

Ettalong Club proposes outdoor pokies

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club has announced a \$700,000 proposal to build an outdoor poker machine lounge following talk of the club going into administration.

Club general manager Mr Peter Hale said the State Government's poker machine tax increase and smoking ban had contributed to the club's \$28 million debt.

"We are in the process of preparing a submission for the proposed outdoor poker machine lounge," Mr Hale said.

"Any rumour about the club going into administration is therefore an

absolute lie."

The proposed outdoor poker machine lounge would mean patrons would not need to leave poker machines to go outdoors to smoke.

Mr Hale said the club is also planning on enclosing the front terrace of the building.

Clare Graham, 21 Dec 2007

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Peter Hale steps down

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club general manager Mr Peter Hale has announced he will resign as general manager of the club after 23 years in the position.

"I believe it is time someone new came along to the club," Mr Hale said.

"Twenty-three years ago I brought something new and fresh to the club, and now I think it is

time for someone else to do the same."

Mr Hale denied the reason for his resignation was due to the club's \$28 million debt.

"No, this is definitely not the reason for my resignation," Mr Hale said.

"I have been considering the decision over the last three months with my family and business associates."

Mr Hale will officially stand down

from the general manager position at the club's annual general meeting on January 21.

He said the new general manager position will be discussed at the meeting.

"I am looking forward to taking a couple of months off," Mr Hale said.

"I have a couple of arrangements lined up after this time."

Mr Hale declined to discuss the nature of the business he will undertake.

"My time at the club has been terrific," Mr Hale said.

"It has been a great challenge for me."

Clare Graham, 21 Dec 2007

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Christmas lights at 3 Salacia Ave St Huberts - Photo: John Herrett, Peninsula School of Photography - See more page 17

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Winners

The winners have been announced for the King Tide competition published in the last edition of Peninsula News.

The winners were Ms Giles of Umina Beach, Ms Lorraine Hurley of Ettalong, Ms Donna Mantle of Woy Woy and Ms Cheryl Allsopp of Umina Beach.

The winners each won a double pass to the Sydney-based Indie band King Tide at Kantara House, Green Point, on Saturday, January 5.

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

Clare Graham, 21 Dec 2007



Volunteer paints mural

Volunteer Ms Debbie Golding-Tutt has completed a mural at Beachside Family Centre in

the Child Care Room, with a theme of sea creatures.

Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said Ms Golding-Tutt, whose two children Jasper and Bridget are under five, had been attending Beachside Family Centre since its inception in 2004.

"Her interest in art began as a school child but when she had children she really started to tap into and explore her artistic side," Ms Notara said.

Debbie has also been commissioned to do another wall mural for Kariong Medical Centre.

Press release, 18 Dec 2007

Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

Peninsula in the News

12 Dec 2007

Central Coast community groups will benefit from the Gosford Apex Club's annual Christmas tree drive.

The club sold fresh-cut Christmas trees on December 15 at Woy Woy railway station.

Express Advocate

The Central Coast summer swimming championships were held at Woy Woy recently.

Twenty-nine district records were smashed, and several state and national multi-disability records also fell.

Express Advocate

Amanda Bartrim of Umina Beach won the under-17 pole vault in the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships recently.

Express Advocate

14 Dec 2007

Woy Woy resident Brendan Henderson, 20, has been sent on a 10-day cruise on the Young Endeavour by the Commonwealth Bank, sailing from Devonport to Adelaide aboard the ship with a youth crew.

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The following is a summary of Peninsula related news from other media on the Central Coast.

Four Woy Woy players have been chosen in the Central Coast Bradman Cup title at Coffs Harbour next month.

Express Advocate

21 Dec 2007

Club Umina's takeover by Merrylands RSL last year has been hailed as a success.

Club secretary manager Mr Stephen Brady said the club was trading well, "even with the smoking ban".

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Photo competition

The Peninsula News, in conjunction with the Peninsula School of Photography, will be conducting a photographic competition over the holidays.

The first prize will be a 90cm x 60cm stretched canvas print of the winning entry, donated by the Peninsula School of Photography.

The theme for the competition is holiday pictures taken on the Peninsula, being the postcodes of 2256 and 2257, during the current vacation period.

The CD or DVD entries must be posted or delivered to the Peninsula News office before January 24 and the competition winner will be announced on February 11, Edition 184.

The CDs or DVDs may be picked up from the Peninsula News office

after the competition or a self addressed and stamped CD/DVD mailer must be attached to the entry for return.

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Entries must include the entrants name, address, phone number and details of the picture.

Entries are open to all ages.

No hard copy entries will be accepted.

The images will be judged by the principal of the Peninsula School of Photography and the judges opinion will be final and no correspondence entered into.

For more information, telephone John Herrett on 0425 231 243.

Cec Bucello, 19 Dec 2007

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Police target Umina, Ettalong

Police will target Ettalong and Umina in the Operation Safe Arrival campaign during the Christmas break.

Double demerit points came into effect on Friday, December 21, and apply until midnight on Tuesday, January 1.

The enforcement is designed to target excessive speed, driver fatigue, alcohol and drug impaired driving and the failure of passengers to wear seat belts.

Senior Constable Dave O'Shea of Brisbane Water Local Area Command Traffic Services said the command will be targeting locations identified where either speed or alcohol have been determined as a factor.

"Ettalong and Umina Beach as featuring reasonably predominantly in alcohol crashes with the majority of people detected coming from

private homes," Senior Constable O'Shea said.

During Operation Safe Arrival last year, police from the Brisbane Water Command breath tested 2461 people.

"Of those breath tested, 61 were arrested and charged with drink driving offences, 563 infringements were issued for varying offences and a further 149 infringements issued for excessive speed," Senior Constable O'Shea said.

"Forty-seven crashes occurred over the 15-day period where 15 of those resulted in injuries to parties and three were as a result of alcohol."

To date, the state has recorded 408 fatal crashes this year compared with 433 the previous year.

Press release, 19 Dec 2007
Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water Police

Rain is one third above average

Rainfall on the Peninsula is expected finish the year more than a third - or more than 400mm - above average.

A total of 1604mm had fallen for the year to December 20, according to figures provided by Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

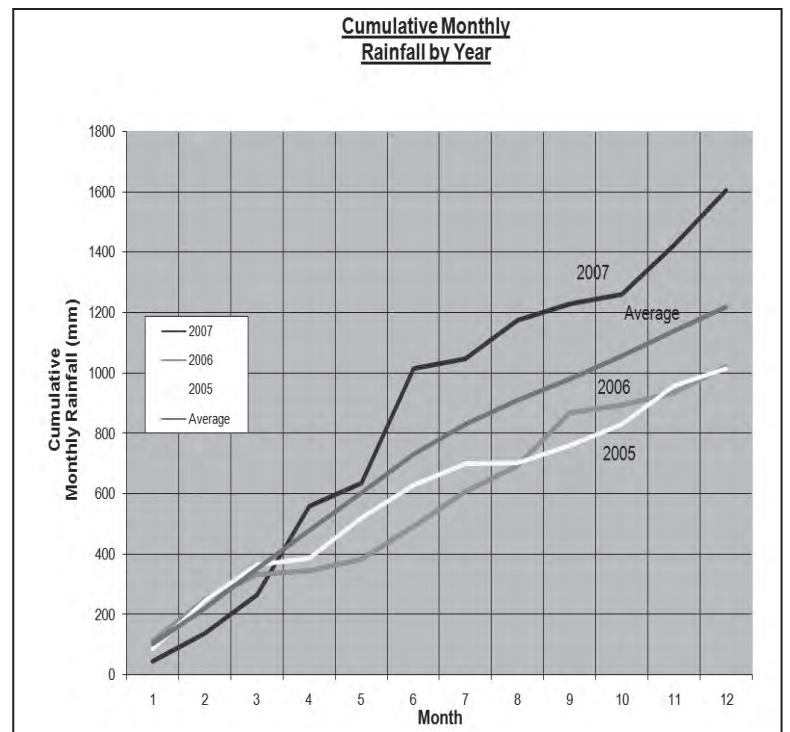
This is more than 32 per cent above the annual average of 1214.1mm.

