

## Rail freight loop for Woy Woy?

**A bi-directional rail freight loop will be built at Woy Woy as part of a \$2 billion Auslink investment, if the Federal Labor Government sticks to an election promise.**

A press release from the Labor party stated that this would help to "build a world-class freight network to boost productivity and jobs in Australia's biggest city".

It stated: "Federal Labor will separate the movement of people and freight, ease pressure on Cityrail and boost jobs".

It stated that it would also fund \$840 million towards a dedicated freight rail track from North Strathfield to Gosford.

"Sydney, from North Strathfield to Hornsby and the Central Coast is suffering from congestion and conflict between passenger and freight rail services."

"Unless the problem is fixed, rail freight will not be able to expand and more freight will be forced on to already congested roads."

"Thousands of commuters from the Central Coast, Penrith and the Blue Mountains will be frustrated

with longer journeys, more delays and less reliability.

"Federal Labor's plan to start moving now on a dedicated freight rail track from North Strathfield to Gosford is a win for Central Coast commuters and a win for business."

"Faster transit times of up to 30 minutes, fewer delays, higher reliability and more access for freight services will ease commuter frustration and deliver significant productivity benefits for business."

"Federal Labor's plan will move more freight on to rail instead of forcing it on to roads."

"This funding for Sydney is part of Federal Labor's commitment to focus its transport policy on Australia's national economic priorities – productivity gains in export supply chains and the general freight task, integrating land transport with ports, and easing urban congestion."

Shadow Transport Minister at the time, Martin Ferguson, was not available to provide more detail.

**Press release, 19 Nov 2007  
Martin Ferguson,  
Labor transport spokesman**



Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal with her two sons and her supporters

## Neal claims victory

**Labor candidate for Robertson Belinda Neal has claimed victory in the seat of Robertson.**

"I am thrilled to finally claim the seat of Robertson and join the Rudd Labor Government," she said.

"It's an honour and absolute privilege to be elected to represent the people of the Central Coast and I'd like to thank the community for their support."

"I also acknowledge the Greens for their support of the Rudd Labor Government's environmental

agenda.

"The Central Coast has chosen an opportunity to embrace Australia's true principles of fairness in the workplace and a well-supported health and education system."

"This result also reflects the community's strong desire to address climate change, sign the Kyoto agreement and protect our environment."

"Now that the results are clear, I look forward to getting straight to work."

Ms Neal said she has already heeded the calls of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and paid a visit to a

number of schools in the electorate to assess the region's needs.

"I have already attended a number of community functions and I am looking forward to getting out and meeting with all my constituents," Ms Neal said.

"I plan to work with all representatives at a Federal, State and local government level to achieve the best outcomes for the benefit of the Central Coast."

**Press release, 5 Dec 2007  
Belinda Neal,  
Member for Robertson**

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## Power easement created

**Gosford Council has resolved to create an easement over parts of Woy Woy rubbish tip and of Woy Woy sewage treatment plant site for Energy Australia for electricity transmission.**

AGL is currently involved in installing power generation equipment at both landfill sites.

Once the generators have been commissioned, the landfill gas will be redirected to run engines which will drive generators.

Power from the engines will be exported to the Energy Australia grid.

Infrastructure such as poles, wires and switchgear would also need to be installed and an easement created for Energy Australia.

The new installation would reduce greenhouse gases at each site by about 35,000 tonnes a year and ease current electrical supply restrictions at Woy Woy.

**Press release, 27 Nov 2007  
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

## Lloyd concedes

**Former Liberal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has conceded the likelihood of defeat, thanking the people of Robertson for their support during his time as their representative in parliament.**

"It has become clear that it is highly unlikely that I will gain enough votes to win the seat of Robertson", Mr Lloyd said.

"I congratulate Belinda Neal on her successful campaign and wish Belinda and her husband, John Della Bosca every success in representing the residents of the

Central Coast at both State and Federal Government levels.

"I wish to thank all those Central Coast residents who have assisted and supported my efforts over the past 12 years as the Federal Member for Robertson."

"I have always maintained that to be elected to the Australian Parliament is one of the greatest honours anyone can receive."

"I hope that I have lived up to the community's expectations during that time."

"I also wish to thank my loyal and hard-working staff, who have

always maintained a community friendly office and it is due to their efforts that election result was so close – even though there was a large national swing towards Kevin Rudd."

"I need to also thank the members and supporters of the Liberal Party who have worked so hard not just in this election but also in the 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2004 Federal elections when we have been successful."

**Press release, 5 Dec 2007  
Jim Lloyd,  
former Member for Robertson**

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## Double passes

**Peninsula News in conjunction with Earth Central is giving away four double passes to the Sydney-based Indie band King Tide.**

The performance will be held at Kantara House, Green Point, on Saturday, January 5, starting at 7pm.

Local bands Cocapenny and One Jonathon will be the support acts for the night.

To enter, write your name,

address and telephone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News, King Tide competition, PO Box 532, Woy Woy, NSW, 2256.

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Clare Graham, 7 Dec 2007

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## New store opens

**A new store has opened on Trafalgar Ave, Umina, featuring jewellery, bags and hats.**

Colourful Creations owner Loreen Konig said the store would feature all her handmade items such as painted record clocks, enameled pendants on old Australian pennies, artwork as well as jewellery, colourful chandeliers, bags, and hats.

**Press release, 8 Nov 2007  
Loreen Konig,  
Colourful Creations**

**A "Society of World War II Veterans" which was formed two years ago is seeking new members.**

Publicity officer Ms Lucy Sharpe said the only stipulation for membership was being a World War II veteran.

"Monthly meetings are always fun and members enjoy a joke and have wonderful stories to relate," Ms Sharpe said.

"Meeting days are the first Monday of each month.

"Meeting venues alternate between the Ettalong Memorial Club and a selected restaurant, or

are occasionally replaced by a bus outing.

"The Society is a non-profit organisation so costs are minimum.

"Wives and partners are made welcome."

For more information, telephone 4341 8564, 4341 6736 or 4369 1113.

**Press release, 26 Nov 2007  
Lucy Sharpe, Society of World War II Veterans**

## Umina Surf Club – a history of almost 50 years

**With the opening of its new clubhouse for Umina Surf Life Saving Club, secretary Ms Christine Lavers has provided a brief history of the club.**

"The original club was formed in 1959 by Max Tearne, John Breakwell, Les Wynne, Graham Stockley and Tony Collins and its first senior president was Mr Jack Hogan," Ms Lavers said.

"The first club house was an army tent which was badly damaged in a fierce storm.

"Members moved all their rescue equipment to the caravan park, where temporary accommodation was supplied by Mr Jack Hogan.

"The first section of the club house was built by voluntary labour on land leased from Gosford Council.

"This was in 1963 and was the size of a boatshed.

"Concrete was wheeled in by barrows from Ocean Beach Rd.

"The next set of extensions took place in 1971."

Ms Lavers said that former federal Member for Robertson Mr Barry Cohen opened the building in December 1975.

"The club house has stood

proudly until 2006 when it was demolished to build this new one," Ms Lavers said.

"In 1967, the Junior Surf Life Saving Club was formed and was known as The Stingrays, named by the 60 junior male members of the club.

"The junior president was Mr Peter Robinson.

"The Umina Club was the first club on the Central Coast to hold the NSW State Titles, firstly in 1971, then in 1980 and recently in 2005.

"No other club on the Central Coast has held this prestigious event and it shows the dedication of its members throughout the years."

Ms Lavers said up to 150 people attended the recent opening ceremony, which took place within the club house due to wet weather.

"The National Anthem was sung by Maddison Roots, a member of the club who also has sung at the NSW Surf Life Saving championships in previous years," Ms Lavers said.

**Press release, 4 Dec 2007  
Christine Lavers, Umina Surf Life Saving Club**

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## Court 'not told' of kerb policy

Gosford Council's acting director of environment and planning Mr John Parkes has admitted the council did not bring its Pearl Beach kerb and gutter policy to the attention of a recent Land and Environment Court case.

The result was a court decision that did not conform to the intent of the policy.

The construction of a short section of kerb, guttering and footpath in front of a subdivision was included as a condition of consent imposed by the Land and Environment court, Mr Parkes said.

However, Mr Parkes has defended the council's action, saying "it could be assumed that the court would have been aware of the Pearl Beach Progress Association submission objecting to the development, as it had council's development application file".



