

House prices decline

Median house prices on the Peninsula have fallen by up to \$10,000 since December, according to Australian Property Monitors.

Woy Woy, Umina Beach, Blackwall, Booker Bay and Ettalong Beach are just a handful of suburbs on the Central Coast to have experienced a decline in value over the last six months.

Last December, the average house selling price in Woy Woy was \$338,000 compared to \$328,000 in June.

In contrast to Woy Woy, the average price of housing on the Central Coast has not changed, according to APM.

In Umina, the average price of housing declined from \$354,000 to \$347,000 over the last six months.

Blackwall encountered a greater regression than most Peninsula suburbs with a 26 per cent decline in value since December last year.

However, Woy Woy and Blackwall have experienced a decline in the

average number of days a house is on the market.

Empire Bay underwent a 15 per cent increase in house value from \$370,000 to \$425,000.

However, over the last 10 years, median house prices on the Peninsula have increased by more than 10 per cent.

Woy Woy experienced a 10.5 per cent increase in median price, Booker Bay a 11.3 per cent increase and Blackwall a 12.2 per cent increase.

Ray White sales officer Ms Jan Murray said there was still a good demand for buying and selling property in the area.

"[These figures] should not be seen as a decline in market value," Ms Murray said.

"But rather property sales may have been lower value properties and therefore set a trend for lower median priced houses.

Figures can be seen at www.homepriceguide.com.au.

Claire Graham, 20 Jul 2007



An empty building on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Railway St

Chamber calls for traffic review

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on Gosford Council to undertake a full review of traffic conditions and movements in the Woy Woy town centre, following claims that the retail trade in Blackwall was "continuing to decline through lack of passing trade".

"The Chamber believes that the intersection at Blackwall Rd and Railway St opposite the rail station should be reconstructed with either a roundabout or traffic lights to allow right hand turn movements from Blackwall Rd into Railway St (Brisbane Water Dr) and, similarly, right turn movements from the station into Blackwall Rd," Chamber President Mr Matthew Wales said. "Through traffic should be

reinstated down Blackwall Rd rather than forcing vehicles around the back of Deepwater Plaza or through Oval Ave.

"Denying through traffic down Blackwall Rd is causing the centre of Woy Woy to suffer. "Our main streets need passing trade and that's something Woy Woy town centre is missing out on."

Mr Wales said a review of traffic conditions in Woy Woy was "well over due".

"With the proliferation of traffic lights in and around Deepwater Plaza, it's about time council looked at the real bottlenecks," Mr Wales said.

"The other poor performer as far as intersections go is the Charlton St and Victoria Rd 'bananas' which causes continual traffic headaches at the back of Deepwater Plaza.

"A better solution to this

intersection needs to be found and perhaps allowing through traffic onto Blackwall Rd may alleviate some of the congestion here."

Mr Wales said that both Deepwater Plaza and Peninsula Plaza were "valuable retail assets" in the local community.

He noted that the "poor retail performance" in Blackwall Rd needed to be "urgently addressed".

"Our small retailers are an important component in the overall retail mix in Woy Woy," Mr Wales said.

"We need council to assist the business community by improving traffic and parking conditions in the Woy Woy town centre."

Press release, 17 Jul 2007
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Naming decision deferred

The Geographical Names Board has deferred a decision on the naming of the Woy Woy Peninsula pending further research.

Department of Lands publicity officer Mr John McClymont said the

board sought the views of Gosford Council.

Mr McClymont said a decision was expected to be made at the Geographical Names Board's next meeting on July 25.

Lyle Stone, 18 Jul 2007

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The winners of the Peninsula News competition for double passes to the award-winning comedy show, A Tribute to Danny Kaye, were M. Milroy of Umina Beach and M. Cadman of Bensville.

at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on July 18.

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

The show was performed twice

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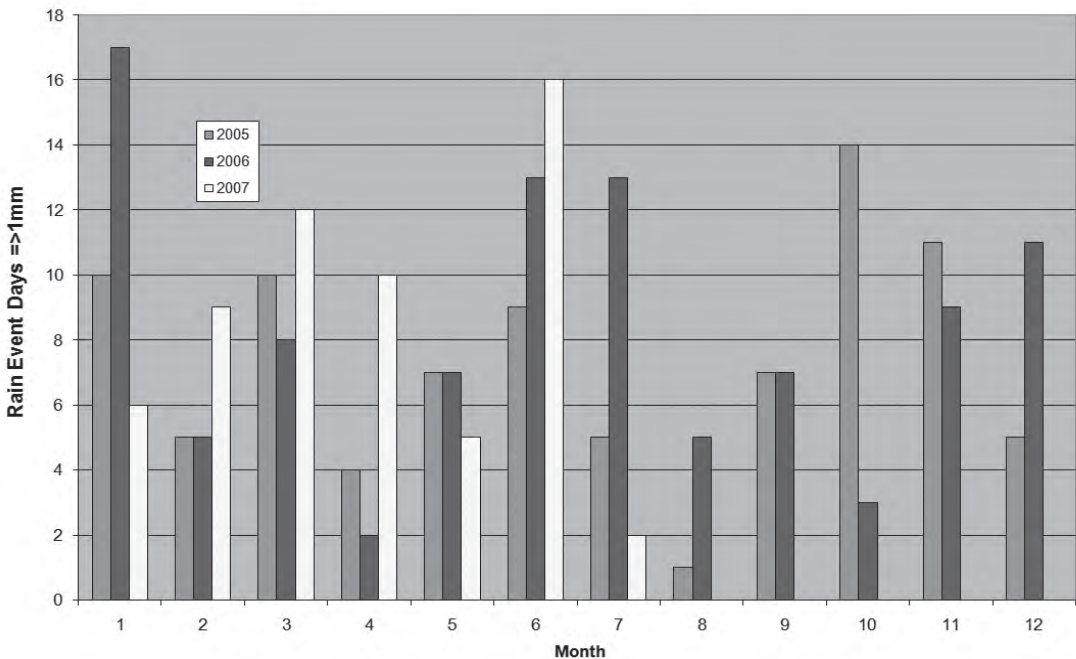
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Rain Event Days (>= 1mm) per Month by Year



Just two days' rain

Only 30.4mm of rain have fallen on the Peninsula in the first three weeks of July, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Of this, 29mm came on two days – July 9 and 10.

The rest came in three recordings

each of less than one millimetre.

In the last three years, only two months have had fewer than three days with more than one millimetre of rain.

They were April last year and August 2005.

Despite the low rainfall so far this month, the average for the year to

date remains well above average at 1044.3mm.

The cumulative average for the end of July is 828.3.

Mark Snell, 19 Jul 2007

Winners

The winners of the Dora the Explorer giveaway run by Peninsula News have been drawn.

The winners were Merryl Cameron, Barbara Hope and Jasmine Thompson of Umina Beach, Taya-Rose Leete of Phegans Bay, and Katie Hayne of Woy Woy.

Each winner received a Dora the Explorer pack.

Each pack contained a DVD of three episodes together with an activity magazine packed with stories, puzzles, and early-learning activities.

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Carpark studies expected soon

Two studies on a proposed upgrade of the Woy Woy Commuter Car Park are expected to be presented to council in the next few months.

Gosford Council's director of City Services Mr Stephen Glen said it was anticipated that the two studies together with a report on the proposed upgrade would be provided to council "early in the second half of 2007".

Cr Chris Holstein raised the issue of the report on April 3.

"The Central Coast Action Plan of 2002 identified the expansion of commuter carparks at Woy Woy to start by 2004 and Gosford after 2004," Cr Holstein said.

"Since the July 2006 update, a recent memo said the Woy Woy report is close to completion.

"Can the Director advise a more definite date for the presentation after three years?"

In two replies, one on April 19 and another on May 31, Mr Glen said the development of the Commuter Carpark was reported to council in the middle of last year.

"Since that time two studies dealing with the evaluation of construction alternatives and traffic flow in and around the carpark site have been completed," Mr Glen said.

"The results of these studies are currently with the Ministry of Transport and the process of negotiating a funding arrangement for detailed design and construction of the first stage of the expansion to the Woy Woy Commuter Carpark is being evaluated.

"It is anticipated that the two studies together with a report on the proposed upgrade will be provided to Council early in the second half of 2007."

**Council agenda COR.59,
24 Jul 2007**



The Umina Beach Community Hall on West St, Umina

Mingaletta may manage Umina Beach Community hall

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council offer the Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation management of Umina Beach Community Hall.

Mother Natures Parent Club Inc handed management of the hall back to council in April of this year, as it had been closed since January as a result of a fire in the kitchen.

A Council staff report stated that repair works would likely be completed over the next month and a half.

The report stated: "Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation are currently housed in Umina Library, where they are leasing space from Gosford Council

"The space is insufficient for their needs and they have been seeking alternative accommodation.

"This need for alternative accommodation is made more

urgent by proposals to review the current library facility at Umina."

The council report stated that the Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation were a "well respected corporation" who were currently tenants of Gosford Council.

It stated that "their need for accommodation could be met by them taking on the role of managing Umina Hall".

"It is proposed that Mingaletta would manage the facility under an

occupancy agreement, the same agreement under which Mother Nature group operated.

"The hall would still be able to be used by a diverse range of community groups from Umina and surrounding areas.