With more rain predicted before the end of the month, only another 14.8mm is required to take the total rainfall beyond one third above average.

Only six millimetres is required to bring the surplus this year to more than the combined total (396mm) of the shortfall in the last two years, when rainfall was 15 per cent and 17 per cent below average respectively.

A total of 181.6mm has fallen so far this month compared to the monthly average of 77.7mm.

Mark Snell, 21 Dec 2007



Dancing will feature

Aboriginal, Fijian and Greek dancing will feature in Australia Day celebrations at the Woy Woy Waterfront on Saturday, January 26.

Australian poetry readings, the Seven Lands band with a spectacular laser show, drummers, soloist and a Chinese art troupe will also provide entertainment over a period of seven hours.

Committee chairperson Mr Charles Brock said that there would be a "wonderous lantern parade" on land and water, followed by an

"amazing fireworks display".

The event would celebrate "what it means to be Australian and the great community spirit that abounds on the Woy Woy Peninsula", he said.

"It will all start with the RAAF flyover at around 1pm," secretary Mr Mark Ellis said.

Mr Ellis said the day would also feature "a myriad of stalls, fun rides and activities for the kids".

Press release, 20 Dec 2007
Mark Ellis,
Peninsula Australia Day Committee

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Cec Bucello, Publisher, Ducks Crossing Publications.

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Theatre shows for 20th anniversary

Gosford Council will mark 20 years of its theatre in Gosford with 14 professional productions at the Peninsula Theatre to help celebrate the occasion.

Council's arts & culture unit manager Ms Debra Schleger stated that the "2008 season provides the best shows for all family members that Australian theatre has to offer - more music, more comedy, more drama and wonderful children's productions".

"We should all be proud of the contribution that live theatre has made to our vibrant local and regional culture," she said.

"The expansive program of

shows at both theatres is a reflection of the ever-increasing creative capacity of our community and its artists."

Shows for next year will include Heroes, Gadgets, Shorter & Sweeter, Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow, The Arrival, As You Like It, Possum Magic The Musical, Times of My Life, Shakespeare's R&J, Emily Loves to Bounce, The Carpenters from Kempsey, Codgers and Deep Blue.

Council's theatre theme for next year will be "Immerse Yourself in New Flavours of Live Entertainment".

Press release, 11 Dec 2007
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre



Jonah and the Wailers

Jazz in January at arboretum

Pearl Beach Progress Association will be holding "Jazz in January" on Saturday afternoon, January 19, at the Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach.

"Geoff Bull's traditional jazz band will take you as close to the famous Preservation Hall New Orleans music as you'll find anywhere in Australia," publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said.

"Geoff is recognised as one of the world's best New Orleans style trumpeters and regularly performs at Preservation Hall.

"The lush voice of Evelyn Duprai

will provide some of the great songs made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Billie Holiday.

"And if you really like the traditional jazz sounds, you'll hear African American Gospel singing by the 30-voice choir of Jonah and the Wailers.

"Performing with the Wailers is the stunning jazz singer and great crowd pleaser, Delilah."

Organiser Mr Peter Lazar said: "It will be a full afternoon of jazz and entertainment, so bring a picnic, rug, chairs and some friends".

"The Arboretum is a magnificent living museum of native trees and

a great jazz space.

"Jazz in January sells out fast each year.

"The festival can cater for only about 500, so make sure of tickets as early as possible."

Local group "Strictly Dixie" will perform at 12.30pm followed by the main concert at 2.30pm.

Ms Lillico said that proceeds from the event would go towards improving community facilities in the area.

Press release, 7 Dec 2007
Lynne Lillico,
Pearl Beach
Progress Association

Duo appear at folk club

Leon Rabin and Toni Davies will be appearing at the Troubadour folk club in Woy Woy on Saturday, February 23.

Troubadour president Mr Bill Bekric said: "One of the great singers and arguably the finest

rhythm guitarist in the folk scene today, Leon Rabin will be joined by Toni Davies."

The pair will be appearing at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, from 7pm.

Press release, 19 Dec 2007
Bill Bekric,
Troubadour Central Coast

Serving chilled meals

The Woy Woy Meals on Wheels Centre is still open for business, according to service manager Ms Barbara Chamberlain.

"Some residents have expressed concern that we are no longer operating from Woy Woy," Ms Chamberlain said.

"This is not so and I would like to set the record straight.

"Meals on Wheels in Woy Woy is still serving the local community from the same premises, which face into Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, that they have occupied for over 30 years.

"The service provides home-delivered chilled and frozen meals to

the frail aged and disabled residents of the Peninsula.

"What is equally as important as the nutritious meal is the friendly daily visit from one of our local dedicated volunteers."

Ms Chamberlain said that Woy Woy, Terrigal and Gosford Meals on Wheels merged two years ago to become Gosford City Food Services Inc, which now provides a meal service for the whole of the Gosford Local Government Area.

She said that prior to this merger Woy Woy Meals on Wheels closed their production kitchen as it was "no longer a viable proposition owing to

new food safety legislation".

"The service now buys the meals from Master Catering Service in Lidcombe - the meals are of the highest quality, comply with all food safety legislation and provide a four-week menu cycle," Ms Chamberlain said.

"From the Woy Woy Centre, we also run a weekly shopping bus and a monthly social bus outing.

"This week we completed our first Cooking for Me and You program."

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Press Release, 12 Dec 2007
Barbara Chamberlain,
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Church farewells senior pastor

The Umina Beach Good News Church will farewell Senior Pastor Pat Clarke at a celebration dinner on Saturday, January 19.

Ms Clarke of St Huberts Island will be retiring from her role after 27 years of service to the community.

The farewell dinner will be held at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

Pastor Sam Collins will be taking over from Ms Clarke on January 20.

"After almost three decades, I feel it is my time to hand over to a younger minister with fresh ideas," Ms Clarke said.

"I will be looking forward to a break and then new challenges in the future."

Ms Clarke said the Good News Church is so important to her because she helped found it.

"It is a family church, and a loving and accepting church," Ms

Clarke said.

"It is important to me not because of the building but the people.

"This has been a hard decision to make.

"I love my church, I love my people, and it has been an awesome journey.

"I have made some wonderful friends and have no regrets over the last 27 years."

Ms Clarke said she has passed on some valuable advice to the new church leader Pastor Collins.

"I told him to look after my sheep and give his all to God's call," Ms Clarke said.

"To be a pastor is to be a shepherd and the ministry is all about God and people developing into their full potential."

Pastor Collins has been working at Brisbane Water Secondary College for the past three years and is involved in the leadership team at Shelly Beach Christian Life

Centre.

"I chose the ministry because of the difference my relationship with Jesus has had on my life," Mr Collins said.

"We are looking forward to seeing the church continue to bring faith, hope and love to the community.

"We want to see Good News Church continue to be a vibrant part of the community, and relevant to this generation.

