

Leisure Centre fights copyright increases

The Peninsula Leisure Centre has asked Gosford Council for financial support to fight increases to copyright charges in the fitness industry.

The increase could see the centre's fees rise from \$2500 a year to \$45,000 a year.

The leisure centre has told Council that the Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA) had applied to the Copyright Tribunal of Australia to increase the fees paid by health clubs for the right to play music during group fitness classes.

In a report to Council, the leisure centre stated that there were two bodies collecting tariffs for the public playing of music, with the PPCA representing the performers of music and the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) representing the songwriters.

It stated that both groups collect money from places playing and performing music which included health clubs, aerobics classes, cafés, registered clubs, hotels and any public performance facility.

The report stated that the increase would have a "substantial affect on operational performance and the industry".

It stated that this would not only

affect the Woy Woy centre and Gosford Olympic Pool, but other council and Gosford area public facilities.

Fitness Australia, the regulatory body for the health and fitness industry, was fighting the proposed increases and had established a task force called "Operation Music" to represent the industry.

The group was looking for financial support from gyms, health clubs and organisations.

The report to council stated that if the application was successful to the Copyright Tribunal by the PPCA it was "very likely" that APRA would also make application to increase its fees in line with the agreement.

It stated: "If the PPCA and APRA are successful we will have to reassess the pricing of our memberships and classes to cover the increased cost".

"A further option would be to reduce the services we offer that are affected by the tariffs.

"Council's obligation is only this initial contribution.

"Further contributions will be reviewed as needed."

The leisure centre said the funding could be absorbed by the existing PLC and Gosford Olympic Pool budget.

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The mobile police station

Mobile police station unveiled

A new mobile police station has been unveiled which will be used by officers on the Central Coast to target "areas such as Woy Woy".

Police Minister Mr David Campbell and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews visited Woy Woy Police Station recently to inspect the new mobile station which would be operated by police from the Brisbane Water Local Area Command.

"Whenever crime flares in a particular area, police will be able to use this mobile police station to focus officers on the problem," Mr Campbell said.

"This \$100,000 mobile station will be a base for police targeting crime and anti-social behavior

around areas including parks and local shopping centres.

"Police from Brisbane Water LAC are doing a great job driving down crime and they will be able to continue those efforts with this new vehicle.

"The NSW Government is committed to reducing anti-social and hooligan behavior as part of its commitments under the State Plan."

Ms Andrews said local police would be able to attack crime at the grass roots level and deter criminals by increasing police visibility.

"This is a great tool to help our local police get out to more areas in their command and deter crime," Ms Andrews said.

"The mobile facility comes equipped with a UHF police radio, mobile data terminal and interview room.

"I am committed to securing the resources local police need to keep the community safe."

Mr Campbell said the lemma Government was continuing to give NSW Police the equipment, resources and tough powers needed to drive down crime.

"Under the State Plan, we have set crime reduction targets, including a 10 per cent drop in violent crime and a 15 per cent drop in property crime, to be achieved by 2016."

**Press release, 2 Nov 2007
Member for Gosford
Ms Marie Andrews**

B-Doubles to use tip road

A B-Double application for carrying green waste from Woy Woy Landfill via Nagari Rd and Railway St has been approved by Gosford Council.

The application was necessary to allow for an increase in the standard gross mass limit of the

vehicle from 50 tonnes to the higher mass limit of 55.5 tonnes.

Council's Traffic Committee stated that the increase to the gross mass would reduce the number of heavy vehicle movements in the Woy Woy area.

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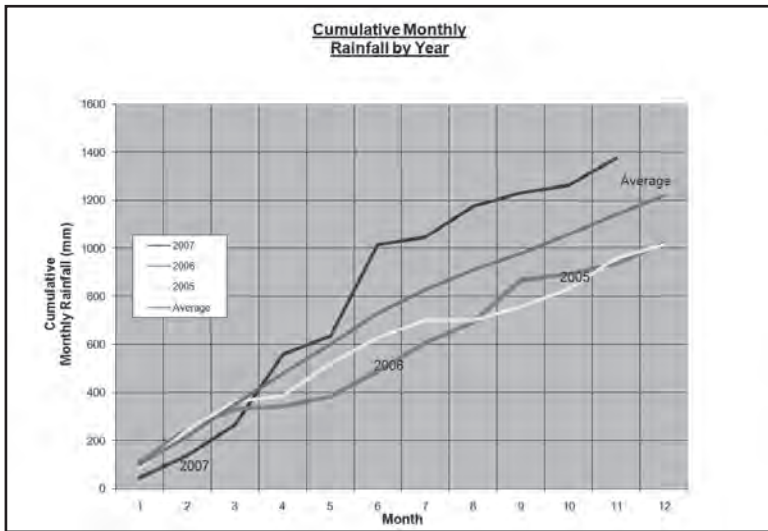
Rainfall on the Peninsula in the first nine days of November has already passed the monthly average and almost made up for the shortfall in October.

It keeps total rainfall for the year-to-date more than 20 per cent above average.

A total of 113.6mm fell in the first nine days of the month, compared to the monthly average of 83mm, according to figures supplied by Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

The 30mm surplus for the month goes two thirds of the way to making up the October shortfall of 45.5mm compared to average, with three weeks of the month still to come.

Rain was recorded on six days so far this month, with four of the



days having rainfall of more than 20mm.

This month's rainfall brings the year's total to 1375mm, which is more than 20 per cent above the

average year-to-date rainfall for November of 1136.4mm.

Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2007

Council works

Gosford Council is currently conducting works in Umina, Woy Woy and Daleys Point.

Landscaping is currently taking place around both the Umina Beach and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Landscaping work is also taking place around the Woy Woy Library.

Pavement is being replaced on Fishermans Parade, Daleys Point, as part of a road reconstruction.

Press release, 6 Nov 2007
Karen Weber, Gosford Council

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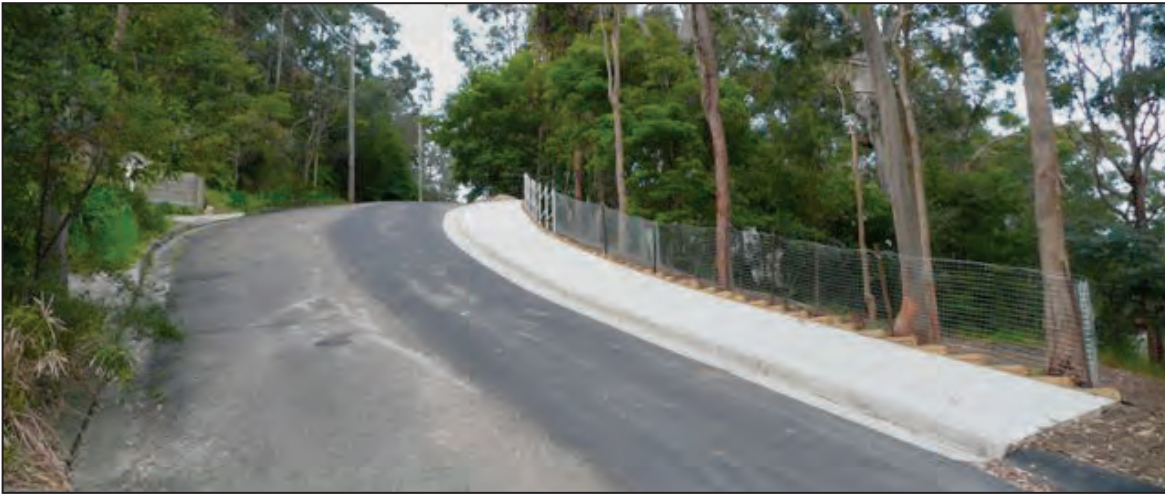
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A photo of the kerb and guttering in Jade Place, Pearl Beach

Complaint against kerb and gutter

Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams has lodged a formal complaint with Gosford Council about it allowing kerb and guttering on a recently-approved development, contrary to Council's policy for the area.

Ms Williams said that Council should not have agreed to a "consent order" which included the kerb and gutter, when it contravened council's policy for the area.

The consent order was granted in the Land and Environment Court after a landowner lodged an appeal against the council's refusal of a subdivision application.

The terms of the order were negotiated between the landowner and the council.

Ms Williams said that council staff had claimed that the Land and Environment Court had ordered the work.

"The result is an absurd piece of concrete over-kill in an environmentally sensitive area, which has cost the owner

tens of thousands of dollars," Ms Williams said.

"The kerbing and guttering and concrete paving also contravenes the Land and Environment Court order that the works should not affect adjacent properties as there is no management of the water gathered up by the concrete structure and directed downhill.

"What is more worrying still is that it now attracts people to use the path then forces them at its termination out onto a blind corner, into any oncoming traffic."

Ms Williams said the community was outraged about the structure and stated that council was "blaming the Land and Environment Court".

"We are calling on council to provide evidence they properly briefed the court, and to make efforts to reduce the adverse

impacts both visually and from a safety point of view," Ms Williams said.

"We also want the visual impact of the works softened by native plantings in the footpath, the rock and obstruction at the blind corner removed and the drainage onto properties addressed."

Council's legal officer Mr Alan Ford said council had refused the application and had fought it all the way to the Land and Environment Court.

Mr Ford said council argued against the subdivision.

"At court we defended our position and then we took the matter further to the judge on a point of law," Mr Ford said.

Mr Ford said he would provide Ms Williams with a copy of the courts determination on the matter.

Lyle Stone, 9 Nov 2007

Chamber told to negotiate

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has been told to negotiate with Central Coast Taxis regarding a taxi rank on the western side of Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach.

Gosford Council's Traffic Committee report has stated that the chamber again asked that the taxi rank be repositioned to the old post office site or that the current rank be reduced in length so that it caters for a maximum of three taxis.

The committee stated that it was "of the firm opinion that the taxi rank is correctly located to the south of Ocean View Rd".