The kerb and guttering in Jade Place, Pearl Beach

Mr Parkes admitted: "The Pearl Beach Plan of Management and council's policy D016 may not have been discussed in their entirety in the court, particularly regarding the special treatment of road formations and the avoidance of kerb and gutter in Pearl Beach."

The comment came following a complaint by Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams about the requirement for kerb and guttering on a development in Pearl Beach recently approved by the court.

Ms Williams called on council to provide evidence that it properly briefed the court about council's policy regarding kerb and guttering.

Ms Williams also asked whether council would consider plantings in the footpath, the addressing of drainage on the road and the removal of a rock which she stated was an "obstruction".

"The large boulder at the end of the constructed footpath has been placed there as a means of

transitioning the formal shape of the concrete footpath to join up with the road shoulder and table drain upstream of the works," Mr Parkes said.

"The existing berm has also been reshaped to join with the boulder to direct stormwater into the kerb and gutter."

"An asphalt path has been provided to direct pedestrians on to the road shoulder as there is no formed footway on the same alignment as the concrete footpath."

"The existing road shoulder continues along Jade Place and there is adequate sight distance for pedestrians to see any oncoming vehicle."

Mr Parkes said Jade Place was considered to be a slow vehicle environment which could be safely shared by pedestrians and motorists.

When asked if he thought the works contravened council's policies, Mr Parkes said the

residential development was currently covered by Development Control Plan 162 (DCP162)

"One objective recommends kerb and gutter be avoided where possible and that street drainage be accommodated with shallow spoon drains and ground cover," Mr Parkes said.

"Prior to its adoption in March 2002 resident development in Pearl Beach was covered by D016 adopted in June 1990."

"It did not prohibit the construction of kerb gutter footpath paving."

"However, it did have an objective to retain existing street formations."

"The formation of Jade Place consists of kerb and gutter for its full length along its western side."

"Kerb, gutter and footpath paving for the subdivision in question has recently been constructed opposite 6 and 8 Jade Place."

"The new kerbing and guttering compliments that existing in front of these properties."

Lyle Stone, 7 Dec 2007

## Conflict panel was 'conflicted', says resident

A Peninsula resident has called for an independent review of her conflict of interest complaint at Gosford Council, claiming that the council's current complaints panel itself suffered a conflict of interest.

Woy Woy Bay resident Ms Margaret Lund had claimed that Cr Trevor Drake had breached council's code of conduct by being present in council chambers during discussions involving a business he had represented as a solicitor.

Her complaint was assessed by a panel consisting of then mayor Cr Laurie Maher, general manager Mr Peter Wilson and independent panel member Mr Peter Reynolds.

Despite finding that Cr Drake had been present during discussions on seven different occasions on matters involving his client, the

panel cleared Cr Drake of any conduct breach.

Ms Lund said she could not accept the panel's conclusion.

She said it was "flawed" as the committee could "in no way be considered independent".

She said that Mr Wilson as the general manager and Cr Maher as the then mayor "were conflicted, by having an actual or potential non-pecuniary conflict of interest".

Ms Lund stated that they "both work with one another and with other members of the Council".

"Therefore any adverse findings against Cr Drake could result in him taking an antagonistic or unsupportive attitude towards the former mayor and the general manager."

"In addition, other councillors might withdraw their support for either the general manager or the

former mayor, or both, if they felt that they might in the future also be adversely assessed, if any further conflicts of interest were reported to council."

Ms Lund said that the Mr Wilson and Cr Maher would also have feelings of loyalty to other councillors and the whole council organisation and as such would "find it impossible" to act in an objective or independent way when dealing with such a complaint.

Ms Lund also noted that the conclusion which the council's Code of Conduct panel reached contradicted the evidence which was accepted.

"I understand that members of this committee all agreed that Cr Drake was present and participated in discussions about matters concerning his clients and their company on at least seven

occasions and at no time advised of his position as their solicitor, not even that he had a non-pecuniary interest in these matters," Ms Lund said.

"These all concerned contentious development applications."

Ms Lund said that Cr Drake only advised of his position as a solicitor for his clients after receipt of my complaint.

"Only then are we to presume that Council found out that he had been acting for them since 2005."

"Council's committee found it quite appropriate for such a matter not to be declared as a non-pecuniary interest."

Ms Lund quoted from council's code of conduct that officers must not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to any individual or organization that might reasonably be thought to

influence them in the performance of their duties.

It also stated that officers must not act in order to gain benefits for themselves, their family, friends or business interests.

It further stated that "honesty is to be demonstrated by ... fully disclosing actual and potential conflict of interest".

"Surely these recommendations state the matter very clearly, so that any reasonable person may understand just what constitutes a 'conflict of interest'," Ms Lund said.

"This is a moral and ethical issue and these codes are devised in order to avoid corruption of the system and the loss of public confidence in local government."

Ms Lund said council should institute a "truly independent review of the panel's decision".

Email, 5 Dec 2007

Margaret Lund

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# Low election turnout

**It appears that the turnout in this election is significantly lower than in the previous one.**

The Senate turnout appears to be almost 20% lower while the House of Representatives is 8.5% lower - all this in spite of compulsory voting.

I have not heard the expert commentators saying anything about this.

Is this a revolt against compulsory voting?

The low Senate vote is explained easily though.

The voters rejected the system. Coalition voters shied away completely from risking dicey pre-arranged preferences.

In the Senate election, voters have the option to vote "above the line" or "under the line".

If they vote above the line (one mark only), most people have no idea of where there their preferences go because this is determined during various horse

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trading sessions amongst the parties at the time of nominating or even earlier.

The horse trading is not transparent and is subject to the most amazing deals, some of them quite unexpected, some quite unprincipled.

The alternative is to vote under the line that means, for example, in NSW this time filling in 79 squares correctly representing candidates in 25 parties and four independents.

A nightmare!

Only about three per cent of voters usually bother to do this, often making mistakes with the numbering and having to do it again or spoil their vote.

Frankly, this is a ridiculous system.

A massive improvement would be to adopt the Dutch and Scandinavian proportional electoral systems, where all parties produce a list of candidates, printed on one sheet, and the voter has to place one, just one, mark indicating simultaneously the party of his or her preference as well as a particular preferred candidate.

Seats are allocated to a party in proportion to the times the quota has been achieved: Completely transparent, highly democratic, no backdoor deals, very convenient to the voter and easy to count.

Now this would just be a start for electoral reform in this country.

Klaas Woldring  
Pearl Beach

# Unfortunate branding

**I would like to comment on recent letters to Peninsula News regarding the Ettalong Welcome signs.**

It is positive for the community to have these signs erected, however it is unfortunate to "brand" the area as "whale dreaming country".

Many people acknowledge that the term "dreaming country" has a strong connection to indigenous language and culture, and it is

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unfortunate to use this term if Ettalong is not recognised by traditional owners in this manner.

More consultation and respect would contribute to an improved community spirit within diverse groups.

Sheelagh Noonan  
Umina

# Ban cricket?

**A lot of people whinge about local government, but it's the last bastion of democracy.**

You can have a say at the meeting or through your local councillor.

But Big Brother State government has taken away their planning powers and now neighbour developments, so why not ban local government altogether.

Also, it could be a bit scary now that the ALP has total control over

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Australia.

Now we can do with a Bill of Rights, but don't hold your breath.

Of course, we could have a revolution, but laidback Australians would only revolt if they banned cricket or football.

Keith Whitfield  
Woy Woy

# Put money into rail and roads

**I refer to Jayne Mote's letter (Peninsula News) relating to the Fast Ferry, and suggesting the ferry service should be guaranteed by the Federal and State governments.**

May I suggest that the reason why financial institutions have not provided financial support for this venture, after some 11 years, is because they do not see it as financially viable.

As the expert report supporting

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the draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy stated, "the proposed Fast Ferry from Ettalong remains a concept ... it is unlikely to provide a strategically-significant commuter service ... The proposed ferry has a limited capacity equivalent to less than one train and services would be interrupted several times a year due to heavy seas".

The report does not go on to

consider the likely higher ferry fare costs required when compared with rail transport.

There is no good reason for taxpayers to support unviable ventures: any funding available from governments should go to providing better rail and road services for Peninsula residents.

Michael Gillian  
Ettalong Beach

# Thinkers needed in government

**The Liberal National Coalition has learned nothing from a resounding defeat during this election.**

We, the voters, have learned that the problems with Liberal are about senile party political thinking.