"Good News Church is so important to the Peninsula community because it is a place where people feel they are loved and accepted."

Good News Church conducts two Sunday services each week at 10am and 6pm.

The church is located on the first floor at 234 West St, Umina Beach.

For more information, contact 4344 3000.

Clare Graham, 21 Dec 2007

First to be declared

The Federal seat of Robertson was the first poll in NSW to be officially declared by the Australian Electoral Commission on December 12.

Labor's Belinda Neal finished 184 votes ahead to claim the seat, making it the second most marginal seat in Australia, behind McEwen in Victoria.

Ms Neal said she was pleased the result has been formalised and "looks forward to getting on with the job".

"Now the results are official, my first priority as the new Federal Member for Robertson is work on improving the quality of health care at Gosford Hospital and addressing the waiting lists for elective surgery," Ms Neal said.

"There is no doubt access to quality health care is one of the top concerns for residents of the Central Coast and Labor is

committed to providing additional funds to Gosford Hospital to clear the backlog and improve the system.

"I will also get straight to work to pursue Labor's commitment to provide all secondary high school students from Years 9 - 12 in Robertson with access to a computer and high speed broadband.

"I have visited a number of schools already to get a feel for the region's needs and I will endeavour to get to all schools in the area as soon as possible.

"This week I also intend to meet with the local and state representatives on the Central Coast which will be the start of a collaborative partnership to achieve the best outcomes for the region."

Ms Neal said she was in the process of setting up an electorate office.

"My contact details will be

advised very shortly and in the meantime constituents can still contact me via email, telephone and fax," Ms Neal said.

Ms Neal can be contacted on email at belinda.neal@alp.org.au.

Press release, 12 Dec 2007

Belinda Neal,

Member for Robertson

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Council will introduce fluoride

I am pleased to announce that Gosford Council will shortly introduce fluoride into the town water supply for the dental health benefit of the community.

The decision to fluoridate was made by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Health in December 2006 in line with its policy, after Council resolved to write seeking the Department's approval.

Council has now completed the larger civil works involved with the fluoridation facilities at the

Somersby and Woy Woy water treatment plants, and final commissioning is expected to take place in December this year.

Following final approval from the Department of Water and Energy and NSW Department of Health, Gosford's town water supply will be fluoridated as of **7 January 2008**.

From this date, the natural

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concentration of the water supply will be increased to the optimum level of fluoride (1.0 parts per million) to help prevent tooth decay in all ages.

At this concentration, fluoride is not harmful or toxic and will not alter the taste and smell of your drinking water.

As usual, Council will continue to closely monitor the water supply to ensure that it complies with Australian Health Standards.

It is advised to continue brushing with fluoride toothpaste once the water supply is fluoridated.

The NSW Department of Health recommends that fluoride supplements are not given to any child who lives or goes to school in a fluoridated water community.

Consult your dentist, medical practitioner or pharmacist before making any decision.

Should you have any queries relating to the fluoridation of Gosford's town water, a copy of the most recent water fluoridation fact sheet is available on Council's website: www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Department of Health can also provide further information.

Jim Macfadyen, Gosford mayor

Deputy will be missed

It was an unhappy day for Ettalong Public School as deputy principal Mrs Karen Morrow left to go on to another school at the end of the year.

Mrs Morrow has brought an enormous musical direction to the school and the community with choir, J-rock, school band, recorder

and the list goes on.

She is an amazing role model for the community and her students.

She will be sadly missed by staff, students and parents of Ettalong Public School.

**Don and Traci Makepeace
Booker Bay**

Forum

More about the mermaid

Now that Roy Spence has given us the low down on the Mermaid of Broken Bay, I can tell the real story.

Well, what happened was, that the old man was fishing down on the Hawkesbury, when he caught this huge jewfish.

He brought it aboard and was wondering what to put it in, when he remembered he had mum's old neck to knee costume, he kept in case of emergency.

Well, he shoved the fish in this and just then the fish gave one

desperate effort and leapt to freedom.

The old man would have followed it, only for the two Noahs cruising round the boat.

Later on, the jewfish, wearing mum's huge neck to knee costume, was stranded on a sandbank in the Brisbane Water.

That's when Bernie Crungle took his famous photo.

**Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy**

Forum

Revise the playground strategy

Yet again Gosford Council has destroyed another functional well-used playground that promoted social integration and physical activity for children.

It has been replaced it with one set of swings (which are already broken), a sculpture and a table shelter that would barely fit three people.

I have nothing against swings and sculptures but the prior equipment including the picnic shelter and seats were more practical and functional for the number of people who utilise this public open space.

The answer for this poor excuse

Forum

for a playground will be one of the three old chestnuts:

(1) There is no money for playground equipment as it is too expensive

(2) It was not within the guideline which the death of fun police adhere to

(3) There is a going to be a regional park just two kilometres away. Why should we put one next to ocean beach surf club?

At the rate the council is removing park equipment and the vandals are destroying playgrounds, soon there will be no playgrounds or

pocket parks for the kids to play in around the Peninsula.

The Gosford Council playground strategy should be revised and better funded to provide for the wider cross-section of the community to stop this politically correct attack on playgrounds.

**Mark Ellis
Woy Woy**

Contributions

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Killcare Wagstaffe Trust critical of biodiversity draft

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has joined with other community groups in criticizing the current draft Gosford Biodiversity Strategy as "a weak document that does not address the key issues for protecting biodiversity".

The groups have issued a statement claiming the draft Gosford Biodiversity Strategy did not address important issues such as climate change, threatened species, wildlife corridors and aquatic and marine biodiversity.

The alliance is made up of the Community Environment Network, The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, Australian Conservation Foundation (Central Coast), Forrester Bushrangers, Greens Central Coast, Gosford Combined Progress Association and a number of Gosford Bushcare groups.

The Community Environment Network chairman Mr John Asquith said that the alliance was supported in its concerns by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW.

Mr Asquith said that the previous draft Gosford Biodiversity Strategy was a substantial 200-page document prepared over several years which had been tabled and discussed with key stakeholders since 2005 but the recently-tabled revised strategy of only 20 pages had been "decimated", had "few real actions" and was of "limited use".

He said that the reduction of 90 per cent of the content of the strategy has left council rudderless in managing biodiversity.

Ms Ann Bowe from the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust said: "We had a roadmap for the future.

"Now the revised strategy is

a backward slide that shows no interest in protecting the environment.

"For example, no vegetation maps are included even though council has previously prepared the maps."

The groups are calling for council to reinstate the former draft strategy so that biodiversity is "adequately protected in Gosford and meaningful actions are undertaken by council".

Mr Asquith said: "Council's own Sustainability Report identifies many threats to local biodiversity that need to be addressed, including; clearing, weeds, pests such as foxes, filling of wetlands and water extraction.

"Now we have evidence that climate change is affecting species and ecosystems.

"Studies suggest climate change will cause substantial changes in species distribution, reproduction, growth and interactions and possibly the loss of 30 per cent of all species."

Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch president Mr Mark Snell said: "Gosford needs a detailed Biodiversity Strategy to ensure that the unique environment of the Central Coast is protected.

"The new Local Environment Plan for Gosford is about to go on public exhibition and it will be a flawed plan without a good biodiversity strategy."

Gosford council has agreed to extend the public exhibition period of the strategy until February 1.

Members of the public are asked to put in a submission and to call for the previous draft strategy to be reinstated.