It stated that: "In response to the Chamber's request for the taxi rank to be reduced in length, Central Coast Taxis have advised that it is essential to retain the

existing length of the rank to cater for the taxi demand in this area, particularly of an evening".

"The police advise that from past experience, night-time only taxi ranks located in the vicinity of licensed premises have proven ineffective.

"Continual problems arose because motorists continually failed to observe the signposted late night hours on the taxi rank, resulting in constant after hours enforcement difficulties.

"Therefore, the 24 hours taxi rank should be retained."

The committee stated that there would "appear to be some benefit" in the Chamber further discussing this matter with Central Coast Taxis.

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Leave article shows lack of understanding

The article "Holiday Campus" in the Express Advocate of November 2 stated that staff at Umina Campus had 1505 days of leave without pay during 2006.

It also stated that this had resulted in cancelled classes, students sitting in the playground and teachers taking classes for which they are not qualified.

The actual situation is far different.

The 1505 days of leave without pay includes several categories.

Four teachers left the school before the 2006 school year commenced and took leave to go overseas, move interstate, prepare for retirement or try a new career.

They were replaced by full time trained teachers from the start of the year.

Their leave had no impact on the provision of education for our students.

They account for about 50 per cent of these days.

The rest is largely made up of staff who have opted to work three or four days per week in most cases to raise young families.

Such arrangements occur in all schools and facilitate the retention

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of quality teachers, making a valuable contribution in the public education system.

Arrangements are made at the start of the school year.

Timetables are framed to cater for this and again no classes are affected because of it.

Articles such as this are upsetting for school communities, especially when they do not reflect the true picture through a lack of understanding of the data being used.

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champions in lawn bowls defeating several selective sports high schools in these competitions.

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Our performing arts achievements at each campus have been sensational, backed by students from our vocational education entertainment production crew who perform at industry standard.

Our students have excelled at regional performing arts productions and our combined campus performers scooped the pool at the recent National Kool Schools Competition.

All of this - and lots more - has been made possible by a dedicated staff who provide an amazing array of opportunities for our students, much of which is done in their own time.

They deserve recognition for the great work they are doing in helping to develop the enormous talents of students in our local community.

Frank Gasper
Umina Campus principal
Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Abstain from sugar and fluoride

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medication and then at regular intervals afterwards.

If this is thought to be too expensive, then surely the testing of urine samples to check the amount of fluoride in the body should not be too costly.

At present we have no Australian research.

Since we are to have this fluoride inside our body, we are surely entitled to know just what effect it will have on all parts of our body.

Gosford could be the first authority to set up this research.

Absorbing fluoride into our bodies in varying amounts, dependent on how much water we drink is surely a very serious matter.

We will receive even more fluoride if we use our water on our vegetable gardens and do we know the effect this chemical has on the soil and on our native plants and animals?

If Gosford Council is really interested in our health I would have thought that a program telling us to abstain from too much sugar would be far more beneficial to our teeth and our general health but perhaps the sugar industry is too powerful an opponent.

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Worse than flat beer

Yes, we have all seen flat beer before, except this is actually our filthy drinking water.

Gosford Council's public officer would be familiar with all the spin used to sidestep the elephant in the room.

Many councillors over years have allowed a deterioration of our water reticulation system while they stood by and did nothing.

Friends in South Woy Woy have

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brought this to my attention directly, because local and state reps have been useless for 20 years on the subject of our under-par water reticulation system.

I personally am very angry because I installed a fire hose 10 years ago, only to find when I needed it. It was made redundant because my lazy council had

simply reduced the water pressure from 120 PSI to about 75 PSI.

This is an attempt to prevent the hundreds of pipe ruptures which are a deserved embarrassment for councillors, and council management.

There are many things which we need before expensive beautification programs.

But none of these things will happen until all our politicians get used to the idea that they are there to do our bidding and spend our taxes the way we want, and not the way the parties want.

The Peninsula must have its broken down, worn out reticulation system brought up to the level of a first class system.

Waiting is no longer an option.

We want what we paid rates for.
Edward James
Umina

Aged high-rise won't work

The State Minister of Planning, Mr Sartor, wants to put the aged in high-rise buildings in Sydney.

Doesn't he know high-rise for the poor has failed everywhere in the world.

Locking the aged up in high-rise, where they will rot, frightened to venture out, where they know they will be bashed and robbed: This is far from a Christian solution, and the church should hang its head in shame that they devised such a money-grubbing plan.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

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Complaints about delivery truck

Gosford Council has resolved not to ban parking in an unnamed laneway between Uligandi St and Karingi St, Ettalong Beach, following a complaint about a newspaper delivery truck.

However, it may consider banning trucks from the laneway.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews told the council that access via the unnamed laneway was obstructed when trucks parked to load bulk supplies of newspapers from a residence on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ms Andrews asked that trucks be prohibited from parking in the laneway.

Ms Andrews made the request

on behalf of a local resident.

Council's Traffic Committee report stated that apart from enforcement difficulties, past experience had shown that any proposal to ban parking over an entire length of road for the purpose of resolving an isolated parking problem, generally results in "dissatisfaction from the majority of local residents".

Council has now resolved that the complainant be given the opportunity through Ms Andrews to provide evidence of the problem reported, times of occurrence and the support of other residents with access to the laneway for the suggested changes.

Council agenda Tr.07.100,
6 Nov 2007



The new canopy being constructed at Woy Woy Station

Canopy for station

RailCorp has announced the installation of a new \$150,000 platform canopy at Woy Woy station.

RailCorp media representative Ms Ciejay Leggett said the installation was part of a much larger canopy program taking place across the state.

"The installation of the canopy will have many benefits to commuters," Ms Leggett said.

"It will provide shelter and

protection from weather, be a useful tool and aid for the elderly, and provide greater security to commuters.

make the canopy is much more durable than in previous times."

Work for the new canopy is ongoing and a completion date has not been set.

Clare Graham, 9 Nov 2007

Dredging done this month

Dredging of the Ettalong Point Shoal is expected to be completed by the end of November, according to

Gosford Council Coastal and Estuary Committee member Dr Peter Freewater.

Dr Freewater recently provided an update on the status of the Review of Environmental Factors and discussions with the Department of Lands.

He said that the project was "on track" and was hopeful that the dredging would be completed by the end of November.

Council agenda CE.008,
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Bollards for Rocks Arcade

Several suggestions from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be included as part of the installation of bollards at the Rocks Arcade, Ettalong Beach.

At a meeting held on September 4, council deferred a Traffic Committee recommendation to install bollards in the area to provide a separate thoroughfare for pedestrians.

The recommendation also involved the provision of No Stopping signs at the northern end of the laneway to keep the area clear of parked vehicles.

One of the included suggestions was for a line painted on the ground to encourage pedestrians to stop and look before stepping behind a reversing car.

The word "Look Right" will be painted under the line.

The new bollards would not

extend past the wall so as not to impede the turning circle of cars parked behind the shops.

A "Shared Zone" sign will also be erected and a safety mirror considered for the area.

The post box will be removed to allow "clear and easy access and a turning circle" beside the new bollards.

Council agenda TR.07.78,
6 Nov 2007



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The Senate

Senate candidates who were located in the Robertson electorate were asked to provide 250 words on why residents of the Peninsula should vote for them.

Senate candidates, as they appear on the ballot, were Klaas Woldring and Paula Nadas.

Paula Nadas was unable to be contacted.

Lyle Stone, 11 Nov 2007



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Residents support

A group of 30 petitioners have asked council to retain the current lease at the Ettalong Beach Village.

Gosford Council recently received the petition from residents of the village, regarding the tender for a new lease of the village.

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Council agenda P.68, 30 Oct 2007

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The Robertson electorate

The Woy Woy Peninsula is wholly contained within the electoral division of Robertson.

The electoral area was named after New South Wales premier Sir John Robertson for 1816-1891.

According to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), Robertson covers an area of approximately 721 sq km.

This area stretches from the Hawkesbury River in the south, west to Wiseman's Ferry, north along the Gosford Council boundary to Mangrove Creek east by Warre Warren Creek and north east by high voltage power line alignment to the council boundary at a point in the very south east of Kulnura.

The boundary then extends east, following the council boundary to Lisarow, south along the main Northern Railway line to North Gosford, then east along Glennie St, Bradys Gully Rd, Clyde Rd,

Carlton Rd, The Entrance Rd, Willoughby Rd to Dover Rd alignment and Terrigal Lagoon to its mouth.

The main centres include Gosford, Terrigal, Woy Woy and Erina.

The AEC stated that the main products and industries for the area were tourism, retail, service industries, light manufacturing and processing.

It also includes citrus, vegetable and flower growing, along with poultry products.

The first elections for the area were held in 1900-1901.

The AEC rates the area as "provincial".

The 12th and current sitting member is Liberal Party Minister Mr Jim Lloyd, having won the seat from former Labor Party member Frank Walker in 1996.

The electoral area of Robertson was described by the AEC as "fairly safe Liberal".

In the two party preferred view, Mr Lloyd won the 2004 Federal Election with 56.81 per cent of the vote, giving Labor candidate Ms Trish Moran 43.19 per cent.

The electorate of Robertson was redistributed in 2006.

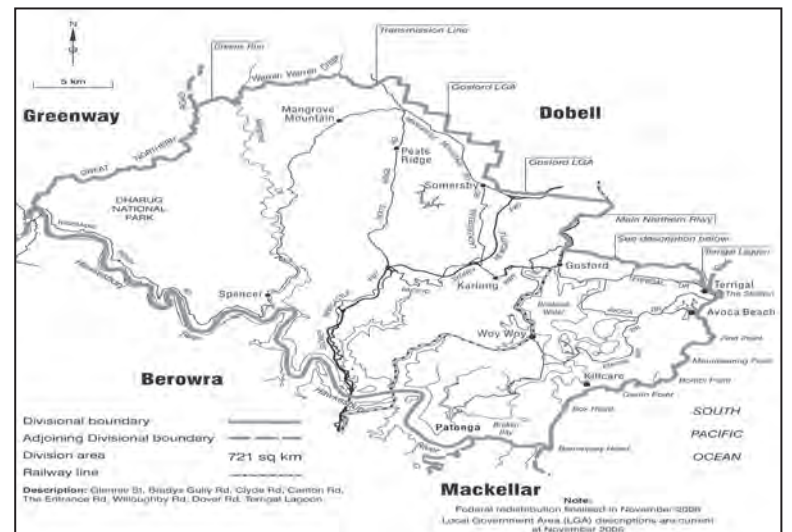
If voters in the post redistribution area voted on the same lines, the two party preferred results from the AEC show that the vote would now be 43.13 per cent to the Labor Party and 56.87 per cent to the Liberal Party, a further gain to the Liberal Party of 0.06 per cent.