Until those left understand politics is about their constituency and not the bloody party, they are doomed to follow the Democrats down the

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political drain, as just another of yesterday's political machines.

The rise of independent thinkers into government may see a return to a functioning Westminster system for the Australian peoples.

Edward James  
Umina

# The Big Mermaid?

**Since the advantages of having a "BIG" statue of something (i. e Banana, Prawn, Merino) has proven to be a boon to tourism, many councils are looking for an appropriate subject to be included in the "BIG" category, including Wyong Shire Council.**

The present forerunner is "The Big Pelican", although other contenders are "The Big Yawn", "The Big Flathead", "The Big Lion" after the local landmark Lion Island.

Overlooked has been the elusive "Mermaid of Broken Bay", first spotted in 1802 by three convicts escaping from Brooklyn

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Prison on the Hawkesbury River. Numerous sightings have been reported since and the one in 1979 was further supported by the photograph taken by Bernly Crungle of Point Clare.

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## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF GOSFORD CITY

Dear Peninsula Community

Over the past five years, Gosford City Council has been dedicated to securing our community's water supply during the ongoing drought. With our long-term water supply strategy, *Water Plan 2050*, now in place and key actions such as the Mardi-Mangrove Link well underway, addressing water quality issues, particularly on the Peninsula, is our highest priority.

We understand that discoloured water has been an ongoing issue for many years and are dedicated to minimising the impact it has on the community. It is our goal to address this issue promptly, holistically and cost-effectively.

As such, Council has developed an extensive water quality management program called *Water Quality 2010* to help us deliver adequate, reliable and safe drinking water. The \$9 million program of works is a 5-point plan, comprising capital works, maintenance activities, modelling and analysis, management and operation, and communications.

We have established a specialist project team who are working to implement solutions and have dedicated extra resources to ensure *Water Quality 2010* is advanced as quickly as possible.

Council is aware of the need to minimise any impact of its programs on rates and I can confirm that the *Water Quality 2010* program has been anticipated in budgets for the next two years. The Federal Government's \$4.5 million funding grant in support of the program will further reduce its impact on rate payers.

Dealing with discoloured water and other water quality issues is an ongoing concern for all water supply authorities. These have been difficult to manage and have impacted communities worldwide for many years.

Council is confident that *Water Quality 2010* will reduce the incidence of discoloured water in our region and provide a solid framework to better manage events, when they occur, in the future.

Gosford City Council, myself and my fellow Councillors share your frustrations when discoloured water events occur. We understand that you rely on high quality water at home and at work. We know that you want real solutions and a dependable water supply. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that Council is focussed on meeting these needs.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jim Macfadyen  
MAYOR OF GOSFORD CITY  
10 December 2007



## Christmas on the Peninsula

### Choir performs Christmas music

The Peninsula Choir has begun performing its new Christmas Music, starting at St Andrews Church, Umina, program, A Tapestry of on December 9.

The choir will also be celebrating the rest of the Christmas season at Woy Woy Nursing Home on Wednesday, December 12, from 10.30am and Woy Woy Hospital for Carols in the Wards from 2pm on Friday, December 14.

The Peninsula Choir has been invited to perform at the Uniting Church, Umina, on Sunday, December 16, from 5pm and at Brisbane Water Private Hospital for another Carols in the Wards on Tuesday, December 18, from 6pm.

The choir's final performance before Christmas will be held at Umina Library on Thursday, December 20, from 10.30am.

Peninsula Choir publicity officer Ms Barbara Firth said the whole community is welcome to attend.


Press release, 12 Nov 2007  
Barbara Firth, Peninsula Choir

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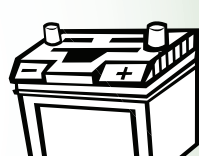
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"There is a lovely family atmosphere, so folk are indeed warmly welcomed," said parish secretary Ms Annette Strong.

"Visitors are always welcome to our churches," said Ms Strong.

Christmas Day services will be held at both Umina and Ettalong churches are 8am.

Ms Strong said that, during the school holidays, there will be only one morning service at Umina, at 9am.

"Service at Ettalong continues at 9.30am.

"Cafe church also continues at Umina at 6pm."

Ms Strong said the church was currently concentrating on the Advent season.

"Our youth and family workers will have had a special family evening service on Sunday, December 9, and our youth worker David Miller has been acknowledged for his contribution to the youth of the area, as he retires on December 16."

Ms Strong said the church had

been generously supported by the community throughout the year.

The church's fundraising activities were supported and its facilities were used for community outreach.

The facilities were used for AA meetings, Red Cross monthly meetings, Koala Playgroup, and Kincumber/Tuggerah Lakes Community College classes, and

for an over-50s exercise group.

Ms Strong said the new Minister, the Reverend Narelle Penman, was settling in well and she along with the Reverend Penny Jones, from the Anglican church, performed the Blessing of the Waters at the recent Oyster Festival at Ettalong.

Press release, 3 Dec 2007  
Annette Strong,  
Uniting Church  
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# The first female for Robertson

## Ms Belinda Neal will become the first female Member for Robertson.

Ms Neal will be the 13th member to hold the seat and the only female in more than a century to have won the seat of Robertson.

The Peninsula will now be represented at both Federal and State levels by female members of parliament.

The Peninsula is currently represented at a State level by Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"I wasn't aware that I had achieved such an historic milestone," Ms Neal said.

"It is great to see more and more women in Parliament.

"Over the past 100 years [women] have been greatly underrepresented."

The Division of Robertson was proclaimed in 1900, and was one of the original 75 divisions to be contested at the first Federal election.

"I think a female leadership will be very beneficial to the community," Ms Neal said.

"A female perspective will allow me to be more in tune with the community.

"Being a woman and a mother, one of my main priorities will be education.

"I strongly believe in getting the best education that we can afford for our children."

Australia became the first country for a woman to secure the right to vote and the right to stand for election to Parliament.

However, it took almost 20 years before the first woman was elected to state parliament and 41 years for a woman to enter federal parliament.

The first woman to enter any Australian Parliament was Edith Cowan in 1921.

She was a pioneer for women's and children's rights and was elected to the Western Australian Legislative Assembly.

In 1943, Australia finally elected two women to Australia's Federal Parliament.

Dorothy Tangney became a Senator for Western Australia and Enid Lyons was elected to the House of Representatives.

Ms Neal said it was still too early to tell where her office would be located.

"I hope to have an information office on the Peninsula. I think that is very important," Ms Neal said.

While the seat had not been formally declared, at the time of going to press with 95.74 per cent of the vote counted, Ms Neal had won with 50.10 per cent of the votes while the sitting Liberal Member Mr Jim Lloyd had won 49.90 per cent.

All polling booths on the Peninsula, with the exception of Patonga and Woy Woy Bay, recorded higher two-party preferred votes for Ms Neal.

Ettalong West recorded the highest vote for her with 64.68 per cent.

Patonga recorded 52.44 per cent for Mr Lloyd and Woy Woy Bay recorded 52.25 per cent for him.

Clare Graham, 7 Dec 2007



Silt washing into Horsfield Bay during recent wet weather

## Community group to discuss silt problem

### The Bays Community Group is expected to discuss the silting of Horsfield Bay following an increase in recent months.

Horsfield Bay residents and Community Group members are expected to raise concerns at a meeting on December 19 over the slow disappearance of the bay due to silt.

The bay has been reduced in size by a third, according to one resident.

"Two silt traps built to collect silt from washing down into the Bay during the initial road and housing development have only been cleaned out once, and another one twice, in the past five years," Ms Bev Watson said.

"Local residents ask why the three silt traps were built if they were not to be regularly cleaned out," she said.

"Any collected silt just washes out into the Bay in subsequent heavy rain defeating their intended purpose."

Ms Watson said that Cr Malcolm Brooks, who at the time was the

mayor, was quoted in a letter dated April 2005 stating that "they are now on a permanent maintenance schedule and will be cleaned more frequently" and "Council agrees that proper maintenance of these silt traps is needed to prevent sediments from entering Horsfield Bay".

Ms Watson said that an inspection to the Bays area last year by the mayor Cr Laurie Maher, other councillors and council officials, including the drainage engineer, resulted in promises to set in motion a regular process to clean out the silt traps to save the silt from washing into the bay.

"As recently as November 8, following heavy rains, the council environmental officer was alarmed enough by the devastation coming from a building site in Gabagong Rd to issue fines to the builder responsible," Ms Watson said.