"However greater access by the Aboriginal community may be realised, creating a more inclusive community".

**Council agenda COM.18,
24 Jul 2007**

Party plan for body piercing

Body piercing parties are being run on the Peninsula, following the merger of two Umina businesses.

Radiance by the Sea and Hair Anew have combined to provide hair and beauty services under the one roof.

Proprietor of Radiance by the Sea, Ms Lisa Smyth, said she had found a new way to expand her market by moving her beauty business to Hair Anew.

Ms Smyth has introduced body-piercing parties to the Peninsula as part of her new business venture.

According to Ms Smyth, Tupperware and Amway parties are a thing of the past.

"I have not heard of anyone on the Coast who can beat my party deals," Ms Smyth said.

Ms Smyth said the new party is so popular that she has been able to lower prices.

"A party host who gets five paying customers gets one free," Ms Smyth said.

"I gave one man five free piercings because he had so many guests.

"Now after a hairdo and a nose stone, Lisa can tint eyelashes and give a manicure, facial and massage."

Co-owner of Radiance by the Sea and Hair Anew, Ms Sharon Clarke, said that since the change, business is booming.

"I have had to hire new staff to cater for demand," Ms Clarke said.

Radiance By the Sea and Hair Anew is located at 303 Trafalgar Rd, Umina.

Christine Finlay, 20 Jul 2007

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Studies show no net sand loss

Michael Gillian makes a number of claims relating to the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan approved by Gosford City Council in 2003.

Because of Mr. Gillian's outspoken public comments, he was invited onto our CBD Working Committee two years ago, so that he would have a better understanding and appreciation of the foreshore upgrade process.

Apparently, Mr. Gillian used his time to deliberately undermine and frustrate the consultation and approval process for the foreshore plan to the point where his public comments have been extremely unhelpful to those who have worked hard to clean up our beachfront.

I am disappointed with Mr Gillian, particularly in regard to the petition of 633 signatures he obtained claiming that the studies and plans for Ettalong Beach were not prepared by an "independent coastal management specialist".

This is simply wrong!

The studies were completed by independent consultants Patterson Britton Partners whose principal consultant Mark Tooker is well respected throughout the country, holding a Bachelor of Science degree and Masters in Coastal Engineering Science.

He has undertaken coastal process investigations for many years in many locations along the NSW coast and Lord Howe Island.

Further, Mr Gillian has always been aware that the numerous qualified and experienced consultants were independently engaged by Gosford City Council after a transparent tendering process.

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Patterson Britton Partners Pty Ltd was also engaged to prepare the Coastal Studies & Management Plans for Broken Bay Beaches at the same time of the Ettalong Beach Study.

Will Mr Gillian claim that this massive study is out of date too?

I think not because it probably doesn't suit him to do so.

The statement made by Mr Gillian that "the world has moved on since 1996" (in relation to the studies) clearly shows his lack of understanding.

Environmental studies always relate to previous studies undertaken over the years, in addition to aerial photographs collected over the past 60 years and hydrological surveys, historical data and many other relevant documents.

As a result, these studies have clearly shown that the sand from the entrance of the Brisbane Water to the Rip Bridge form an active cell of sand movement which circulates in response to the tides, currents, wind and wave action.

These studies also show there are no significant net sand losses from the system.

And as many of us who have lived here forever would know, there are times when the shoreline from the Ettalong Beach Point is sand laden and times when it is not.

This is not due to Mr Gillian's claims of global warming or rising sea levels – it has been happening for many years and will continue to do so for many more.

And while these studies were finalised in 1998, they are most certainly relevant today because

they are continually reviewed and qualified.

Mr Gillian claims that the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan "proposes leveling the dune system" and "removing large amounts of mature vegetation".

Again, this is incorrect.

The plan clearly describes the removal of dead and weed infested overgrown scrub and bringing it back to the protective fence barriers freeing up the beach for public use.

The plan also describes re-planting the foreshore with appropriate vegetation.

Mr Gillian has never quite got the point of this project and still doesn't get it.

The upgrading of our town beach is funded under Gosford City Council's 1998 Financial Strategy just as the upgrading of the Terrigal CBD and Avoca CBD foreshores were and (lucky them) have since been completed.

The recent plan exhibited only relates to the upgrading of the Town Beach.

Our CBD Financial Strategy funds can only be expended on the Town Beach streetfront.

The Town Beach is between Picnic Parade and Beach St.

However, all studies had to relate to surrounding areas to understand the process of the Brisbane Waters.

This is why the Plan of Management does not include the Lance Webb Reserve or the Ferry Park precinct because the project relates to the Town Beach.

All other areas will have separate plans prepared and exhibited for public comment by Gosford Council at a later date.

Everyone is entitled to have an opinion as to whether you agree or disagree with the exhibited plans.

That's the Australian democratic process.

However, comments from an individual who chooses to use misleading statements to the community should be challenged.

Misinformation has in turn created enormous delays, wasted precious public funds and divided a community that should right now be enjoying our beautiful beach and waterfront at Ettalong.

Debra Wales
Umina Beach

Who knows what it means?

Debra Wales was correct in stating the embarrassment we, on the Peninsula, will have to endure if the naming of our local bridge goes ahead as the Spike Milligan Bridge.

Who (apart from a few aging fans in the UK) among the international visitors would know what it means

– so much for the "international fame" we are supposed to garnish from the project.

It's a pity the Peninsula residents, as a whole, didn't get up and vote for the naming process: to get a local name.

I favour the Peninsula Bridge or the Woy Woy Peninsula Bridge.

Rosemary Marcus
Umina Beach

More forum on page 15

Keep the winter blues away

Modern life can be very stressful.

Peninsula life can have the added stress of verbal abuse and harassment, due to the high levels of drug and alcohol addictions.

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and help a person live a long and fruitful life.

Keep up the good community work, enjoy your support groups and find time to laugh.

Wouldn't want the Peninsula to be too serious, would we?

Juanita Hutchesson
Umina

Shaver cleaner inspires

Congratulations to Peninsula Village and especially their volunteer, Ian, who does an electric shaver cleaning service for residents of the village and nursing home.

He does a task, often found onerous and complicated, for those who either can't manage the job for themselves or are physically unable to.

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It is a small thing but something very much appreciated by those he assists.

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Charles Henry
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Umina lagoon will be studied

Gosford Council's Environmental Health and Protection Section is planning a catchment audit of Umina Lagoon, according to council's acting director of environment and planning.

The director stated in a recent report that a final-year university student studying Environment Science would undertake the audit, with professional guidance provided by Environmental Health and Protection staff.

The director stated the audit will include historical data analysis, water quality sampling and analysis and site assessments to identify potential pollution sources.

It was reported that a report would be prepared and recommendations made "in respect of any issues identified".

"The catchment audit is planned to commence in May and be finalised by September," the report from April 26 stated.

"It is anticipated that all recommendations (if any) will be investigated and actions put in place prior to next year's Beachwatch program, which commences in October."

Cr Terri Latella had brought the water quality of the lagoon to council's attention on April 3.

"How can we improve the water quality at Umina Lagoon given the recent water sampling that has rated the water quality as 'poor'?"

Cr Latella stated.

The acting director stated that the sampling site was a protected, shallow sandy area located near the opening of Ettalong Creek at the southern end of Umina Beach in Broken Bay.

The acting director claimed that the lagoon was "not particularly popular" with swimmers however had been known to be used by families when conditions at nearby Umina Beach were rough.

The lagoon, which is adjacent to a caravan park and recreation reserve popular with families, is intermittently open to the bay.

The report stated although much of the foreshore in the area was recreation reserve, the catchment contained urban development.

"Ettalong Creek drains into the lagoon and may carry pollution from urban runoff during rainfall," the report stated.

"Levels of faecal coliform have been present for most of the 2006-2007 Beachwatch sampling program.

"It is unclear at present if the principal cause of non-compliance is the natural processes from the recreation reserve or from urban runoff during rainfall.

"Signage has been erected throughout the 2006-2007 Beachwatch sampling program recommending 'no swimming' due to the results obtained."

Council agenda COR.59, 24 Jul 2007

Tender accepted for fluoride

Gosford Council has resolved to accept a tender from Prime Water Technologies to supply fluoridated water in the Peninsula area, on the basis of full funding from the State Government.

The tender was for the supply and installation of fluoridation

unloading, storage and dosing systems at Somersby and Woy Woy Water Treatment Plants.

Council will now seek written confirmation from the State Government for the full funding of \$692,392.07, to fluoridate the Gosford Water Supply.

Council agenda WAT.19, 10 Jul 2007



Federal Shadow Minister Mr Craig Emerson in a meeting with independent contractors at Mantra Resort, Ettalong Beach

Shadow Minister meets business owners

Federal Shadow Minister Mr Craig Emerson visited the Peninsula last Wednesday to meet with small business owners and independent contractors.

Mr Emerson is Shadow Minister for Service Economy, Small Business and Independent Contractors.

Mr Emerson discussed Labor's plans to help improve productivity and also "listened to concerns" that small business owners and independent contractors had.

Labor Candidate for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal welcomed Mr Emerson's visit saying that small business is the economic engine room of the Central Coast.

"The majority of business dealings on the Central Coast involve small businesses," Ms Neal said.

"Small businesses also provide a large proportion of employment on the Central Coast so they are very important to the region's economy and the people that live and work here.