In Robertson, 93,695 residents had enrolled to vote as of September 28, an increase of 8170 voters since the 2004 Federal Election.

In the 2004 Federal Election, 85,525 residents were enrolled to vote, with 95.38 per cent of those actually turning up to vote.

Of those who did vote, 4.39 per cent voted informally.

The candidates for Robertson in



A map showing the boundaries of the Federal Electorate of Robertson

this election, in the order that they will appear on the ballot paper, are Christian Democratic Party candidate George Grant, Family First candidate Daniel Le, Citizens Electoral Council candidate

Nicholas Tomlin, One Nation candidate Helen Ryan, Greens candidate Mira Wroblewski, Liberal candidate Jim Lloyd and Labor candidate Belinda Neal.

Lyle Stone, 9 Nov 2007

Choice of 14 booths

Voters will have the opportunity to choose from 14 different polling locations on and around the Peninsula when voting in this year's federal election.

Polling day for the federal election is Saturday, November 24.

All polling places on the Peninsula are open between 8am and 6pm.

Polling locations in the Woy Woy area include Woy Woy South Primary School, the South Woy Woy Progress Association, the Bays Community Hall and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus.

Umina Beach Primary School, Umina Beach Branch Library, Umina Uniting Church Community Centre and Brisbane Water Secondary College will also be

available for voters on the day.

Other locations around the Peninsula include Booker Bay Pre School, Ettalong Beach Primary School, Pearl Beach Community Centre, Killcare Bushfire Brigade, Pretty Beach Primary School, Empire Bay Public School and the Patonga Progress Association.

An early voting centre is available at Shop 2, 81 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, for any voter who

cannot make it to a polling place on election day.

The Woy Woy early voting centre is open on November 19 to 21 between 9am and 5pm, between 9am and 8pm on November 22 and between 9am and 6pm on November 23.

Voters travelling interstate on November 24 and who have not voted beforehand can vote at an interstate voting centre or AEC

divisional office.

The Peninsula polling locations were current at the time Peninsula News went to print.

It is suggested the AEC website www.aec.gov.au be checked closer to Election Day to confirm polling locations.

Press release, 9 Nov 2007
Australian Electoral Commission

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Local candidates

Candidates for the seat of Robertson were asked to provide 250 words on why residents of the Peninsula should vote for them.

Candidates were, as they appear on the ballot, George Grant, Christian Democratic Party, Daniel Le, Family First, Nicholas Tomlin, Citizens Electoral Council, Helen Ryan, One Nation, Mira Wroblewski, The Greens, Jim Lloyd, Liberal, and Belinda Neal, Labor.

Helen Ryan did not respond to the offer and Daniel Le was unable to be contacted.

Lyle Stone, 11 Nov 2007



Christian Democrats: George Grant

The Christian Democratic Party has endorsed George Grant as its candidate for Robertson.

George has lived on the Coast for the past 22 years and is a one-time resident of the Peninsula.

He says that he has seen many changes affecting the region that is home to a large proportion of the

Robertson voters.

Of particular concern is that crime, both petty and major, has risen to intolerable levels to a point where many citizens no longer feel safe in their own neighbourhood.

Although policing is a State issue, he believes that if elected, he will be able to ensure the State's promise for an expanded police presence will be kept – as too the major parties recent electoral promise of the installation of CCTV security surveillance as a deterrent to criminal activity.

As a Christian, George believes that Australia should maintain its Christian values and its focus on the Australian family.

George believes that future government policies should be assessed on three things: Are they in-keeping with our Christian heritage? Are they good for families, pensioners and the disadvantaged? Are they good for the community?

He is concerned with some of the policies of other parties such as The Greens that would restrict some of Christian freedoms, that advocate that same sex relationships be equal to those who are married, and regard euthanasia as a fundamental human right.

George Grant
Christian Democratic Party

Citizens Electoral Council: Nick Tomlin

Nick Tomlin is one of 95 candidates contesting this election for the Citizens Electoral Council.

Nick, Alison and their two children live on the Central Coast from where he runs his own fire

protection, security and alarm system business.

He is also an owner-builder, a trainee gyrocopter pilot and computer programmer, a student of the violin, a blood donor and helps out whenever he can at the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the gyro club.

He believes emergency action must be taken to protect the people of the Central Coast and all Australians from the hyperinflationary rises in living costs as a result of the ever-increasing sub-prime mortgage crisis in the US.

His party has philosophical association with American physical economist Lyndon LaRouche who forecast as early as 1994 that the world financial and monetary system would collapse in the near term.

LaRouche is pushing the US Congress to implement the Homeowners and Banking Protection Act 2007.

In Australia, the Citizens Electoral Council is also proposing "firewalls", legislation to protect the people from evictions, and farmers from a mass exodus of the rural sector.

The party has campaigned for years for the re-establishment of a national bank of credit to fund fixed low-interest long-term loans for investment into getting Australia's rural and manufacturing industries producing again and for building the desperately-needed infrastructure in water, transportation, communication, health and education.

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Nick Tomlin
Citizens Electoral Council



Greens: Mira Wroblewski

I'm a self-employed natural therapist with a Bachelors Degree in Applied Science and over 10 years' experience as a hospital scientist.

I moved to the Central Coast in 2003 because of its natural beauty.

Overdevelopment is a major issue on the Peninsula.

Massive donations by real estate developers to both major

parties have resulted in a planning system that is biased against the community.

I believe that the urban and regional built environments will continue to degrade unless there is an overhaul of the current laws, codes and practices.

This will not be possible until there is a complete ban on developer donations to political parties.

Residents of the Peninsula, and local commuters, have spoken to me about the increasing problems with traffic in the area and poor public transport.

I will campaign strongly for affordable public transport and

extending concession fares and integrated ticketing.

The Greens have consistently lobbied the NSW Labor Government to maintain and expand the CountryLink Rail service and increase funding for rail safety and maintenance.

I believe this will help residents of the Peninsula by reducing traffic congestion and make commuting by train more efficient and more pleasant.

I am strongly opposed to Australian Workplace Agreements because they reduce workers' conditions and wages.

I am a strong supporter of public

health and public education.

I started a local group of Rural Australians for Refugees and I continue to campaign for the just treatment of refugees in Australia.

I have been an outspoken opponent of the war in Iraq.

I will promote the Greens' environmental, social and economic policies because they ensure a safe and sustainable future for our children.

I believe that a strong Greens presence in the Senate is vital to protect our environment, workers' rights and social justice.

Mira Wroblewski
Greens candidate for Gosford

Liberal: Jim Lloyd

At this election there is a clear choice about the future of the Peninsula – continue moving ahead with an experienced team who will put Robertson first, or see more Labor control and a government dominated by unions who put themselves first.

It's important to think about the best way to continue to get things done in our local area.

I am very proud of the positive results I have achieved for the people of Robertson, including more than \$80 million to construct the missing link pipeline to secure the Central Coast's long-term water supply and over \$200 million for local roads – including the F3.

I have a clear plan for the future of the Peninsula, which includes:

- \$1 million study into a direct link from the Peninsula to the F3

This link would be of great benefit

to Peninsula residents and has been talked about for many years.

It is time that action was taken on this visionary project.

- \$4.5 million to clean Peninsula water

This money will assist Gosford City Council to fix the problem of dirty water on the Peninsula.

It is simply unacceptable that Peninsula residents have had to suffer with this problem for so long.

- \$800,000 to install CCTV cameras on the Peninsula

CCTV cameras will be installed

at Woy Woy, Ettalong, Umina, Patonga, Terrigal and Kincumber CBDs.

Petty street crime and vandalism remain one of the biggest concerns that is raised with me on a daily basis.

All of these things will make the Peninsula an even better place to live.

I have a clear and achievable plan for the future of the Peninsula but to make that plan a reality, I need your support at this election on November 24.

Jim Lloyd
The Liberal Party



Labor: Belinda Neal

As a part of Kevin Rudd's team, I will be working hard to make sure the people of Robertson have a strong voice in Canberra.

Kevin Rudd and I represent new ideas for the Central Coast with a range of initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for Central Coast working families and seniors.

A Rudd Labor Government will deliver:

Generous tax cuts including new a education rebate for families with school aged children

An increase to child care rebates

to \$7500 per year to help working families meet the cost of child care

Closed circuit television cameras for Ettalong, Woy Woy and Umina to help curb petty crime and anti-social behaviour

A fair work place by rolling back John Howard's extreme WorkChoices that have disadvantaged Central Coast families

Increased senior's benefits through a \$500 per year utilities allowance available as quarterly payments and by increasing the annual telephone allowance to \$132 per year

A new GP Super Clinic for the

Central Coast

Every high school with the opportunity to become a trades training centre

Financial incentives and opportunities for people buying their first home and people renting

Grants for local representative sports teams who are required to travel to other regions to compete

\$2.5 billion health reform package including a dental health package that would stop the blame game between the State and Commonwealth Governments

Reduced green house gas emissions and a plan to combat climate change

These are just some of Kevin Rudd's policies that will benefit the Peninsula and there will be more announcements before the election.

Jim Lloyd has had 11 years to fix our problems while he also voted in favour of unfair and extreme workplace laws that have disadvantaged Central Coast families.