**Press release, 17 Dec 2007
Community Environment Network**



The new station canopy at Woy Woy station

Station canopy finished in February

The new canopy at Woy Woy station is expected to be completed by mid-February, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"The canopy will be a significant improvement to Woy Woy station and will provide much needed weather protection at this busy station," Ms Andrews said.

"During rain, passengers tend to crowd in only the carriages that stop in front of existing undercover areas.

"This can hold up rail services and therefore the new canopies will greatly assist reliability."

Ms Andrews said the majority of work on the Woy Woy canopy at the country end of the platform was undertaken in mid-November

2007 and the final works would be finished in the coming months.

"The footings and frames have been installed and the roof will be installed by mid-February 2008."

The estimated cost of the project including design and construction is \$578,000.

**Press release, 12 Dec 2007
Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford**

View club ends after 37 years

Woy Woy View Club has come to an end after 37 years on the Peninsula, following its inability to elect a new committee.

The club held its last meeting on December 12 at Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, to celebrate its service to the community.

The Smith Family first established View Clubs in Australia in 1960 for the purpose of promoting the Voice, Interest and Education of Women (VIEW).

In its 37 years on the Peninsula, the Woy Woy View Club has raised over \$57,000 for the Smith Family through its fundraising efforts.

Outgoing club secretary Ms Laurel Pike said she was deeply

saddened to see the end of the Woy Woy club.

"It is such a shame that we had to finish up after so long on the Peninsula," Ms Pike said.

"No one was willing to take on a committee role, which is understandable when the majority of members are well into their 70s."

The club had met once a month at Woy Woy Leagues Club over a meal to exchange ideas and enjoy the company of other women.

The club also organised monthly guest speakers, tours, parties and coffee mornings for its members.

"Everyone is sad to see the club go," Ms Pike said.

"Thankfully the local Endeavour View Club has invited around 30

former Woy Woy members to join their club.

"They have made us feel very welcome."

Ms Pike said the club's last meeting at Everglades brought a tear to her eye.

"At the conclusion of the luncheon, several women began to sing the old World War I song 'We'll Meet Again' by Vera Lynn," Ms Pike said.

"Everybody started to join in and by the end of the song there was not a dry eye in the room.

"I wish all members of the Woy Woy View Club well in the future and hope they can still continue to promote the interests of women in their own individual way."

Clare Graham, 20 Dec 2007

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Council mounts water quality display

A Water Quality 2010 display has been placed at Deepwater Plaza to provide local residents with information about dirty water and Gosford Council's water quality management program.

Council has developed two brochures to inform the community on water quality in the local area and council's efforts to "protect, manage and maintain the quality of the region's water supply".

The brochures "Important information: Water Quality in your area" and "Important information: Discoloured Water in your area" provide an outline of the council's Water Quality 2010 program and answer common questions about discoloured water.

The brochures are also available at council libraries and customer service centres.

They can also be downloaded from the dedicated Water Quality

2010 page on council's website.

Water Quality 2010 is council's \$9 million five-point plan comprising of capital works, maintenance activities, monitoring and analysis programs, enhancements to system management and operation, and a communications information strategy.

The display was near Franklins and Best and Less.

Press release, 11 Dec 2007
Meagan Wilkinson,
Gosford Council

Pearl Beach is commended

Pearl Beach has been "highly commended" in the Community Action and Partnership Award section of the Keep Australia Beautiful New South Wales Clean Beach Challenge.

The winner of the category was North Steyne Beach.

Now in its seventh year, the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Challenge encourages and

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

Press release, 8 Dec 2007
Peter McLean,
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW

Finals played in pairs

Umina Beach Bowling Club recently hosted the finals of its two pairs championships.

In the mixed pairs final, Alan Rhodes and Pat Neal came from 14-4 down to overcome the strong pair of Bobby King and Elaine Gould to win by one shot, 17-16.

In the handicap men's pairs final, Terry Murphy and Russell Hadley defeated Barry Hicks and Ray Ransome with a final score of 34-21.

Newsletter, 20 Dec 2007
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News

Council works

Gosford Council is conducting works in Woy, Umina Beach and Ettalong Beach.

In Woy Woy, council workers are establishing a site for a foreshore cycleway.

Across Woy Woy, Umina Beach and Ettalong Beach, council is identifying services in preparation for mains cleaning works.

The streets included in the above project include Railway St, Ocean Beach Rd, Mt Ettalong Rd, Maitland Bay Dr, Memorial Ave, Blackwall Rd and Hobart Ave.

Press release, 18 Dec 2007
Kate Carragher, Gosford Council



Regional director of school education Frank Potter presented retiring college principal Pat Lewis with an award while P&C president Di Gaston looked on

Pat Lewis retires

The retirement of Brisbane Water Secondary College inaugural college principal Mr Pat Lewis marks the end of a 40-year career, according to relieving college principal Mr Gus Vrolyk.

"Mr Lewis was college principal since 2002.

"Prior to that, he was the principal of Umina High, since 1995.

"In his career, he worked in a variety of schools across the state including Robert Townson High as leading teacher, Hurlstone Agricultural High as head teacher science, Sarah Redfern High as headteacherscience/mathematics,

as a science teacher at Camden High, Lurnea High, Lithgow and Bathurst High.

"Mr Lewis was very influential in the establishment of the college and setting the platform for future success.

"His vision of improved learning opportunities and outcomes for Peninsula students bore fruit in the shape of Brisbane Water Secondary College."

Mr Vrolyk said that since its establishment, the college had demonstrated "strong academic growth" across both the Woy Woy and Umina campuses.

"In recent years that growth

has been amongst the best in the Hunter-Central Coast region," Mr Vrolyk said.

"There has been a steady increase in the number of students choosing to attend the college and a marked improvement in student retention with more than 75 per cent of students now achieving a Higher School Certificate.

"The College has also developed a considerable profile for sporting success.

"Mr Lewis' leadership and vision is encapsulated in the college motto Strength in Unity."

Press release, 20 Dec 2007
Gus Vrolyk,
Brisbane Water Secondary College

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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

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Parliament hears of church opening

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has told State Parliament about the official opening of the new St John the Baptist Church at Woy Woy on November 18.

She said a "Welcome to Country" was given by the Mingaletta community.

"Representing the Gu-ring-gai people, Aboriginal elder Ray McMinn and his children Stuart, Justin, Rachael, Gerard and Meggan and grandson Rheece, performed the smoking ceremony of greeting and cleansing," Ms Andrews said.

"This was followed by two dances - a welcome dance, Jalamar, and a spiritual dance, Bulyar, with Ray explaining the significance of the ceremonies.

"The solemn dedication was attended by hundreds of parishioners who were delighted to see in attendance Bishop Michael Malone, Catholic Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle and a former parish priest of East Gosford,

as well as a number of former assistant priests of the Woy Woy Parish, Fr Michael McCarthy; Fr John O'Connor MSC; Fr Brian Moloney and Fr Geoff Bugden.

"In the spirit of ecumenism, representatives of other Christian denominations in the area also attended: suffragan bishop for the Central Coast in the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Bishop Graeme Rutherford, Anglican Rector Reverend Penny Jones and her husband, general secretary of the New South Wales Council of Churches the Reverend Jonathan Inkpin, Pastor Bob Hooper, formerly of Ettalong Baptist Church, and the new Minister in Broken Bay at the Umina-Ettalong Uniting Church Parish, the Reverend Narelle Penman.