"As a former small business owner and operator, I personally understand just how hard it is to own and run your own business."

Ms Neal said independent contractors were also an important

business community on the Central Coast and face "very different challenges to small business operators".

Ms Neal said Federal Labor wanted to see what it could do to help make doing business easier for independent contractors on the Central Coast and across Australia.

"I personally requested that Craig Emerson meet with local independent contractors because I understand some of the challenges that this sector is faced with," Ms Neal said.

"We want independent contractors to be frank and tell us what we need to address to make doing business easier for them. Craig and I are here to listen."

Mr Emerson attended a meeting with small business owners at Business Central Coast offices, Ourimbah, followed by a meeting with independent contractors at Mantra Resort, Ettalong Beach, and a small business dinner in Woy Woy.

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Belinda Neal, Labor Candidate for Robertson

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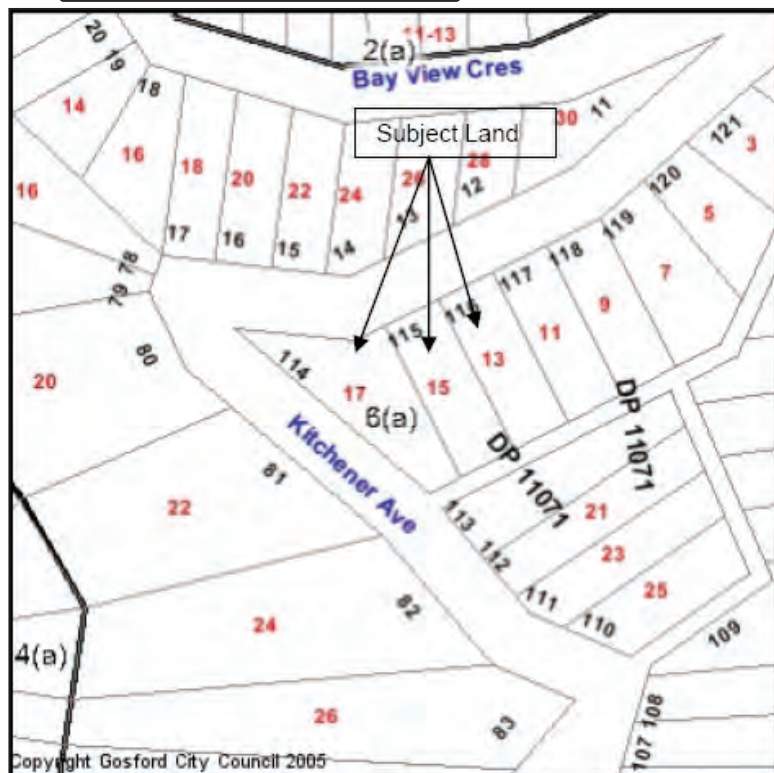
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Lease wanted for Telstra tower

Gosford Council officers have recommended granting a lease to Telstra over part of the Blackwall Mountain Water reservoir site for a term of five years with three options of five years each.

The lease would commence retroactively from May 1, 2005, as Telstra has occupied the site since August 5, 2004.

Telstra recently asked to enter

into a lease with council to formalise the occupation.

The occupation involves six panel antennas, one equipment shelter and associated cabling

Council will receive an annual rental of \$22,575, with annual increases of five per cent.

Rental will be backdated to May 1, 2005.

Council agenda COR.52, 24 Jul 2007

The Rural Fire Service hosted the third Pearl Beach-Patonga Chamber of Commerce meeting recently, with the chamber electing a new core committee.

"Attendees warmed up over a sausage sizzle and raised some money for the local firees before getting down to the more serious business of electing positions of office," media liaison Ms Rosemary Ruthven said.

"Seven of the eight positions of office were elected but contention was met over the need to elect an environmental officer.

"Some members were concerned the chamber may be seen as being in competition with existing groups already addressing environmental issues in the area.

"In response, chamber president Karen Wakefield and Chamber legal advisor Geoff Corah, stated, that it was paramount to have someone in place who could advise

Chamber elects core committee

the chamber in ways to conduct environmentally-sustainable business practices.

"They also said that the environmental advisor's job would involve liaising, rather than competing with local groups.

"A more concise job description will be written before the next meeting on Saturday, August 18, when members will have the opportunity to vote again."

Ms Ruthven said she was "delighted" that the chamber was now officially open to membership.

"Anyone with connections to Pearl Beach or Patonga can join and there are some renowned community members already on board to provide advisory support to those who do become members," Ms Ruthven said.

The core committee includes local lawyer Geoff Corah of Peninsula Law (legal advisor); marketing guru Peter Talty (marketing manager); criminal

lawyer Rosemary Freeman (special project and social conscience advisor); UNSW academic Karen Wakefield (president); children's literacy specialist Rosemary Ruthven (PR-media liaison); industrial chemist Karen Ferguson (secretary) and Annie Karbowski (secretary); Pearl Beach Café and General Store owner John Karbowski (treasurer); as well as Chris O'Brien and Helga Diamond (environmental advisors).

"Annual fees range from \$25 for a micro business to \$200 for a commercial business," Ms Ruthven said.

"New members and their guests are always welcome to attend the meetings, usually held monthly."

Times and locations will be posted in the "What's On In and Around the Peninsula" section of Peninsula News.

Press release, 18 Jul 2007
Rosemary Ruthven, Pearl Beach-Patonga Chamber of Commerce

Garden club sponsored

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council sponsor the Killcare Heights Garden Club.

The \$3000 sponsorship would be provided under council's Sister City Cultural/Sporting Exchange program.

Expressions of interest were recently called for the sponsorship program, under which \$6000 is made available for cultural/sporting exchanges.

The Killcare Heights Garden Club stated that its goal was to foster understanding and interchange between the citizens of Gosford and Edogawa, particularly through

their shared interests in the benefits and beauty of gardens.

The club stated that it was proposed to visit Shinsui Parks, Shin-Sakongawa Shinsui Park row boats, Sogo recreation, Heisei Garden and Koiwa Iris Garden.

The group, consisting of 16 members, would stay for four nights, and have designed a carry bag to promote Gosford's Sister City program.

Council agenda GEN.4, 23 Jul 2007

Traffic safety

A free workshop entitled "Kids Need a Hand in Traffic" will be held in Umina on July 27.

"Every responsible parent needs to be aware of the importance of teaching traffic safety to their children," Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"This workshop run by Gosford Council's road safety officer will cover topics such as pedestrian safety, child restraints and seat belts, helmets and safety equipment and a practical demonstration of driveway safety."

The workshop will be held from 10am to 11am at Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

Press release, 17 Jul 2007
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

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Council should recycle water, says Trust

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust recently urged Gosford Council to take the option of recycled water as part of the solution to the Central Coast's water shortage problems seriously.

The trust claimed it was "critical" that the possible solutions were considered on their commercial and technical merit and that "emotive arguments and vested interests" were kept from the entering the decision making process.

The trust supported the contention of the Federal Government's main water advisory body.

The advisory body contended that "adding recycled water to drinking water would be a good way for major cities to augment their water supplies".

The trust claimed that council had accepted emotive arguments in relation to recycling as a possible solution.

They stated that recycling was likely to be one of the best solutions for reasons of cost, speed of implementation, pre-existing infrastructure, energy efficiency, and low environmental impact.

Newsletter, 20 July 2007
The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust



The St Vincent de Paul building in Woy Woy

Vinnies to reopen in five weeks

It could take St Vincent De Paul up to five weeks to reopen its Woy Woy centre after the June long weekend storms destroyed most of the building.

According to store manager Mr John Kelly, the roof of the building was "peeled off like a sardine can".

Mr Kelly estimates the storm caused up to \$300,000 worth of damage.

"It is just total devastation," Mr Kelly said.

"We had just spent a lot of time and money updating the facility and were open only a week before the storm hit."

Almost \$600,000 was spent renovating the building over several months before the storm on June 10.

"We had just installed a new kitchen for disadvantaged women to come and learn how to cook and a playroom where their children could be minded," Mr Kelly said.

"It was going to be a place where disadvantaged women could come and learn various life skills in a safe and comfortable environment."

"It is really heartbreaking to see the facility like this, especially after

so much hard work was put into the renovations."

According to Mr Kelly most of the damage was caused by the heavy rain which destroyed the roof, allowing water to pour into the building.

"The rain destroyed all the carpet, electrics, walls and ceilings in the building," Mr Kelly said.

"All of this has to be completely removed and refurbished."

He said the most devastation comes from not being able to help the community in need.

"We have had to ask the local community in need of our support to go to other centres," Mr Kelly said.

"This can be tough for struggling

families who have limited transport options."

Mr Kelly would like to thank the volunteers and community for their patience during this time.

"We look forward to reopening the centre and helping out the families in need on the Peninsula once again," Mr Kelly said.

Clare Graham, 20 Jul 2007

Belinda remembered in television show

Umina Beach resident Belinda Emmett will be remembered on the ABC television's Australian Story to be aired on Monday, July 23, at 8pm.

Belinda's parents Michael and Laraine Emmett will speak

publicly for the first time since their daughter's death in November last year.

The program will feature interviews from Belinda's family and friends, filmed at Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort.

The program will also include video diary entries that Belinda kept over the last years of her life.

Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort owner Mr Larry Altavilla said the program would be of interest to Peninsula residents because Belinda was a local girl with great talent.

"Belinda will always be remembered as a local girl who grew up on the Peninsula," Mr Altavilla said.

"She had a great talent to share with the rest of Australia."

"I think it is important for people to watch the program to support Belinda's family and understand their loss."

Belinda grew up in Umina Beach and went to St John the Baptist Primary School Woy Woy.

Her parents still live at Umina Beach.

Claire Graham, 20 Jul 2007

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Latella says foreshore plans are outdated

Gosford's Cr Terri Latella has called on council to "take responsibility of the proper management" of the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

Cr Latella has also stated that management plans for the area are "outdated".

She said council was responsible for beach management at Ettalong and Umina.

"The foreshore area, beach and community infrastructure must be protected from coastal erosion," Cr Latella said.

"This can only take place with appropriate planning procedures as a direct response to the threats of coastal erosion.

"The devastation that intense weather conditions can cause for coastal communities has highlighted challenges in the planning and management for beach communities."

Cr Latella said the only way to cope with the challenges was for local and state governments to be "committed to sound planning and shoreline management to ensure infrastructure, natural systems and local amenity are protected from the impacts of coastal erosion and storm events".

"The Queensland EPA have placed coastal protection at their forefront in planning due to the high level of development and community infrastructure," Cr Latella said.

"The understanding of the vulnerability of coastal communities is well understood and accepted.

"Management plans must reflect current and ongoing ways in which to reduce coastal beach erosion.

"Minimising development along these areas and using sand dune vegetation as a basis for stabilising and providing erosion control is a major factor in saving our beaches.

"In Ettalong, the current dune vegetation system is acting as a natural stabiliser and no development on the coastal foreshore area of the beach has reduced further erosion and impacts to community infrastructure.

"However, here comes the warning, the current plans that council is considering in relation to the plans of management are outdated and interest-based, the interest being tourism and business."

"Both these industries will face severe challenges if they do not heed the warnings of coastal erosion.

"I am calling on Gosford councillors to take responsibility for the proper management of this area and realise that its management plans are outdated.

"A letter responding to council's plans from the Department of Lands clearly demonstrates the necessity

Foreshore decision deferred

A decision on the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management has been deferred until Gosford Council's meeting of August 7.

The deferment was to allow for "further information to be provided to councillors".

Council had previously debated whether a coastal engineer suggested by the Department of Lands was a recommendation or a necessity.

Council agenda CIT.20, 10 Jul 2007

for proper control mechanisms and ongoing management.

"The Department have recommended council to undertake or implement 'additional environmental, social and scientific studies' before proceeding to support the plans of management."

Cr Latella said she was "extremely worried" that the studies would not occur and that the current outdated plans would be supported due to the "interests of others being placed higher on the agenda than those of community good and beach protection".

"The beach and community must be protected from the forces that are not just scientifically accepted but are being experienced around us," Cr Latella said.

Press release, 16 Jul 2007

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for businesses to sponsor an entrant in this year's Queen of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival to raise money for the Cancer Council's Breast Cancer Challenge.

The festival will be held on Sunday, November 11, on the Ettalong Beach waterfront, sponsored by the Ettalong Beach Club and the Mantra Resort.

Festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales said last year's event attracted thousands of people in "beautiful warm weather" with a variety of entertainment, food and wine stalls and "the famous Brisbane Water oysters known as 'Sydney rock oysters'".

Ms Wales said the entrants in the Queen of the Festival exceeded all expectations last year and raised over \$42,000 for the Breast Cancer Challenge.

Ms Wales said organisers would strive this year to improve on the day and to support Cancer Council in their endeavours to find a cure for breast cancer.

"Originally we started the Oyster Festival to showcase the beautiful Brisbane Waters and the

Peninsula but it has exceeded our expectations with fantastic people becoming involved to help raise funds to fight breast cancer," Ms Wales said.

"By sponsoring an entrant in the festival, it not only gives businesses the opportunity to promote themselves but also to raise money for such a worthy cause.

"We have interest from potential entrants varying in ages from 16 to over 70 and an interested young man.

"We are certainly not restricting our entrants so long as they are over 16 years of age and prepared to get out there and raise funds for the Breast Cancer Challenge.

"This year promises great entertainment on stage with the big band sounds of Wayne Cornel and the Cornell Big Band leading into the afternoon with rock 'n roll band 'On the Prowl'."

Ms Wales said the Blessing of the Boats would be held once again on the Ettalong Beach waterfront reserve with an ecumenical service led by the Reverend Bruce Edgell of the Uniting Church and Greg Saunders of the Salvation Army.

The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival Ball would be held on the

Friday, November 9, at the Ettalong Beach Club.

The Queen of the Festival and the Charity Queen would be announced on the night and both Queens would each receive a holiday to Queensland courtesy of Tony Arico Deepwater Plaza Woy Woy plus beauty packages.

"Also, each entrant will each receive a basket of gifts in appreciation of their hard work," Ms Wales said.

Ms Wales said they are receiving bookings for food and wine stalls plus homemade craft goods and all bookings or inquiries could be made through Sue of Peninsula Promotions & Events on 0408 208 550.

"We are presently working on the festival to be bigger with more amusements for young children and lots more food and wine stalls for the sampling and great entertainment," Ms Wales said.

"There will be more shaded areas and seating plus a shuttle bus to make the day more convenient and comfortable for all ages."

Press release, 18 Jul 2007

Debra Wales, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

Take care on Ocean Beach Rd

Gosford Council is urging motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to take care on Ocean Beach Rd, with two new traffic installations in progress.

In Woy Woy, new traffic lights and associated road works are underway at the intersection of Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd, while a new roundabout is under construction at Umina at the intersection of Wellington St.

The Roads and Traffic Authority is also currently installing new

traffic lights in Woy Woy at the intersection of Railway St and George St.

"Motorists should take particular care around these sites and drive according to road work conditions," said Council's community road safety officer Ms Brenda Madden said.

"Fatalities, accidents and injuries could all be lowered if drivers, cyclists and pedestrians were more roadwork aware."

Press release, 11 Jul 2007

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New premises for Mary Mac's

Around 80 friends and supporters of Mary Mac's Place will gather to celebrate the opening of Mary Mac's

Place in a new, purpose-built premises at the Ethel Cox Community Centre on Friday, July 27.

The new location is part of the recently completed St John the Baptist Parish development at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"This occasion will honour the vital contribution of our many benefactors whose most generous donations made this project possible," project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said.

"Our major sponsor Newcastle Permanent Building Society Charitable Foundation has donated \$50,000 to outfitting the new premises for use by Mary Mac's Place.

"Other major sponsors are St Vincent de Paul Society, Central Coast Community Chest, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Gosford Council."

Ms Schacht said representatives from all these organisations would be present including Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation

Manager Mr Jason Bourke, Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher and Central Coast Community Chest general manager Cr Chris Holstein.

Hosting the event will be St John the Baptist parish priest Fr John Hill and members of Mary Mac's Place steering committee including Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, Centacare Broken Bay area manager Ms Trish Devlin and Parish Pastoral Council Ms Louise Degeling.

Mary Mac's Place is a Charitable Work of St John the Baptist Parish, supported by Centacare Broken Bay, Reuben F. Scarf Memorial Foundation and St Vincent de Paul Society.

"Mary Mac's Place provides a warm and welcoming environment with respite from the trauma of homelessness and economic disadvantage," Ms Schacht said.

"Our 60 volunteers prepare and serve hot, nutritious mid-day meals, Monday to Friday, to individuals and families in need and, importantly, provide information and referrals to appropriate community services.

"Since moving to our new premises at the Ethel Cox Centre, upwards of 50 people a day are seeking our assistance, with a marked increase in numbers of women and children. "Lack of affordable accommodation is a major contributing factor to the very difficult circumstances of many of our guests."

Press release, 11 July 2007
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be hosting a workshop and a coffee morning during the months of July and August.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is hosting a workshop over three Tuesdays evenings for women entitled "Understanding Your Intuition & Use It to Your Advantage".

Kathy Maree Bartle will lead a discussion about her belief that women have a "pure intuition that can be grasped".

Kathy Maree will demonstrate ways you can "empower yourself and embrace your intuition for a positive outcome in your life".

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 24 and 31, and August 7, from 7pm to 9pm.

The cost is a gold coin donation and bookings are essential and can be made by telephoning the centre on 4342 5905 or visiting the centre.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is also hosting a coffee morning for all women who would like to get to know other women in the area.

It is a social get together over morning tea.

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

"The centre has no childcare facilities.

"However you are welcome to bring your children who will remain under your supervision."

This group will be held on Wednesday, August 1, from 10am to noon.

No bookings are needed.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is located at 20A McMaster's Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 17 Jul 2007
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Cancer Council raises nearly \$20,000

The Peninsula has raised a total of \$19,962 for the NSW Cancer Council during this year's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

A total of \$11,115 was raised in the 2257 postcode area while, in the 2256 postcode area, the figure was \$8847.

Cancer Council NSW community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart said a new record had been

set this year on the Central Coast during the Biggest Morning Tea.

"Residents of the Central Coast have once again proved that they are some of the most generous in the state helping to raise \$165,000 for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea held on May 24 this year," Ms Chart said.

