

Major upgrade to Peninsula electricity grid

Energy Australia is expecting to complete a \$14.1 million major upgrade at Woy Woy and Umina zone substations by mid next year.

Energy Australia began work on the Peninsula late last year after identifying that the combined load on both Woy Woy and Umina zone substations would exceed the planning criteria of the Woy Woy-Umina ring feeder network in this summer.

A report from Energy Australia said Umina was currently loaded above its secure capacity in both summer and winter and is loaded beyond the planning criteria.

Load in the southern Central Coast is continuing to grow rapidly as a result of urban redevelopment, according to the report.

Without an upgrade Woy Woy would exceed its firm capacity in summer 2008/09 and would exceed planning criteria in 2010/11.

Energy Australia proposed an upgrade of the two zones to overcome the risk of a loss of load in the area.

The \$7.7 million Umina zone upgrade would see the installation of a third transformer to increase the firm capacity of the zone.

The upgrade would also see the reconductoring and uprating of the 66kV ring feeder network from Gosford STS to Umina and Woy Woy.

Feeder 828 would be reconductored and feeder 830 would be uprated from 75°C to 100°C operation.

These works would ensure that the trunk feeders were capable of

meeting the forecast loads for a dependant outage of the Peninsula area.

The Energy Australia report stated that the feeder ratings were not forecast to be exceeded within the next 10 years.

Works at Umina were scheduled to be completed by mid next year.

The \$6.4 million Woy Woy zone upgrade would introduce two new feeders from the substation to provide additional capacity and support to the existing feeders.

The new feeders would be installed from Woy Woy zone substation to Empire Bay and surrounding suburbs.

One branch of the feeder would head south to Killcare and the other north towards Davistown.

Energy Australia will also complete minor works to upgrade the limiting sections of the existing overhead feeders.

Energy Australia manager of capital development Mr John Hele said the upgrade would have been completed earlier had they not been delayed.

"Unfortunately we have had delays in the approval process with the RTA," Mr Hele said.

"We need RTA approval to work on a section across the Rip Bridge.

"Without their consent, we cannot go ahead with any more work.

"However, we are expecting to have the works at Woy Woy completed by the end of the month."

Clare Graham, 14 Sep 2007

Mayor calls for public vigilance

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher has called on the community to help Council protect public assets against "wanton and mindless acts of vandalism" after the Florida Ave Playground at Woy Woy was "gutted by fire" on the night of August 31.

Gosford Council estimates put the damage to the playground at around \$60,000.

Police were investigating the attack in which it was believed that a flammable substance was used to ignite the play equipment and its rubberised ground surface.

"Earlier this year, Point Clare cemetery and part of a Kariang park were vandalised and now this Woy Woy playground has been destroyed," Cr Maher said.

"These savage attacks have struck at the very core of what our community holds most dear and they can only be stopped with community assistance.

"It's time for residents to stand up for their communities by increasing their vigilance of its assets."

Cr Maher said although council



Gutted by fire, Playground at Florida Ave Woy Woy

had invested over \$2 million in the construction of new playgrounds over the last two years, many of the facilities were being vandalised shortly after opening or even during their construction.

"I urge anyone who saw anything suspicious in or around the Florida Avenue Park, or who witnessed the fire on August 31, to contact police immediately," Cr Maher said.

Vandalism, theft or damage to community property, as well as anti-social behaviour, can also be

reported to council during office hours on 4325 8222 or after hours on 1800 680 828.

Cr Maher said that, as a public incentive, council also offered a reward for information relating to a conviction for vandalism or malicious damage incidents involving council property.

Council rewards for convictions range from \$500 for vandalism or malicious damage totalling up to \$1000, to \$5000 for damage of \$20,001 and above.

The reward becomes payable following the conviction of those responsible.

In some instances, the council may agree to pay a reward in full or part when the reporting of an incident leads to action being taken by police.

People providing information that may lead to a reward must be prepared to give evidence in court.

For further information regarding the reward system, contact council's risk management coordinator Mr Allen Collison on 4325 8341.

Press release, 6 Sep 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council



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Locals in dance production

Thirteen Peninsula residents will be taking part in a Central Dance Company (Australia) production of Sleeping Beauty, along side dancers from the Australian Ballet Dancers Company.

The residents are Amanda Bruce, Cameron Bruce, Nathan Bruce, Georgia Krinks, Emily McDougall, Caroline Resnik, Daniel Russell, Karina Russell, Corey Slavin, Ryan Slavin, Annie Sultana, Emma Tetley and Shannon Todd.

The production is part of the 18th birthday season at Laycock Street Theatre.

The production will be "Sleeping Beauty Act III Aurora's Wedding" and will include guest performances from Sarah Thompson and Chengwu Guo from the Australian Ballet Dancers Company.

In the program, the Central Dance Company will showcase 36 young dancers from the Gosford, Wyong and Newcastle areas.

The program will also include contemporary works "Synthesis" and "In the Mangroves", and an all male dance choreographed by guest choreographer Aleeta

Blackburn.

Event organiser Ms Donna Bruce said the Central Dance Company (Australia), formerly Laycock Dance Theatre, premiered in October 1990 with the expertise of a small and dedicated group of dance teachers and professionals.

Ms Bruce said the company was "strongly supported" by the then Laycock Street Theatre Manager Mr Don Craig and patron Christine Walsh AM, who was principal artist with the Australian Ballet.

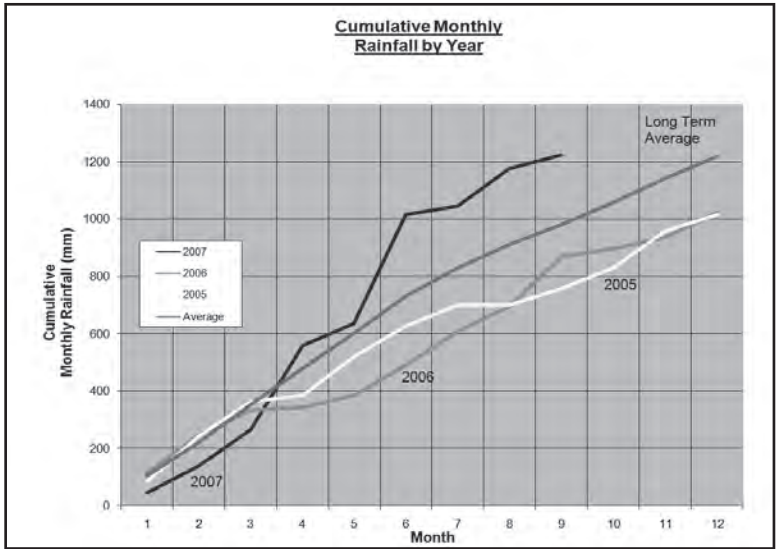
"It aimed to provide professional performance opportunities for young dancers in the region, and open avenues for career advancements by association with world class performers," Ms Bruce said.

The event will take place on October 4, 5 and 6, and will feature matinee and evening performances.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 concession and \$15 for children.

For more information, telephone 4323 3233.

**Press release, 24 Aug 2007
Donna Bruce, Central Dance Company (Australia)**



Rainfall above average

Total rainfall on the Peninsula this year now stands at 1223mm, which exceeds the annual average of 1215mm, according to Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

"We have just passed the annual long-term average," he said.

A total of 48.2mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the first

two weeks of September.

This is more than half the monthly average of 69.4mm.

Rain has been recorded on seven days so far this month, with three days recording more than five millimetres.

The highest rainfall was 22.5mm recorded on September 8.

Mark Snell, 13 Sep 2007

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Winners

The winner and runners up of the Pink Ribbon Breakfast Peninsula News Competition have been drawn.

The major prizewinner is B Fraser of Woy Woy and the runners up are R Garison of Woy Woy and V Swain of Umina.

The announcement of the winners of the National Vegetarian Week Competition, sponsored by Peninsula News and the Australian Vegetarian Society, has been delayed due to a delay in the receipt of the prizes.

Con Orfanos, 15 Sept 2007

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Bank branch reaches \$30M milestone

Ettalong Beach Community Bank Branch has reached a major financial milestone, according Ettalong Beach Community Bank Chairman Mr David Steele.

Mr Steele said the locally-owned bank branch has "more than \$30 million in banking business on its books", calling it not only a major achievement for the bank branch but the community as a whole.

Mr Steele said the milestone was significant for the branch.

"The community has certainly thrown its support behind our Community Bank branch," Mr Steele said.

"Not only have the people of our district supported us as shareholders but they are also continuing to transfer their banking business across.

"Our branch is based on a banking model which is drastically different from the traditional financial branch concept, but one in which the community hasn't been afraid to place its trust.

"Reaching \$30 million in banking business is an exciting milestone for our bank branch and one which

indicates just how important it is to maintain banking services in our community.

"People need these services.

"They need them in their community and they are willing to support them."

Mr Steele said that the branch also had more than 2200 accounts and continued to open 60 new accounts every month.

As an additional community service, the local bank branch has allocated more than \$2000 in sponsorship and donations to local schools and community organisations and projects.