"No further action followed from council to clear the silt traps which were once again full.

"Naturally, residents were horrified as they watched the yellow silt pour into Horsfield Bay

again on Saturday, December 1, when heavy rains returned."

Ms Watson said that a council officer available on a Saturday was not in a position to contact any of the council staff responsible for the problem.

"He took photos of the devastating scene and unsuccessfully tried to contact the builder," Ms Watson said.

"Other neighbours questioned the stability of the rock face on the building site as most of the soil between the rocks is now in the Bay.

"Do any of our local councillors or council officers care about our environment?"

"We wonder if they do.

"The damage they are allowing to continue is irreversible and soon Horsfield Bay will become the suburb of Horsfield!"

The issue will be discussed at the Bays Community meeting on December 19 at 7.30pm, with all residents invited to attend.

Email, 3 Dec 2007

Bev Watson,  
Bays Community Group

## Tip tours proposed

### Gosford Council is to investigate providing guided tours of Woy Woy tip.

The educational tours would cater to school and community groups.

Council was told that, while the landfill site was open to the public for the disposal of solid waste, educational guided tours could not gain access to the site.

A report by council staff stated that there were community groups and schools in the area that wished to have educational guided tours of the landfill sites to assist with "waste management education".

"Information and contact details for any applications should be simple and accessible," the report stated.

"Contact details and the

promotion of applications for guided tours should be advertised across council websites and newspaper corner.

"This would enable community groups or schools (with a minimum of 10 people) to participate with educational guided tours in an accessible and informative way."

Council agenda NM.22,  
4 Dec 2007

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Liam Sainty being presented with his award by deputy mayor Cr Trevor Drake

## Awards for inspiration and service

A Woy Woy resident and the organiser of a Woy Woy

walking group have both been recognised at the inaugural Central Coast Recognition of Excellence Awards night, held on December 3.

Woy Woy South Public School student Liam Sainty was awarded an "Inspiring Younger Person" appreciation certificate from the Department of Education for his "determination and positive attitude".

Vision Australia - Gosford received an "Excellent Community Service Organisation Award".

The group offers clients involvement in recreational activities such as the Woy Woy walking group.

The awards were presented at Gosford Council chamber as part of the worldwide celebrations for International Day of People with a Disability.

Press release, 3 Dec 2007  
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

## Recycling for Australia Day

Gosford Council has resolved to trial "best practice waste recycling" for Australia Day celebrations on the Woy Woy foreshore area.

It has also resolved that, following the celebrations, a report be prepared on the implementation of "best practice recycling" at outdoor community events held by council.

A council staff report stated that: "it would be beneficial for both education of waste management throughout the community and also to highlight Gosford Council's commitment to recycling that Council minimise the waste to landfill from these events".

The motion was originally to include celebrations at the Gosford waterfront and also at Wagstaffe Point, but it was argued that there was not enough time to prepare for this.

Council agenda NM.21,  
4 Dec 2007

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## Turkish cuisine in Umina

**Traditional Turkish cuisine is being served in a Umina restaurant that is under new management.**

The newly renovated restaurant, 304 on West, is offering its customers a traditional Turkish banquet.

"Our restaurant is unique on the Peninsula," restaurant co-owner Ms Natalie Kirbanciogiu said.

"On the last Saturday of every month, we offer a 10-course Turkish banquet.

"This gives our customers an opportunity to taste a little bit of everything."

The Turkish Banquet includes a number hot and cold meze plates, kebabs and pides and a tasting plate of traditional Turkish sweets to finish.

The Turkish Banquet menu changes every month and bookings are essential.

"Every other day we offer modern Australian cuisine with a Mediterranean edge," Ms Kirbanciogiu said.

"Our most popular dish is the macadamia-crust chicken strips with a sweet mango salsa.

"We also offer an all-day breakfast and a wide variety of salads, burgers, pastas and

seafood."

Ms Kirbanciogiu and husband Sulo have been living on the Peninsula for almost a year.

The couple took over the Umina Beach restaurant in July this year.

Mr Kirbanciogiu is the head chef at 304 on West and has more than 15 years restaurant experience in Turkey and Sydney.

Ms Kirbanciogiu grew up with her family in Umina and decided to come back to the Peninsula because it was the perfect place to work and raise a family.

"I love the Peninsula because it has such a laid-back and relaxed atmosphere," Ms Kirbanciogiu said.

"I especially love the beaches around here.

"It is such a special place.

"Sulo and I are extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to purchase the restaurant in Umina and begin to build our lives together here."

The 304 on West restaurant is open Monday to Friday 7am to 5pm and 8am to 5pm on weekends.

On Friday and Saturday nights the restaurant is open until late.

The menu has a number of vegetarian and gluten-free meals available.

Clare Graham, 6 Dec 2007

## Business moves back after 18 years

**Blackwall resident and business owner Mr George Shaw has moved his business back to the Peninsula, after 18 years in Sydney.**

He has moved his scrap metal business Australian Metal Refiners back to Mutu St, Woy Woy.

Mr Shaw first started his business in Woy Woy in 1988 but moved to Sydney to meet demand.

"At that time, the Peninsula did not have a lot to offer business-wise," Mr Shaw said.

"There was a better business opportunity in Sydney, so we moved.

"I am glad to be back on the Peninsula now.

"It is such a great place to live and work."

Australian Metal Refiners offers free pick-up for cash for scrap metal including copper, aluminium, lead and stainless steel, as well as for car batteries and radiators.

"Our business is just as competitive as the big guys and we do everything with a smile," Mr Shaw said.

"You will find some businesses in this industry just don't care about customer service.

"But we find that doing everything

with a friendly smile is more satisfying at the end of the day."

Mr Shaw said he was glad to be back living on the Peninsula because he loves being near the water.

"The Peninsula is a great spot to live because it is so central," Mr Shaw said.

"It is in between Sydney and Newcastle and so close to the water, without it having that big city feel."

Australian Metal Refiners is open Monday to Friday 7.30am to 4pm and on Saturday 7.30am to 12pm.

Clare Graham, 6 Dec 2007

## Church opening well attended

**More than 700 people attended the official opening of the new St John the Baptist church in Woy Woy on Sunday, November 18.**

Woy Woy Parish Priest Father John Hill said the new church was significant to the whole community, not just to the Woy Woy Catholic community.

"I think the new church makes a positive contribution to the streetscape in Woy Woy," Fr Hill said.

"There is no other building like it in the area."

A special two-and-a-half hour ceremony was organised for the official opening of the new church, which according to Fr Hill is essential to Catholic practice and faith.

"I have received a lot of positive feedback about the new church," Fr Hill said.

"The community is very happy with it and all the comments have been positive and favourable."

The new church located on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Victoria Rd, Woy Woy, took more than nine months to complete.

Fr Hill said the statues, tabernacle and crucifix from the old church on the corner of Morris St and West St, Umina, were able to be used in the new church.

"There are still a few more things that need to be carried out before it is completely finished," Fr Hill said.

"It is holding us back in terms of when the church is open to the public.

"At this stage, we are only open during service hours.

"But as soon as this is sorted we can go about business as usual."

Clare Graham, 7 Dec 2007

## Rugby union starts training

**Woy Woy Rugby Union has launched into pre-season training for the 2008 Season.**

New first grade coach Paul Birkwood said the seniors had been enjoying beach sessions at Umina Surf Club on Thursday afternoons at 6:30pm.

"We are really excited about the 2008 season," he said.

"We have a wealth of talent from the juniors coming through and many of the old stalwarts are back again.

"We are looking to be really proactive in 2008 by revitalizing the club house and getting the Peninsula community back into rugby union."

Mr Birkwood said Woy Woy Rugby had one of their strongest seasons this year with the juniors coming second in the championship.

He said pre-season training was

open to all players whether they were looking to play socially or "strive for higher honours".

"Social touch footy is also being held on Friday afternoons and Sunday morning; families and kids are welcome," Mr Birkwood said.

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Press release, 3 Dec 2007

Kevin Dearlove,  
Woy Woy Rugby Union

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**A Koolewong massage business is celebrating its award win at the Central Coast Business Awards last month.**

The multicultural massage treatment business, the Pamper Palace, won the award for best health service on the Central Coast in a ceremony at the Central Coast Leagues Club on November 5.

Manager Ms Pam Kent said that she was "absolutely gob-smacked" to have won the award since the business had only been in business

for nine months.

"Apparently, we are one of the youngest businesses to have ever received a Central Coast business award," Ms Kent said.