Press release, 17 Jul 2007
Lesley Chart, NSW Cancer Council

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Bushcare information day planned

Residents of Patonga have been invited to a Bushcare information day on Saturday, August 4, at the Patonga Progress Hall, Patonga.

The information day will provide information on the dune restoration project, the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA funding/community programs, bush regeneration and bushcare, native plants and how to make your garden "bush friendly", weed identification and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The meeting will also include a Bushcare site inspection.

The information day is to be held prior to the Patonga Progress Association meeting.

The Patonga Beach Progress Association said the dune restoration project needed "the support of the Patonga community to be successful".

Residents have been asked to provide feedback to the Progress Association to determine if the project is to proceed or the funds returned to the grant body.

The information day has been organised by the progress association, Gosford Council, the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority and Patonga Bushcare.

For more information, telephone Gosford Council's Bushcare Officer on 4325 8195 or Patonga Progress Association Secretary 4379 1717.

The information day will be held from 11am to 2pm.

Press release, 18 Jul 2007
Patonga Beach
Progress Association

Parenting discussion group

A free parenting discussion group run by the Department of Health called Inspire will return to Beachside Family Centre by "popular demand", according to centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

Ms Notara said parents and carers of children aged 2 to 5 years of age would "enjoy the opportunity" to discuss their child's behaviour, look at their needs and explore how a parent can manage the many roles of "guide, teacher,

nurturer and friend".

"There will be plenty of opportunity to discuss specific challenging situations that children present to parents," Ms Notara said.

"Inspire runs for four weeks on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon starting on August 1."

"Child Care is also available for a gold coin donation."

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Press release, 17 Jul 2007
Debbie Notara,
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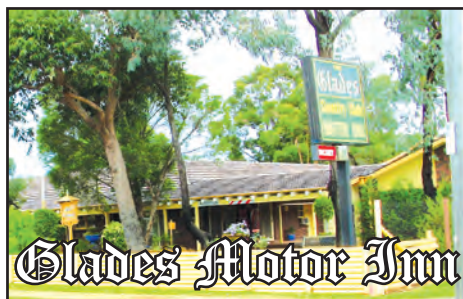
Monastir Rd petition

Residents of Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay, have petitioned council over the classification and condition of their road.

The nine petitioners asked council to either commence proceedings to have the current classification of Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay changed, and for it to become an actual road that is maintained by council or for them to draw up a maintenance program that allowed for Monastir Rd to be repaired twice a year.

This would be to "ensure the road is kept in a safe and useable condition".

Council referred the petition to its Engineering Services department.
Council agenda P.45, 24 Jul 2007



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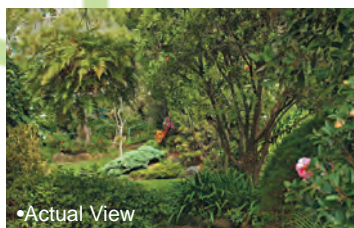


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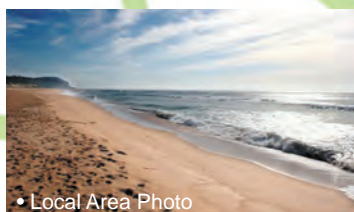
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Peninsula goes multi-cultural

Census figures have shown that the Peninsula is finally becoming a multi-cultural community.

Just six years ago, the Peninsula was a bastion of white Anglo-Saxon Australia.

Figures from last year's census show a 10 per cent increase in the number of Peninsula residents not born in Australia and a six per cent increase in households where English was not the only language spoken at home.

They also showed a 10 per cent drop in the number of married people, and almost a 10 per cent drop (from 48.2 to 38.7 per cent) in the numbers of fully-owned houses.

The population of the Woy Woy Peninsula has increased by 341 people according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Last year's Census recorded 41,580 people usually resident in postcodes 2256 and 2257 on August 8.

The 2001 Census recorded 41,239 people living on the Peninsula.

Of the total population, the percentage of males in 2006 was only slightly higher than in 2001.

In 2001 ABS recorded 47.75 per cent males on the Peninsula compared with 47.97 per cent last year.

The percentage of females in the area in 2001 was 52.25 per cent and dropped slightly to 52.1 per cent last year.

However, the number of Indigenous persons has increased by more than 30 per cent, from 1.75 per cent of the population to 2.3 per cent last year.

In the 2001 Census 12.05 per cent of the population usually resident on the Peninsula were children aged between 5-14 years, and 37.35 per cent were persons aged between 25-54 years.

In comparison, last year's Census recorded 12 per cent of the Peninsula population were children aged between 5-14 years,

and 35.75 per cent were persons aged between 25-54 years.

The population of persons 65 years and over has risen by 0.4 per cent since 2001.

Of persons usually resident here, 90.15 per cent were Australian citizens in 2001 compared with 85.8 per cent last year.

About 70 per cent of persons living on the Peninsula stated they were born in Australia.

In 2001 this figure was 80.55 per cent of the population.

English was stated as the only language spoken at home by 91.35 per cent of Peninsula residents in 2001 in contrast to 85.8 per cent last year.

In the 2001 Census 33.85 per cent of persons living in the area stated they were Anglican.

Last year this figure dropped to 30.3 per cent.

Similarly, 27.05 per cent of the population stated they were Catholic in 2001 compared to 25.9 per cent last year.

The number of persons usually resident in the area to have no religious affiliation was 11.95 per cent in 2001.

Last year's Census recorded an increase in persons on the Peninsula to have no religious affiliation (14.5 per cent).

In the 2001 Census 48.8 per cent of persons aged 15 years and over usually resident in the area were married, 25.75 per cent never married, 14.6 per cent separated or divorced and 10.85 per cent widowed.

Last year's Census recorded a decline in the number of persons aged 15 years and over usually resident in the area to be married by 10.5 per cent (38.3 per cent).

A decline was also recorded in last year's Census between the number of Peninsula residents aged 15 years and over who have never married or who have been divorced or separated.

According to 2006 figures, 22.8 per cent of persons aged 15 years and over usually resident in the area never married and 12.7 per cent were separated or divorced.

There were 11,363 families living on the Peninsula in 2001: 36.6 per cent were couple families with children, 42.9 per cent were couple families without children, 18.9 per cent were single parent families and 1.5 per cent were other families.

On last year's Census night there 10,819 families recorded in the area.

Last year 35.5 per cent of families living on the Peninsula were couple families with children, 42.7 per cent were couple families with no children, 20.2 were one parent families and 1.6 per cent were other families.

In 2001 about 48.15 per cent of occupied dwellings in the area were fully owned compared to a significant drop of 38.7 per cent last year.

About 19.3 per cent of private dwellings were being purchased in 2001.

This figure increased to 23.3 per cent last year.

The number of private dwellings being rented on the Peninsula has increased from 25.05 per cent in 2001 to 27 per cent last year.

There were 20,803 private dwellings in postcodes 2256 and 2257 in the 2001 Census and 21,043 last year.

The number of private dwellings on the Peninsula has risen by 240 over the last five years.

Of these 75.7 per cent were separate houses in 2001 in contrast to 75.5 per cent last year.

There has been a 1.9 per cent increase in the number of flats, units or apartments on the Peninsula.

In last year's Census family households accounted for 60.6 per cent of occupied private dwellings in the area compared to 63 per cent in 2001.

Clare Graham, 20 Jul 2007



Jamie Altavilla

Make-up artist launches label

Peninsula resident Ms Jamie Altavilla has launched her own make-up label Narcissus.

Ms Altavilla said the make-up range is inspired by Elizabeth Taylor's portrayal of Cleopatra with "Egyptian style eyeliner and violet eyeshadow".

Ms Altavilla, 22, of Ettalong Beach has also launched herself as a make-up artist on the Peninsula.

She said that she is available for any special occasion, particularly

school formals and weddings.

"It is instant glamour," Ms Altavilla

"After courses on make-up and fashion design, I became fascinated with the idea of launching my own range."

Ms Altavilla said there is a broad range of vibrant colours, from bold red to hot pinks, to choose from.

The Narcissus label has false eyelashes, foundation, lipstick, blush, bronzers, eyeliners and mascara available.

Christine Finlay, 20 Jul 2007

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ACF calls for new DA

Work under the current Development Application (DA) for a retirement village on rare bushland at Woy Woy should be stopped, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

A new DA should be required before development is allowed to proceed on the site, said branch president Mr Mark Snell.

Mr Snell claimed the developer has said that he did not intend to comply with conditions of the current DA and his suggested amendments to consent conditions amounted to a new proposal which should be subject to a new development application.

The site contains endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

Mr Snell said the developer had written to council (March 8) that he was not prepared to abide by the conditions of consent.

Commenting on condition 80, which requires the developer to implement "ameliorative measures documented in Section 7 of the SIS" outside his own property, the developer wrote: "it was made clear that it was impractical to offer these services."

"Council staff have confirmed that he continues to have no intention to meet this requirement,"

said Mr Snell.

"If the developer is not willing or able to comply with all the conditions of consent, work under the current DA should be stopped."

Mr Snell said: "I understand the developer is now proposing 'clarifying' conditions for at least five consent conditions."

"However, what is actually being sought by the developer are conditions which contradict or lessen the requirements of the approved conditions."