"Our branch can offer everything that you need in terms of personal and business banking products and services and I urge people to call in or phone the branch to find out exactly how the bank can assist.

"Our first goal was always to open a traditional bank branch and now that we've done that, we need to focus on encouraging as many people as possible to bank with us to further grow the business and put back into our community."

**Press release, 11 Sep 2007
Debra Wales**



Council adopts slope recommendations

Gosford Council has adopted engineering recommendations and a strategy for slope stability risk reduction treatment on Pearl Beach Dr.

The council adopted the recommendations of the Shirley Consulting report as well as recommendations from the Douglas Partners' report for the southern side of Patonga Dr at its September 4 meeting.

Council's director of community and organisational development Mr Nic Pasternatsky will also be available to assist individual private properties on Jade Place, Pearl Beach, to undertake slope stability investigations by qualified geotechnical professionals and possible remedial action relating to existing earth retaining structures and excavations.

It was also resolved that all future development applications for properties in Jade Place (backing onto Pearl Beach Dr) be required to submit full geotechnical details for all works within their properties.

Shirley Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd was commissioned by council to provide a geotechnical report and slope stability risk assessment to determine the need for slope stabilisation works in the vicinity of Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach.

A slope stability risk assessment report was also received from

consultant Douglas Partners for the cutting and Mt Ettalong slope on the southern side of Patonga Dr, Pearl Beach, between the hairpin bend and the water reservoir.

Some of the remedial works recommended have already been

undertaken, including scaling, loose rock removal and some rock bolting.

**Council agenda CIT.26,
4 Sep 2007**

Council works

Gosford Council has been conducting projects in Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong and Daleys Point.

A footpath is currently being excavated and new cement poured on Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

Landscaping of the Woy Woy Library forecourt is also taking place.

Internal works are being completed at both the Umina

Beach and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs, as part of a surf club rebuilding program.

At Ettalong, a footpath is being constructed on Ferry Rd.

At Daleys Point, drainage, kerb and guttering is being constructed as part of a road reconstruction on Fishermans Parade.

**Press release, 4, 11 Sep 2007
Karen Weber, Gosford Council**

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Tireless community worker dies

Many will be saddened by the passing of Les Mitchell in Gosford Hospital on September 7 after a long illness.

Les was well known and well respected within the community for his tireless community work.

The past couple of years have been very traumatic for his wife Lorna and his family as they watched Les deteriorate in health.

Lorna and Les lived all their married life in Ettalong and could think of no better place to live and bring up their three children.

They were married for 53 years.

Les was a man that put his hand out to all that were in need of a helping hand.

If he saw a need within the community, he saw to that need.

He asked for nothing in return as Les believed that if you focus on your family, your friends and the needs of others, doing the very best you can to help them in life, happiness will find you.

Happiness, did find him.

He had Lorna and three much-wanted children in his life who loved him unconditionally.

Les was a Central Coast boy, the eldest of five children, attending school in Gosford for a time.

During the Depression, he lived with his grandparents at Milford, attending school there. Living through the Depression, he saw

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and had many hard times.

At 13 years of age, Les worked on a milk run.

The next year, he left school but he never stopped educating himself.

He was well read in many subjects, always reading to better himself.

Les and Lorna met at Gosford Hospital where they both worked. Lorna was 16 years of age.

Their love flourished at the Madison Dance Hall.

If you were to ask Lorna about her marriage she would say, "I had 53 years of the best marriage anyone could have had."

Towards the end of the war and at 17 years of age, Les joined the Navy looking to better himself in life.

He served on the HMAS Kanimbla following the fall of Japan, bringing home the occupational forces.

He would have seen a lot of sadness.

The Navy gave him the opportunity to train as a chef.

He used this skill later in life as a chef in Queensland.

One part of his working life he was a railway fireman then moving on to work for Gosford Council as a security officer.

Les was a foundation member of the Patonga Bush Fire Brigade,

a Scout master teaching scouts bush craft, Skipper of the Woy Woy Sea Scouts, a member of the Coastal Patrol, gun club captain and secretary, and also a member of the fishing club.

He also found time to be a volunteer at the local community centre where he drove the community bus for 13 years.

He loved Christmas at the community centre, because each year he played Santa for the kids.

Les also supervised the Work for the Dole scheme at the community centre.

Relaxation to Les was to listen to country and western music, play golf, going to dances, giving parties and going to parties.

Together Les and Lorna traveled extensively all over Australia.

You name the place he had been to it.

Les is survived by Lorna his wife, his children Chris Mitchell, Debbie Thompson and Doug Mitchell, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren, as well as his brother Kevin and his sisters June, Yvonne and Eileen.

The funeral took place on September 13 at Greenways Chapel and Memorial Gardens, Green Point.

Les Mitchell - December 3, 1928 - September 7, 2007

Diana Johnston
Umina Beach

Is Spikeville next?

I am writing this letter in reference to the naming of our bridge.

I really think Spike Milligan's name is an insult to all us ratepayers on the Peninsula.

He may be an Aussie, but he's more Pommie as he spent most of his time in England.

The bridge shouldn't be named after any special person as we have a great many here on the Coast.

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The way he insulted Woy Woy was disgusting.

It should be Woy Woy Walkway.

I think that those councillors ought to go and bury their heads in the sand, shame on you.

What's next on the agenda? Spikeville?

P Godding
Woy Woy

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How safe is Patonga Dr?

Just how safe is Patonga Drive?

My investigation of the cliff face on Monday, August 3, by climbing above the Patonga Dr between the toilet block and the hairpin, during light rain. Has revealed at least one obvious attention getter not visible from the road.

For those using the road to access Patonga and Pearl Beach these graphic photographs may generate a stronger feeling of urgency when thinking about the time frame for those proposed road works being considered by Gosford Council.

The larger rock appears to me to be on the move.

A crack is evident along the edge of the sprayed on cement between its left face and the adjacent rock.

That cement is part of a 20 foot long horizontal water control which has come away from the enormous rock face to its left and is slipping down away from the rock toward the road below.

I understand Gosford Council intends having its agent look at other sections of the Patonga and Pearl Beach Drives, so they may become aware of this concern eventually. Lets hope it doesn't make its potential painfully obvious in the interim.

The exposed height of this threat to safety is around eight feet, the width about 10 feet and depth at

the top about four.

Certainly it will weigh several tonnes.

It is not particularly safe climbing around here without using rope access.

In some spots, a slip may well end in a splat.

The source of run off silt and sand which I had hoped to catch on camera during the rain was not as evident as I had expected on the cliffs in water control infrastructure.

But the photo evidence of unstable rock face is certainly spine chilling, when you consider what it may do to a bus.

Edward James
Umina

Thanks to hospital staff

I am a sufferer of Parkinson's disease, rheumatoid and osteo arthritis and am soon to have a right knee replacement.

I am writing you this letter to thank the Gosford Hospital, the Ambulance Service, the

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Emergency Department and M5 Ward (the stroke/neurology ward) headed by Dr Scott Whyte.

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Council disappoints Chamber on CCTV

The President of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Mr Matthew Wales has expressed disappointment at Gosford Council's decision not to support an application for funding to the Federal Government for CCTV in Ettalong, Woy Woy and Umina.

"Mayor Laurie Maher has recently written to the Chamber stating that it is not in a position to provide support for the CCTV application," Mr Wales said.

"The Chamber has worked for the past 12 months collating costs and

information, working with the NSW Police Brisbane Area Command, State Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and businesses who desperately want resources to fight crime and anti-social behavior in our town centres and around the Umina Surf Club.

"This is extremely disappointing news especially as the Mayor had indicated in April of this year that he would ensure Council staff would be made available to complete the lengthy and time-consuming application process.

"Council was best placed to do this as they had already undertaken a similar process for the Gosford

town centre CCTV".

Mr Wales was critical of the council's constant focus of the Gosford town centre and the apparent lack of interest in anti-social behavior problems on the Peninsula.

"Whilst we sit back and watch the success story of Gosford CBD with their newly introduced CCTV cameras, our business operators in the Peninsula retail centres have to cop to the continued law and order problems," Mr Wales said.

"As usual, we are viewed as the poor cousins down here.

"And just to top it off, Wyong Council recently announced that they have supported a CCTV grant application to the Federal Government for The Entrance town centre supported by their Federal Member Ken Ticehurst.

"We will continue to lobby Jim Lloyd MP and councillors in the hope that they will see commonsense.

"In recent years, the Chamber has supported The Web Youth Centre, the PCYC and many youth programs but the anti-social behavior in the town centres and damage to surf clubs is on the increase.

"We need CCTV in order to assist the NSW Police Force identify perpetrators so that they can combat these sorts of crimes in our communities."

**Press release, 12 Sep 2007
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Housing Department to lease homes

The Department of Housing is currently seeking to lease homes on the Woy Woy Peninsula, to rent to its tenants.

The Department is seeking to lease up to 80 homes across the Gosford local government area during this financial year.

Each lease would be for three years.

Media representative Mr Adam Perrett said leasing a home to the Department of Housing had significant benefits for property owners.