I am offering fresh ideas that will keep our economy strong and moving forward together with a better deal for Peninsula residents.

Belinda Neal
The Labor Party

Petition presented for radiotherapy unit

The Central Coast Regional Advocacy Network will present Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews with a petition on Monday, November 12, for a public radiotherapy unit on the Central Coast.

The petition will be presented to Ms Andrews at Woy Woy Hospital. Network facilitator Ms Kathy Smith said the petition would ask the NSW Legislative Assembly to fund the public radiotherapy unit.

"This petition has been conducted by the Central Coast Regional Advocacy Network who have been actively campaigning for such facilities for quite some time," Ms Smith said.

"Early this year we asked local

residents to forward emails to the NSW Minister Assisting the Minister of Health (Cancer) requesting that a public radiotherapy unit be located on the Central Coast.

"Shortly after this began, the Minister called for a meeting with Regional Advocacy Network members along with Ms Andrews, the CEO of the Cancer Institute, the Director of Statewide Planning – Department of Health, a representative of the Minister for the Central Coast and others."

Ms Smith said the meeting took place on June 28.

"In August, it was felt that reporting on progress of undertakings made at that meeting was not forthcoming and, as a consequence, we began conducting a petition requesting that the NSW Legislative Assembly

provide funding for a public radiotherapy unit for the Central Coast," Ms Andrews said.

"The Central Coast community, many of whom did not realise there weren't public facilities on the Coast, have really come out in favour of this petition with many people contacting us asking for copies for them to distribute themselves."

"The public has really been motivated to take action and give us their support."

Ms Smith said Ms Andrews had been a "staunch supporter" of the campaign and had assisted the network in its goal to have the facilities available for the Cancer patients of the Central Coast.

Press release, 7 Nov 2007
Kathy Smith, Central Coast Regional Advocacy Network

Plan cannot be enforced, says Minister

Sections of the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management do not have to be enforced, according to the Minister of Lands.

A statement from the Minister's Office said that, in practical terms, "no plan of management can commit any party to actions for which they do not have funding, expertise or resources".

The comment was in relation to the proposal for stabilisation works at Lance Webb Reserve, Ettalong Beach, which appeared in the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management.

Part of the plan states that the investigation of funding for the works would be high priority, while another includes the works as part of the overall plan.

According to the Minister's Office, any plan of management adopted under the Crown Lands Act was primarily to identify reserve values and needs, guide reserve management and to ensure that reserve use was consistent with the reserve's gazetted purpose and/or identified values/needs.

The Office stated that the need for beach nourishment and foreshore stabilisation was "well recognised" by both the department and Gosford Council.

The Office stated that it had ensured that the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management emphasised this.

It stated: "As a result, in implementing the plan, council is expected to make every effort to explore options for funding".

"Council has also committed to further studies to manage foreshore erosion in consultation with the Coast and Estuary Committee, which is currently developing an Estuary Process Study."

The Office stated that council was expected to develop a regular program of sand nourishment.

It stated that part of the program's

development would be the identification of funding sources.

It stated: "The Crown Lands Act does not provide specific powers to direct reserve trustees except in regard to administration issues and use of revenue derived from a reserve."

Council's manager of engineering services Mr John Cragg confirmed that all current funding available for works shown on the plan of management was required to be applied to the high priority works in the Town Beach Precinct, and not the Lance Webb Reserve Precinct, by virtue of the various sources of the funding.

"The funding available for works in the Town Beach Precinct, including that to be made available by the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, is approximately \$610,000," Mr Cragg said.

"Hence there is currently no funding for the major foreshore stabilisation works on the Lance Webb Reserve."

Mr Cragg said council was in the process of seeking to multiply the funding already available for works in the Town Beach Precinct by obtaining government grants, such as that available from the Australian Government under the Regional Partnerships Programme.

"In lodging its submission for Regional Partnerships Programme funding for works in the Town Beach Precinct, it is also intended to seek a funding grant to engage the coastal engineer referred to in the quotation taken from the plan of management," Mr Cragg said.

"In the event of council being offered a grant, the engineer engaged would not only be required to design the wave dissipation structure, but to also identify the trigger points for cyclic renourishment proposed under the plan of management."

Lyle Stone, 26 Oct 2007

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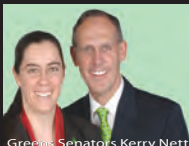
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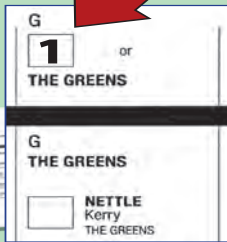
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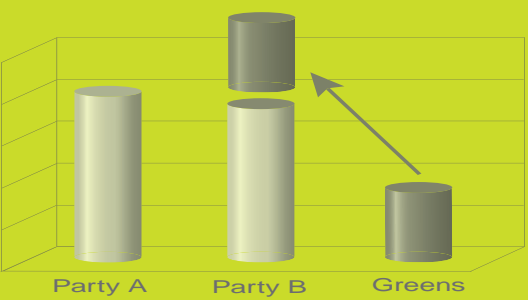
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Get some perspective

Trade unionists are pro-business

What has Prime Minister Howard and the Liberal Party got against tradesmen?

I am a tradesman and like tens of thousands of tradesmen across the country we work hard for our employers, and often side by side with our employers, whether they are a small company or a multinational.

We recognise that the best system for all is one where everyone is a winner.

What the PM is somehow doing is trying to convince the rest of Australia that because we ask a union to represent us, to give us a stronger voice and to look after our interests, we are somehow militant thugs.

Much has been made of the recent case of Joe McDonald in WA and his language on a construction site.

Well let me inform you that he is a representative of a construction union where men are men and we tell it like it is.

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If the Liberal Party want to denigrate the working men of Australia, let them do so at their own risk.

It is time the Labor Party stood up for the workers as it once did.

The only support unions seem to be getting publicly is from The Greens.

I am not a member of Joe McDonald's union but I am a union member and proud of it.

And last time I asked, my family did not consider my membership in a trade union as being in partnership with the devil.

Trade unionists are not anti-business.

We are pro-business but we have morals and rights that mean something even if profit is not our number one priority like the Liberal Party want us to think.

Ross Cochrane
Woy Woy

Work Choice defence based on abuse not facts

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competition and close scrutiny had won funding as an Australian Research Council "linkage project".

Linkage projects are specifically designed to encourage collaborations between university and industry.

In other words, half the projects funding is coming from the Federal Government.

Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop previously stated: "When an independent organisation invests in an ARC-supported research program, it can be confident that it is committing its hard earned dollars not only to a worthwhile project, but to a project undertaken by some of Australia's best researchers."

The Australia@Work research project Hockey and Costello so unthinkingly trashed as a big deal is a valuable and all too rare longitudinal study, tracking the work experience of more than 8000 workers for five years, at an estimated total cost of \$2.4 million.

The latest trick for Workplace Authority chief Barbara Bennett was writing to researchers in recent months denying access to samples of people's individual AWA contracts citing privacy. Access to information is a fundamental principle in industrial relations.

Ms. Bennett's predecessor, Peter McIlwain, gave evidence to a Senate committee last year that 40 per cent of Workchoices AWA's stripped entitlements to public holidays; 52 per cent reduced

shift loadings and 63 per cent cut penalty rates.

The unmandated Workchoices is eroding into protections for working people.

As Workchoices advertising to date has hit \$121 million, working Australians who have been disadvantaged by these laws, are also the taxpayers who have been ripped off by these ads.

The appendix of the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) details that \$66 million has been spent on the second wave of Work Choices advertising since earlier this year.

The fairness test only served to remind Australians how unfair his laws were.

ACTU figures recently released show Workchoices worsens women's pay gap.

The Government's unfair laws have particularly hurt women.

AWA contracts with women on AWAs only earning 81 cents for every dollar earned by men, women on collective agreements faring better, earning 90 cents for every dollar earned by men.

Teenage workers on AWAs are over 20 per cent worse off, then those on collective agreements.

John Howard sends us back to the future pre-1830s and on towards feudalism.

In a democracy, it's your vote that counts.

In feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

Mike Hudson
Umina Beach

Environment neglected

Many of us lucky enough to live on the Central Coast feel the needs of our wonderful environment have been disgracefully neglected over the last decade.

I'm glad to see that Kevin Rudd is showing leadership on this critical issue, especially proposing better

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deals for water tanks and solar heating systems and alternative energy.

At last!

This set of policies has my vote!

Jane Marceau
Wagstaff

Fund existing roads

Does anyone on the Central Coast take seriously Jim Llyod's kite-flying exercise about a new link road from woy Woy to the F3?

Six weeks out from an election, we're asked to believe there'll be

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another Mooney Mooney bridge and a 10km road carved through the Brisbane Water National Park to serve residents of the Peninsula.

It's billion dollar nonsense that would never gain approval or funding.

Let's not spend a million on a feasibility study when we know the result, and instead spend it on actual roads.

If you had done that for the last 10 years, Jim, you wouldn't need to make these desperate undeliverable promises in your last days in the job?

Brad Morris
Ettalong Beach

How long will it take?

I should like to respond to Ross Cochrane's of Woy Woy letter.

Firstly J Howard's Government is not responsible for the state of our public hospitals and transport system.

They are the responsibility of the NSW. Government (ie Labor Party) which, over the years, has had control.

And look what a mess they've

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made of it.

Now if that party gets up at the next election, how long is going to be before they do it to Australia as a whole.

Andy Palmer
Umina Beach

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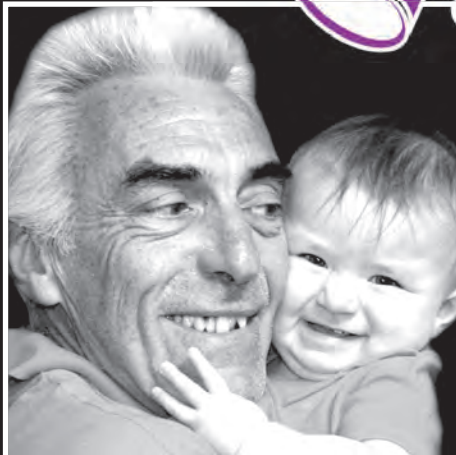
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"The Woy Walkers"

Walking group for vision impaired

A new walking group for people who are vision impaired has begun walks from Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy.

