up the event, we held a community forum looking at what we can do on the Killcare/Wagstaffe Peninsula with the hope of becoming a greener community," Ms McCall said.

"Some great ideas were put forward and we will be looking to action these over the coming months and years."

Press release, 1 Jul 2007
Anna McCall, Hardys Bay

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Geography lectures at Woy Woy

The NSW Geography Teachers Association has held student lectures for HSC Geography students from the Hunter and Central Coast area on Thursday, June 14, at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Senior Campus.

"It was the most successful lecture day held in terms of student participation with 86 students attending from both State and private schools," College head teacher Mr Russell Wyeth said.

"The program started at 9.30am and concluded at 3pm.

"All aspects of the HSC stage 6 Geography course were covered including examination techniques, study methods, preparation strategies and time management techniques.

"All geographic skills were

addressed, as outlined in the syllabus, along with the three core areas of urban places, ecosystems at risk and people and economic activity.

"Students were given handouts for each of these topics which should give them an edge over other candidates for this year's examination on Friday, October 26, at 2pm.

"Each of the presenters were highly experienced, being HSC markers, University Lecturers and / or textbook writers.

"The information delivered by each of these presenters was first class with highly detailed notes directing the students toward explicit sample studies that should enhance their extended responses and therefore assist them in their goal to achieve a Band 6 result.

Press release, 26 Jun 2007
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Picture of students who participated either as presenters, band members, or the senior VET students in entertainment who provided sound and lighting

Reconciliation at college

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus held its annual Reconciliation Day assembly on May 30.

Coordinating teacher Ms Marty Nuku said that, during their Aboriginal program lessons leading up to the day, indigenous students discussed reconciliation issues, shared histories, attitudes and beliefs.

"It was felt by those who attend the Aboriginal Program that a 'modern' approach be taken," Ms Nuku said.

"In other words 'what does reconciliation mean in a daily context?'

"A video and Powerpoint

presentation was created by the Indigenous group and then presented under the artistic direction of Mr Maxwell and the Entertainment class.

"The video showed a question and answer session between the SRC representatives and Indigenous students and reflected current trends of thinking and addressed how we, as individuals and a community can move forward in unity.

"Daniel Fletcher and Emma Clarke introduced proceedings and Jacob Tilden presented in his speech the positive relationships between AFL and Reconciliation.

"Tessa Nuku performed, with the band and Mr Macey, the song

'A Life Uncommon' by Jewel, as a moving tribute to the challenges that have been, and will be, faced in everyone's efforts to rise above the ordinary."

Cut-out hands created by the indigenous students representing support for Reconciliation were handed out to staff and students following the assembly.

"The signed hands have become a visual reminder of our goal to eradicate racism, stereotyping and prejudice and are on display in the Administration Block," said Ms Nuku.

Press release, 26 Jun 2007
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Learning conference for parents and staff

Staff and parents from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy campuses attended a two-day learning conference recently, with day one hosted by Ettalong War Memorial Club.

Relieving college principal Mr Frank Gasper said the club was a "great supporter" of the students and staff.

"The day opened with outstanding student performances led by vocalists Ashley Knight and Joshua Keane with flautist Elissa Koppen," Mr Gasper said.

"It was a stunning start to the day which was followed by a series of students presenting staff with their impressions of what makes a good teacher.

"It was then down to business.

"John Joseph, an internationally renowned educational speaker presented a keynote address and workshops with the theme 'Learning with the Brain in Mind'."

Mr Gasper said workshops included the topics of Boys' Education, The Adolescent Brain, Improving Relationships, Quality Assessment Programs, Use of Technology to Improve Learning, Stress management and Depression in Young People.

"The entire sound, lighting and

visual effects were provided by our acclaimed Vocational Education Entertainment students," Mr Gasper said.

"The conference continued the tradition that the college has established since its inception of holding quality annual conferences to replace the 'pupil free days' at the start of terms two and three."

Press release, 26 Jun 2007
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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- Multicultural - Chinese dancers
- Community Elders
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- YIPA (Youth In Performing Arts) performers sing, dance and act
- Ad-hoc performances
- Open Forum Discussion at end

Friday 3rd August 7:30pm

Peninsula Theatre - Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy (behind the Community Centre carpark).