"There is no rent loss or leasing fees. Prompt payment is made for water usage and quarterly payment of rent in advance," Mr Perrett said.

"There is also a guarantee that the property will be returned in the same condition as it was at the start of the lease, excluding fair wear and tear."

The department was seeking two and four bedroom homes

that were suitable for aged or disabled tenants, with ground floor, wheelchair access.

"We rate highly homes that have key-lock windows, hardwired smoke detectors, fly screens, security doors, external TV aerials and telephone lines," Mr Perrett said.

"The Department of Housing houses those tenants most in need and in some areas we need to lease homes from the private sector in order to make extra homes available."

Homes in the West Lake Macquarie and Wyong Local Government Areas are also being sought.

"Any home owners who are interested in locking in a three-year lease that comes with very little risk should contact the Central Coast office on 4352 9659," Mr Perrett said.

**Media release, 13 Aug 2007
Adam Perrett,
Department of Housing**

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Group leader Ms Tracey Seal said: "The event was also to celebrate the past, present, and most importantly, the future of Scouting.

"Whilst it was very chilly, we had a great morning cooking while watching the sunrise across

Broken Bay.

"Scouting's Sunrise took place 100 years after Baden-Powell ran his experimental scout camp on Brownsea Island.

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**Press release, 12 Sep 2007
Mark Ellis**

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Bike Week Bash at Woy Woy

A Bike Week Bash will be held at Woy Woy on Sunday, September 30.

The event begins at 9am and will be held at Anderson Park, Woy Woy, opposite the Woy Woy Ferry Wharf.

It will feature stalls, demonstrations and special guest Oscar Ruiz from the State Department of Sport and

Recreation in Bogota, Columbia.

Mr Ruiz will be speaking about cycle programs in South America.

The event also includes free cycle skills courses for children, prize give-a-ways and free entertainment.

The Bakery, an 11-piece street funk band, will be playing on the day.

Other highlights to the day

include the Central Coast Community Chest Community Pedal fundraiser.

The 12km bike ride starts at 8.30am from Lions Park Reserve at the Gosford Waterfront to the Spike Milligan Bridge, Woy Woy.

Entry into the event is \$5 which is payable on the day and includes a show bag and free sausage sandwich for every rider.

All proceeds raised on the day go towards local charities.

Community Chest general manager Cr Chris Holstein said the ride was a great opportunity for families and individuals to get out and have a great day.

"The route is flat, safe and suitable for all age groups and levels of fitness," Cr Holstein said.

"It's not a race but more a leisurely stroll.

"The ride is a great way to kick off Gosford Council's Bike Week Bash."

Bike Week is a state-wide initiative aimed at getting more people active and encouraging families to cycle more to reduce pollution.

Clare Graham, 14 Sep 2007

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Vin Serventy dies

The man sometimes described as "the father of conservation in Australia" has died at the age of 91.

Environmental author, Pearl Beach resident and regular Peninsula News forum contributor Dr Vincent Serventy died on Saturday, September 8.

"We are very sad to have to tell you that Vin died on Saturday night, after a stroke three months ago," family member Ms Caroline Serventy said.

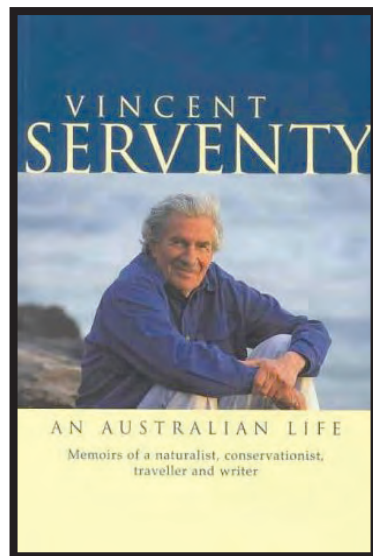
"We had all gathered in his last days to be with him together and he was very peaceful.

"There will be a service in his memory at the Pearl Beach Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach, at 11 am on Sunday 23 September."

Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch president Mr Mark Snell said Dr Serventy had been one of the most prominent and influential conservationists in Australia, bringing public attention to the environment before it was fashionable to do so.

He said Dr Serventy had written more than 70 books, had produced an Australian TV nature series in the 1960s and had edited *Wildlife in Australia* magazine for 16 years.

Dr Serventy was a member of many conservation organisations.



Dr Vincent Serventy

Several honoured him with life membership.

He was president of the Australian Wildlife Preservation Society for 33 years.

He was co-founder of World Wildlife Fund Australia and had been an office-bearer with the NSW Nature Conservation Council.

Mr Snell said that Dr Serventy had led many conservation battles and was instrumental in the listing of a number of Australia's World Heritage sites.

Email, 10 Sep 2007

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First homebuyer night in Umina

A first homebuyer information night will be held at the Umina on Tuesday, September 25.

The St George Bank will be hosting two first homebuyer information nights on the Peninsula, with a second one to be held in late October at the Woy Woy branch.

"The evening is designed to arm the first homebuyer with enough information and support to allow them to make informed and sustainable decisions about owning their own home," lending manager Ms Kate Myers said.

"Guest speakers will include local real estate agents, legal advisers and home decorators with an emphasis on 'budget'.

"The focus is to educate the first home buyer with ways to organise their finances and set their expectations at a reasonable level to enable home ownership to become their reality.

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these are included in the display currently in the Umina branch.

"There are many suitable properties to choose from."

She said that with some basic decorating and renovating tips even the humblest abode could be transformed.

Ms Myers said the evening would be conducted in a relaxed environment with some light refreshments provided.

"We want people to come along and sit back and enjoy a drink with us while we help them to absorb the mountain of detail available about purchasing their first home," Ms Myers said.

"Mum and Dad are welcome to come along and also learn about our No Deposit and Family Pledge loans, especially if parental support is available in the form of a guarantee."

The information night will be held from 6.30pm.

For more information, telephone the Umina Branch on 4344 3211.

Press release, 10 Sep 2007
Kate Myers, St George Bank

Andrews supports ward system

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has supported moves to introduce a ward system to Gosford.

"Many residents, particularly those living on the Peninsula and more remote areas, within council's boundaries are telling me that they feel unrepresented on council," Ms Andrews said.

"The heavy-handed approach adopted by Council's decision to name the Woy Woy Bridge the Spike Milligan Bridge is a prime example of the majority of councillors ignoring the silent majority."

"Had a Ward system been in place, then I'm quite sure local residents would have been properly informed by the councillors elected to represent the Woy Woy Peninsula Ward of council's intentions prior to any decision being made."

Ms Andrews said that if council was serious about increasing the number of councillors from 10 to 11, then it should also be pushing for a ward system.

"Gosford Council is one of the largest local government areas in the State and I've always held the view that a ward system would mean better representation for all

residents," Ms Andrews said.

Under this system, the council area could be separated into a number of areas known as wards.

Residents in those areas would then vote for at least two or three local councillors to represent them in all council decisions.

"Wyong Council has wards and this allows ratepayers to contact the councillor of their choice who directly represents their area."

Ms Andrews said that local residents had the right to feel that

their interests were represented at local government level.

"Under a ward system, residents will have the right to elect councillors for their particular area and that, to my mind, could only mean a move in the right direction", Ms Andrews said.

Press release, 6 Sep 2007
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

House prices slump

Median house prices on the Peninsula have slumped in the last six months, while house prices in surrounding areas have jumped up to 41 per cent, according to a monitoring company.

Prices on the Peninsula slumped between one per cent at Umina Beach and 13 per cent at Booker Bay.

Meanwhile, prices at Empire Bay rose 25 per cent and at St Huberts Island 41 per cent.

Figures from Australian Property Monitors (APM) showed that Umina Beach experienced a one per cent fall in median house prices, Pearl Beach a three per cent fall, Woy Woy a four per cent fall, Blackwall and Ettalong Beach a five per cent fall and Booker Bay a 13 per cent fall.

However, over the last 10 years, the Peninsula has experienced a

greater increase than the Central Coast as a whole, according to APM data.

While the Central Coast as a whole experienced a long-term increase of nine per cent, prices on the Peninsula and in surrounding areas have increased between 9.2 and 25 per cent.

Umina experienced a 9.2 per cent increase, Woy Woy and Booker Bay 9.7 per cent, Ettalong Beach 10.8 per cent, Blackwall 11.7 per cent and Pearl Beach 13.1 per cent, while St Huberts Island increased 11.8 per cent and Empire Bay 25 per cent.

Con Orfanos, 15 Sept 2007

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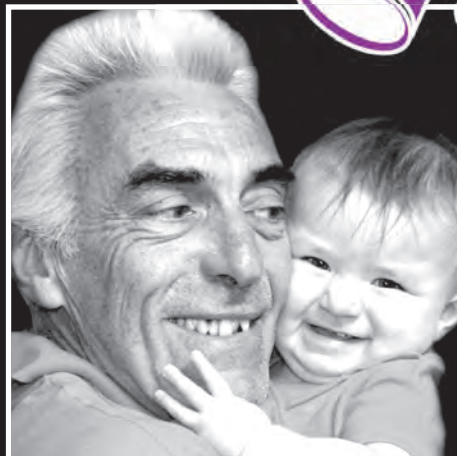


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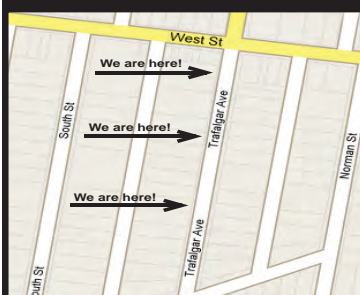
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Resident calls on Council to upgrade Lone Pine Ave

Umina Beach resident Mr Adam Crouch has called on Gosford Council to upgrade Lone Pine Ave.