The "Woy Walkers", supported by Vision Australia, meet every Saturday morning from 7.15am at the wharf for a 7.30am start.

The group walks northwards and returns at 8.30am.

"Those who have time have a coffee afterwards," recreational coordinator Ms Nathalie Gatt said.

"This successful activity has proven very enjoyable for all concerned.

"It is part of Vision Australia's latest initiative to provide those people who are blind or have low vision with access to and participation in a wider range of

leisure activities.

Walkers and volunteers are welcome to join the group."

For more information, telephone Jacky North at Vision Australia on 4325 3686.

Press release, 6 Nov 2007

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Peninsula yoga has introduced "Yoga on the Beach" over summer.

"The classes have already begun with a positive response and attendance has been good so far," facilitator Mr John Wilson said.

"The classes are held on the southern end of Umina Beach, near the Berrima Crescent car park (kiddies corner).

"All the yoga postures have been modified to suit beach conditions."

Mr Wilson said the instructor was fully qualified and insured and the program approved by Gosford Council.

"It is a great way to start the day and tune into nature while gently exercising and moving the body with the back drop of beautiful Umina Beach," Mr Wilson said.

"Yoga exercises the body, relaxes the mind and calms the breath."

Mr Wilson said classes were suitable for people of all ages and levels of fitness.

Yoga on the beach

Beach yoga is held every Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 7am.

Each class runs for one hour, cost is \$10 per person.

Mr Wilson said more classes will be offered if demand requires.

Participants need to bring a water bottle and a large beach towel.

Press release, 9 Nov 2007

John Wilson, Yoga on the Beach

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Health



Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal speaking with local residents

Candidate attends bulk billing meeting

Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal attended a public meeting on health issues at the Woy Woy Leagues Club on Monday, November 5.

Save Medicare and Retain Total

Bulk Bill Services (SMARTS) secretary Mr Chris Osborne said that all candidates for the seat of Robertson were invited to address the meeting.

He said only Ms Neal attended, with an apology from Greens candidate Mira Wroblewski, who had suffered a weekend injury.

"Local Liberal member Jim Lloyd did not reply to the invitation," Mr Osborne said.

Items discussed at the meeting included the issue of more doctors for the Central Coast and the reinstatement of the National Dental Health Scheme.

"What people don't realise is that the supply of doctors in a region has a direct impact on bulk billing rates, and the ability of those doctors to take on new patients", Mr Osborne said.

"A lack of adequate numbers of GPs also means long waiting lists for appointments, closed books for new patients, and overcrowding at local emergency departments of our public hospitals".

Mr Osborne said there were indications that bulk billing rates would start to fall again over the next 12 months because the

Medicare rebate had not risen significantly enough to cover doctor's costs, so local GPs may be forced to start introducing surcharges for pensioners, similar to what happened in 1999.

"It is also a fact that the Federal Government controls the numbers of funded places for medical students in Universities, and the number of service provider numbers that are released annually", Mr Osborne said.

"All of these factors contribute to the undersupply of doctors in the crucial rural and provincial regions like the Central Coast."

SMARTS was originally set up in 1999, and was active up to 2001, based mainly in the Hunter, but also held rallies on the Central Coast, campaigning to arrest the decline in bulk billing rates.

The group was reformed a few months ago due to a continuing concern over the lack of GPs in the Central Coast and Hunter regions, and to lobby for the reinstatement of the National Dental Health Scheme for pensioners and low income earners.

Press release, 6 Oct 2007
Chris Osborne, SMARTS

Grants promised for practice nurses

Practice nurses could be working in GP practices on the Peninsula with the extension of grants for their employment, according to the Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd welcomed the announcement by the Prime Minister that a re-elected Coalition Government would extend the grants currently available.

Nurses working in GP practices, practice nurses, are a critical part of the Coalition's plan for a "stronger and more prosperous Australia", said Mr Lloyd.

Practice nurses have joined general practitioners at the front line of health prevention and primary care, delivering services including immunisation, pap smears, antenatal checks and chronic disease management, he said.

"I have been working for some time now with Federal Health Minister Tony Abbott to ensure that practice health nurses would be made available to GP practices on the southern end of the Central Coast", Mr Lloyd said.

"In addition I would like to congratulate the Central Coast

Division of General Practice for their strong support and representations in assisting to secure this important initiative."

Until this announcement, grants to employ practice nurses were only available for the northern half of the Central Coast.

Under the new grant, the Peninsula would be included in employing practice nurses to all GP practices.

Along with practice nurses, the Prime Minister also announced that a re-elected Coalition Government would, for the first time, make funding available for practice nurses to visit older Australians, Veterans and war widows and widowers at home.

This initiative is expected to provide 800,000 home visits by practice nurses over the next four years.

Funding will also be available for practice nurses to visit, at home, younger patients deemed by their GP to be frail.

"The Coalition Government is committed to building a better health system for the Central Coast", Mr Lloyd said.

Press release, 31 Oct 2007
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Dates set for cancer relay

The Cancer Council NSW has announced a date for next year's Peninsula Relay For Life.

The fundraising event will take place on March 15 and 16 at Oval one, Oval Ave, Woy Woy.

Early bird registration for those who pay before February 29 is \$11 per person.

Registrations from March 1 are \$15 per person.

This year's Peninsula Relay For Life raised a total of \$51,020.35 and around 410 local residents took part.

To register, visit www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/relay or phone 4325 5444.

Press release, 6 Nov 2007
Central Coast Relay For Life

Cooinda open day

Cooinda Village will be holding a fete and open day on Saturday, November 17.

The fete will run from 8.30am to 1.30pm at Cooinda Village, Neptune St, Umina.

The day will involve a sausage sizzle, white elephant stall, plants, books, craft, Devonshire tea, face

painting, chocolate wheel and cakes.

All monies raised will go towards the purchasing of specialized palliative care mattresses for the Jack Aldous Memorial Nursing Home at Peninsula Village.

Press release, 5 Nov 2007
Lisa Dalton, Peninsula Village

Psychic & Alternative Charity Fair on the Peninsula

Saturday 1st December - 9.30 am - 3.30pm - \$5.00 entry fee

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November exhibition

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery will be holding an exhibition during November featuring the latest work from Central Coast artist Graham Bryce.

Gallery directors Ms Jocelyn Maughan and Mr Robin Norling also have new works on display at the gallery during the month.

Mr Bryce has been a Fellow of the Royal Art Society for 20 years and is a member of the Australian Watercolour Institute.

Ms Maughan said Mr Bryce was a highly respected designer and illustrator and has worked professionally in London, Paris

and Australia.

"He paints in oils, acrylics and watercolours and the delightful landscape paintings are a testimony to his talents," Ms Maughan said.

"Our program of guest artists at Patonga is part of our philosophy to encourage and feature local talent and we enjoy the opportunity to discuss design drawing and compositions."

The gallery is located at 19 Bay St, Patonga, and is open Sundays between 11am and 3pm or by appointment on 43791102.

**Press release, 31 Oct 2007
Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga
Bakehouse Gallery**

A Peninsula artist's painting has surfaced in London almost 42 years after it was painted.

London resident Ms Olivia Brown was recently given a Jocelyn Maughan painting as a gift.

Ms Brown said she searched for the name "Jocelyn Maughan" on the internet out of curiosity and to find out where her painting was from.

In her search, Ms Brown came across the Peninsula News website.

Ms Brown contacted Peninsula News via email to gain further information on Ms Maughan.

"I [was] very intrigued to find out more about the painting and artist,"



Ms Brown said.

"The artwork is a very lovely oil painting on board of a young boy or girl, possibly a farm hand, wearing a hat.

"In my research I read that Jocelyn was born in NSW so it was probably unlikely to be the same lady, as I am based in the UK."

Peninsula News contacted Ms Maughan who was confident that the painting was her own work.

"It seems quite amazing that the lovely painting has found its way to sunny west London," Ms Brown said.

"The painting was dated 1966, so I imagine Jocelyn was just starting out."

Ms Brown said is now in contact with Ms Maughan to share each other's thoughts and ideas on the painting and to perhaps find out how the painting managed to get half way around the world.

Clare Graham, 8 Nov 2007

Christmas sale

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre's Christmas Exhibition and Sale will be held on Saturday, November 24 and Sunday, November 25.

The event will run from 9am to 4pm on the Saturday and 10am to 3pm on the Sunday at the Peninsula Community Centre, on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and

McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

A raffle will also be held in conjunction with the exhibition and sale with prizes including a large single size bed handmade patchwork quilt, a piece of art, a monster hamper of Christmas goods and \$60 gift voucher from Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

**Press release, 6 Nov 2007
Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts
Centre**

Pettibone at Troubadour

The Troubadour Central Coast folk club will be presenting the group Pettibone at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, on Saturday, November 24.

"I saw them at Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival where they stole the show, if not the whole festival," said club president Mr Bill Bekric.

"With banjo, clarinet, double bass, guitar and violin, the music was exceptional.

"They all do vocals and harmonies.

"The lead, a young lass called Jamie-Leigh is quite amazing.

"With a magnificent voice and stage charisma, she is an absolute delight."

General admission to the event is \$10, concession \$8 and members \$7.

"For this, you get the whole show and the Troubadour's famous supper during the interval," Mr Bekric said.

**Press release, 23 Oct 2007
Bill Bekric, Troubadour Central
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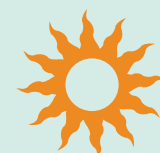
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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 8344

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

PBPCC, Pearl Beach-Patonga Chamber Of Commerce, (meets at) Pearl Beach Café, 1 Pearl Pde, Pearl Beach.