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: Adults \$10, Conc/Students \$7 (incl. supper)

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

WWAC, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St 4341 3341

WVEC, 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 assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESCC**

Every Tuesday

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

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, **CWA**

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, **CWA**

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

Second Wednesday of every Month

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

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

Woy Woy **Auxiliary**, 10am enq: 4344 2599.

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

Third Wednesday of every month

Woy Woy VIEW Club - Luncheon, 10.30, enq: 4344 1440, **ECC**

Every Wednesday

St John's Ambulance; **WWAC**, 7pm

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 (Exc Jan).

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

Handicraft CWA, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

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

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

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month

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

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

Australiana Bus Trips **PCC**

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, **CWA**, 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 (Exc 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.

Fairhaven Services **Cash Housie**, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

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

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, **WWAC** - 4341 8564

Fairhaven Services **Cash Housie**, East Gosford Progress Hall 7.30pm

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans** Assoc Aust, **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. **WVEC** 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, 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

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

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

Third Sunday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Fourth Sunday of every month

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

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

Arts & Entertainment

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Last Sunday of every month

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am, **EBWMC Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy Enq: 4341 4151

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, Web Riley Room Catholic Church Woy Woy 4342 9995

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, **CWA**, 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, **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**

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

Upcoming Events

July 12th - Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary 9am

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

July 16th - Eight week exercise program designed for women who have experienced breast cancer, Peninsula Leisure Centre

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

August 14th - Bush Flower Essences, PWHC 7pm

August 30th - Advanced Numerology, PWHC 10am

September 19th - Holistic Kinesiology, 10am

September 26th - Make your own earrings, PWHC 10am

October 16th - Chiropractic Health, PWHC, 10am

October 23rd - PWHC Volunteer Training, PWHC, 9.30am

October 24th - Better Health Self Management, PWHC, 10am

If you would like your community not for profit event listed here, send the details to Peninsula News



Exhibition at Woy Woy

Peninsula artist Margaret Burns will hold an exhibition at the Gnostic Mana Café, The Boulevard, Woy Woy, from July 8 to August 4.

Ms Burns said she "loves painting landscapes, country scenes, waterways and also bird life".

"The natural environment and the beauty of the Peninsula feature in many of my works," Ms Burns

said.

Ms Burns said she has also donated several paintings to the schools her grandchildren attend for fundraising.

She attends classes and workshops regularly.

Her work can also be seen at the Moorland Cottage Café, Moorland, on the Mid-north Coast.

Press release, 25 Jun 2007
Margaret Burns

Program for Laboratory

The program has been set for Gosford Council's August "Cultural Laboratory" performances at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy on Friday, August 3, at 7:30pm.

The Laboratory is an opportunity to see 10-minute segments of all types of performance and visual arts in a relaxed atmosphere that is conducive to an exchange of cultural ideas, according to marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"The Laboratory will host a number of local artists, young performers, community elders and musicians," Ms Kelly said.

Visual artist Ana Pollak will present a number of photographs and drawings of the oyster farms of the Hawkesbury River.

Madame Wu Wei Yuan will present traditional Chinese dance

with her troupe of 10 dancers.

Donna Judge, featured in "Significant Women of the Coast" - a collection of stories published by Margaret Hardy, will speak about her life.

Songwriters Jake Cassar and Loren Kate will join with local saxophonist Lee Hardisty to present some funky new music.

Young performers from the 2007 Youth In Performing Arts concerts will sing, dance and act; and Stephen Lacey will talk about life as a feature writer with the Sydney Morning Herald.

The Peninsula Theatre is located on the corner of McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

Tickets for adults are \$10 while concessions and students are \$7. All tickets include supper.

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Press release, 4 Jul 2007
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

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Arts & Entertainment

Resident joins dance troupe

Woy Woy Bay resident Ms April Turnwald will be among a troupe of over 30 dancers performing in "Down Under The Kilt - Dreamtime Stories" on July 20 at Laycock St Theatre, North Gosford.

April began dancing with the Veronica Law School of Highland Dancing in 2001 and is an active member of the school's professional dance troupe, according to marketing manager Ms Lisa Kelly said.

"She is one of the Coast's most prolific and successful highland dancers.

"April began competing in 2002 and has competed in major championships in Australia and overseas, culminating in a World Championship tour in 2005.

"During this trip, April won medals in a number of events at the International Festival of Dancing which runs alongside the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland.

"Following from her competitive successes, April was invited to join the Ozscot Australia dance team performing in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, A Salute to Australia and The Sultan of Oman's birthday celebrations in Oman.