He has lodged a petition of 450 signatures requesting the council to upgrade the surface, to kerb, gutter and install drainage to Lone Pine Ave, Umina Beach, before "another serious vehicle accident or death occurs".

Mr Crouch said he had doorknocked every home in Lone Pine Ave, The Palisades and surrounds and noted that 99 per cent of the residents were "outraged" that council had simply "ignored their pleas" to improve the road.

"Lone Pine Ave being a collector is an extremely busy road connecting to other areas," Mr Crouch said.

"Currently the road is little more than Third World and it comes as no surprise that it has the one of the highest accident figures in the local area.

"The road is in such a neglected condition with potholes, broken and non-existent kerbing and drainage that in both wet and dry conditions it is extremely dangerous for all of the local traffic and cyclists.

"Nearly every resident had a story to tell me of near misses, numerous accidents, flooded yards and driveways.

"In many cases, the pot holes

are so deep that when a vehicle hits one the impact shakes the adjacent homes.

"It is imperative that Gosford Council place Lone Pine Ave as a high priority to be resurfaced, kerbed, guttered and suitably drained for its entire length.

"As Mayor Laurie Maher has stated recently over the re-naming of our Woy Woy Bridge, he made his decision on petitions.

"With that precedent, I am certain he will take action with our 450 signature petition."

Mr Crouch said the people of the Woy Woy Peninsula "demand it".

**Press release, 12 Sep 2007
Adam Crouch**

Dion leaves The Web

The Web Youth Service manager Mr Dion Richardson has resigned after 12 and a half years at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Mr Richardson ceased permanent full time employment with the Centre on August 17, though he may be retained to provide casual relief shifts.

Mr Richardson has thanked people for their support over the years.

"I will miss the Web and the young people associated with this place.

"I'll miss my friends, colleagues, staff and the supportive people around me," Mr Richardson said.

He said the goals he achieved at the Web would not have been achievable without them as well.

"I hope to be working in the sector still and continue my networks with you all."

Peninsula Community Centre chief executive officer Mr Michael Nesbitt said the Web Youth Centre would "never find another Dion Richardson".

"This resignation was submitted on Monday, August 6, and formally

accepted by me 24 hours later," Mr Nesbitt said.

"I won't even attempt to try to encapsulate all Dion's achievements as The Web manager - suffice to say he was/is The Web.

"Passion is a word sometimes diminished by over-use, but in Dion's case he has been a passionate and committed advocate for the young people of the Peninsula and the issues they confront for many years.

"We will never find another Dion Richardson.

"That other over-used word, unique, fits Dion like a glove.

"I will miss having him around the place, but as Dion himself has agreed, we all need to keep looking forward and adapting to changes within the community/welfare sector.

"To remain static is to perish."

Mr Nesbitt said a new manager should be appointed by the end of September.

**Email, 8 Aug 2007
Dion Richardson,
The Web**

**Michael Nesbitt,
Peninsula Community Centre**

Umina Red Cross turns 40

The Australian Red Cross Umina Beach Branch celebrated its 40th birthday with a luncheon at the Woy Woy Leagues Club on August 15.

Public relations coordinator Ms Amber Edwards said that president Marion Anderson welcomed 70 guests to the event.

"The morning commenced with the national anthem followed by the Red Cross Pledge," Ms Edwards said.

"Our guest speaker was Carol Heuchan, a bush poet interested in horses and country lifestyles, who has been credited with national, state and local titles.

"Her presentation and thoughts on life were received with much laughter and occasional sadness.

"She has made a CD of her work, one of which she donated for a raffle prize.

"Before lunch was served, our zone representative, Mrs Aileen Moss, addressed the gathering

and then said Grace.

After the meal, the raffle was drawn with six prizewinners and 12 guests won lucky door prizes.

The birthday cake was cut by long-time member, Ms Rosemary Moore, whose daughter made and decorated it.

Ms Edwards also spoke on various Red Cross activities.

**Press release, 12 Sep 2007
Amber Edwards,
Australian Red Cross**



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Two workshops are planned

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be hosting two workshops during September.

One will be about Holistic Kinesiology and the other on earring making.

The Holistic Kinesiology workshop will be facilitated by Urszula Glowacka on Wednesday, September 19, from 10am to 12 noon.

"Kinesiology is an alternative therapy which uses muscle testing to access information about the physical, emotional, and mental state of the person," health education worker Ms Kate Bradfield said.

"Kinesiology tests your body energetic bio-feedback system and re-channel's it for healing.

"It facilitates the release of life energy and helps to overcome

negative emotional states, negative beliefs, helps to prevent illness and deal positively with stress."

The earring-making workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 26, from 10am to noon.

Kim Steele will facilitate the workshop in which women will make a pair of earrings on the day.

"You are welcome to bring along any favourite beads or choose from a range on the day," Ms Bradfield said.

The cost of both workshops is a gold coin donation, and a fee of \$12 to cover materials for the earring workshop.

For more information, telephone 4342 5905.

Press release, 11 Sep 2007

**Kate Bradfield,
Peninsula Women's Health Centre**



Serviettes are customised

An Ettalong Beach business has started making customised table napkins.

Designed to match the colour scheme of corporate events, weddings and other celebrations, the idea is a first, according to Ms Janet Lyons.

Ms Lyons said that the napkins are made using a computerized embroidery machine which was "very technical and heavy to operate".

Her husband Michael does the lettering which can be in five fonts, varying from classical to a funky script.

Part of the business also involved her two daughters, Katy Locke and Natalie Kirbancioglu.

Natalie recently took over the 304 on West café at Umina Beach.

Stitched Personalised Napkins started two months ago after Janet sewed white napkins with brown and pink embroidery for Katy's wedding she said.

"The napkins decorated the table so well... they acted as name settings," Ms Lyons said.

"Our guests loved them and took them home as mementos.

"We have polyester with lots of colours, linen and 100 per cent

cotton.

"I like to decorate the napkins with a feather."

Entwined monogrammed initials in an old English script and motifs such as wedding bells, hearts, doves and a scroll were popular, she said.

"Fancy folding makes it difficult for waiters to place napkins on guests' laps," Ms Lyons said.

"We prefer folding them to the size of an A4 envelope.

"Once a matching ribbon is tied around them with a feather, they really are enough."

Christine Finlay, 28 Aug 2007

Driving course for seniors

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will be organising a seniors driving course on October 16 at the Everglades Country Club.

The course, held in conjunction with the NRMA Gosford Branch, will answer questions such as who has right of way at a roundabout and what time school zones apply.

It will also discuss how drivers can maintain their independence and drive safely at a senior age.

The first section of the course will be held on Tuesday, October 16, at 2.30pm at the Everglades Country Club, where questions will be answered and discussions held.

A special reduced rate driving "touch up" course with an NRMA instructor will be held on Wednesday, October 17, from 9.30am.

Participants will use the instructor's car.

The driving course will cost \$20.

The project is funded by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

For more information, telephone 4341 1866.

Press release, 11 Sep 2007

**Geoff Melville, Umina Beach
Rotary**

Street stall

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary street stall will be held outside Flemings supermarket in West St, Umina, on Thursday, September 20.

A number of gifts, cakes, jams, crafts and other goods will be available to buy.

The stall will operate from 9am to 3.30pm.

Auxiliary public relations officer Ms Pat Harding said the fund raiser was a great opportunity for the community to support its local hospital.

**Press release, 29 Aug 2007
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital
Auxiliary**



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Music at Pearl Beach

An outdoor country music festival will be held in the Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach on Saturday, October 6.

The "Country Comes to Pearl Beach" Music Festival will be held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

International country singer Frank Ifield will host the festival that will also feature The Bushwackers, an Australian band.

Karen Lynne and Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band and local performer and songwriter Krystel Keller will also feature.

Proceeds will go to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT to help train Guide Dogs and supply other vital services to the vision impaired community in NSW and the ACT.

Secretary of the Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Central Coast Support Group and organiser of the event, Ms Lynne Lillico, said that she

encouraged everyone to come along and bring friends and a picnic rug.

"Consisting of over 40 members, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT's Central Coast Support Group have been voluntarily supporting Guide Dogs for over 25 years through fundraising raffles, shopping centre stalls, model dog collection boxes and other events.

"The Country Comes to Pearl Beach music festival is part of an ongoing events program for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, a non-profit organisation commemorating 50 years of service in 2007."

A raffle will be held on the day with a prize of two return tickets to Longreach, Queensland, along with accommodation and car rental.