"The developer is asking that the provisions of the Species Impact Statement (SIS) and Bush Management Plan (BMP) be changed."

"He wants the compensatory offset provisions eliminated," said Mr Snell.

"The SIS and the BMP have been the basis of the assessment by both Council and the Department of Environment and Climate Change."

"Any variation requires DECC concurrence."

"What the developer is requesting is a totally new proposal, which the public has not had the opportunity to examine or comment upon."

"Therefore, a new Development Application should be required, with a new SIS and a new BMP," Mr Snell said.

**Press release, 9 Jul 2007
Mark Snell, Australian
Conservation Foundation**

Changes proposed to allow clearing

Conditions of consent for a proposed retirement village at Hillview St, Woy Woy, may be changed to allow clearing of the site before the issue of a construction certificate.

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council allow condition one to be reworded.

Condition one would read that "no works other than investigative earthworks, clearing of vegetation within the proposed building envelope and activities associated with weed removal, native plant and seed harvesting shall be commenced until a construction certificate has been issued".

The previous condition stated that no works shall be commenced until a construction certificate has been issued.

Council officers stated that the Section 96 application, made on July 16, would reword condition one so that preliminary works could commence prior to the issue of a construction certificate.

Providence Projects' managing director Mr John Zavolokin said that the application had been made for several reasons.

"It will allow seed collection to commence and propagation of plants for use in the regeneration of the remainder of the site," Mr Zavolokin said.

"The best seed stock is in the upper limbs of the trees to be felled for the development."

"It will provide an area to temporarily stockpile noxious

weeds, such as lantana, which needs to be removed prior to regeneration of the area to be preserved."

"Providing this temporary stockpile area will allow measures to be implemented that will reduce the risk of reinfestation in the conservation zone."

"It will allow the biomass to be relocated during the cooler winter months while plants are dormant which will increase the potential regeneration rate at the new site."

"It will allow geotechnical and other works, required to be done prior to issue a construction certificate, to proceed without damaging potentially viable material that otherwise may be suitable for relocation."

"Clearing in the winter months is preferable as it will have a lesser impact to the surrounding vegetation within the conservation area in terms of changes to sunlight access etc."

"Clearing will also allow for a one metre buffer of mulch to be prepared around the building footprint perimeter which will enhance the protection of the conservation area."

Council officers stated that they agreed that some "environmental advantage" was available to allow clearing of the site prior to the issue of a building construction certificate.

However, the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has

claimed that the proposal would mean that clearing would take place without environmental safeguards in place.

Branch president Mr Mark Snell said the construction certificate issue was important because it required payment of a security deposit which covered unintended damage.

It also required a range of other environmental safeguards, said Mr Snell.

"The proposal to allow clearing before the issue of a construction certificate is not a minor matter."

"It should be advertised and be referred to the Department of Environment and Climate Change."

"Given the strong community concern about the environmental impact of this proposal, and the apparent concealment by council of the developer's reneging on 'ameliorative measures', it is important that these and any further proposals for change are on the public record and available for scrutiny."

Mr Snell also condemned vandalism to fencing at the development site.

He said that there was no evidence that this was done by environmentalists, as claimed by the developer.

"Fences constructed in nearby areas by bush care volunteers have also been vandalised recently," Mr Snell said.

Council agenda ENV.49, 24 Jul 2007

Monthly car boot sale

The Lions Club of Woy Woy will hold its monthly boot sale on July 29 on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Erina St, Woy Woy.

Items on offer at the boot sale include clothes, general household goods and plants.

Food and drink such as tea and coffee and barbecue sandwiches are also on sale.

Stall holders are charged \$10 per car, with the profits distributed to "local worthy causes" in the community, according to project officer Mr Elmo Caust.

The sale is always held on the last Sunday of the month.

For more information, telephone 4341 4151.

**Press release, 16 Jul 2007
Elmo Caust,
Lions Club of Woy Woy**

Volunteering information

Volunteering Central Coast will hold a volunteering information session at the Peninsula Community Centre on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on Monday, August 27.

The information session will be held between 9.30am and 11am.

Volunteering Central Coast is a non-profit organisation with more than 130 community organisations registered as members.

Session organiser Ms Sharan Page said: "If you want to meet new

people, put your skills to good use, or simply do something worthwhile in your community, then why not give volunteering a try?"

"At the information session, you will find out not only what you can do for the community, but also what volunteering can do for you."

Volunteering Central Coast currently offers more than 200 volunteer positions, including positions in the areas of cooking, office work, and outdoors work and positions involving work with animals, children, the elderly, and the disabled.

To book for the information session, telephone 4329 7122.

**Press release, 20 Jul 2007
Sharan Page,
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Structural changes overdue

In the lead-up to the federal election, political leaders and candidates visiting the area are already making grandiose promises as to what they will do for the Central Coast if they win government.

What they are not talking about is how they will dismantle the two-party system and replace the federal structure with something much more appropriate.

Such structural changes, long overdue but never in the platforms of the major parties, could provide the Central Coast with the kind

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of regional autonomy many local government leaders are rightly arguing for.

Where are such policies to be found so that voters can look beyond what the major party candidates have on offer in their winner-take-all contest?

It is to be found amongst some independent and minor party candidates.

Similarly, do Australians want to end up, again, with a Rubber Stamp Senate?

If not, they need to vote, in large numbers, for independent and minor party Senate candidates.

Klaas Woldring
Pearl Beach

Most people are glad

I refer to the letter by Debra Wales in your issue of July 9 and her comment that the residents of the Peninsula are going to be stuck with the embarrassment of the Spike Milligan name for years to come.

Not only is this insulting to the Milligan family but also to the 346 Peninsular residents and voters who signed petitions requesting the bridge to be named the Spike

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Milligan Bridge.

The decision is made and I'm sure that most people are glad that Spike has won the day.

The thing is now to look for the benefits that may be derived from the naming and how Woy can lift itself above the affectionate reputation of being the "above-ground cemetery".

Rod Fountain
Erina

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Lay charges

Maybe it's time that criminal charges are laid against all three levels of governments, for murder or occasioning bodily harm.

Then maybe, they will stop cost cutting at the expense of lives!

It's time we demanded better service from our public servants (politicians), considering we are paying them.

Have they forgotten that the money they waste is ours not theirs?

Kerrie Stirling
Umina

Would Spike approve?

Many people at Woy Woy are sophisticated enough to laugh at Spike Milligan's sometimes wickedly funny humour about Woy Woy.

His poem Ying Yong Yon was voted the most popular poem in Britain.

He wrote to a local paper to let Woy Woy know he had written the poem at Woy Woy.

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Years ago a politician was trying to have the ABC stopped from broadcasting the Goon Show.

A lot of letters to the Sydney papers were written mostly in support of the brilliantly mad Goons.

One was from sailors on a warship in Sydney Harbour.

It was simply Shut Up Eccles, Shut Up Eccles.

Woy Woy could do with another Spike Milligan to publicise the environmental damage being inflicted on our beautiful, unique place by over development etc

I don't think he would have approved of the cycleway's route either.

June Mitchell
Woy Woy

Contributions

The Forum page/s presents an opportunity for Peninsula Residents to have their say. Any opinions expressed on the forum page/s are not necessarily those of the editor or management of Peninsula News. Contributions can be emailed, sent on disks or by handwritten letter. Include the date, your name, address and phone numbers. Name and Suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in edited form. All accepted contributions also appear on our website: www.peninsulanews.asn.au



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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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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

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

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

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

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

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

Get Together afternoon tea, **ESSC**,

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

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

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, 10am, enq: 4342 1790, **MOW**

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres

Strait Island families. **BFC**

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

Combined Pensioners assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESSC**

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, **ESSC** .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oils & Acrylics 9am, **Pastels & 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, **ESSC**

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

Dance, 9am - 11:30am, **ESSC**, enq: 4344 3131.

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month

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

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

Third Friday of every month Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

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

Civilian widows, **ESSC**, 1pm.

Every Friday

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 **ESSC**

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

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm, 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. **WWEC** Enq 4342 6589.

Car Boot Sale, Ettalong Markets. Community Dance, 1pm to 4pm, \$2, **ESSC**, Enq: 4344 3131 / 4341 3222

Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, **ESSC**, 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 <

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

RSB 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, 10am, **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 25th - Look good, Feel good **PWHC** 10am to noon **Short and Sweet** - Peninsula Theatre

August 1st - Parenting discussion group 10am - Beachside Family Centre

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

August 4th - Bushcare information day - Patonga Progress hall

August 14th - Bush Flower Essences, **PWHC** 7pm

August 27th - Volunteering information session - Peninsula Community Centre 9.30am

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



The cast from one of the 'short and sweet' plays at this year's festival.

Short and Sweet plays produced

A regional version of "the world's biggest little play festival", **Short and Sweet**, will be held at the **Peninsula Theatre** from July 25 to 28.

Gosford Council will host the week of short plays, featuring local actors and directors and showcasing the work of local playwrights.

The event will be coordinated by Woy Woy actor, writer and director Mr Steven Hopley.

"Steven Hopley, an award-winning veteran of Short and Sweet, has produced comedy and classic productions, and has had his short plays performed at the Sydney Opera House and internationally," according to marketing manager Ms Lisa Kelly.

"Hopley has been reading scripts and auditioning actors and directors to bring the best 10 scripts to life on the stage.