"In nine months we have performed over 1000 treatments.

"We must be doing something right.

"We are unique because we offer every type of massage and all under the one roof."

Pamper Palace offers its clients therapeutic massage, traditional Thai massage, remedial massage,

Chinese acupuncture, pregnancy massage, sports injury massage and dry hydrotherapy massage.

"We are the only place on the Central Coast to offer traditional Thai massage and one of only four places in Australia to offer dry hydrotherapy massage," Ms Kent said.

Ms Kent said the success of the business was due to its clientele.

"We wouldn't really be as successful without our clients and their sore bits!"

Clare Graham, 7 Dec 2007

## Relay for Life dates are set

**The NSW Cancer Council has announced the dates in March for the next Peninsula Relay for Life.**

The event will be held from 4pm on Saturday, March 15, to 10am on Sunday, March 16, at Woy Woy Number One Oval, Oval Ave, Woy Woy.

Team registration has already started, with the Peninsula currently hosting four teams.

Those teams are the Rainbow Connection, Tickled Pink!, Dragons Abreast Coast Busters and the Rotties.

The relay's theme will be "Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back!"

Relay For Life is an overnight teams event, where participants take it in turns to walk, skip or run their way around an oval while raising funds to "defeat cancer".

"Teams are encouraged to camp out overnight, theme their outfits and their tents and do something about cancer in their community in a simple and social way," said NSW Cancer Council Central

Coast Office community relations co-ordinator Ms Lesley Chart said.

"It's a great team-building, fun event."

Ms Chart said the event was in its fourth year and received great support from the local communities of the Peninsula area.

"We are also looking for community-minded people to be part of the planning committee for this event – great experience for those wanting to get into any area of events management or for those who want to put back into this wonderful local community," Ms Chart said.

Registrations can be made online at [www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au), by following the prompts to "Peninsula 2008" or by contacting the Cancer Council office on 4325 5444 for a registration form.

An early bird registration of \$11 per person is available until Friday, February 29.

From March 1 onwards, registration is \$15 per person.

Press release, 19 Nov 2007

Lesley Chart,

NSW Cancer Council

## New meal service

**A new meal delivery service has begun operating on the Woy Woy Peninsula.**

The Peninsula Village Retirement Centre has introduced the community meal service to "provide fresh cooked meals delivered to the door at reasonable prices".

"All meals have been assessed by a dietician and are of the best quality," said the centre's environmental services manager Ms Jackie Bennett.

"All meals are prepared and cooked under the food safety guide lines in accordance with the NSW Food Authority.

"Meals are delivered to the door

Monday to Friday with the weekend meals available on Friday.

"This service takes the hassle out of cooking when people are in need of a little extra help.

"This includes people who are rehabilitating or are just out of hospital."

Ms Bennett said there are no long-term contracts involved.

Menu includes main meals, light meals and desserts.

For more information, telephone Sally Gibbons on 4344 9199.

Press release, 4 Dec 2007

Jackie Bennett,

Peninsula Village Ltd

## Keeping children healthy

**Beachside Family Centre is offering a course for parents and carers looking to keep their children healthy.**

The "Healthy 4 Life" course gives parents and carers the opportunity to learn to cook quick, easy and healthy meals that the whole family will enjoy.

"This course will not only teach parents how to cook but they will also spend two sessions looking at healthy lifestyle issues for the family," Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"Each session will also end with enjoying the meal you have prepared so it should be great fun."

The course will be held in the new year at the Peninsula Community

Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Limited free child care is also available next door through Peninsula Occasional Child Care.

"Come along to this free hands-on program that will teach you how to prepare everything from snacks to main meals and includes topics like budget meals, multicultural foods, entertaining and party foods, kid's snacks, baking, low fat meals and meals for those with allergies and food intolerances," Ms Notara said.

Bookings were essential: "First in best fed."

For further information, contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Press release, 5 Dec 2007

Debbie Notara,

Beachside Family Centre

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## Neal assesses computer needs

**Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal visited Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy, on November 28.**

Despite the poll not having been declared and incumbent Liberal candidate Mr Jim Lloyd not having conceded defeat, Ms Neal visited the school on behalf of the new government.

"Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has moved swiftly with his education plans for Australia and has asked his caucus members to assess the IT and computer needs for government and non-government schools in each electorate," Ms Neal said.

"One of the top priorities of the Rudd Labor Government is to get to work on meeting our commitments for an education revolution."

As well as visiting the college,

Ms Neal also went to Central Coast Grammar School and St Josephs Catholic College.

She said the government planned to provide computers to every high school student from years nine to 12, with high-speed internet access, and to provide \$2.5 billion to turn every secondary school into a trade training centre.

"In the meantime I am eager to get to work for the people of the Central Coast and I look forward to getting around to meeting all the constituents," Ms Neal said.

"It is important to get to work straight away on fulfilling our commitments and I want to ensure the Government has a good understanding of the needs of schools in the Robertson electorate."

Press release, 27 Nov 2007

**Belinda Neal,**  
Labor candidate for Robertson



Official Chinese family group headed by Oton Wu in Ettalong during their trip to the Central Coast

## Tour operators were impressed

**Chinese tour operators who visited to the Mantra Resort and Ettalong Club recently were "over the moon" about their stay, according to Central Coast Tourism chief executive officer Mr Horst Endrulat.**

The 13 tour operators arrived in Gosford on December 1 by three seaplanes before a transfer to Glenworth Valley.

Central Coast Tourism then

hosted a VIP cocktail party at the Penthouse at The Mantra Resort, to officially welcome the group.

The cocktail party was attended by local and state politicians, as well as local industry leaders.

Mr Endrulat said he believed there would be long-term results, and that word of the quality of the visit had spread already.

"We (recently) got an email from Beijing, from an incentive group," Mr Endrulat said.

"The group is for companies who

reward employees with trips to Australia."

Mr Endrulat said the group would consider the Central Coast Tourism program which was run with the recent visitors.

This would bring around 55 people to visit in March, staying one night in Ettalong.

Mr Endrulat said the visiting tour group liked the locality of Ettalong, and also saw the club as a drawcard.

Lyle Stone, 7 Dec 2007

## Houses replaced with five villas

**Two Housing Department houses demolished in Ocean Beach Rd earlier this year are to be replaced with a set of five villa units costing almost \$1 million.**

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has announced that work commenced last week on the \$950,000 redevelopment in Woy Woy for elderly residents.

The site, on Ocean Beach Rd, previously had two old timber framed houses that were demolished earlier this year.

"In their place, we are building units which are expected to be completed by August 2008," Ms Andrews said.

Ms Andrews said the redevelopment of the Ocean Beach Rd site was another example of Housing NSW's commitment to public housing in the area and would be "an important addition to resources on the Central Coast".

"The redevelopment comes after the previous timber framed houses were identified as being expensive to maintain and were no longer meeting the needs of our residents on the Central Coast, especially those of our older residents," Ms Andrews said.

"The location of these five units is also very beautiful and convenient being only minutes from Woy Woy railway station, The Pavilion, Deepwater Plaza and open recreational spaces.

"This is a perfect location for our elderly residents with access to public transport and lifestyle activities."

The units have been specially designed by Stanton & Dahl Contract Architects and work will be carried out by builders K & H Jnaid.

Press release, 29 Nov 2007

**Marie Andrews,**  
Member for Gosford

## Contractor for garden waste

**Gosford Council officers have recommended that council accept a tender from Australian Native Landscapes for the receipt, transfer and processing of council's garden organics**

The contractor would receive, transfer and process the garden organics collected under council's domestic waste management contract and also the garden organics delivered by the public to Council's rubbish tips at Kincumber and Woy Woy.

A council report stated that Australian Native Landscapes had offered "the best tender in accordance with the tender evaluation criteria".

The report stated that the tenderer

had a long history of experience and marketing capability "far in excess" of all other tenderers.

Gosford's current waste

management services contract expires on January 31.

Council agenda CIT.37,  
4 Dec 2007

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## Significant Women

# Significant Women: Pat Lindsay

**“It’s never too late to start!”**

That is what Pat Lindsay would like to tell everyone who thinks that opportunities fly out the window when we receive their gold watch and final pay cheque.

Pat was born in Geraldton, Western Australia in 1926. her parents were British migrants.

When Pat was 5, her mother left her father with her older brother and sister, and they did what could be called a “moonlight flit” to New South Wales.