For more information, telephone 4344 2319.

Press release, 4 Sep 2007
Lynne Lillico, Country Comes to Pearl Beach



Two gold medals for Thomas in state swimming

Woy Woy Amateur Swim Club member Thomas McParlane achieved two gold medals at the State Age Championships in swimming held from August 17 to 19.

The 14-year-old student from Brisbane Water Secondary College gained first place in the 13 years 50m and 100m freestyle events.

Tom also managed to gain a silver medal in the 13 years 200m Individual Medley.

The State swimming event saw over 1000 athletes and 126 swimming clubs compete at the

Olympic Park aquatic centre.

Tom qualified for six events over the three-day event including 100m breaststroke, 200m freestyle and 100m butterfly.

He is trained by head coach Ms Kim Taylor at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Tom's dad Paul McParlane said he was "very proud" of his son's achievements.

"Tom has worked very hard to get to where he is today," Mr McParlane said.

"He deserves all the recognition for his hard work and dedication." Mr McParlane said Tom

was approached by the NSW swimming coach at the State Age Championships.

"He definitely has the potential to continue with a successful swimming career if he wants to," Mr McParlane said.

"His family supports him in what ever he wants to do."

Tom has achieved the title of Central Coast Age Swimming Champion for the last seven years and was sponsored to attend the Australian Age Championships in April.

Clare Graham, 14 Sep 2007

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Exhibition at retirement centre

Peninsula Village retirement centre in Umina will hold an art exhibition on Friday, September 21.

The opening night art show, Bridging the Gaps, will officially open in the village at 7pm.

A welcome ceremony will be performed by the Freeman Dancers.

There will be a light supper and wine tasting.

Guest artist Brett Parker will perform, along with the music of Krystel Keller from her CD "New Mountain to Climb".

The exhibition will continue on Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, between 10am and 4pm.

The exhibition will be accompanied by the Peninsula Village Fair.

The fair will be held in the village's grounds and will include craft demonstrations, plant displays, food stalls, and sausage sizzles.

The entertainment will include

the Brisbane Water Brass Band, Drumbala, the Peninsula School of Dance, Dancin' Mates, and a transmission of Radio 50+ from the village.

Sunday events will include the display of vintage cars from the Rolls Royce Club.

Money raised from the opening night and the weekend events will help to provide palliative care beds for the village's nursing home residents.

Tickets for the opening night are priced at \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Village's reception area.

The village is located at 91 Pozieres Av, Umina.

Organisers said a gold coin donation from individuals attending the weekend events "will be greatly appreciated".

For bookings and information, telephone Paula Newman on 4344 9199.

**Press release, 6 Sept 2007
Peninsula Village**



The first prize in the major raffle is this painting by Josh Fennell

Art and craft show

The October long weekend Empire Bay and Peninsula Art and Craft Show will celebrate the community and reflect the rich indigenous and cultural diversity of the local population, according to Empire Bay Progress Association secretary Mr Paul Duffy.

Mr Duffy said local children would also have the opportunity to exhibit their artwork in a mini children's exhibit.

"The Art and Craft Show will host paintings, craft and sculpture from a range of artists, demonstrating the richness of local talent on the Peninsula," Mr Duffy said.

"Included in the show this year will be exciting jewellery, exotic handbags, imaginative sculpture, decorative hats and of course loads of great art.

"Prices are reasonable as we charge very little commission to the exhibitors."

Mr Duffy said the Empire Bay Progress Association, an organiser of the event, was a community-based organisation working with local people to improve their quality of life and the local environment.

Mr Duffy said that food would be served at the event all day.

"The raffle has as its prize a valuable painting by popular local artist Josh Fennell," Mr Duffy said.

"Joshua's painting has a semi rural outback theme and he has been awarded numerous art prizes despite his youth.

"We also have prizes from local businesses to be won."

Mr Duffy said funds raised from

the event would assist in the running costs of the community hall.

"The hall is owned by the community as opposed to being Council-owned and maintained," Mr Duffy said.

"This is our major fundraiser to enable us to garner interest from the community and facilitate the running costs of the hall."

The show includes a Meet the Exhibitors night on Saturday from 7pm, Footy Arts with a Sunday

night Grand Final barbecue and viewing from 5pm.

The show will be held at the Empire Bay Progress Hall on the corner of Gordon Rd and Sorrento Rd.

It will open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, October 29, 10am to 4pm on Sunday, October 30 and 10am to 2pm on Monday, November 1.

All exhibits are for sale.

**Press release, 11 Sep 2007
Paul Duffy, Empire Bay Progress Association**

New play by Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre will be presenting the play Mr Bailey's Minder from October 4 to October 19 at the Peninsula Theatre.

The play is written by Debra Oswald and directed by Brenda Logan.

Brenda Logan was recently awarded the title of Best Director at the Short and Sweet Central Coast Festival.

She said she very excited about her latest project.

Ms Logan said that the auditions held recently attracted many of the Central Coast's "most talented actors" and she was certain that the remarkable cast were going to be absolutely brilliant.

"New member Kate Buckland is to play Therese, the surly minder, fresh out of jail and desperate for a job," Ms Logan said.

"Darlene Cole will use her

considerable talent to play the role of Margo, the resentful daughter of Australia's greatest living artist Leo Bailey.

"Peter Santangelo takes on the incredibly difficult role of Leo who is not only suffering alcohol-related dementia but also chronic obstructive airways disease, hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver and ulcers.

"Another new member, Adam Young is using his skills to play two roles, Gavin the con-man and Karl the kind and considerate carpenter hired to remove one of Leo's damaged murals for restoration."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 concession.

Group discounts are available.

For more information, telephone 4341 2931.

**Press release, 20 Aug 2007
Leanne McLeod, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

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Debate needed on effective decentralisation

There are a number of commentators who (1) strongly condemn the aspirational nationalist moves by the PM which they regard as undermining traditional federalism; (2) agree that federal-state relations are at all time low; (3) argue that the situation can be repaired thereby restoring the original benefits of the original contract; and (4) argue that abolishing the states would result in "centralisation" and a huge bureaucracy.

It is essential to expose the serious flaws in this reasoning.

While the antics of the PM to

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bypass the states with opportunistic electoral stunts should be condemned by most, the notion that the failing federal system can be repaired is fundamentally illogical and impractical.

All this has been tried before but it doesn't work on account of the gradual shift of financial powers to the Commonwealth with the growing relentless fiscal imbalance, the two-party system, the current electoral system, compulsory voting and the fact that constitutional amendments can only be initiated by the Federal politicians themselves.

There are no effective

mechanisms to turn the clock back.

Sure, we do need more effective decentralisation, badly.

But centralism has been the eternal problem of the states, aggravated seriously by their deteriorating financial capacity.

When the states are abolished, the local government level can finally be strengthened considerably as can the existing generally effective voluntary regional organisation of councils.

Furthermore city government can be introduced for the metropolitan areas.

Large service departments, like health and education, should become national concerns but not with a massive bureaucracy in Canberra.

They can have their own semi-autonomous regional organisations as already exists at the state levels.

So please can Australia start a meaningful debate about alternatives and effective decentralisation rather trying to put Humpty Dumpty together again?

Klaas Woldring
Pearl Beach

Bar convenience traffic

In the 1950s and 1960s, powerful lobby groups persuaded many governments, including the one governing Sydney, to get rid of efficient public transport such as trams and trolley buses.

What's needed now is to redress that mistake, restore proper public transport and bar all convenience traffic in the city.

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All arterial roads should be divided into heavy transport lanes and automobile lanes.

These arterial roads should be handed over to private enterprise, leaving public money going to public transport.

This should be the proper blueprint for future planning.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

Student awards in aboriginal art

I wish to congratulate four outstanding aboriginal students, Nathan Makepeace, Nick Cassidy and Katilyn Cassidy from Ettalong Public School and Jordan Makepeace from Brisbane Waters Secondary College Umina Campus.

They all took out awards in this year's Fair Trading Department of Commerce aboriginal artists'

art exhibition the awards held at the regional art gallery at East Gosford.

Nick received first prize in the children's category, Nathan received second prize.

Kaitlyn was awarded an encouragement award and so was Jordan.

Well done, kids.

Traci Makepeace
Booker Bay

Applause for Debra

I would like to applaud the Peninsula Main Street coordinator Debra Wales and her team that have worked for so long to get the refurbishment of the Ettalong foreshore approved.

It is now time for the Gosford Council to move forward without any further delay with this project as this has been dragged out for far too long, just talk a walk along the Ettalong foreshore and you will see the issue.

Responsible progress like this should be applauded.

Adam Crouch
Umina Beach

Contributions

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Second solo exhibition

Ms Lina Basile will be exhibiting her artwork at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery from the beginning of October for six weeks.

"I live at Black Head Beach where the Norling family were holiday residents, and where Robin and Jocelyn visit regularly," Ms Basile said.

"The work I am showing has been chosen by Jocelyn whose mentoring has been invaluable as I changed in mid-career from a

teacher, to an artist.

"All of the works are on paper, as my subject is exclusively Trees and Textures.