"April has again been invited to perform with the Down Under the Kilt cast, when they perform



Show producer Donald McFarland in Scotland

Dreamtime Stories on July 20.

"She is an active member of Central Coast Highland Dancing Inc."

Ms Kelly said the show brings together some of the World's best

Highland Dancers in a show that "blends Scottish Highland Dancing with Australian history".

Press release, 4 Jul 2007

Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

Grandma Moses competition opens

Gosford Council has opened entries to the Grandma Moses Exhibition, which last year included several winners from the Peninsula area.

"Hopefully we will attract more entrants from the Peninsula this year," council senior citizen centre coordinator Ms Rhondda Gibson said.

"The forms are available from Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Woy Woy and Umina Library and the Peninsula Community Centre.

"All enquiries can be made on 4324 4749.

"The competition is open to all artists 50 years and over."

The competition has five sections.

Section one is the open competition, which can be done in any medium, and has a prize of \$750.

Section two is the watercolour competition and has a prize of

\$550.

Section three is the novice competition for new painters and has a prize of \$300.

Section four is for the Senior Citizens' Centre art group member, with a prize of \$300.

Section five is open, in any medium, for Central Coast inspired work.

The prize is \$300.

The paintings will be exhibited at Gosford Senior Citizens' Centre from 10.30am to 4pm on Tuesday, September 11, Wednesday, September 12 and Thursday, September 13.

Prize winners will be announced at the Gosford Senior Citizens' Centre on Tuesday, September 11 at 10.30am.

The entry fee per painting is \$2.50.

Press release, 4 Jul 2007
Rhondda Gibson,
Gosford Council



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Tip road may take B-Doubles

Gosford Council has deferred making a decision on an application for a B-Double route on Nagari Rd and Railway St, Woy Woy.

Council has also resolved to review the Railway St and Rawson Rd intersection adjacent to the railway level crossing to ensure that B-Double vehicles can "safely negotiate the intersection".

It has also resolved to provide centerline markings and "appropriate signposting on Nagari Rd".

A request for the route came from Troy Heavy Haulage Pty Ltd, for the purpose of carrying green

waste from Woy Woy Landfill via Nagari Rd and Railway St.

Council's traffic committee said concern was raised at its meeting about the safe movement of B-Double vehicles through the intersection of Railway St and Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

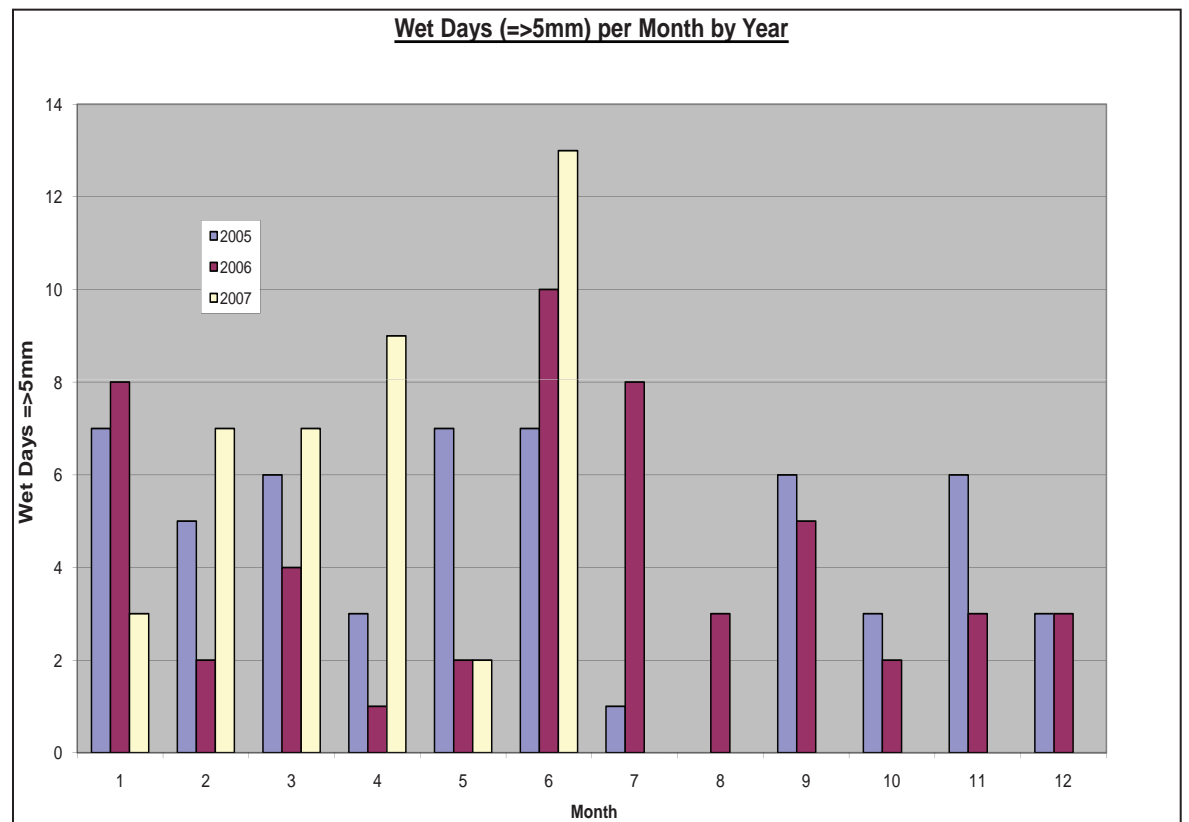
It stated that: "In addition, it is considered that centreline markings would need to be provided along Nagari Rd and that appropriate signposting is required at the entry to Nagari Rd, warning motorists proceeding to the landfill site that B-Doubles may be encountered".