Mr Hopley said the theatre had "received 35 scripts, of which 10 will be produced".

"There is a wide variety of topics including a piece on Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers, a drama concerning AWA's, a comedy set in the bunker during Hitler's final hour, a couple of 'couples' dramas, one featuring the loss of a child, and a futuristic Dystopian drama that looks into the future of genetically modified foods."

Operations coordinator for

Gosford Council's arts and culture unit, Ms Anita Freed, said the council hoped to make it an annual event on the Central Coast.

It would be "for the benefit of local writers as well as patrons who will enjoy a smorgasbord of professionally produced local drama", she said.

Ms Kelly said that the national Short and Sweet festival, now entering its sixth year, was the biggest festival of 10-minute theatre in the world.

"Held annually at Newtown Theatre and the Seymour Centre in Sydney, and for the second year at the Arts Centre in Melbourne, the festival has already helped launch the careers of countless theatre professionals," Ms Kelly said.

The Central Coast version of Short and Sweet starts on Wednesday, July 25, with shows nightly at 8pm and an additional 3pm matinee on Saturday, July 28.

The same 10 plays will be performed each night and the final night will include an awards presentation with prizes and awards.

Actors include Woy Woy Little Theatre's Paul Karten and Sierra Phillips; Paul Russell who has performed with the Little Theatre and Ad Hoc Theatre and Sydney actors Kate Barnes and Danny Rey-Conde.

Ms Kelly said two notable playwrights with entries in Short and Sweet were Rod Milgate and Dorian Mode.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for students and concession card holders.

For more information and bookings, telephone 4323 3233.

More information on the Festival can be found at www.shortandsweet.org.

Press release, 4 Jul 2007

Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

★ WHAT'S ON ★ Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy

SHORT and SWEET 25th - 28th July

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Arts & Entertainment



The cast of the Mental Health Theatre Project

Cast has been announced

The cast has been announced for the Mental Health Theatre Project "Get Real!" which

will be presented at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, during Mental Health Week in September.

The cast comprises Rhys Wallace, Margaret McGowan, Kerry Miller, Mathew Yeh, Elizabeth Wheatley, Yvonne Berry-Porter, Carl Ambrose, Karen Greenfield, Ann Marcus, Larry Graham, Jenny Cohen, Jenni Mazlin-Law, Zoe Hungerford, Rizia Allie and Mary Manning.

The Ad Hoc Community Theatre, in partnership with Central Coast ARAFMI, will perform the play, which was based on the classic children's story The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams.

The production features an original script and specially created

songs and dance.

"Get Real!" follows the Velveteen Rabbit's journey through love and loneliness to become who he was really meant to be.

The Mental Health Theatre Project includes people who experience mental illness, staff of the Central Coast Mental Health Services, and local theatre practitioners.

The "Get Real!" creative team includes director Terry Collins, set design by Adrian Cobbold, original music by Lee Hardisty, choreography by Francoise Angenieux, costumes by Jenny Connolly and singing coach Merin Graham.

Press release, 20 Jun 2007
Paul Russell,
Ad Hoc Community Theatre

Confederation welcomes a local

The Central Coast Multi Arts Confederation has welcomed Peninsula resident Leila Desborough to its board.

The MAC Newsletter reported that Ms Desborough had been a member for some time and was a painter, sculptor, and musician with

the Troubadours Central Coast.

The Confederation and Ms Desborough are currently working on a project to encourage shops in Woy Woy and Umina to display local artists' work.

Newsletter, 20 Jul 2007
Multi Arts Confederation

Three book clubs

Three Umina book clubs are welcoming new members.

The groups meet once a month to discuss a book they have read that month, over a cup of coffee.

The groups select from a short list of titles which usually includes a variety of fiction and non-fiction.

Groups meet on Fridays and Saturdays once a month at 10:30am at the Aqua Vista café

restaurant overlooking the beach.

There is also a Monday evening group.

Book Bazaar at Umina Beach coordinates the book clubs.

For more information, telephone book store owner Ms Mandi McIntosh on 4342 2482.

Press release, 11 Jul 2007
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar

Artists seek support from shopkeepers

The Multi Arts Confederation has sent a letter to shopkeepers in Woy Woy and Umina, asking them to support local artists by displaying art work in their shops.

"The Peninsula has many artists with no permanent venue to display their work, so we are looking at alternative ways of increasing interest in the cultural life of the Peninsula and promoting sculpture and paintings," according to secretary Ms Margaret Hardy.

She has invited shopkeepers "to become part of a new event where local shopkeepers display the work of local artists in their shops".

"One or two pieces of art, either sculptures or paintings, would be displayed in each shop depending on the available space.

"The pieces would be shown on either a plinth or easel provided by the artist or in some other way appropriate to the shop.

"The artists would assume responsibility for their own pieces of work.

"We would prepare a map and list of names showing locations of

shops participating in the program and actively promote the event in our newsletter, newspapers and other sources throughout the Central Coast.

"An opening reception would be held.

"The event would benefit local artists by providing them with a venue for their work to be seen, local shopkeepers by giving people an extra reason to go into their shops and the local community by enhancing their cultural life."

Ms Hardy said that a name and date for the event had not yet been determined.

"At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest from shopkeepers," Ms Hardy said.

"We are interested in running this as an annual event."

For more information, telephone Leila Desborough on 4344 1810 or email sculpi@gmail.com.

Those interested can also telephone Margaret Hardy on 4369 4534 or email margarethardy1@bigpond.com

Press release, 16 Jul 2007
Leila Desborough,
Multi Arts Confederation

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Readathon numbers double

Empire Bay Public School has double the number of students entered in this year's MS Readathon than last year, according to NSW readathon manager Ms Corinne Dickinson.

"Empire Bay Public School has had 44 students register for the MS Readathon which is double the number from 2006; a wonderful effort," Ms Dickinson said.

She said the school had the third largest number of entrants on the Central Coast, raised more than \$1000 and read 281 books.

Ms Dickinson said other Central Coast schools with a "strong support" of the MS Readathon included Ettalong Beach Public School.

"So far there have been 957 entrants from the Central Coast region so there is a lot of interest from local students who have commenced their MS Readathon

reading and fundraising.

"Close to \$10,000 has already been raised by these keen bookworms through their online fundraising efforts.

"If you've read for the MS Readathon during June, it's vital that you collect and return your sponsorship money," said MS Readathon National Manager Mr Anthony Cammell.

Multiple sclerosis interferes with the brain's ability to control functions such as seeing, walking and talking.

The disease has "no known cause or cure".

It is usually diagnosed in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 and 40, and strikes three times as many women as men.

For more information, telephone 1300 677 323.

**Press release, 3, 4 Jul 2007
Tracey Galloway, Corrine Dickinson, MS Readathon**



Naming contest winner Zach and Mr Jim Lloyd open the new classrooms at St John the Baptist Primary School

Classrooms are officially open

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, officially opened new Federally-funded school classrooms at Woy Woy and Empire Bay on Friday, July 20.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School at Woy Woy received \$46,000 for a new multi-purpose learning centre.

Empire Bay Primary School

received \$116,638 for a new community and music room.

The new infrastructure was built with grants from the Australian Government's Investing in Our Schools Program (IOSP).

The IOSP funds smaller-scale infrastructure projects and allows school communities to identify and prioritise their own needs independently.

Applications can be made for a

wide range of projects, including improvements to library resources, computer facilities, play equipment, air conditioning and heating, outdoor shade structures, music facilities and instruments, playing fields and sporting infrastructure.

**Press release, 20 July, 2007
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

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Literacy tips for parents

Literacy specialist Ms Rosemary Ruthven will give a presentation on getting children into reading and writing on Monday, July 30, at the Beachside Family Centre.

"All parents want the best for their children," Ms Ruthven said.

"But they don't always know the best ways to start their children on the road to reading and writing."

In the presentation, Ms Ruthven will be giving parents and caregivers practical tips on what they can do at home, walking through the shops, driving in the car, and even

in the supermarket to get their pre-schoolers reading and writing.

"You don't have to be a good reader yourself to help your child become a good reader," Ms Ruthven said.

"You just need to know how to steer them in the right direction."

There is no cost for attending the presentation but seating is limited and bookings are a must.

The presentation will be held from 9:30am to 11am.

For more information, telephone 4343 1929.

**Press release, 17 Jul 2007
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**

Awards for math comp

Empire Bay Public School received 18 awards of achievement in last month's ICAS Maths Competition.

All students in Years 3 to 6 were tested in algebra and patterns,

numbers and arithmetic, measures and units, as well as space and geometry, on May 23.

Laura Oliver, Nicole McNamara, Jacob Wesson and Rhys James received distinctions, while 14

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Principal Ms Sharon McEvoy congratulated the students for their participation on the day.

**Newsletter, 20 Jul 2007
Empire Bay Public School**



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Council works

Gosford Council has conducted works recently in Umina, Ocean Beach, Patonga and Daleys Point.

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

Internal works are being completed at the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Internal works are also underway at the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

General maintenance and stabilisation works are taking place at the Patonga camping ground and foreshore reserve.

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

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Karen Weber,
Gosford Council

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Sport



Peninsula Swans Vs Bateau Bay Under 10's at Rogers Park

Good season for Swans

The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans are having a fantastic season in the Black Diamond Australian Football League, according to League general manager Mr Scott Ledwidge.