"The series has been done in mixed media.

"I feel privileged that the Bakehouse Gallery will be the venue for my second solo exhibition and to be part of the art movement in general."

Press release, 3 Sep 2007
Lina Basile, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery



Members of the Pearl Beach Craft group busily creating items for sale

Lighting and design workshop

A lighting and design workshop weekend will be held on September 22 and 23 at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy.

Woy Woy Little Theatre director Ms Brenda Logan said the workshop would be suitable for anyone over the age of 16 wanting to learn basic lighting design and

how lighting can be used in the theatrical set design process.

The workshop will be held from 10am to 4pm.

It will cost \$40 for adults, \$10 for students and \$20 for Woy Woy Little Theatre members.

Press release, 7 Sep 2007
Brenda Logan, Woy Woy Little Theatre

The Pearl Beach Craft Group will hold its Seventh Biennial Craft Exhibition and Sale over the weekend of Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30.

The event will be held between 10am and 4pm daily in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

Pearl Beach Progress Association vice-president Mr Peter Lazar will officially open the exhibition at 11am on Saturday.

The event will feature a charity raffle for a pastel painting of a Pearl

Beach scene with proceeds going to "Motor Neurone Research".

There will also be a raffle of a doll's house which will raise funds for the "Woy Woy Women's Refuge".

A variety of hand-crafted items will be on display and for sale at the event including patchwork, tapestries, cross-stitch, jewellery, Christmas decorations, cards, silkwear, driftwood artifacts and a selection of other handcrafted items.

Proceeds from other handcrafted items as well as jams, pickles, cakes and biscuits will be donated

to "Care Flight".

There will also be a daily activity for children.

Event publicity officer Ms Bev Lapacek said that "in addition to the pleasures members experience in working on handcrafts, they are proud of the strong community spirit which has developed over the years of working together".

Entry to the craft exhibition and sale is free.

For more information, telephone 4342 3751.

Press release, 10 Sep 2007
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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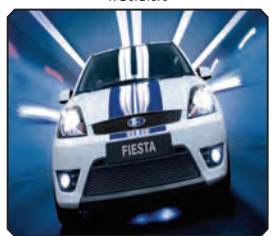
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

True Blue Meeting, 1.30pm; **Toastmasters**, 7pm, **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, 7.15pm, **EBWMC** **Combined Pensioners** assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESSC**

Every Tuesday

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

Free Tax Help by Appt., School for Seniors (Cards, Craft & Games) 9am; **Playgroup** 9am; **Occasional Care**, 9am; **U3A Courses, Pre-School Playgroup**, 12.30pm; **Over 55s Learn To Play Bridge**, 1pm; **Stroke Recovery**, 2pm; **The Web**, from 2pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Brophy Circus Academy**, 4.30pm; **Belly Dancing**, 4.30pm, **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**; 7.15pm, **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**

CWAsocial 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; 7pm, **WWAC**

Free Tax Help by Appt., Occasional Care, School for Seniors, 9am; **Playgroup**, 10am;

Bridge Club,. 9.30am & 7.30pm; **The Web**, from 2pm, **Physical Culture Club**, 3.45pm, **Coast Care Counselling** **Judo**, 5pm;

Weight Watchers, 6pm; **Belly Dancing**, 7.30pm; **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**

Dance Club, 1pm, **EBWMC**

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; **EBWMC**

Second Thursday of every month

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

Australiana Bus Trips **PCC**

Third Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; **EBWMC**

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

Occasional Care, 9am; **Music Program**, 9am; **Yoga**, 10am;

School for Senior Australiana, 10.30am; **Tai Chi**, 11.30am & 7.30pm; **Bridge**, 12pm; **The Web**, from 2pm; **Brophy Circus Academy**, 4pm; **Kids' Yoga**, 4pm;

Belly Dancing, 6.30pm & 7.30pm; **Coast Care Counselling** **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**

Card Club, 1pm; **Chess Club**, 7.30pm, **EBWMC**

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

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am; **EBWMC**

Second Friday of every month

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

RSL Sub Branch Meeting **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. **School for Seniors** Bushwalking, **PCC**

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.

Occasional Care, 9am; **Kindy Gym 0-3s** 9.15am, **3-5s** 10.20am;

Weight Watchers, 9.30am; **Smart Recovery**, 10am; **Samaritans Support Group**, 10.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **The Web**, from 2pm;

Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; **Kempo Karate**, 5.30pm; **Judo**, 7pm; **U3A Courses**, **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. Meet, **EBWMC**, 2pm 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**

Fourth Saturday of every month

Troubadour **Acoustic Music** Club, 7pm **CWA** Enq: 4341 406

Last Saturday every month **Wagstaffe Bushcare** group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

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

Every Saturday

Weight Watchers, 8.30am; **Dance & Theatre School, Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Gambling Anon**, 2pm; **The Web Drop In Centre**, 4.30-9.30pm, **PCC**

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

Chess Club, 1pm; **EBWMC**

Childrens Pottery 9.30am **Silvercraft** 1pm, **EBACC**

Gym Sessions 9am, **Drama & Discovery** 9am **PCYC**.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721, **WWLC**

Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

Woy Woy Environment Centre 10am. **WVEC** Enq 4342 6589.

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

Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, **ESSC**, enq: 4344 3131.

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

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am, **Vietnam Vets**, 11am; **EBWMC**

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

Arts & Entertainment

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Last Sunday of every month

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy Enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

Fijian Cultural Group, 11am-4pm, PCC
Coast Community **Church Services** 9am & 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Al-anon/Alateen family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery 11am Enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 4342 1722

Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587.

Grandparents Parenting Support Group, Web Riley Room Catholic Church Woy Woy 4342 9995

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

Second Monday of every month

Save the Children St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina 1-30pm Enq 4324 4389

Women 50+ Group Chat, PWHC RSL Women's Auxiliary, 9am; **RSL Sub Branch**, 2.30pm; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

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, 11am, **EBWMC** 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**

Carpet Bowls, 9am, **EBWMC** **Fairhaven Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **EMBC** enq: 4323 3566

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
Occasional Childcare, 9am; **Volunteering**, 9am; **Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Second Chance Craft**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Physical Culture Club**, 3.45pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 4pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, PCC
Craft group, 1pm **BFC** **Fairhaven Services Cash Housie**, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

Upcoming Events

September 6th, 13th and 20th - 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Group, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Beachside Family Centre, 4343 1929

September 19th - Holistic Kinesiology, 10am

September 19th - Woy Woy VIEW Club 37th Brithday

September 22nd - St John the Baptist Spring Fete, 10am - 3pm, St John the Baptist Primary School.

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

September 30th - Patonga Beach Markets, Patonga Oval, 10am

October 5th and 6th - Bangers & Mash, Peninsula Theate, Woy Woy, 4323 3233

October 6th - Country Comes to Pearl Beach, 12 noon - 4.30pm, \$33/\$15, Pearl Beach Crommelin Arboretum, 4344 2319.

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

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A Special Exhibition
"Trees and Textures"
works on paper
by guest artist
Lina Basile

October 1 to November 15
Gallery open Sundays 11 to 3
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4379 1102



Peninsula artist Bruce Campbell was highly commended for his painting "Chinese Magpie"

Peninsula artists commended

Seven Peninsula artists have had their work highly commended or commended as part of the Grandma Moses Art Prize, held last week.

Highly commended artists include Bruce Campbell, Gregory R Coates and Alex Boslkovski.

Commended artists included Dawn Newman, Ronald Adams, C Kenny and Margaret Burns.

Bruce Campbell was highly commended in the open section for his painting "Chinese Magpie".

Gregory R Coates was also highly commended in the open section for his painting "Home at Last".

Alex Boslkovski was highly commended in the Senior Citizens' Centre Art Group section for his painting "Landscape".

Dawn Newman was commended in the open section for her artwork "The Hermit".

Ronald Adams was commended in the watercolour section for his painting "Mother & Daughter".

C Kenny was commended in the Senior Citizens' Centre Art Group for the artwork "Time Out".

Margaret Burns was commended for her work "Across the Lake-Avoca" in the open Central Coast inspired water section.

In its 25 years of operation, the oldest entrant in the Grandma Moses Art Exhibition has been 95, with no one younger than 50.

Other Peninsula residents also took part in the event, including 52 year old Umina resident and first time entrant Mr Ron Endercott.

Ron, who only entered his first art exhibition last year, said it was

uplifting to know people could see his work.

Ron's entry was a painting of a "friend of a friend's dog" that was simply entitled Dog.

The exhibition was open on September 11 and 12 at the Gosford Senior Citizens' Centre, North Gosford.

Press release, 6 Sep 2007
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

★ WHAT'S ON ★ Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy

GET REAL!

28 September - 2 October
A play with music and dance based on *The Velveteen Rabbit*.
From ADHOC Community Theatre and Central Coast ARAFMI (Assoc. Relatives & Friends with Mental Illness)

Bangers & Mash 5-6 October

Cheeky, good-hearted satire starring Drew Fairley & Kate Smith, exploring the 30-something dilemma of house-sharing and romance.