Ms Andrews, in acknowledging that the new church was a "far cry" from the original St John the Baptist Church officially opened by Archbishop Kelly of Sydney on August 23, 1914, said that the new church was "very striking" and was

certainly a landmark on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Ms Andrews congratulated the Catholic Parish of the Woy Woy Peninsula on the opening of the new church and expressed the hope that the Parish would "continue to grow and prosper well into the future".

"Much of the credit for the new church must go to members of the Parish Building Committee, which comprised parish priest Father John Hill, chairman Gosford solicitor Patrick Donnellan, Phillip Clarkson; Lynette Dwyer; Cathy Cavanagh; Arthur Gapps and Father John Wakeling, the assistant parish priest."

Ms Andrews also acknowledged members of the Parish Council; the architect, the builders; the sanctuary furniture carver; the stained glass designer and the piped organ builder for their contributions to the new church.

Press release, 17 Dec 2007

Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford

Council defends silt trap record

Gosford Council has defended its maintenance of silt traps in Horsfield Bay.

Council staff inspected the silt traps in Horsfield Bay a minimum of three times a year, according to the council's local roads maintenance coordinator Mr Mitch Murphy.

Mr Murphy said this was in line with council's area maintenance program.

"Council's maintenance inspector also inspects the silt traps after

major rain events," Mr Murphy said.

"The silt traps are cleaned out periodically as identified by these inspections."

The comments were in response to claims by Horsfield Bay resident Ms Bev Watson that two of the three silt traps had only been cleaned out once over five years, while another one had only been cleaned out twice over the same period.

Lyle Stone, 21 Dec 2007

House market shifts off the Peninsula

Most house sales on the Peninsula sandplain have been in the same price bracket over the past six months, while most sales at Empire Bay, Pearl Beach and St Huberts Island have been in higher brackets.

At Empire Bay, the median selling price was 48 per cent higher in the six months to November than in the previous six months.

The median house price was \$432,000 in the six months to May and \$639,000 in the six months to November.

The median house price for Pearl Beach rose by 15 per cent, from \$900,000 in the six months to May, to \$1.035 million in the six months to November.

The median house price at Umina rose by only one per cent to \$350,000, and by just three per cent at Ettalong Beach to \$358,000.

Both Woy Woy and Blackwall remained steady with a median

selling price of \$330,000 for the 12-month period.

Median house prices for the whole region remained unchanged at around \$350,000 for the 12-month period.

At St Huberts Island, in the six months to November, most selling prices were in a higher bracket than the previous six months, with

the median selling price increasing by 104 per cent.

The median increased from \$545,000 in the six months before May, to \$1.113 million in the six months to November.

Statistics were recorded from Australian Property Monitors.

Lyle Stone, 21 Dec 2007



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Education

Top marks for HSC

Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus has had several students score top marks in the Higher School Certificate, according to relieving principal Ms Pamela McAlister.

"Rebecca Gaston got three Band Sixes, which means she got over 90 per cent in three subjects," Ms McAlister said.

"The three subjects were chemistry, mathematics extension 1 and extension 2.

"Ella Brear got two Band Sixes, in biology and agriculture."

Ella also got 89 in chemistry while Rebecca got 89 in physics."

Ms McAlister said both had received a "wonderful" University Admission Index (UAI).

"Other wonderful results were in textile and design, where one

student scored 96 and another 95," Ms McAlister said.

"The students were Clara Steinthal and Elanor Peters.

"Amy Price scored over 90 in music, receiving a Band Six.

"Kristy Gunn scored 90 plus in Entertainment Industry VET.

"Chantelle Foster, on the basis of her year 12 work, got into NIDA while another student, Shelandor Waltmann, is on the waiting list.

"Nicole Humphreys scored Band Six in general mathematics and Mitchell Anderson got Band Six in mathematics extension 2 as did Samantha White."

Ms McAlister said all the HSC results showed "absolutely wonderful" performance by students, who had "followed their passion".

Lyle Stone, 21 Dec 2007



Rebecca Gaston, principal Pam McAlister, speaker Kirsty Jones, Ashleigh Brady and Ella Brear



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Rubbo hosts films afloat

Killcare film producer Mr Mike Rubbo will be hosting a series of "Floating Flicks" aboard the traditional timber ferry Banjo Patterson II during the summer holiday period.

Hardys Bay Yacht Charters owner Ms Anna McCall said the films would be all-Australian, ranging from classics that "shaped Australian Cinema" to contemporary films, including winners of the recent AFI awards.

Cruises would depart at 7.30pm from Hardys Bay for a sunset cruise aboard Banjo Patterson, a 48ft classic timber ferry.

The cruise would be on Brisbane Waters and, weather permitting, motor round to Lobster Beach.

"Once the sun has set and the stars are out, the Banjo will lay anchor and the film will then commence with a short introduction by Mike," Ms McCall said.

"After each film, there will be a chance to talk about its techniques.

"The ambience will be casual with seating provided in the form of bean bags, comfy cushions and deck chairs.

"The cruise will return to Hardys

Bay at the completion of the film."

Ms McCall said Mr Rubbo had spent 40 years making and showing movies.

"Mike's films have won many prizes including an Emmy for Vincent and Me," Ms McCall said.

"Former head of ABC documentaries, Mike brought the much-loved Race Around the World to Australia.

"Used to talking about movies in an engaging way, he's been a lecturer at Harvard, our own film national school, AFTRS, and is passionate about this series of Australian Film to be shown on the water - a first for outdoor cinema."

"Floating Flicks" will screen on Friday, December 28, Saturday, December 29, and then every Thursday evening throughout January.

The films will include Picnic at Hanging Rock on Friday, December 28, The Home Song Stories on Saturday, December 29, Swimming Upstream on January 3, Romulus My Father, January 10, The Overlanders, January 17, Walkabout, January 24, and Strictly Ballroom on January 31.

Press release, 17 Dec 2007
Anna McCall, Hardys Bay Yacht Charters

The Bouddi Society will feature the Australian classic film "Smiley Gets a Gun" when it presents "Classic Flicks at Wagstaffe Hall" in January, led by Avoca film maker Mr Mike Rubbo.

"Smiley Gets a Gun" was released in 1958, adapted from the novel by Moore Raymond.

"Cinemascope and cinematography by Ted Scaife gave full scope for portrayal of the Australian landscape," Bouddi Society vice-president Mr David Duffy said.

"A massive search found 10-year-old Keith Calvert for the role of Smiley.

"Chips Rafferty is there as the police sergeant who tries to

keep Smiley and his mate out of trouble.

"Sybil Thorndike has a major role as Granny McKinley, who is regarded by the town as a witch but becomes Smiley's friend.

"A tortured tale including hidden gold is worked out in the end.

"This is good nostalgic holiday entertainment and it will be shown at Wagstaffe Hall on Tuesday, January 15 at 7.30pm."

Adult entry is \$15, \$12 for Bouddi Society members and \$5 for children and students.

Wine or soft drink and nibbles will be served from 7pm.

Press release, 17 Dec 2007
David Duffy, Bouddi Society





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Theatre annexe started

Construction of an annexe has begun at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, according to newsletter secretary Ms Linda Williams.

"Those special working bees and bump-ins will possibly be at our new annex in the New Year," Ms Williams said.

"For those that haven't noticed or live outside the theatre's boundary, work started a couple of weeks

ago.

"This is very a very exciting time for us especially for Barrie McKeown who has been one of the major instigators in obtaining on site storage at the theatre and to Barbara whose perseverance at Laycock St Theatre and Gosford City Council meetings has finally paid off."

Press release, 18 Dec 2007
Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Short and Sweet festival is on again

The Short and Sweet festival at the Peninsula Theatre will be held again next year after the success of this year's inaugural event.