Pat did not see or hear of her siblings again until the 1960’s.

Her father she never saw again as he died a few years before Pat found her brother.

Before Pat and her husband came to the Coast, they had a market garden growing flowers, carnations and roses at West Pennant Hills.

They moved to East Kurrajong where they lived on 25 acres of pure bushland with myriads of birds who came to breakfast each morning, and two very neurotic dogs.

They have three children and four grandchildren, one of whom is Rhett Lindsay, an artist who designed and executed the cover of her book “The Seeds of a Pomegranate”.

When Pat retired, she took a short Community College course in Creative Writing, then a correspondence course with James Cook University in Queensland.

This completed, she began entering literary competitions and had her first win in 1997 with a short story titled “Aunt Chloe’s Funeral”.

That same year, it was published in the New Zealand New idea.

**A second edition of “Significant Women of the Central Coast 2007” has been published as an International Women’s Day project.**

The first edition was published last year.

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

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

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

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

Cec Bucello, 13 Apr 2007

That was the beginning of a run of successful awards, over 100 so far, and many publications in magazines in Australia, United Kingdom, Sweden and Norway.

She taught Creative Writing at the Hawkesbury Community College for several years before moving to the Central Coast in 2001.

Her book of 31 of those prize winning stories, “The Seeds of a Pomegranate” was published in October, and has been nominated for the Premier’s Literary Awards, 2006.

Pat holds the position of Literary Officer in the Central Coast Fellowship of Australian Writers and is keen to help emerging writers hone their skills.

The Fellowship of Australian Writers, Central Coast, meet on the 3rd Sunday each month, and aims to nurture and help develop new writing talent.

Pat regards her moved to Umina as being an auspicious second retirement.

“The Central Coast presents wonderful opportunities” she says.

“Involvement in any of the creative arts is just a phone call away, and our local newspapers give good coverage.

There is an excellent transport system in place for older residents who no longer drive.”

She is enthusiastic in her praise of her family, who, she says, have supported and encouraged her in her writing endeavours.

“They, and the friends I have made along the way, have made retirement a happy time for me.”

## Sports grants

**Ettalong cricketer Jason Hayward and rugby union player Chad Walsh have received sponsorship from a Central Coast councils’ fund.**

The pair each received \$1000 sponsorship to attend international competitions.

The sponsorship is provided by the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC).

Press release, 7 Dec 2007  
Kate Carragher, Gosford Council

## Party at folk club

**The Troubadour Central Coast folk club will be holding its Christmas party on Saturday, December 22.**

The party will begin from 7pm at the CWA Hall on The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

“We will start with floor spots to get us in the mood and maybe a

chorus cup if I can arrange it,” club president Mr Bill Bekric said.

Guests were asked to bring two wrapped presents costing less than \$3 each.

Mr Bekric said the night would finish with chorus singing and dancing.

Press release, 30 Nov 2007  
Bill Bekric, Troubadour Folk Club

## Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

Kitchener Park  
Corner Picnic Parade & Maitland Bay Drive  
Ettalong Beach

**Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Inc. Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas Exhibition & Sale a success.**

**Raffle results were**

**1st Prize Ticket No 19125 Quilt**

**2nd Prize Ticket No 19203 Painting**

**3rd Prize Ticket No 19527 Hamper**

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**All winners have been notified**

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## Maritime paintings

**An exhibition of maritime paintings will start on December 9 and stay for a month at the shop front of Patonga Bakehouse Gallery.**

“There will be a small collection of the lovely maritime paintings by the late Phil Belbin,” Gallery artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan said.

“Phil had a great love of ships, ferries, steam trains and Sydney harbour in general and painted all with great love and skill and they are quite atmospheric.

“Some works will be for sale although many are in the Belbin family collection.

“The shop’s front gallery is lit at night and therefore available for viewing anytime.”

Ms Maughan and Robin Norling have their latest works “wet off the easel” on show in the main Patonga Bakehouse Gallery.

Press release, 4 Dec 2007

Jocelyn Maughan,  
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

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# Peninsula art walk planned

**The Multi Arts Confederation is organising its first Peninsula Arts Walk, a visual arts shopfront display from January 12 to February 12.**

"Our aim is to promote visual arts and the need for a visual arts venue on the Peninsula, as well as to promote shop owners who are willing to support the arts," said confederation vice president Ms Leila Desborough.

"There are many ways to make life beautiful on the Peninsula and bringing some beauty into our day-to-day life certainly is one of them."

"Artists are invited to enter up to four of their own two or three dimensional works and are requested to enter work appropriate for shopfront display," Ms Desborough said.

"Photos of each should be sent in, along with a completed application form.

"Artworks will be matched with an appropriate shop and the artist given contact details to arrange

set-up."

Ms Desborough said the event was open to all artists regardless of locality, with an entry fee set at \$5 per piece.

Shop owners in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina have been encouraged to participate "as this will help both the artists and the shops", Ms Desborough said.

"Shop owners will benefit by getting a percentage of any sales plus being on a map that will be widely promoted on the Central Coast and beyond."

Application forms for artists and shopkeepers can be obtained from the Multi Arts Confederation website at [www.mac.ccoast.org](http://www.mac.ccoast.org).

Ms Desborough said the confederation was hoping to make it an annual event.

For more information, telephone Ms Desborough on 4344 1810 or email her at [sculpi@gmail.com](mailto:sculpi@gmail.com).

**Press release, 2 Dec 2007  
Leila Desborough, Multi Arts Confederation**



Ashleigh Collins (Centre)

## Music school holds benefit concert

**A benefit concert will be held at Woy Woy South Public School for a disabled child.**

It will be staged by teachers and students of Peninsula School of Music.

Ashleigh Collins had an accident in her home at the age of three and a half and almost drowned in the bath, according to music school owner Ms Marilyn Russell.

"She was left severely brain-damaged and her family and friends have all banded around

her to help her with her day-to-day physiotherapy and daily routines to try and get the best they can for her," Ms Russell said.

"Ashleigh has just turned five and has now learnt to walk, but the costs involved in so much intense therapy has left a huge burden on the family.

"The teachers and students from Peninsula School of Music will be performing in an end of year concert to raise money for Ashleigh."

The Benefit Concert for Ashleigh

will be held on Wednesday, December 12, from 7pm at the Woy Woy South Public School on Waterloo Ave, Woy Woy South.

Entry to the concert will be by donation at the door.

Local businesses have also donated items for a raffle on the night.

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**Press release, 4 Dec 2007  
Marilyn Russell, Peninsula School of Music**



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**Fri 28 Dec** "Catch 22" Top 40 covers + dj  
**Sat 29 Dec** "The Real Thing" the US show + dj  
**Mon 31 Dec** Rileys "Klassic Black" 8.30p-12.30a.

Chicas "Bliss" 10p-2am  
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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

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

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

**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, **ESSC**,

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

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

**Diabeties Support Group**, 10am, **ECC**

### Third Tuesday of every month

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

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

## MOW

### Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

**Toastmasters**, 7.15pm, **EBWMC**

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

### Every Tuesday

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

**Free Tax Help by Appt., School for Seniors (Cards, Craft & Games)** 9am; **Playgroup** 9am;

**Occasional Care**, 9am; **U3A Courses**, **Pre-School Playgroup**, 12.30pm; **Over 55s Learn To Play**

**Bridge**, 1pm; **Stroke Recovery**, 2pm; **The Web**, from 2pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm;

**Brophy Circus Academy**, 4.30pm; **Belly Dancing**, 4.30pm, **PCC**.

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

**Breakdancing**, 5pm; **Gym Sessions** 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9:15am & 6pm; **PCYC**

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

Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm;

**Computers**, 9am, **ESSC** .

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

**Bowls**; 10am, **Card Club**; 7.15pm, **Chess Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

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

**Folk Art** 9.30am, **Silk Painting** 1pm, 15th Oct - 15th Dec **EBACC**. **Enquiries: Penny Riley**

**ph. 43427660**

**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

**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.

**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, **ESSC**

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

**Oils & Acrylics** 9am, **Pastels & Drawing** 11.30am, **EBACC**, 15th Oct-15th Dec. **Enquiries: Penny Riley Ph. 43427 660**

**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

**Childrens Art**, 4.30pm, 15th Oct-15 Dec, **EBACC**. **Enquiries: Penny Riley ph. 4342 7660**

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

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

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

**Free entertainment** 6.30 pm, **School for Learning/Seniors** 9am; **Senior Snooker** 8.30am

**Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club**

**Raffle** 5.15pm, **EMBC**. **Bouddi Women's Drumming**,

2pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.