Mr Baileys Minder

19 October - 4 November
Presented by Woy Woy Little Theatre - the story of Leo Bailey the gifted but boozy painter and his ex-con carer with a big heart. Book tickets on 4344 4737

Laycock Street Theatre, North Gosford

Contempree Calderazzo presents WHOLE LOTTA LOVE

29 September 8pm
Celebrate the words and music of Led Zeppelin in a rock concert featuring Sydney's best vocalists, musicians and string musicians from Opera Australia.

GRANT GALEA - Supper Club 26 October 8pm

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Matinees: 2.00pm Sat, Mon, Tue 29 Sept, 1, 2 Oct 07
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Education



Adrian Williams, president of the Hardys Bay Residents Group, and Vicki Redrup, principal of Pretty Beach Public School

Students address residents' group

Students from Pretty Beach Public School have addressed a meeting of the Hardys Bay Residents' Group.

Students Naomi Jones, Cian Donnellan, Katie Stewart, Nathan Richardson, Bella Bowman and Tom Passmore were accompanied by principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

In her address, Naomi spoke of BEAR (Be Excited and Read) for the kindergarten and years 1 and 2, and the school's musical, staged by Year 6 every two years and held on Tuesday, September 4, and Wednesday, September 5, this year.

Cian's talk covered environmental programs, a recycling grant received from Gosford Council, two new worm farms and bins, water-saving initiatives, aboriginal

art, and the installation of 10 bat boxes.

He also said that the school has adopted a whale which has been named "Turo", honouring an old-time local identity.

Katie discussed a Values Education Program involving values and virtues, t-shirts designed by children, and flags depicting relevant in-and-out-of-school values.

An Act of Kindness Book existed for people who displayed such acts and supported others.

She also presented an address on Living Through War which took the audience on a journey from the commencement of World War Two in 1939 to the troubles in Afghanistan in 2001.

Nathan's wide-ranging subjects embraced Leadership Roles,

Years 5 and 6 trivia days, spending time with the Kindy Start Program, excursions for Years 5 and 6 to Bathurst and Canberra, and the experience-gathering initiative of encouraging captains and vice-captains to conduct assemblies and presentations.

Bella focused on My School, My Community, in which she noted that "lots of cultures make us what and who we are, with many friends from different backgrounds living together as one."

"Home is where the heart is and my home is here!"

Tom, who recently competed in a Regional Public Speaking Competition, said that "sport is breaking down the barriers".

"Sport and recreation are major ingredients in migrant backgrounds," he said.

"Sport provides a positive social effect with its combination of pride and dignity."

Residents' Group president Mr Adrian Williams said: "It was great hearing what these young people had to say."

"It was quite inspirational. They were intelligent and articulate."

"The broad knowledge of the subjects they covered and the ease of their deliveries before the audience were most commendable."

"They are a credit to their families and the Pretty Beach School."

Press release, 3 Sep 2007
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group

Contributions recognised

More than 30 people from Peninsula schools will be recognised for their contribution and commitment to public education in a special ceremony on Tuesday, September 18.

The Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation will be held at The Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, Tumby Umbi.

The awards recognise the special effort that many students, staff, parents and community members make to Central Coast schools and public education.

The awards will be presented by NSW Department of Education Regional Director Mr John Mather.

Empire Bay Public School has awarded Learning Support Team coordinator Mr Rod Thorncraft, school counsellor and district guidance officer Ms Kay Williams, and Year 6 student Matthew McLeod for commitment and involvement to the school.

Pretty Beach Public School has recognised Ms Renee Quinn and Mr Greg Judd for their involvement in developing the school's website and brochure.

Ms Narelle Jones has also been recognised for her work with the school's musical.

Woy Woy South Public School's

deputy principal Ms Jo Booth has been acknowledged for her commitment to literacy and student welfare.

Other recipients of Awards of Appreciation from Woy Woy South Public School include Ms Ann Anders, Ms Del Courtney and Year 6 student Liam Sainty.

Ettalong Public School nominated assistant principal Ms Sue Grahame, deputy principal Ms Karen Morrow, learning assistant teacher Ms Helen Edgell and teacher's aide Ms Lisa Mills for their valuable contribution to public education.

Umina Public School awarded Ms Nicole Mottlee, Ms Rosemary Robinson, Mr Ray Robinson and Ms Cathy Hannan for their dedication and support to the school.

Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina campus, acknowledged Ms Amanda Bruce, Ms Megan Clements, Ms Val Francis and Mr Brendan Medley for their commitment and passion towards public education.

Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy campus, awarded Mr John Maxwell, Ms Lorraine Hickey, Mr Glenn Faulds and Year 12 student Rebecca Gaston for their significant contribution to school life.

Clare Graham, 14 Sep 2007

Morning tea for play equipment

Woy Woy Public School held a morning tea on Friday, September 7, in thanks for a \$500 toy donation to its special needs class students.

The funding was to replace outdoor play gym equipment that was stolen from the school in November last year.

"(Radio station) 2G0 put out a radio request in November, asking for Peninsula residents to donate a secondhand, plastic, castle play gym to replace the one stolen from Woy Woy Public School special needs children's playground area," school parent Ms Deborah Morgan said.

"Lance Kennedy, the regional sales manager at Newcastle Building Society, was driving to work and heard the radio request."

"He had Linda Gibson, the community lending manager, contact the school and offer to purchase a new play gym."

Ms Morgan said the school was "thrilled by the immediate support".

"A kind parent donated her child's outgrown plastic castle play gym to replace the stolen item, and the \$500 donated by Newcastle Permanent Building Society was used to purchase new outdoor toys for the 50 support class children, making both children and teachers very happy."

"The sand pit has a whole new dimension of fun, and they had smiles on their faces for weeks afterwards."

Ms Morgan said that a morning tea to thank Linda, Lance, and Julie Wakeling, the local Woy Woy branch manager was held on September 7.

"Also in attendance was Hunter Central Coast school education director Mr Frank Potter, principal Ms Ona Buckley, assistant principal disability services Ms Denise Kelly, and support class teacher Ms Michelle Pathirana," Ms Morgan said.

Press release, 7 Sep 2007
Deborah Morgan, Woy Woy Public School

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Laycock Street Theatre, North Gosford 4-6 October

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Thur 4th October 8pm - all tickets just \$20
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Saving for education

Eight Peninsula families have signed up for an educational savings program.

The program is run by the Smith Family through the Woy Woy branch of the ANZ bank.

"Saver Plus is a program designed to assist families on lower incomes to save for their own or their children's education, rewarding their efforts by matching their savings \$1 for \$1, up to \$1000," said branch manager Ms Darlene Spalding.

"Eight Woy Woy Peninsula families have already started saving for computers, art equipment, school uniforms and text books and we are currently looking for more families to join," Ms Spalding said.

"Research shows the educational items that parents save for and

purchase through Saver Plus help improve their children's school experiences, academic performances, and increase participation in school activities like music and sport.

"Saver Plus was recognised this month for its contribution to financial literacy and inclusion through the 2007 Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships.

"Saver Plus includes MoneyMinded, a financial education program that builds participants' financial skills, knowledge and confidence."

The Smith Family's Central Coast Saver Plus relationship manager Mr Geoff Hynd said that by helping to improve the education opportunities for children in lower-income families Saver Plus was giving young people "a better chance in life".

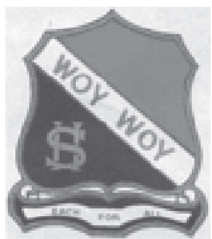
The program was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Lawrence in 2002 and is being delivered on the Peninsula by The Smith Family.

Eligible participants must be 18 years and above and have a Health Care or Pension Card and earnings from paid employment.

They must also have children currently enrolled in a school on or near the Peninsula, or be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

To apply participants should contact Geoff Hynd on 4322 2900.

Press release, 30 Sep 2007
Joanne Darke, ANZ Bank



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Staff and volunteers at Ettalong Public School cooked breakfast to celebrate Father's Day

Fathers' Day at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School participated in the Central Coast Fathers' Day breakfast on Friday September 1, with staff and community volunteers cooking 800 egg and bacon rolls for fathers and children.

"It was a wonderful morning where students and were able to spend some quality time with the significant males in their lives," said P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana.

"There was a very long queue for the barbecue but it was great to see so many dads and granddads

at the school."

"The school hall was set up as a tribute to fathers, with student artwork and stories about their fathers being displayed.

Newsletter, 14 Sep 2007
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Public School P&C

Grants for shade and air-conditioning

Woy Woy Public School has received a Federal Government grant of \$96,686 for shade structures, while Woy Woy South Public School has received \$50,515 for air-conditioning.

"Since being elected as the Federal Member for Robertson

in 1996, securing funding for our local schools has been one of my highest priorities," said Mr Jim Lloyd, announcing the grants.

"Such projects, though often desperately needed by schools, never seem to make it on to State Government priority lists.

"Rather school communities usually face the long and arduous

task of raising the necessary funding themselves.

"The Howard Government recognises the importance of providing schools with facilities that will enhance the education and wellbeing of students."