The weeklong festival of short plays will be held from July 23 to 27 and will feature local actors and directors and showcase the work of local playwrights.

Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said the festival is open to scripts submitted by writers who are current or past residents of the Central Coast.

"Last year was a huge success as we received over 40 scripts from local established playwrights, budding writers and drama groups," Ms Kelly said.

"There is no entry fee for the Festival, and the best play of the season will be entered into the Sydney Short and Sweet Festival in 2009."

The festival coordinator for the event is Ms Brenda Logan and assistant coordinator Ms Annie Bilton.

"Brenda has been involved in theatre for over 40 years in England, Fiji and Australia as an actor, director and teacher," Ms Kelly said.

"Brenda is also passionate about encouraging young people's interest and involvement in community theatre and is currently involved in helping set up an Entertainment Student Production Academy.

"This year Brenda was nominated for an Australia Day Community Award and also made it on the Significant Women of the Central Coast list.

"Brenda will be responsible for bringing together scripts, directors, actors, and technicians, prizes and sponsors for the Festival.

"Annie's theatre life spans more than three decades and continents, first as actor, then director, now playwright.

"Annie has created companies in Australia and Japan and since arriving in Australia in 1980 she has worked with various community companies."

From 1992 to 1997 Ms Bilton was the literary manager and in-house dramaturge for Sydney's Griffin Theatre at The Stables.

Ms Bilton has taught theatre and literature, run theatre workshops, adjudicated acting and playwriting festivals and worked extensively in multicultural theatre.

"Short and Sweet will shortly be calling for scripts and directors, so it is important that writers start working on their 10- minute plays for next year's Festival," Ms Kelly said.

"The script must be 10 minutes or less, can be written about anything and the style is up to you.

"You don't have to be an experienced writer... absolutely anyone can enter."

The closing date for script submissions is Friday, May16 next year.

For more information visit the Short and Sweet website at www.shortandsweet.org or contact Brenda Logan on 0419 256 530.

Press release, 21 Dec 2007
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

Cheaper tickets for young people

Tickets for shows in next year's season at the Peninsula Theatre will be available to young people at a reduced rate.

The tickets will be available until an hour before each show.

"If you are 25 years of age or younger, you may purchase tickets up to one hour prior to showtime for just \$25 each," marketing manager Ms Lisa Kelly said.

Theatre programmer Anita Freed said the tickets were designed to appeal to young people and the scheme known as Rush Hour.

Ms Freed said: "We hope that young people will respond favourably to the new ticket price".

"It's a reasonable price to pay for such great shows and for young people, who might decide at the last minute on what entertainment they choose, it offers a great opportunity to come to the theatre.

"Patrons should either take their chances on the night (or day), or phone ahead to check if there are any Rush Hour seats available".

Press release, 11 Dec 2007
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

P&C raises over \$37,000

Woy Woy Public School P&C has broken its fundraising record this year, raising over \$37,000 for the school.

P&C president Ms Julie Stevens told the school's presentation ceremony: "The P&C raised over \$37,000 in 2007 to meet the needs of the school's wish list.

"The P&C funded \$12,000 for a portable laptop unit and 12 laptops, \$2325 towards the Sports in Schools Program just after the bad weather weekend in June when some families were financially affected, \$6000 towards replacement of the small COLA, \$3000 for reading resources and \$1250 towards other items, a total contribution back into school of \$26,575.

"A further \$18,622 has already been agreed for allocation in Term 1, 2008, for items to enhance the new large COLA that the school will get as part of the Investing in our Schools funding program.

"In 2007, the P&C also made huge effort to secure several grant successes with a total for the year of \$108,000.

"This is a tremendous effort and again another record breaker.

"All P&Cs rely a lot on parent and carer support and it is estimated that Woy Woy Public School clocked up over 2500 volunteer hours to support fundraising and other school activity in 2007 again a major achievement."

Press release, 19 Dec 2007
Julie Stevens,
Woy Woy Public School P&C

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Elizabeth wins real estate scholarship

An Ettalong Beach resident has become one of only three school leavers in NSW to receive a real estate scholarship with a local real estate agency.

After completing one week of practical work experience at Laing and Simmons Ettalong Beach, Elizabeth Morley was successful in gaining a scholarship to complete the Real Estate Certificate of Registration Course at the Real Estate Institute of New South Wales, with all costs covered by the franchise.

"Real estate is something I've been longing to pursue, and so I'm thrilled to have won the scholarship," Elizabeth said.

"I really enjoyed my week of work experience.

"I was able to spend some time at each of the three offices here on the Central Coast.

"It just confirmed my interest in working in real estate."

Elizabeth said she was surprised

to find out that she was among the top three applicants across the state.

"Receiving this scholarship is one of my proudest achievements," Elizabeth said.

"I am looking forward to furthering my knowledge of the industry."

Principal of agencies at Ettalong, Umina and Bensville, Mr Ray Dearlove said the scholarship program, now in its 10th year, consistently unearthed talented and enthusiastic agents.

"The scholarship program promotes high standards of professionalism in real estate," Mr Dearlove said.

"It is a great way of providing support and guidance for school leavers who are looking to enter the real estate industry.

"We certainly enjoyed having Elizabeth with us for the week, and we are committed to encouraging interest in the industry."

Press release, 18 Dec 2007
Ray Dearlove, Laing and Simmons Ettalong Beach

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Community college runs courses here

Several courses will be run on the Peninsula over the next couple of months by the Tuggerah Lakes Kincumber Community College.

The courses include language, creative writing, diploma of children's services, basic bookkeeping, investment insights, learning maths, mosaics, sandstone carving, Thai cooking, beading, candle making with soy wax, creative Indian dance, Indian head and shoulder massage, floral art and learn to surf.

The creative writing course is for people who would like to write short stories, poems and articles.

Participants will then hear and comment constructively on each other's work.

The course will run from Thursday, February 14, for eight weeks.

It will run from 11am to 1pm at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

The Diploma of Children's Services is for childcare workers who are responsible for developing and evaluating a children's program.

The course will be held on Wednesday, February 20, from 9am to 3.30pm.

It will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The Basic Bookkeeping course will teach participants the basics involved in maintaining financial records for home, office or small business, with hands-on exercises and theory on cash books, bank reconciliation, debtors, creditors, and ledger to trial balance.

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The course will run for five weeks, from Monday, February 11, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

It will operate from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

An Investment Insight course will run for five weeks from Wednesday, February 20, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

The course aims to demystify the operations of investment markets so as to "empower" participants to make their money work more productively.

It will deal with topics such as fixed interest securities, equities, property, commodities and various derivatives.

A Learning Maths course will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre from Tuesday, February 5, for eight weeks.

The course will run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

The Mosaics classes will teach participants how to transform their old terracotta stone pots into colourful masterpieces, cover a tabletop, stepping stone, or a splashback for a water feature.

The classes will operate for six weeks, from Monday, February 11, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

It will run from 9.30am to 12pm.

A sandstone carving course will teach participants how to safely use various tools as they mark in, cut away, refine and smooth down their work.

Stone is included in the price of the course.

Organisers have stated that a reasonable level of stamina is required.

The course will be held at the COMMUNITY CENTRE on Saturday, March 1, from 9am to 3pm.

A Thai Cooking course will teach

participants how to make Tod Man Pla, Massaman Paste, Massaman Curry, Beef Salad and Khao Niew Mamuang.

The course will be held on Sunday, February 24, from 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Community Centre.