Playing their home games at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, and travelling to their opposition's grounds on the Central Coast and in Newcastle, they have won seven of 10 matches.

"Currently sitting third on the ladder in the first division competition, they should make a strong presence in this season's final series starting August 18," Mr Ledwidge said.

"They had the bye in Round 14 which gave all players a break

to refresh for the last part of the season and also the chance to have a look back at what they have achieved so far this year.

"In Round 13, the Swans thrashed Terrigal Avoca, 17-20-122 to 2-2-14.

"Mark Edmondson lead the way kicking six goals to take his season tally to 65 and Dennis Cardwell has judged best on ground.

"Woy Woy accounted for fourth placed Killarney Vale wining 12-11-83 to 10-6-67 the week before.

"Seventeen-year-old Josh Brown kicked three goals and was equal best on ground with Shane Higgins.

"The club is happy with the way they are travelling at the moment

and look to increase intensity at training and on game day to ensure a successful finals campaign."

Mr Ledwidge said that next year the Woy Woy Peninsula would enter a side into the Black Diamond Cup, which is the top tier in the Black Diamond League.

The next game will be played on Saturday, July 28, at Rogers Park where the Swans will take on ladder leaders, Lake Macquarie Crows.

The Under-18s team will play Lake Macquarie at 10am before the main game.

Press release, 18 Jul 2007
Scott Ledwidge,
Black Diamond AFL

Swimmers win 29 medals

Seven Peninsula Leisure Centre swimmers won a total of 29 medals, including 12 gold, at the NSW Winter Country Short Course Championships at the Sydney Aquatic Centre on July 7 and 8.

Standout performers at the championships, which are a warm-up for the forthcoming State titles, were 15-year-old Ryan Kenny and 13-year-old Thomas McParlane.

The pair collected a total of seven

medals, including four golds.

Kenny took gold in the Open 200m Freestyle and 15 years Butterfly, with McParlane winning the final of the 13 years 200m Individual Medley and the 50m Freestyle.

Other gold medal winners included 13-year-olds Keelan Bridge and Matthew Johnston, 15-year-old Emma Louise Tonnet and 17-year-old Nathan Broadbent.

Press release, 10 Jul 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Woy Woy club swam 25 events

Woy Woy Swim Club had six representatives swimming in a total of 25 events at the Winter Short Course Country Championships held on July 7 and 8 at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, according to publicity officer Ms Michelle Whyte.

The representatives were Tahlee Golledge, Katelyn Hook, Tom McParlane, Leon Manuela-Franco, Natasha Swain and Madeleine Whyte.

"Tom McParlane had an outstanding meet bagging gold in the 13yrs 200m Individual Medley, 13yrs 100m Freestyle and 12-13yrs 50m Freestyle," Ms Whyte said.

"Tom broke the record for the 13yrs 100m Freestyle with a blistering time of 56.88sec. "Tom also won four silver medals in the 12-13yrs 50m Breaststroke, 13yrs

100m Breaststroke, 12-13yrs 50m Fly and 13yrs 100m Fly.

"He also achieved top 10 finishes in the 12-13yrs 50m Backstroke and 14yrs and under 200m Freestyle.

"Personal best times were swum in all nine events by Tom; the largest being a 13 second personal best in the 200m Individual Medley.

"Tom, having broke the qualifying times will now go on to represent Woy Woy Swim Club at the NSW State Age Championships in August.

"Tom trains under Kim Taylor, Head Coach at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

"Tahlee, Katelyn, Leon, Natasha and Madeleine all did their Club proud achieving personal best times."

Press release, 18 Jul 2007
Michelle Whyte,
Woy Woy Swim Club

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Stars find sponsorship

An Ettalong resident and a Umina resident were among 15local"sportsstars"to share in \$12,000 sponsorship from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils to compete at regional, national and international level.

Fifteen year-old Taylor Poole of Umina received \$1000 to compete on his motorbike at the 2007 FIM Individual Speedway Youth Gold Trophy 80cc in Chestochowa, Poland, from July 11 to 14.

Ettalong resident Sam Workman-Brown received \$1000 to compete against Europe's best futsal teams in the Costa Dorada Cup in Spain from July 1 to 8.

Press release, 10 Jul 2007
Kate Carragher, Gosford Council

Local players join Mariners' academy

Several Peninsula residents have been taking part in the Central Coast Mariners Youth Academy recently.

Peninsula residents in the junior squad for 15 and 16 year olds were James Brooker, Matt Goodwin, Hayden Mole, Matt Hogan and Jay Pilson.

Nathan Moseley was the only Peninsula resident in the senior squad for 17 and 18 year olds.

Media and communications officer Mr Benjamin Coonan said the Mariners Youth Academy was the first of its kind in the A-League and a further endorsement for the Central Coast's ambition to become the "centre of excellence for football in Australia".

"In association with Central Coast Football, the Central Coast's local football governing body, the Mariners have established the Youth Academy to expand upon the unique and unparalleled straight-line pathway for promising footballers on the Central Coast to realise their A-League aspirations," Mr Coonan said.

"Central Coast footballers are now able to be identified by their local club, before progressing to the Mariners Youth Academy and ultimately to the representative set-up offered by Central Coast Football through their Central Coast Lightning program.

"Once at the Central Coast Lightning, the official feeder club to the Mariners, players will be one step away from an A-League berth.

"Current Mariners squad members Nigel Boogaard, Bradley Porter, Matt Simon and Matthew Trott each had experience with the Lightning prior to inking deals with the Mariners."

Mariners executive chairman Mr Lyall Gorman said: "As we have maintained from day one, our aim is to become the centre of excellence for football in Australia and we see the establishment of our Youth Academy as an absolutely imperative and crucial step to our long-term ambitions.

"In nearly three A-League seasons, we've been quite blatant in promoting local talent before looking elsewhere, and you only need to look at our records to see that we've used eight players either born or raised on the Central Coast in competitive fixtures and a further six in trial matches.

"For a region of only 300,000 people, this in an incredibly high ratio and with the introduction of

our Youth Academy, this ratio will only increase in the coming years.

"There is no longer any need for the Central Coast's best footballers to take their fledgling careers to Sydney or elsewhere, as on the Central Coast, through our Youth Academy and representative structure in association with Central Coast Football, we have established Australia's premier talent identification and youth development program."

The Mariners Youth Academy features two squads, one for 15 and 16-year-olds and one for 17 and 18-year-olds, each of which train weekly at the Mariners' Jubilee Oval training base under the guidance of Mariners coaching staff and squad members, before returning to their respective clubs for weekend matches.

Each member of the Mariners

Youth Academy has been sourced from either one of the Central Coast's 22 local clubs, from Central Coast Football's representative program – the Central Coast Lightning, or from the repatriation of Central Coast young people playing in Sydney or Newcastle.

"We're excited by what jewels we may uncover from our current Youth Academy line-ups," said Mr Gorman.

"At this stage, it is a very real possibility that each Under 20-player in our A-League squad will be a local player.

"This situation is likely to repeat each season, meaning some of our senior Youth Academy squad is quite possibly just two years away from selection in a senior A-League squad."

Press releases, 13, 18 Jun 2007
Benjamin Coonan, Central Coast Mariners Football Club



Liesl Tesch plays national league

Woy Woy resident and Australian Paralympian Liesl Tesch has signed to play for the "Wenty Leagues" Wheelkings in the National Wheelchair Basketball League, marking the first time for some years the basketball journeywoman will be settling in on home soil.

"Tesch is renowned for her penchant for international travel, competing as a player in the Professional Wheelchair Basketball League in Italy and other well-frequented areas of Europe," said Parramatta Basketball Association media officer Mr Noel Rowsell.

"There are also, occasionally, some far less popular or publicised international trips on the agenda, with Tesch undertaking promotional-coaching stints with disabled athletes in war-torn regions.

"Tesch, who plays as a high-pointer, is also member of the Australian women's wheelchair basketball team, the Gliders, but

plays a lesser role in the male-dominated Wheelkings line-up, coming off the bench as sixth or seventh player.

"The points categories in wheelchair basketball are determined by the physical limitations of the respective players, ranging from one-point players with high disability up to four or five points for players with low disability.

"There is an allowable maximum of 14 points on court at any time, meaning the on-court line-up of all teams must consist of a mix of both high and low-point players.

"The Wheelkings are based at the Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope Gardens, but are away from home for the next three weeks due to a bye and road trips."

The Wheelkings next home game is a double-header against the Dandenong Rangers on August 10 and 12, with the Friday night game tipping off at 7pm and the Sunday game at 11am.

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

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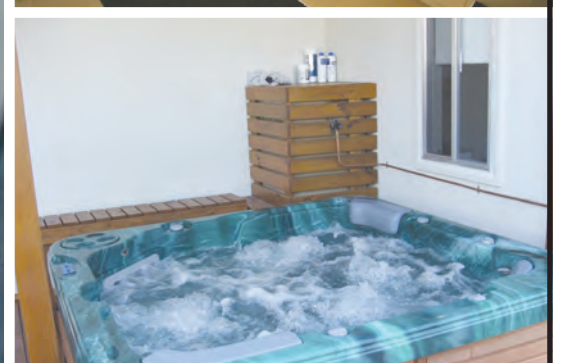
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