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 5905

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 4353 4224

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, **ESCC**,

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

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

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

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

MOW

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC Toastmasters**, 7.15pm, **EBWMC Combined Pensioners** assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESCC**

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, **ESCC** .

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**

CWA social day, 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192, **CWA**

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

Second Wednesday of every Month

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

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

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

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

Third Wednesday of every month

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

Fourth Wednesday of every month

Everglades **Probus Club**, 10am, **ECC**, enq: 4341 0664

Every Wednesday

St John's Ambulance; 7pm, **Meals on Wheels**

St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 6.30pm - 8pm, Enq: 0404 748 471.

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, **ESCC**

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

Oils & Acrylics 9am, **Pastels & Drawing** 11.30am, **EBACC**

Children's story time, Woy Woy library, 10.30 (Exc Jan).

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

Handicraft CWA, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

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

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

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, **ESCC**

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, **ESCC**, 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 **ESCC**

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

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm, enq:4343 1237

Alcoholics Anonymous 6pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.

Hardys Bay Community Church, **indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble, morning tea** 10am, enq 4363 1968.

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, **ESCC**, Enq: 4344 3131 / 4341 3222

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Fourth Sunday of every month

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

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

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 15th Oct - 15th Dec EBACC Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

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

TUESDAY

Every Tuesday

Folk Art, 9.30am, Silk Painting 1pm, 15th Oct - 15th Dec EBACC Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

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WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday

Oils & Acrylics, 9am, Pastels and Drawing 11.30am, 15th Oct - 15th Dec EBACC Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

THURSDAY

Every Thursday

Children's Art, 4.30pm, 15th Oct - 15th Dec EBACC Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

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FRIDAY

Every Friday

Watercolour Painting, 10am, 15th Oct - 15th Dec EBACC Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

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SATURDAY

Third Saturday of every month

Peninsula Residents' Association, 2pm, Peninsula Community Centre Cnr Ocean Beach Rd MacMasters Road

Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

Every Saturday

Children's Pottery, 9.30am, Silvercraft 1pm, 15th Oct - 15th Dec EBACC Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660

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Upcoming Events

November 16th - Woy Woy Public School Trivia Night

November 17th - Pearl Beach-Patonga Chamber of Commerce guest Jennifer Cooke (SMH crime reporter) 4pm, Pearl Beach Cafe, \$10.

November 17th - Coolinda Village fete and open day, 8.30am - 1.30pm

November 18th - Peninsula Leisure Centre birthday

November 24th 9am-4pm, 25th 10am-3pm - Annual Christmas Exhibition & Sale Enq: Penny Riley 4342 7660, EBACC

November 24th - Polling Day Fete, Ettalong Public School

December 19th - Carols-A-Glow night, Ettalong Public School, 6pm - 9pm.

The Hardy's Bay Residents Group is backing a rate rise in support of Gosford Council's Civic Infrastructure Strategy.

Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen attended a meeting of the group recently at the Community Church Hall, Hardys Bay, where he discussed the strategy.

The mayor was accompanied by director of city services Mr Stephen Glen, director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky, finance manager Mr Brian Shackleton and grants officer Ms Sharon Hutch.

The group's communication officer Mr Allan Wilson said the mayor and his council officers were invited to explain how the strategy operated, in which areas should the Hardy's Bay Residents Group work in liaison with the council when seeking funds and what support council would provide in achieving the grants.

"Cr Macfadyen advised that the strategy had been prepared, was now available for study on the council's website and had gone before council," Mr Wilson said.

"However, State Government approval was required to secure its implementation, since it was above the three per cent CPI level."

Mr Wilson said resident group president Mr Adrian Williams asked if his organisation could assist in "expediting a successful outcome" through working with the relevant authorities.

Mr Williams said he was mindful of a possible delay in necessary approval being granted for certain

projects, focusing in particular on the "vexing issue" of sediment and fine silt removal in the bay.

"The mayor recommended that the group should initially contact the Minister for Local Government and confirm its support of the Civic Infrastructure Strategy," Mr Wilson said.

"The mayor undertook to closely follow its consequent progress."

Mr Wilson said that a significant part of Cr Macfadyen's address focused on the Gosford City Centre Rejuvenation plans, strategies to further implement the region's water supply and determining priorities which reflected the community's vision for the Gosford Local Government area to the year 2025 as well as the strategy.

"Heading a comprehensive lineup of council responsibilities was the Civic Infrastructure Strategy, which is a set of 54 projects across the entire Gosford City local government arena," Mr Wilson said.

"Relating to sports, the environment, roads and traffic, culture and other areas, the projects will provide a catalyst for sustainable economic, social and community development into the future, with the purpose of benefiting future generations."

"According to an official fact sheet distributed at the meeting, Gosford Council is seeking to fund 33 of the Strategy's projects through a series of modest rate rises over the next five years."

"Under this proposed increase,

most people will be paying an extra \$201 on their rates in five years' time, with the consequent benefits obviously designed to comfortably justify this increase."

"Mr Pasternatsky noted that Gosford had been recognised as the 'regional capital of the Central Coast' and, accordingly, council had an obligation to 'lift' the city and its environs through the processes of the City Centre plan."

Mr Pasternatsky said priorities had been established which would include a Performing Arts and Convention Centre and a Gosford waterfront upgrading.

Mr Glen assured the meeting that the plans were "widely-embracing" and would also include coastal open spaces, traffic facilities and other areas such as a survey of the Brisbane Waters Plan of Management's sediment removal intent."

Press release, 4 Nov 2007

Allan Wilson,

Hardys Bay Residents Group

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Warming walk for Greens candidate

Greens candidate for Robertson Ms Mira Wroblewski joined the local Walk Against Warming in Woy Woy on Sunday, November 11, to express her commitment to a strong action on climate change.

Ms Wroblewski was also a guest speaker at the Climate Change Forum at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, following the march.

"The local community here has so much to lose if we don't make significant reductions in our greenhouse emissions," Ms Wroblewski said.

"The efforts of individuals and communities can only go so far

if the Federal government does not have the courage to make the transition to renewable energy.

"Both the Coalition and the Labor party continue to base their policies on mythical technologies such as 'clean coal.'"

Ms Wroblewski said that with the right leadership the Central Coast could be a centre for renewable energies, creating more jobs and economic growth.

"The Greens have been at the forefront of the climate change debate for decades now," Ms Wroblewski said.

"When Bob Brown spoke of this threat in Parliament over 10 years ago he was uniformly ridiculed.

"It has taken a long time for the

major parties to wake up.

"The Greens climate change policy has consistently been recognised by environmental organisations, such as the Australian Conservation Foundation, as the best on offer at this election."

Ms Wroblewski said she demands that the next Federal Government, whether it is Coalition or Labor, acts in the best interests of all children and the planet.

"Voting 1 for the Greens in the Senate will ensure real action from the old parties, rather than vague electioneering," Ms Wroblewski said.

**Media release, 31 Oct 2007
Mira Wroblewski, Greens
candidate for Robertson**

New environment centre opened

A new environment centre has opened on The Scenic Rd, Killcare Heights.

The Strom Centre, in the Bouddi National Park, was formally dedicated by NSW Parks and Wildlife Service deputy director general Mr Tony Fleming on Saturday, October 6, before "more than 100 invited guests", according to Bouddi News editor Mr Lee Casey.

Mr Casey said that the centre was formerly the home of "inspirational environmentalists" Allen and Beryl Strom and their family.

"The Stroms bequeathed the land and buildings to the NPWS on condition that the 'property be developed and used as a centre for the administration and management of Bouddi National Park and for housing educational resources including the deceased's collection of papers, photographs and other material relating to Bouddi National Park and its surrounds'," Mr Casey said.

"The NPWS and the National Parks Association (NPA) combined to establish the Centre in accordance with the Strom's wishes."

A pamphlet delivered by the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust said that there were three main purposes for the Strom Centre.

It stated that this was to provide resources to facilitate research, environmental education and field work, which supports the management of Bouddi National Park, to provide educational resources including the Strom's collection of papers, photographs and other material relating to Bouddi National Park and its surrounds and to support the administration and management of the national park.

Mr Casey said that the NPWS funded the infrastructure and renovation of the cottage and garage, while the NPA, with the support of NPWS, the Killcare

Wagstaffe Trust and the MacMasters Beach Progress Association was successful in obtaining a grant from the Environmental Trust of NSW to fund the cataloguing and archiving of the resources.

The centre would not be open to the public but would be available to individuals and groups on application to provide resources to facilitate research, environmental education and field work, which supports the management of the Bouddi National Park.

Killcare Wagstaffe Trust newsletter editor Ms Jeannette Thiering said that 35 Killcare Wagstaffe Trust members attended the opening and "enjoyed the speeches, bushwalk and barbecue and...seeing the converted garage".

"Noel Date welcomed us on behalf of the Guringai people who have been connected to this land for over 5000 years," Ms Thiering said.

"Gary Nipperess, Beryl's son, gave a sincere personal history on behalf of the family, dating back to living in the cottage in the 1960s.

"John Mackerras, president of the National Parks Association, spoke about the amazing diversity of nature."

Ms Thiering said the NPA had donated a large collection of reference books on birds, plants and other aspects of the environment.

"The local NPWS manager, Tom Bagnat, especially praised volunteers and their valuable efforts: bush-bashers weeding in Bouddi National Park, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust members manning the information centre on weekends and holidays, the members of Green Corps and those people who serve on the regional NPWS committees," Ms Thiering said.

**Newsletter, 25 Oct 2007
Lee Casey, Bouddi News
Jeannette Thiering,
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**

Better view of lookout tracks

Overgrown vegetation will be removed at the exit from the Mt Ettalong Lookout access road and a guide line painted on the road, according to a

report from Gosford Council.

Council stated that the overgrown vegetation would be removed to improve sight distance, while the painted line would be provided to encourage motorists to correctly position their vehicle while waiting to enter Patonga Dr.

Signs warning of a T-intersection will also be provided on Patonga Dr on both approaches to the access to Warrah Trig.