Press release, 9 Sep 2007
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics Centre

provides a wide range of athletic activities that include running, jumping and throwing for children between the ages of 5 and 16 on the Peninsula. The primary aim of Little Athletics is the development of athletic skills, to make new friends and to enjoy and healthy lifestyle through athletic activities.

The Little Athletics Motto is "Family, Fun and Fitness".

Registrations for the upcoming season will be held on Friday 21st September 2007 from 4.15pm to 6.00pm at McEvoy Oval, Umina. Registrations will also be accepted on any Friday night of

Competition or Online at www.littleathletics.com.au.

Cost is \$85.00 for 1 Child, \$150.00 for 2 Children and \$185.00 for 3 or more Children.

Competition takes place every Friday night from 6pm at McEvoy Oval, Umina and will commence on Friday 5th October 2007. Trial nights are also available for children new to Little Athletics.

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Brisbane Water Secondary College Variety Night

September 6



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Sport



Liesl leads to victory

Multiple Wheelchair Paralympian and Woy Woy resident Ms Liesl Tesch has guided the Hills District Hornets to a successful defence of their national title in the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League competition.
Parramatta Basketball Association media officer Mr Noel Rowsell said that Tesch was

outstanding in the playoff series, which was held in Melbourne.
He said the highlight of her weekend was a double-double of 26 points and 26 boards in the Hornets' 60-53 win over the Knox Raiders in a qualifying game.
"The Hornets had to fight their way into the grand final after being defeated 52-45 by the Gladiators, in one of the three qualifying games of the weekend.
"They were, perhaps, lucky to sneak past the Knox Raiders 60-

53 in another qualifier on Saturday afternoon," Mr Rowsell said.
"Having secured their spot in the grand final, the Hornets successfully defended their 2006 premiership title in a nerve-wracking finish, holding off a late surge from the Gladiators to win by just two points."
**Press release, 9 Sep 2007
Noel Rowsell, Parramatta Basketball Association**

Triple O Cup played at Woy Woy

The Central Coast Triple O Cup will be held at Woy Woy Oval from 9am on Friday, September 21.
Emergency service units from across the State will take to the footy field in support of the burns unit at Gosford and Westmead Children's Hospital's.
The Cup has attracted 30 teams from Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle Fire Brigades as well as from the Ambulance Service, NSW Police and Broken Bay Water Police.
A raffle and sports memorabilia auction will be held from 12pm to raise money for the burns unit.
The auction will feature a number of rugby league and union jerseys including South Sydney Rabbitohs, Parramatta Eels and Wallabies RWC team jersey.
Other sports memorabilia to be auctioned off include a fire helmet

signed by the last seven Wallaby captains and a cricket bat signed by Mark Waugh.
Umina Fire Station officer Mr Bill MacLean said the auction will be a great opportunity for sports memorabilia collectors to come and make a bid.
"The station is hoping to raise as much money as possible on the day, with all proceeds going to the burns unit at Westmead Children's Hospital and Gosford Hospital," Mr MacLean said.
"This will be the fifth year that firefighters from the NSW Fire Brigade have run this event on the Central Coast in its commitment to the treatment and rehabilitation of sick children.
"We are looking forward to a fun day and encourage everybody to come along and support a good cause."
**Press Release, 1 Sep 2007
Bill MacLean, NSW Fire Brigade**

Bunnies make grand final

The Umina Beach Bunnies Rugby League Football Club has claimed the Central Coast Division Club Championships for the first time since 1983.
Both the first grade and under-19s claimed the minor premiership with 26 points on the table.
Second grade finished runners-up in their division with 29 points, losing out on the top spot by one point.
The under-17s missed out on a spot in the top five by a single point on the table.
Club president Mr Ian Sonter

said the results this year did not come easily to the club.
"This is the culmination of a lot of hard work by many people especially those who fought long and hard to have to have The Bunnies re-admitted into the competition in 2004," Mr Sonter said.
Umina first grade will play in the grand final at Woy Woy oval next Sunday, September 23.
Mr Sonter said it would be great to see all the supporters at the grand final next weekend.
Clare Graham, 14 Sep 2007

Five Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union teams made it to the grand finals recently.
"We wrapped up our season with five teams out of a possible seven teams fighting their way to the grand finals on September 8 at Blue Tongue Stadium," said club secretary Ms Denise Stokie.
"Our Under-12s' team played against Warnervale at the curtain raiser to the Central Coast

Club makes five rugby grand finals

Rays game on Friday night and proceeded to become the Central Coast Under-12 Premiers beating Warnervale 19 to 8.
"On a very wet and windy Saturday, the Under-13s, Under-14s, Under-16s and Under-17s, all only narrowly lost their respective grand finals."
Ms Stokie said this season the club fielded over 220 players in 12 teams from Under-7s to Under-17s.

"We have had over 30 Central Coast representative players with four players, Jordan Nikora, Bennett Leslie, Chad Walsh and Danny Leslie going on to Country Representative teams," Ms Stokie said.
**Press release, 12 Sep 2007
Denise Stokie, Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union Club**

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Judo club hosts Japanese student

Woy Woy Judo Club has hosted a visit by an Okayama Judo Renmei student.

Takuma Nishimura, who is 16 years old, arrived on August 1 after a two-week stay with the Ohori Judo Club in Queensland.

"Both Ohori and Woy Woy Judo Club have close ties with the Kurozumi Kyo Temple in Okayama having been involved in Goodwill Visits for many years," said Woy Woy Judo Club secretary Ms Lindy Simmons.

Takuma's mother and younger sister accompanied him for a few days in Woy Woy before returning home.

"Mrs Nishimura who teaches calligraphy, was keen to show the different styles of Japanese writing," Ms Simmons said.

"One night after dinner at the home of Sensei Danny Simmons, Mrs Nishimura laid out her paper and inks and encouraged the family to write their names in Kanji.

"Over the next three weeks, Takuma would home stay with four of the students who visited Okayama in April this year.

"Arrangements had been made for him to attend Brisbane Waters Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus in the first week.

"Whilst on campus, he was assisted by students and Judo Club members, Rebecca Steward and Kayla Wells.

"He enjoyed himself very much, especially the football games at lunchtime.

"He made many friends and was invited to a birthday party by one of the college students."

Ms Simmons said that in the

second week it was off to Umina Campus with Jordan Smith and Kieren Handley.

"Umina at this time was also hosting a visit from students from Tokyo so they were able to get an idea of what the Japanese students do from two main areas of Japan," Ms Simmons said.

"When not at school, Takuma who is a Sho Dan (first degree black belt) trained at Woy Woy Judo Club on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights.

"Thursday nights, Sensei Danny took Takuma and two other students to Budokan Judo Club at Castle Hill in order to broaden his training.

"Weekends were taken up with local football games, squash, ice hockey, a visit to Darling Harbour and shopping at Erina and Tuggerah."

Ms Simmons said Takuma is studying to be a doctor, specialising in heart surgery and had "plenty of study books and assignments to complete".

"He has been studying English for four years and Mandarin for two years," Ms Simmons said.

"At the end of this year, he will start university."

Ms Simmons thanked Woy Woy Judo Club, acting principal Mrs Pam McCallister at Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, Mr Mark Rae and Mrs Diedre Fletcher at Brisbane Waters Secondary College Umina Campus and The Glades Motor Inn for accommodating Takuma during his stay.

**Press release, 7 Sep 2007
Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club**

Swim centre re-opens

A swim and fitness centre at Daley's Point has re-opened and under new management.

Finnz Swim and Fitness Centre fulfills a need in our local community for a quiet and personalised environment for people of all ages to come for their aquatic needs, according to owner Ms Belinda Lee Male.

"Many of the elderly local residents have been eagerly waiting the Finnz re-opening, as they cannot find another centre that meets their needs like ours.

"The families that use Finnz enjoy the easy parking facilities and safe secure environment we provide for

their precious children.

"With fitness being so important to continuing good health, Finnz is branching out to cater for exercise equipment and a personalised trainer employed full-time to design programs that are right for individuals."

Ms Lee Male said that Tai Chi and Pilates class would also be an offer at Finnz.

"The centre is now bigger and brighter with lovely lounge area and cafe style seating," Ms Lee Male said.

**Press release, 13 Aug 2007
Belinda Lee Male, Finnz Swim and Fitness Centre**

Chosen to coach US college rugby

Woy Woy resident Mr Ross Hopkins has been chosen to coach a US college rugby union side at the end of the month.

Mr Hopkins will be travelling to the United States on September 18 to coach a minimum of four games for the University of Wisconsin rugby football club in Madison.

Mr Hopkins has been involved in coaching the Woy Woy Lions since 1998 and took the first grade to consecutive finals in 2004 and 2005.

He has also coached the Central Coast senior representative men's side to consecutive State Championships in 2005 and 2006 and was forwards coach of the Central Coast Waves in 2006.

Mr Hopkins said he is thrilled about the opportunity to travel overseas.

"The college is flying me over and putting me up," Mr Hopkins said.

"They want me to try and improve their standing in the Midwest College Competition."

Clare Graham, 14 Sep 2007

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