Council agenda TR.07.062, 3 Jul 2007



The entrance to Woy Woy Landfill, Nagari Rd, Woy Woy

Wet month recorded



A total of 377.6mm of rain fell on the Peninsula last month, according to figures recorded by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The rainfall brought the total for the year to 1014mm, just eight

millimetres short of last year's total rainfall.

The month had 13 wet days with more than five millimetres of rain, the greatest number of wet days in a month for more than two and a half years.

The month's total was also the

greatest in the same period.

The month had 16 "rain event" days with more than one millimetre of rain.

This was the highest number since January 2006, which had 17 such days.

Mark Snell, 6 Jul 2007

Spring fete at St John's

St John the Baptist Primary School will be holding a Spring Fete on Saturday, September 22, from 10am to 3pm.

The fete will be held in the school grounds.

"The fete will be the first large fete the school has had in 10 years and

is open to the entire community," publicity officer Ms Stacey Saul said.

"There will be an array of stalls, rides and entertainment on the day; crafts, games, jumping castle, giant slide, cakes, books, white elephant, Devonshire tea, cafe, showbags, boys and girls novelties

and much more."

Ms Saul said the organising committee was also seeking outside stall holders.

"If you would like to enquire or book a space for the event please contact the school on 4341 0884."

**Press release, 25 Jun 2007
Stacey Saul, St John the Baptist Fete Committee**

Traffic projects

Several traffic projects are to be undertaken by Gosford Council on the Peninsula.

A concrete median strip will be built at Haynes Ave and Lone Pine Ave, Umina, and median and kerb works will take place at Lone Pine Ave and Carpenter St.

At Woy Woy, the program involves the construction of

A pedestrian refuge will be built at Rawson Rd and Waterview St, and at Rawson Rd and Vidler St intersections.

Priority of traffic movements will be changed for Kendall Rd and Rickard Rd, Empire Bay.

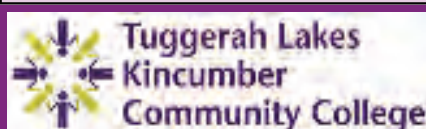
A list of approved traffic facility projects that remain unfunded will be presented at council's next traffic committee meeting.

Council agenda TR.07.072, 3 Jul 2007

Terms 3 and 4 , 2007—What's on near you ?

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Mail zone

A mail zone will be provided on the southern side of Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach, according to Gosford Council.

The mail zone will be 40 metres east of Memorial Ave.

Australia Post had asked for the mail zone, after the Ettalong Beach Post Office relocated from 275 to 402 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach on May 19.

Council agenda TR.07.064, 3 Jul 2007

Gosford Council has resolved to ask the Roads and Traffic Authority to consider a 40km/h speed limit on the section of Patonga Dr from the amenities building at Eve Williams Memorial Oval to the intersection of Bay St, Patonga.

The request for a 40km/h zone

came from a "local business proprietor".