**Scrabble**, 12.30pm. **WWPH** , **Children's art classes** 4.30pm, **EBACC**

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

**Tai Chi** 11.30am & 3.45pm; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**, 9am; **Table Tennis**, 1.45pm;

**Cards** noon, **ESSC**

**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

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

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

**FRIDAY**

### First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am; **EBWMC**

### Second Friday of every month

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

RSL Sub Branch Meeting **EBWMC**, 2.30pm.

**Third Friday of every month**

Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

### Fourth Friday of every month

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

Civilian widows, **ESSC**, 1pm. School for Seniors Bushwalking, **PCC**

### Every Friday

**Kids entertainment Yrs 7 -12**, 7.30pm, **Playgroup**, 10am Umina Uniting Church.

**Bingo** 11.30am, **UCH** Enq:4343 1664

**Lollipop** Music Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.

Old Wags **Bridge** Club, **WH** (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

**Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

Active Over 50's **Exercise Class** **EPH** 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

**Watercolour Painting** 10am, **EBACC**, 15th Oct - 15 Dec. **Enquiries: Penny Riley ph. 4342 7660**

**Painting** 9am, **Computers** 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESSC**

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

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

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

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

**Occasional Care**, 9am; **Kindy Gym 0-3s** 9.15am, **3-5s** 10.20am; **Weight Watchers**, 9.30am; **Smart Recovery**, 10am; **Samaritans Support Group**, 10.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **The Web**, from 2pm;

**Brophy Circus Academy**, 5pm; **Kempo Karate**, 5.30pm; **Judo**, 7pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**

**Women's walking** group, 9am - 11am **PWHC**

Fishing Club. **EBWM**

Krait RSL Day Club - 10am, WWAC - 4341 8564

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

## SATURDAY

### First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans** Assoc. Meet, **EBWMC**, 2pm Enq: 4340 4160

### Second Saturday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

### Third Saturday of every month

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

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

**Peninsula Residents Association**, 2pm, **Peninsula Community Centre**, Cnr Ocean Beach Road and MacMasters Road.

### 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, , 15th Oct - 15th Dec, **EBACC**. **Enquiries: Penny Riley ph. 4342 7660**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAY**

### First Sunday of every month

Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Enq: 4342 6995



## What's On in and around the Peninsula

### Second Sunday of every month

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

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

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

### Third Sunday of every month

**Bushcare** Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am Enq: 43692486  
Etymalong **Creek Landcare**, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251.

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

### Fourth Sunday of every month

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

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

### 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

### Upcoming Events

**December 9** - Maritime Paintings, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, for a full month

**December 12** - Choir to perform Christmas music at Woy Woy Nursing Home 10.30am

Benefit Concert for Ashleigh Collins, Woy Woy South Public School

**December 14** - Choir to perform Christmas music at Woy Woy Hospital Home 2pm

Community Christmas Carols, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 5.30pm

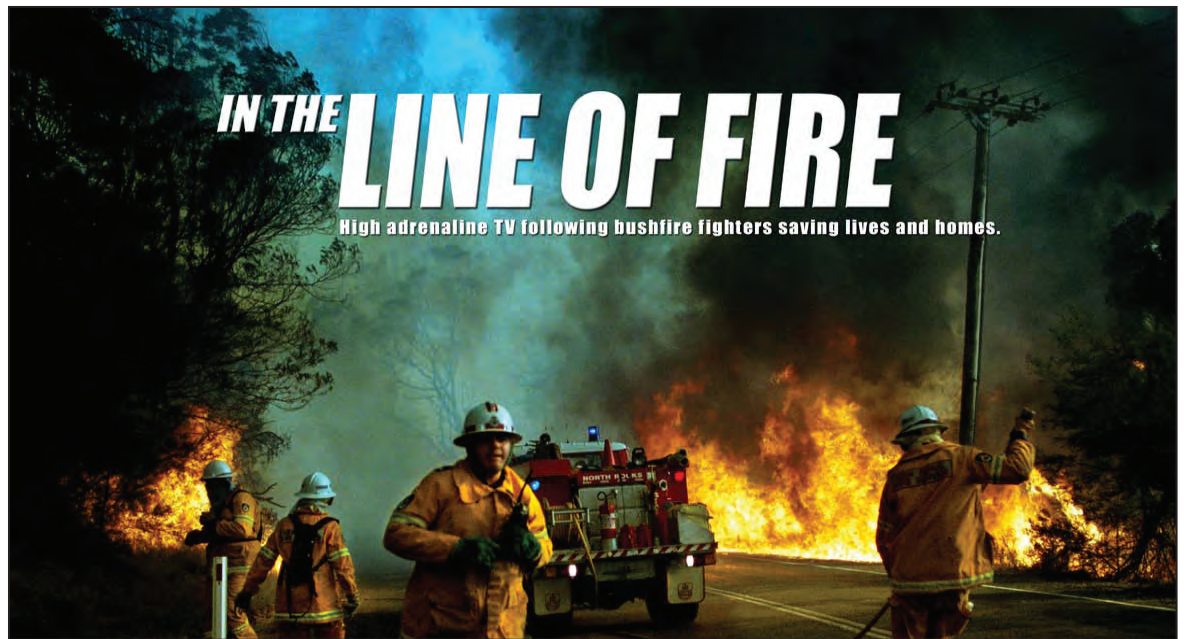
**December 20** - Choir to perform Christmas music at Umina Library 10.30am

**December 22** - Troubador Central Coast Christmas Party, CWA Hall Woy Woy

**December 24** - Carols by Glowsticks, Neptune ST, Umina, 6pm

**January 12** - Multi Arts Conederation, Peninsula Arts Walk

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



## TV series features the Bays fires

The Peninsula is set to feature in the upcoming television series "In the Line of Fire", to be aired on the Nine Network on Tuesday, December 18, at 8pm.

The new television program will feature the Gosford Rural Fire Service and the New Years Day bush fires that devastated Horsfield Bay and Phegans Bay last year.

The documentary series is an "inspiring, adrenaline-charged" show, according to series producer Ms Ellenor Cox.

"The series looks inside the world of fire fighters battling some of the world's deadliest blazes to save homes and lives," Ms Cox said.

"This series goes behind the scenes and places itself in the centre of the action in the largest fire fighting organisation in the world, the Rural Fire Service of NSW."

The first 30-minute program will feature the hottest day in 70 years

for the Gosford area with three blazes threatening more than 1000 homes.

The first episode will also include the Bryant family from Phegans Bay and the bush fire that left them homeless.

Other episodes look at the devastation caused by bush fires in Canberra and in rural NSW.

"It is often said that when pushed to extremes the best is brought out in people and this can certainly be said about the fire fighting community," Ms Cox said.

"Beyond the inspiring efforts of ordinary folk, In the Line of Fire presents a multi-faceted expose on how communities and firefighters pull together in the grip of danger."

The series is narrated by Australian actor Jack Thompson.

The final three episodes of the four-part documentary will be aired at 8pm on January 1, 8 and 15.

"Beyond the jaw-dropping news-flashes of ferocious flames, there are always dramatic human stories

to be told," Ms Cox said.

"In this story we meet heroes who battle the blazes head-on, courageous home-owners who manage to save just a few precious belongings, and aircraft pilots who fly into the charred, flaming landscape to halt the fire's spread."

Press release, 7 Dec 2007  
Gosford Rural Fire Service  
Press release, 7 Dec 2007  
Essential Viewing Production

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**Every Tuesday - Lingerie Waitress & Pool Comp**

**Every Friday - Happy Hour Madness - \$2.50 Schooners 5.00pm – 7.00pm**

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Education



Present at the ribbon cutting ceremony were Cr Chris Holstein from Central Coast Community Chest and representatives of the school

Community access room refurbished

Woy Woy Public School celebrated the official opening of its refurbished community access room on Tuesday, December 4.

The room was renovated to make a suitable area for the children with special needs and disabilities in support of their Living Skills program.

The room was installed with a new kitchen, new floor and a partition wall and was repainted.

The area was redesigned to benefit from multi-functional use, separating the kitchen area from a meeting and computer area.

"The Community Access room was in dire need of attention," said the Parents and Citizens Association president Ms Julie

Stevens. "It is an area that should be regularly used by the school and the community and one of which we should be proud.