The Patonga Progress Association had asked that

council install stop signs at the intersections of Mt Ettalong access road and Patonga Dr, and Warrah Trig access road and Patonga Dr.

Council's Traffic Committee stated that stop signs were not warranted, as an adequate line of sight was available at both of junctions.

It stated that some minor improvements at each location would enhance safety for motorists.

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Level crossing closed

The Koolewong level crossing was closed on November 10 and 11 as part of CityRail's \$6.2 million track and infrastructure upgrade.

Services were affected on the Northern, North Shore, Newcastle and Central Coast and Hunter lines last weekend, including the level crossing at Koolewong.

Limited pedestrian access was

provided at the crossing, while motorists were directed to use the rail bridge at the corner of Glenrock Pde and Brisbane Water Dr, Tascott, to cross the rail line.

RailCorp representative Mr Owen Gill said the upgrade would help increase capacity and improve passenger access and comfort on the rail network.

**Press release, 9 Nov 2007
Owen Gill, RailCorp**

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Carols-A-Glow

Ettalong Public School will be holding its annual Carols-A-Glow night on Wednesday, December 19.

The event will be held in the

Ettalong Public School grounds between 6pm and 9pm. Entry will be by gold coin donation.

Press release, 6 Nov 2007
Michelle Pathirana,
Ettalong Public School P&C

Polling day fete

Ettalong Public School will be holding a mini-fete on election day, Saturday, November 24.

The school will be one of the polling venues on the day.

"There will be a variety of stalls including a cake stall, cold drinks, tea and coffee and a barbeque," publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said.

"The barbecue will serve bacon

and egg rolls for breakfast and sausage sandwiches for lunch.

"Jungle Jim's mobile play centre will also be there to entertain the kids."

Ms Pathirana said anyone wishing to set up a stall of their own on the day should contact the school office on 4341 3655.

Press release, 6 Nov 2007
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong
Public School P&C

Naomi is chosen

Pretty Beach Public School student Naomi Jones has been selected to perform at the Hunter Central Coast Music Festival.

"Naomi is a talented musician and will be performing Bessarabian

Girl," Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"This is a wonderful achievement for Naomi."

Newsletter, 8 Nov 2007
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School

Skills above average

Students at Pretty Beach Public School recently achieved above state average results in the Basic Skills Test.

Sixty-three per cent of Year 3 students achieved bands four and five in overall literacy compared to 47 per cent of the state.

In numeracy, 43 per cent of Year 3 students received bands 4 and 5.

Fifty-nine per cent of Year 5 students achieved band five and

six results compared with 53 per cent of the state in literacy.

Fifty per cent of Year 5 students gained bands five and six in numeracy.

"Once again our school has produced some excellent results," Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"It is a great credit to the teaching and learning programs within the school to achieve these results."

Newsletter, 8 Nov 2007
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School

Poster auctioned at trivia night

The Woy Woy Public School P&C will be holding a trivia night on November 16 where a signed 2007 season Bulldogs jersey and a signed and framed 2007 Manly Sea Eagles poster will be auctioned.

"If you are looking for a great Christmas gift, look no further than a signed Bulldogs Jersey or a

framed Manly Sea eagles Signed poster," fundraising co-ordinator Mr Mark Ellis said.

"This will be a public silent auction with reserves of \$100 and \$50 respectively.

"If you wish to bid on one or both of these items, write your name, telephone number, your bid and what item you want to bid on inside a sealed envelope marked 'P&C Silent Auction' delivered or

posted to the office at Woy Woy Public school, corner of Blackwall and Parkes Rd, Woy Woy, by November 15."

Mr Ellis said no late postal bids would be accepted.

"If you wish to update your bid on the night should it be exceeded please notify on your bid a contact number," Mr Ellis said.

Press release, 2 Nov 2007
Mark Ellis,
Woy Woy Public School P&C

Students in spelling bee

Two students from the Peninsula competed in the state finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee on November 2.

Year 6 student Rhys James from Empire Bay Public School and Year 4 student Liam Newell from Pretty Beach Public School joined 60 other students from around the state at the Sydney event.

The spelling bee was divided into two categories, junior (Years 3-4) and senior (Years 5-6) finalists.

Rhys James achieved a top five position for the state in the senior

spelling bee final.

Liam Newell made it into the sixth round out of a total of 10 rounds.

The word he misspelled to be eliminated from the final was "swathe".

Assistant principal Ms Sue Birchall said Pretty Beach Public School was very proud of Liam's achievement.

"It was amazing to see Year 3 and Year 4 children spelling these incredibly difficult words," Ms Birchall said.

Both students received a

certificate of congratulations, a silver medallion and a Macquarie Dictionary for making it into the state finals.

The Premier's Spelling Bee began in 2004 for government primary schools in New South Wales.

More than 1900 students from around the state competed in regional finals in September.

Newsletter, 31 Oct 2007
Empire Bay Public School
Newsletter, 8 Nov 2007
Pretty Beach Public School

Students dance at Greek festival

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College will be performing at The Hive, Erina Fair, as part of Hellenic Week.

The Woy Woy campus students will be performing a dance entitled The Truth about Troy on Thursday, November 15, at 5pm.

In its third year, Hellenic Week is running from November 10 to 17.

"This year we are celebrating 20 years of Greek school and Greek culture on the Central Coast," event coordinator Ms Vasilisa Barrett said.

"Our Greek school provides the means for future generations to continue to learn the language of their ancestors who came to this

land of opportunity many years ago.

"There are many second and third generation Greek descendants on the Central Coast and the Peninsula as well as original migrants who have now retired here."

Hellenic Week opened with a dinner dance at Erina Hall, Erina Centre, on November 10.

An art exhibition will be held in the foyer of Erina Hall, just outside the

Erina Fair library, until November 17 as part of the celebrations.

"Our aim is to keep the culture alive and provide an avenue to experience the music, the food, the language and essence of Greek culture on the Central Coast," Ms Barrett said.

Press release, 29 Oct 2007
Vasilisa Barrett, Central Coast
Hellenic Community

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Dispute over ADSL provider

A dispute has arisen over whether an ADSL2+ exchange at Woy Woy was brought online by Optus or the new Federally-funded OPEL consortium.

In a press release dated September 28, Minister for Communications Senator Helen Coonan discussed the launch at Woy Woy of an "OPEL ADSL2+ exchange that will deliver speeds of up to 20Mbps".

She later stated in the press release that the exchange was enabled by Optus as part of its commercial contribution to provide 426 ADSL2+ exchanges.

An article at Information

Technology website ITwire on October 23, almost a month later, stated that Optus General Manager of Technology and Planning Mr Peter Ferris said "(OPEL) exists to date in name only and ... funding is contingent on Optus proving that the technology can deliver".

According to the article, Mr Ferris told a conference in Sydney that: "OPEL does not exist as a technological entity at this point in time, it is only a trade mark ..."

"Optus and Elders are searching for a CEO for this hypothetical organisation and we are doing testing in WA and NSW to provide certified results."

A spokeswoman for Senator

Coonan stated that when OPEL was announced in June the announcement included over 100 exchanges to be switched on by Optus.

"As indicated in the release, this exchange has been enabled by Optus as part of its commercial contribution to the 426 exchanges that were part of the OPEL announcement," the spokeswoman said.

She stated that OPEL Network was a registered company but would not confirm whether it had a chief executive officer, staff, funding or whether it existed as a technological entity.

Lyle Stone, 9 Nov 2007

Projects benefit from disaster funding

Three projects on the Peninsula have benefited from National Disaster Mitigation Funding, given to Gosford Council.

The funding covers \$50,000 work for a geotechnical hazard treatment drop zone and barrier construction at the Blackwall Mountain rock face.

It also includes funding for rock-fall and landslip mitigation projects on both Patonga Dr and Pearl Beach Dr.

Patonga Dr received \$100,000 while Pearl Beach Dr received \$75,000.

Funding of \$156,666 was also received for flood mitigation works at Mudflat Creek, Killcare.

In total, council received \$1,206,666 under the program for projects across the Gosford Local Government Area.

Gosford Council has thanked Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd for the funding.

Council agenda CIT.32,
6 Nov 2007

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Coast busters dragon boat team

Coast Busters send team to Queensland

The Coast Busters team has sent a team of 22 Breast Cancer survivors to Queensland to compete in the Abreast in Australia dragon boat regatta.

During October the Coast Busters raised funds for the Cancer Council at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, and in several other locations around the Central Coast.

"We received fantastic support from our community," said publicity officer Ms Vicki White.

The Coast Busters team won first place in the B finals for the event.

"Some of our team members are not very well ladies, so being able to have them in the boat alongside us for the experience was very special indeed.

"We do more than simply paddle," Ms White said.

"Our aim is to encourage women to achieve their dream of regaining an active, adventurous life despite a diagnosis of breast cancer."

More than 2000 survivors from Australia, Canada, Italy, New Zealand and the United States participated in the three-day regatta from September 28 to 30.

Press release, 7 Nov 2007
Vicki White, Dragons Abreast
Central Coast

Gridiron players wanted

The Central Coast Gridiron Association is looking for players from the Peninsula to join the local competition.

"This is a brand new sport here to the Coast and especially to the Peninsula where a number of our players come from," said gridiron coach Mr Andrew Mayer.

"It has expanded to the Central Coast as part of the NFL expansion program from the USA.

"Unfortunately for us and the players, we play where there are available fields and currently there are no fields available to us here on the Peninsula as of yet.

"We are also looking for more

players from the Peninsula and we have 40-plus players at this point which make up six teams.

"We will be playing on the Ettalong Oval as soon as we attain the necessary approval from the Gosford Council."

Press release, 8 Nov 2007
Andrew Mayer, Central Coast
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Politicians lose at Ettalong

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has won against a New South Wales parliamentary bowling team.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews headed the team which played at Ettalong on Thursday, November 1.

Bowls co-ordinator John Roberts welcomed the group to the club for the annual event which had a trophy donated by Ms Andrews.