The business proprietor said the speed reduction was to "improve safety for the number of pedestrians that walk along the roads because of a lack of footpaths".

A council staff report to Council's traffic committee stated that the current 50km/h speed limit was appropriate for most streets in

Patonga.

However, it stated there "may be merit" in a 40km/h speed limit on the section of Patonga Dr where pedestrian activity was highest, from the amenities building at Eve Williams Memorial Oval to the intersection of Bay St.

Council agenda TR.07.066, 3 Jul 2007

No parking off Waterloo Ave

An unnamed laneway next to 14 Waterloo Ave, Woy Woy, will have no stopping during school hours over the length of the laneway.

Local residents had petitioned Gosford Council to prohibit parking in the unnamed laneway.

Council's traffic committee

reported that "all of the residents with access to the north-south unnamed laneway located next to 14 Waterloo Ave have signed a petition requesting the installation of School Hours No Stopping signs to overcome the traffic and pedestrian safety issues that currently exist as a result of congested parking in the

laneway".

Council has now resolved to provide "No Stopping 8am - 9am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm School Days" signs over the length of the north-south unnamed laneway next to 14 Waterloo Ave, Woy Woy.

Council agenda TR.07.060, 3 Jul 2007

Speeding reports

Several reports of speeding on Peninsula streets will be reported to the NSW Police Force for consideration of "enhanced enforcement where practicable".

The streets were Terry Ave and Erina Ave, Woy Woy, Calyptra Rd

and Australia Ave, Umina Beach, Wagstaffe Ave, Wagstaffe, and several streets in Patonga.

The streets were among 14 reported to council across the Gosford local government area.

Council agenda TR.07.071, 3 Jul 2007

Gosford Council has resolved to undertake a traffic count on the three legs of the Daffodil Dr and Norma Crescent intersection at Woy Woy to

determine appropriate traffic control.

A local resident had asked for a stop sign or a give way sign at the intersection.

The resident stated that it

would help minimise the accident potential due to some motorists negotiating the intersection at excessive speed.

Council agenda TR.07.061, 3 Jul 2007



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John Howard talking to club members and guests



Significant Women: Valda Manning

VALDA MANNING was born in Gosford, moved to Sydney when she was two and returned at six when she started school in the old stone building on Henry Parry Drive, now part of the TAFE College.

Years 5 and 6 were spent in the School of Arts on the current Primary school site, Mann Street, before the new school was built, during her time at Gosford High School, where her father taught.

Here she was introduced to hockey by Miss Phyllis Bennett, affectionately called Polly.

On leaving school, Valda went to Newcastle Teachers' College.

In 1956 she became an inaugural member of the Gumnuts Hockey Team, which played in the local hockey competition.

After a shaky start, the team went on to win many premierships.

In those days hockey was played on Grahame Park, a sports field at North Entrance, and at Wyong.

The hockey season started each year with a march down the main street with the brass band and with the previous Premiership team leading the march.

Her first teaching appointment was to Brooklyn, leaving home at 6.30am and returning about 6pm.

Half way through the year she was appointed to Pretty Beach where she taught for three and a half years, and in the first year she had 59 children in three classes.

On her first day she missed the ferry at Radford's Wharf, and was rescued by Albert Manning who hired a boat from Anderson's Boatshed, to get her to school on time.

Ettalong Public School was her next posting and here the staff had to gather firewood in the playground to light the classroom heaters.

In 1963 whilst still at Ettalong, Valda and Albert married.

In 1967 they moved to Norfolk Island where they spent three wonderful years.

Each year they organised and escorted tours of 30 children to New South Wales, where they travelled to various points of interest.

One year, the children were billeted for a few days by families from Gosford Public School.

They returned to New South Wales in 1970 and Albert was appointed to Gunning Central

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



ladies' team which played in the Inverell Competition.

She was also involved in Meals on Wheels and the Royal Far West Branch.

When they left Warialda seven years later, they were farewelled with a big banner across the main street.

They next went to Broken Hill in 1984, where there was plenty of sport and social activity.

While in Broken Hill, Valda worked for the Alma Swimming Club, started and coached a junior hockey team, was Treasurer for the local women's Hockey Club and played hockey in one of the local teams.

Here Valda did casual teaching and taught at the School of the Air before returning to Gosford in 1988, one year after Albert.

Valda started playing Vet's Hockey Club which had been started by a few keen veteran players including Kathy Daniels and Elaine Johnston.