"This was a difficult concept prior to the refurbishment as it was dark, dirty and used mainly for storage of surplus school furniture and other items.

The renovations were funded by the Central Coast Community Chest.

"No one could have had pride, but now thanks to the Central Coast Community Chest we can."

Ms Stevens said the room was now an attractive, bright and useful space.

Press release, 5 Dec 2007  
Julie Stevens,  
Woy Woy Public School P&C



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# Judo club wins tournament medals

**Members of Woy Woy Judo Club has brought home medals from tournaments in recent months, according to secretary Ms Lindy Simmons.**

Club members have taken part in the World Masters, NSW Country Championships and the selection tournament for the NSW State Team.

"Two of our coaches flew down to Adelaide to compete in the World Masters on October 9," Ms Simmons said.

"Second Dan black belt Cliff Dawson entered in the over 100kg division.

"Cliff had two bouts and won both of them successfully to take the gold medal.

"First Dan black belt Shane Hobbs weighed in under 95kg and equalled his result from the March World Police & Fireman Games to attain the silver medal."

Ms Simmons said members visited Coffs Harbour on October 27 and 28 for the running of the NSW Country Championships, held at the Coffs Harbour PCYC.

"Eight of our students entered in the two-day competition that saw clubs from all over NSW vie for the inaugural perpetual Top Club Trophy," Ms Simmons said.



"Representing the under 10 age division was Dominic Daquin and Warren Rooks.

"Over the two days, Dominic had nine bouts and Warren 10 bouts.

"Dominic attained a silver medal and Warren gold and a bronze.

"The under-13s was a hard division with the majority of our players having a minimum of three bouts to as high as seven bouts.

"Our four competitors were all in different weight divisions.

"Cameron Campbell in under-30kg won a silver medal on the first day and a gold on the second day.

"Caitlin Grosse in under 35kg had two bouts on the Saturday and three on the Sunday winning all of them.

"Brandon Stokes, who is the current Australian National Title Holder in the under-35kg division, fought four opponents on the Saturday and five on the Sunday.

"None of his challengers got a point on the board as Brandon finished all the matches in record times.

"Jacob rooks achieved his first gold medal on the first day of play in the over-50kg division and silver on the second day.

"One entrant in the under-16 years, Jordan Smith, entered in two weight divisions: the under-66kg and under-73kg.

"Jordan took out both divisions on the Saturday and won silver in the under-66kg and another gold in the under-73kg on the Sunday."

Ms Simmons said the overall medal tally for the weekend was 10 gold, four silver and one bronze.

The club competed in two tournaments in November.

"The first was run by the Seven Hills RSL Youth Club at Seven Hills Sports High School," Ms Simmons said.

"Eight competitors entered and won four gold, two silver and one bronze in their individual weight divisions.

"Bradley Handley took gold, Caitlin Grosse and new competitor Harley Crawford both took silver in amalgamated special weight divisions as well as in their own divisions.

"The end of November brought the first selection tournament at Olympic Park for the NSW State Team.

"There are three selection tournaments for a position on the State Team.

"Competitors must achieve first, second or third in all three to be considered for State Squad.

"We entered four boys in the under 13 division, with Brandon

Stokes winning the gold, Cameron Campbell, Bradley Handley and Jacob Rooks all winning silver.

"In the under-16 years, Kieren Handley was unmatched in the under-48kg division and won gold.

"Matthew Cheesman in his first selection tournament initiated a textbook throw to achieve a silver medal.

"Rebecca Steward entered in the junior women and women's divisions winning a bronze and a silver medal."

Ms Simmons said that, for the first time in years, next year's Australian National Titles would be held in Sydney.

"(This is) much to the relief of our club which has had State Representation every year since 1983."

The club's chief instructor Mr Danny Simmons was recently successful in achieving his Go Dan (fifth degree black belt).

"This required extensive practice of the Kime-No-Kata to ensure perfection on the day of the exam," Ms Simmons said.

"The Kime-No-Kata is composed of eight techniques in the kneeling posture and 12 techniques in the standing posture, with the attacker using swords and daggers.

"This Kata is formulated to acquire the most effective way of defending ourselves from unexpected attacks from others.

"Also as part of the examination he was required to demonstrate Ne-Waza (ground work techniques), consisting of hold downs, arm bars and strangulations.

"In Nage-Waza (throwing techniques) he was asked to demonstrate throwing, combination and counter throws.

"The main part of the exam was how he would teach all techniques to junior and senior students (Juniors under 16 are restricted from using arm bars and strangles)."

Danny started Judo in 1955 at the South Sydney Police Boys Club, Waterloo.

He has taught all over Sydney and NSW, with many students achieving State, National and International Level.

Press release, 4 Dec 2007

Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club



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SLSC opening Umina, Andrew Wing, Mayor Jim Macfadyen and Brett Harrod

## Mayor opens new surf clubhouse

**Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen has officially opened the new Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Clubhouse.**

The ceremony held on December 1 was the second \$2.1 million redevelopment of a Gosford City club to be opened within two weeks.

Cr Macfadyen officially opened the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club's redevelopment on November 21.

Cr Macfadyen said it was fitting that two local surf club redevelopments had been officially opened in 2007, the Year of the Life Saver, and that president of Surf Life Saving NSW Mr Brett Harrod would be on hand at Umina for the opening.

"Although more than 300,000 lives have been saved by Surf Life Saving NSW members since 1949, this vital service can only continue its work if they are provided with the best facilities and the best equipment," Cr Macfadyen said.

"Gosford Council has made an unparalleled commitment to ensuring beach safety through its long-term program of redeveloping eight of its nine surf life saving clubs by the end of 2008."

Council has now upgraded club facilities at North Avoca, Terrigal, Avoca, Ocean Beach and Umina, with construction of the Copacabana Club currently underway and work due to begin early next year on Wamberal and Killcare.

Included in the Umina Beach upgrade was a kiosk, first aid and observation rooms, gear and boat sheds, meeting rooms, office, kitchen and bar, function room, and members' toilets.

Umina Beach is now the second club built by McKenzie Building.

Funding for Umina Beach was provided by council and a \$110,000 surf club facility grant from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

Press release, 27 Nov 2007  
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

## Lunchroom for leisure centre

**Gosford Council has resolved to submit a development application for a new lunchroom at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.**

A staff report to council stated that since the opening of the centre, the need for a dedicated staff lunch area had become "increasingly apparent".

It stated that due to insufficient workstations within the administration area, program staff had a workstation set up in the lunch room.

It stated: "During lunch and tea breaks, there is often insufficient space for staff".

"The lunch room will provide a dedicated space for staff to enjoy

meal breaks without disrupting other staff also trying to continue work in the same and adjacent spaces.

"The area currently used by staff for lunch breaks will be converted into an area for four dedicated workstations."

The council report stated that the lunchroom would be a six metre by four metre building with a shaded verandah entry.

It will be located on the northern side of the building adjacent to the external crèche play area and the existing staff area.

The external sheeting would be coloured corrugated iron to match the external walls of the main building in this area.

Council agenda CIT.39, 4 Dec 2007

## Centre has second birthday

**The Peninsula Leisure Centre has celebrated its second birthday on Sunday, November 11, with a performance by the children's group The Hooley Dooleys.**

"Our second birthday was celebrated in fine style with over 1000 patrons visiting the centre on the day," according to Gosford council marketing officer Mr Andrew Stuart.

"The concert attracted more than 500 people, with the audience dancing and singing as the band performed."

Mr Stuart said that, after the concert, the children had the opportunity to meet band members.

"Many photos were taken and just as many autographs were signed."

The centre's birthday cake was "quickly devoured" by the children, who then played on the jungle jumping castle and the centre's water slide.

The centre also provided information on safety in the water and at skate parks through a Surf and Skate Expo.

A new skateboard was won as a lucky prize.

Press release, 6 Dec 2007  
Andrew Stuart, Gosford council



## Gold medals to Nippers

**Several Ocean Beach Surf Club Nippers have received gold medals at the Swansea Carnival held recently at Blacksmiths Beach.**

"We had fantastic results throughout the day especially with the Girls Under-10s' Board Relay team," publicity officer Ms Kristene Murphy said.

"Despite very trying surf conditions, Jasmine Mandy, Caitlin Oakes and Jennifer Murphy led the race and finished more than a lap in front securing their first gold medal in the relay."

Press release, 26 Nov 2007  
Kristene Murphy,  
Ocean Beach Surf Club



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