The game was a prelude to the parliamentarians playing other state teams.

Press release, 9 Nov 2007
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News

Woy Woy coach at Wisconsin

An American rugby union team has come first in the US state of Wisconsin under the coaching of Woy Woy resident Mr Ross Hopkins.

"I am pleased to say after spending a month in Madison coaching the University of Wisconsin Men's side, the side finished ranked number one in the state of Wisconsin," Mr Hopkins said.

"With wins against fellow Universities at Platteville, Milwaukee, Whitewater, LaCrosse and a close loss to Stout, the team

has progressed into the Midwest playoffs, a first for many a year."

Mr Hopkins said he was back on home soil but had been asked to coach the side in its tour to Chile next March and then to return to Madison to coach the side in its Fall season.

"It was a fantastic experience and I would expect after talking about the highlights of living at Woy Woy and the Central Coast there will be many a visitor from Wisconsin gracing our shores soon," Mr Hopkins said.

Email, 26 Oct 2007
Ross Hopkins

Concert for second birthday

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will celebrate its second birthday on November 18 with a "spectacular fun day" featuring a Hooley Dooleys concert.

Organisers said the celebration was designed to thank the community for their ongoing support of the centre which has recorded 750,000 visits since it officially opened on October 29, 2005.

Doors open at 9.30am for the Hooley Dooleys concert, with the show starting at 10am.

Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$15 and include an opportunity to meet members of the Hooley Dooleys and a free swim.

Tickets are already on sale at the centre.

The centre will be open for general swimming on the day, with two for the price of one swimming admission between 10am to 2pm.

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Press release, 1 Nov 2007
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New environment group formed

A new environment group for the Peninsula area is expected to be formed at the Woy Woy Environment Centre following a meeting at the weekend.

Environment Centre volunteer Mr Mark Mann said the group would meet at the centre and take over some of the work of the existing environment centre committee.

The work would include organising talks, workshops, film screenings, stalls and activities to raise awareness of environmental issues such as global warming and

local environmental issues.

"One of the green movement's slogans has always been to think globally but act locally," Mr Mann said.

"We want to create a group that does just that around the Peninsula to raise awareness of things like global warming, to show people how to make their lives more sustainable, and to protect the natural beauty of our region."

For further information, contact Mr Mann on 4342 6589.

**Press release, 30 Oct 2007
Matt Mann, Woy Woy
Environment Centre**

Students win doghouse awards

Woy Woy resident Jason Vass and Umina resident Kurt Pridehave won three awards in the TAFE NSW Doghouse Challenge.

The two North Sydney College students took out the RSPCA Special Award, the Best Teamwork Award and the Packing Award at the challenge held at TAFE's Lidcombe College on October 25.

Eight teams of trade students from TAFE NSW campuses in Sydney and the Hunter took part in the competition to build the best designer doghouse.

TAFE NSW donated the finished kennels to the RSPCA to help them raise money for their work finding new homes for dogs in need.

RSPCA NSW chief executive officer Mr Steve Coleman said the Doghouse Challenge was a great help and fundraising opportunity for the RSPCA.

"We are very proud to be associated with the TAFE NSW Doghouse Challenge," Mr Coleman said.

"It's a wonderful event that celebrates creativity, ingenuity and team work."

"The finished masterpieces are auctioned to help us raise funds so we can continue to protect all creatures great and small."

The TAFE NSW Doghouse Challenge is now in its 5th year.

Each team consists of two apprentices at different stages and

their TAFE teacher as a mentor and industry expert.

The North Sydney and Hornsby team got the "seal of approval" from both human and animal judges including RSPCA dogs Coconut, Ben and Trooper.

Each team was given a set amount of materials, donated by a hardware chain, and then students used their specialist trade skills learnt at TAFE and their own creativity to come up with the winning doghouse design.

Students' designs were judged by industry experts from TAFE NSW on criteria such as team skills, design and originality.

**Press release, 30 Oct 2007
Rebecca Flood, TAFE NSW
Northern Sydney Institute**

Pearl Beach wins Clean award

Pearl Beach has won an award in the Keep Australia Beautiful New South Wales Clean Beach Challenge, and has been highly recommended in second category.

Pearl Beach received the "Community Action Award" and was highly recommended in the Energy Australia Friendly Beach Award.

Toowoomb Bay was again declared the Central Coast Regional Winner of the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Challenge.

Now in its seventh year, the Keep

Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Challenge encourages and recognises coastal communities, local councils, volunteers and surf lifesaving clubs who focus on anti-litter initiatives, dune and habitat conservation, environmental education programs and initiatives that generally enhance the beach visitor's experience and protect the State's coastline.

All Awards were presented at Toowoomb Bay Surf Life Saving Club on November 6.

**Press release, 6 Nov 2007
Peter McLean, Keep Australia
Beautiful New South Wales**

Free information session at Community Centre

Volunteering Central Coast will hold a free volunteer information session at the Peninsula Community Centre on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on Monday, November, 19.

The session starts at 9.30am and goes to 11am.

The non-profit organisation has over 130 community organisations registered as members and 200 positions listed for volunteer work.

"At the session, you will find out not only what you can do for the community, but also what volunteering can do for you," session organiser Ms Sharan Page said.

"We have a wide variety of volunteer positions including working outdoors, cooking, working with animals, office work, working with children, the elderly or people with disabilities."

For more information or to book, telephone 4329 7122.

**Press release, 22 Oct 2007
Sharan Page,
Volunteering Central Coast**

Speeds monitored

Traffic speeds have been monitored by Gosford Council along Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy.

A survey of traffic speed was recently carried out between the two traffic calming devices on the road, with average speeds recorded between 57km/h eastbound and 58km/h westbound.

A member of Gosford Council's Traffic Committee had asked

council to monitor the effectiveness of traffic calming devices on Brick Wharf Rd, at its meeting of August 6.

Council has resolved that the reports of excessive traffic speed on Brick Wharf Rd be brought to the attention of the NSW Police Force for consideration of "enhanced enforcement where practicable".

**Council agenda TR.07.102,
TR.07.110, 6 Nov 2007**

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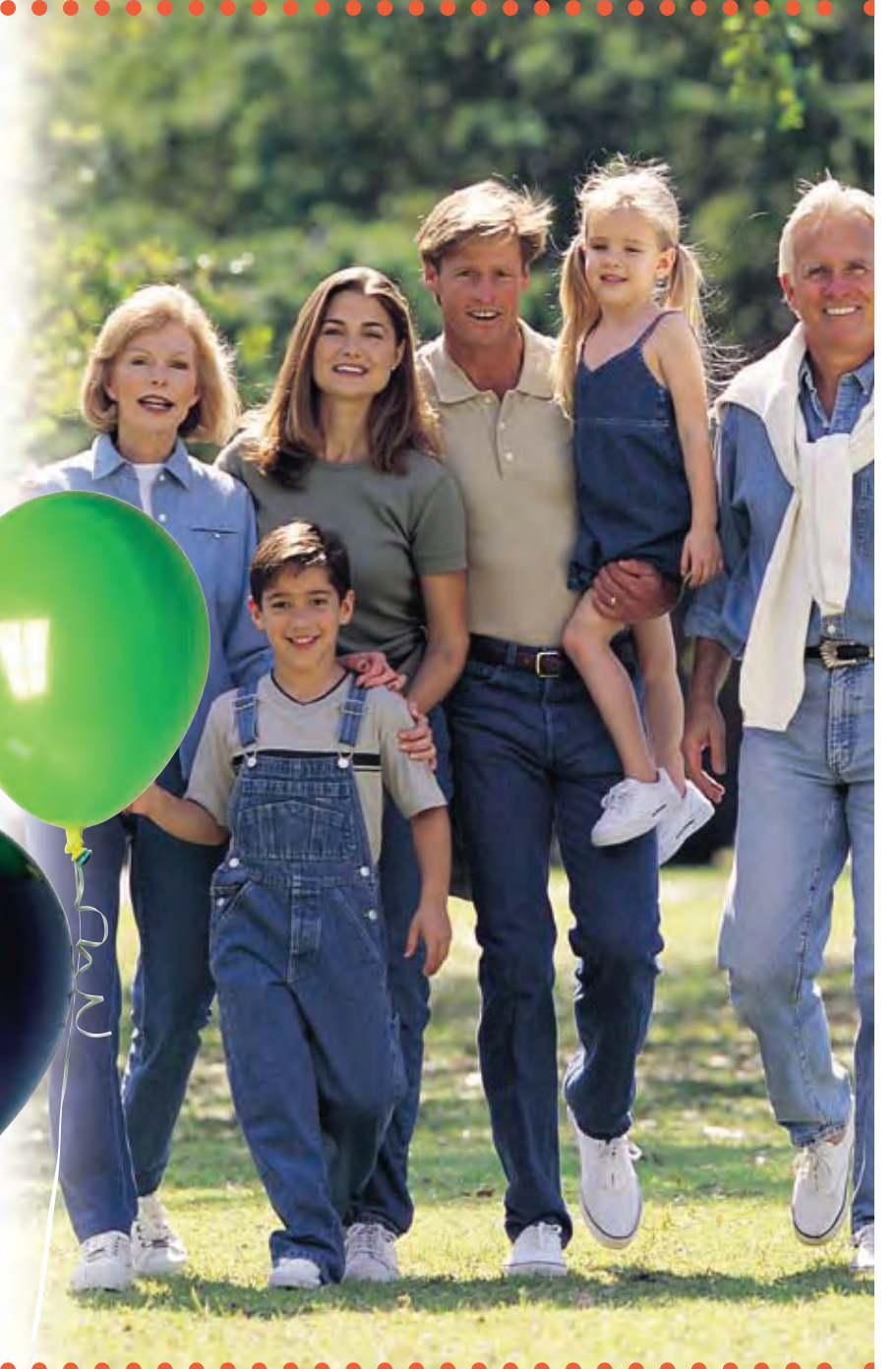
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