An introductory Beading course will teach participants how to make their own costume jewellery and will include information on the principles of design, tools, beads and the stringing and finishing of necklaces.

The course will run for six weeks from Monday, February 11, at the Community Centre.

It will be held from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

A course on Candlemaking with Soy Wax will be held on Saturday, February 23, at the Community Centre.

It will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The course will teach participants to make candles to suit their home.

The Creative Indian Dance will combine stories from Hindu mythology with influences from Islamic Court Dance from the Moghul rule in India.

Participants will learn to combine traditional rhythms, hand gestures and facial expressions with fast rhythmic footwork and rapid pirouettes while wearing bells on their ankles.

Costumes and bells are provided and no experience is needed.

The eight-week course will begin on Wednesday, February 13, at the

Community Centre.

It will operate from 10am to 11.30am.

The Indian Head and Shoulder Massage course will focus on the upper back, shoulders, neck, head and face.

The course will take place on Sunday, March 9, at the Community Centre.

It will run from 10am to 4pm.

Advanced Floral Art will be held at the Umina Uniting Church from Wednesday, February 20, from 7pm to 9pm.

The six-week course will teach participants to create large, exotic designs.

A Learn to Surf course will be held at Umina Beach from Saturday, February 16, from 10am to 11am.

The course will teach participants to surf in a fun, safe environment with professionally accredited coaches.

Five language courses will be held at the Community Centre from February 11, featuring German, Japanese, French, Mandarin and Spanish.

Mandarin Level 1 will be held on Monday, February 11, from 6.30am to 8.30pm, German for Travel on Tuesday, February 12, from 7pm to 9pm, Japanese Level 2 also on Tuesday, February 12, from 7pm to 9pm, French Level 1 on Wednesday, February 13, from 7pm to 9pm and Spanish Level 1 on Thursday, February 21, from 7pm to 9pm.

Lyle Stone, 20 Dec 2007

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Education



Pretty Beach Public School received recognition for its 'Cool It' campaign.

Pretty Beach wins environment award

Pretty Beach Public School has been named as one of Gosford Council's "Climate Change - Cool It" Schools of the Year.

The winners were recognised for their efforts in educating students about global warming and climate change, as well as taking initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, at an awards ceremony at Laycock Street Theatre on Monday, December 3.

Eighteen local schools participated in the ceremony featuring animals from the

Australian Reptile Park.

The children performed songs, dances, plays and presentations, with Gosford Public School winning the Mayoral Award for Best Performance.

Council's environmental education officer for its schools program, Ms Anni Griffiths, said the "Climate Change - Cool It" theme challenged schools and students to review their energy consumption both at school and at home.

"These performances, in addition to being entertaining, highlighted the children's depth of

understanding about the causes and effects of climate change, as well as identifying solutions," Ms Griffiths said.

"Throughout the year, the schools participated in activities such as conducting their own energy audits, worm farming, composting lunch scraps and more."

"Climate Change - Cool It" was part of council's environmental awareness program which has been running for 19 years with a different theme each year.

Press release, 12 Dec 2007

Kate Carragher, Gosford Council

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11. Usual Suspects	How Long?	4:38 First Offense
12. Jigzag	Jericho	3:35 In The Middle
13. Selah	Don't Forget	4:00 When The World Was Young
14. The Fiddle Chicks	Adana	3:13 Out The Window, Over The Gate
15. Penny Davies & Roger Iott	Big Water	2:21 Big Water
16. Frenchman Smith	Have You Got A Heart	3:52 Lovelongs
17. Roy Charles Abbott	Love Me Just As Me	4:08 Pushing The Pedals
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Keynote speaker Kirsty Jones with newly-appointed Woy Woy campus principal Pam McAlister



Umina campus captains and vice-captains for 2008 George Margin, Allara South, Erin McDonald and Josh Kean with the new Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal

College holds presentation night

Brisbane Water Secondary College celebrated its annual academic excellence presentation night at the senior campus on Monday last week.

"The school hall was packed with parents, friends and members of the community to celebrate and recognise the efforts of students across the college," said relieving college principal Mr Gus Vrolyk.

"More than 300 awards were presented to students from the Umina middle school campus and the Woy Woy senior campus.

"Awards were presented by college staff and a range of special guests including School Education Director Mr Frank Potter, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, newly elected Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neil, Mr Jim Henderson from the Religious Education Ministries, Jo Coulton, Kirsty Jones who presented the key note speech, Mr Aidrian Knight and Ms Catherine Knight, Mr Darrell Pannowitz of Tonkin and Drysdale Partners, Mr Wal Mapplebeck

from Everglades Country Club, Mr Don Simmons from the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, P&C president Mrs Diane Gaston, Mr Jay Thorogood from the Rotary Club of Umina, Mr Don Burgin, a past head teacher administration of Woy Woy High School and Ms Elizabeth Ellis from Woy Woy Local Court.

Mr Vrolyk said that the key note speech from Kirsty Jones, a former student of Woy Woy High School, showcased "a remarkable journey of self discovery, achievement and selfless devotion to meeting the needs of people in developing nations who had experienced devastation".

"Ms Jones, who graduated from university with an engineering degree, recounted her experiences and development as a student at Woy Woy, highlighting how small opportunities gave her the confidence and determination to make a difference," Mr Vrolyk said.

"Most recently she was involved in engineering projects in war-torn Liberia in Africa, the Maldives,

devastated by the tsunami in late 2004 as well as working in Afghanistan as a member of Red Cross international aid."

Recognition was given to Mr Pat Lewis, the inaugural college principal, who was retiring at the end of the year, by school education director Mr Frank Potter.

The awards presented on the night included both first place in year or course as well as awards for meritorious effort and achievement.

A range of community awards included those presented by the Religious Education Ministries, the Mingaletta Community awards, the Model United Nations award, the Jody Knight Citizenship award, the Wayne Coulton encouragement in music award, Defence Force awards, and an Umina Rotary Educational scholarship.

College presentations included presentation of the college captains for 2008, college all-rounder awards, creative and performing arts awards, VET student of the year, college P&C awards, principal's awards and the college

SRC commitment award.

Ms Pamela McAlister, newly appointed principal of the senior campus, and Mr Michael Brogan of the Middle school campus, were honoured with school service awards.

The band Mind Priorities, comprising of students from the college, performed a number of "lively original compositions,"

according to Mr Vrolyk.

"The evening highlighted the enormous number of talented young people who attend the College and demonstrated the strength of public education on the Peninsula."

Press release, 20 Dec 2007

Gus Vrolyk,

Brisbane Water Secondary College

Funds raised for reading

A young Peninsula mum has helped raise funds for the Peninsula START (Sit Together and Read for Ten minutes) Reading Project.

Jodie McCarthy, who has four children under seven years of age, initiated the idea of a Personal Pampering Night where she enlisted the support of a number of local businesses to donate their time and skills.

Participants bought a \$20 ticket and then were able to decide on their own Personal Pampering evening incorporating anything

from belly dancing lessons to manicures and haircuts.

The night raised \$200.

"We really appreciate Jodie's contribution to the Peninsula START Reading Project which aims to improve literacy skills for children aged up to five on the Peninsula," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"We want to encourage parents to read to their babies and children every day for at least 10 minutes.

"Jodie's fundraising efforts will pay for 20 Let's Read packs for babies which include a picture

book, a DVD showing parents how to read to their child, some tip sheets and other helpful information.

"These packs will be distributed to young mothers and other families who may not be aware of the importance of reading to babies and toddlers."