Jennifer played with Henry Kendall Hockey Club and Valda started coaching for that club and became Secretary.

The Vet's Club grew to 5 teams and now still exists with one team.

Valda went on to become Vice President of Central Coast Women's Hockey Club, Secretary of Central Coast Hockey Inc and Secretary for the Vet's Hockey Club.

Central Coast Hockey is now played at Pollack Avenue at Wyong where there are three fields, a grass field, a sand based turf and a water based turf field. The new water based turf field has been built with the help of a \$750,000 grant from Wyong Council.

School where they rented a little old house for \$7.50 a week.

They had to line the ceiling with newspaper and you could see daylight through the cracks in the roof.

After two years, the school became a Primary School and Albert was appointed Principal.

Their son John and daughter Jennifer, were born in Canberra Community Hospital as there was no hospital at Gunning.

Valda became a casual teacher as well as emergency canteen worker and also nurse for children who were not well.

They both became acquainted with the ways of the sheep industry.

In 1997 they moved to Warialda near Inverell.

Here Valda started the Junior Hockey Team which played in the Inverell competition.

She also helped start and organise a Twilight Summer Mixed Hockey Competition in Warialda and played in a newly formed

No requests for Walsingham Community Pre-School

Cr Jim MacFadyen had asked Gosford Council's director of environment and planning what progress has been made on the pre-school at Pretty Beach.

The director, Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings, said that the Council had not received any further requests

from Walsingham Community Pre-School.

She said she would investigate the matter, but stated that it was "difficult to answer" as council had not received any recent requests from the pre-school.

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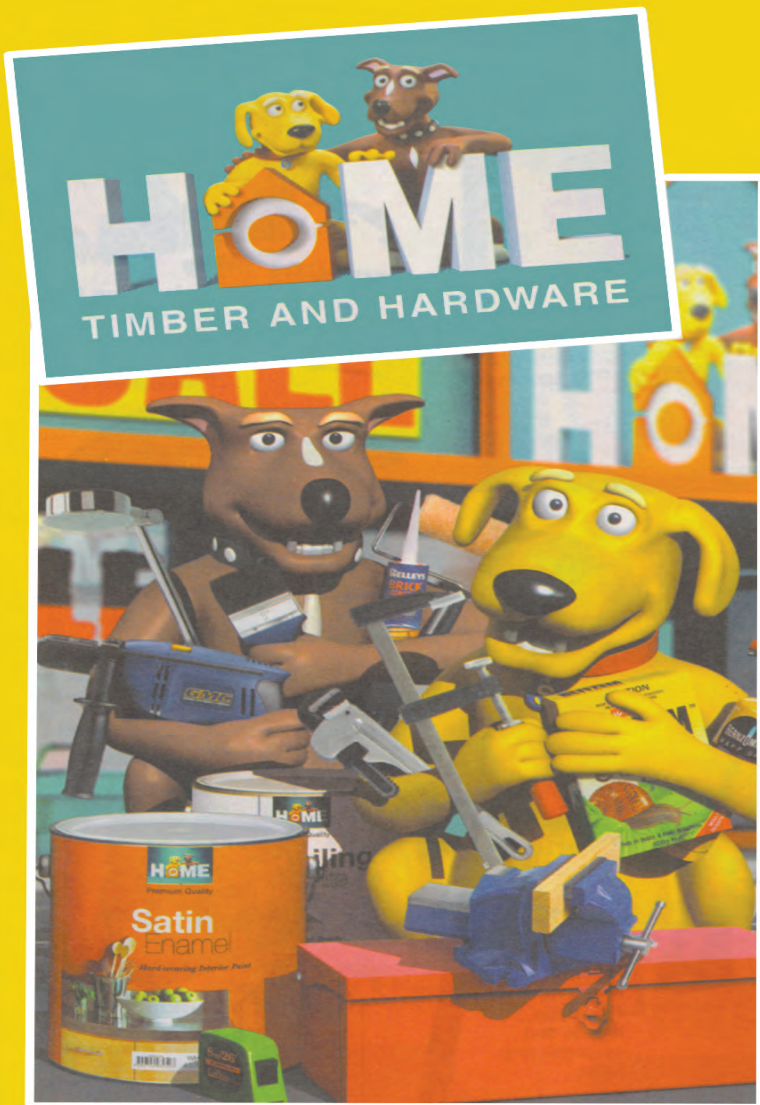
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