For more information about the Peninsula START Reading Project, please contact Debbie Notara on 4343 1929.

Press release, 18 Dec 2007

Debbie Notara,

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Ocean Beach surf club president David Unger, life member Warren Boyd, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen

Andrews salutes surf clubs

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has saluted members of Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs on the opening of their new clubhouses, in a recent speech in State Parliament.

The Local Member made mention that this year was dedicated to the surf lifesaver and clubs throughout New South Wales were celebrating 100 years of saving lives.

Ms Andrews said that it was quite appropriate then that this year also marked the opening of the two local clubhouses.

The State Government contributed \$110,000 to each club through the Government's Surf Life Saving Club Facility Development

Program to assist with the demolition and construction of replacement facilities.

Both clubs established building committees to oversee the projects.

Members of the Ocean Beach committee were chairman and life member Mr Warren Boyd, club president and life member Mr David Unger, life member Mr Bob Nash and Kevin Carmichael.

Members of the Umina Beach committee were club president Mr Andrew Wing, club vice-president Ms Jan Harding, club secretary Ms Christine Lavers, Mr Kelly Glew, club treasurers Bill and Wendy Cook and Mr John Sharpe OAM.

The committee members were paid special tribute by Ms Andrews for their dedication and hard work.

Ms Andrews stated: "Both clubs have very proud histories and play an invaluable role in providing an essential safety and rescue service for the benefit of both the local community and the thousands of visitors who each year flock to the beautiful Woy Woy Peninsula to enjoy a holiday by the seaside.

"The new facilities for Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs have been well received by the members and the local residents.

"I salute the members, both past and present, all of whom are volunteers, for the incredibly good job they do year in and year out in making our beaches safe for all to enjoy."

**Press release, 13 Dec 2007
Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford**

Golfers win cup, bowl and plate

The annual Everglades Cup, Bowl and Plate golf competition was held on November 10.

Over 200 players entered the competition despite the early threat of rain.

Everglades Men's Golf President Mr Ian Elliot said the weather cleared to a fine day of golf for the competition.

"The day also saw the opening of the new green on the seventh hole," Mr Elliot said.

"Club champion Jamie Stephen teed off in the second group of the day and posted a par round of 68, having lipped out for birdies on 16, 17 and 18.

"Jamie now holds the Everglades Cup and course record."

Brett Parker of Tuggerah Lakes took out second place.

"The bowl was also hotly contested with Ross Yuille on 80 managing to hold out Shannon Verkade on 81.

"The plate was an even closer affair with both Dave Rooney and Ken Powell returning 89 and then going an extra hole to determine the winner.

"Dave proved too strong in the playoff and took the plate for the year."

**Newsletter, 21 Dec 2007
Everglades Country Club Bulletin**

Record numbers at rugby training

Pre-season training for Woy Woy Rugby Union has seen record numbers of players participating, according to club secretary Mr Kevin Dearlove.

Mr Dearlove said that First Grade coach Paul Burkwood had invited Gordon's Rugby Club Second Grade coach to assist in training drills and fitness.

"The session was greatly appreciated by all the players," Mr Dearlove said.

"All players and coaches enjoyed a barbecue after training at Umina Beach Surf Club."

Senior player Dave Plunkett said:

"The boys are all training hard and enjoying themselves.

"It's great to see the younger guys come through and step up to the increased intensity and speed.

"We have got to put in the hard yards now if we want to dominate sides like Gosford and Terrigal."

Mr Dearlove said Woy Woy Rugby was looking to dominate both senior and junior grades next year and invited players of all skills and motivation to join in at training and numerous social events.

For more information, telephone Paul Burkwood on 0415 785 974 or Paul Quirk on 0412 996 451.

**Press release, 11 Dec 2007
Kevin Dearlove, Woy Woy Rugby**

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Bowls champions announced

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club and Umina Beach Bowling Club have recently announced their champions for the year.

Umina Beach awarded Mr Phil Poulton with the club's Encouragement Award and long standing bowls identity Mr Wal Rainbow was endowed with Life

Membership of the bowling club.

Umina Men's Handicap Pairs winners were Mr Russell Hadley and Mr Terry Murphy.

Ettalong Memorial awarded Ms Betty Wright the Ladies Most Improved award and Mr Harley McDonald the Men's Most Improved.

Mr John Roberts was named

the club's Bowler of the Year and Mr Ian Hillhouse was awarded Pennant Player of the Year.

Zone Merit awards were presented to Mr John Garside, Mr Bob Young, Mr Geoff Fenton, Ms Pam Donnelly and Ms Margaret Loudon.

**Newsletter, 20 Dec 2007
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News**

King and queen of bowls

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club hosted its King and Queen of the Central Coast Bowls Carnival on November 10 to 12 following a week of heavy rain.

After two days of preliminaries, Umina bowlers Pat Neal and Allan Rhodes won, just getting up by three points over Paul and Lyn Skeers from Rosehill.

Third place went to Carol and

Ralph Fair from McKenzie Park in Queensland.

This was only the second time an Umina team has won since the contest's inception in 1999.

The tournament attracted bowlers from as far north as Nerang on the Gold Coast and Huskisson in southern NSW.

Consideration is being given to providing a third green for the tournament and increasing the number of teams participating from

the present number of 56.

**Newsletter, 21 Dec 2007
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News**

Triples won on countback

Umina Bowling Club greens hosted 26 teams for the final round of the End of Month Triples for the year on November 28.

Teams of Mick McHale, Mark Speerin and Mal Dodds and of John Warton, Noel Barren and Norm Tape both had three wins +25.

On countback, the local team skippered by Mick McHale edged out their rivals.

**Newsletter, 20 Dec 2007
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News**

Two-day triples

Ettalong Memorial's Women's Bowling Club hosted 42 teams at its two-day Ladies Triples carnival last month.

Only four teams managed the maximum four wins over the 15-end games.

The overall winner was the Avoca Beach trio of Del Ayre, Pat Kearton and Ida Gill with a four wins +83 result.

**Newsletter, 20 Dec 2007
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News**

Friendship Shield match

Woy Woy Bowling Club has hosted the annual Friendship Shield between the women of Woy Woy and Ettalong bowling clubs.

The shield began back in 1967 when women from both clubs got together and decided to run an event for senior bowlers.

"The game was played on October 25 in intermittent light rain and the green was very

heavy with little finish," Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowling Club spokesperson Ms Maureen Kerr said.

"It became a case of who could hurl the bowl the furthest."

Ettalong won with 121 points over Woy Woy's 81 points.

Next year Ettalong will host the Friendship Shield.

**Newsletter, 21 Dec 2007
Maureen Kerr, Coast Bowls News**

Local fishing club wins comp

The Pelicans Fishing Club was recently successful in the Brisbane Waters Combined Fishing Clubs competition where it defeated Gosford RSL by a narrow margin.

"Inclement weather marred "outside" fishing at the last local competition with only one boat managing to get out to open water, fortunately returning, but with no fish," publicity officer Mr Frank Smith said.

"Ricky French won the day with a nice bag of blue swimmer crabs, Wendy McLean was runner up with

a mixed bag."

Mr Smith said the next competition would be on January 5 and 6, with a weigh-in at the Lions Park, Woy Woy, 3pm, Sunday, January 6.

He said all are welcome to attend.

"Catch of the month goes to Mark Walker with a two kilo plus mud crab caught near Empire Bay, on mullet strips," Mr Smith said.

"Top rod over the year for the Pelicans was Bob Hall."

**Press release, 18 Dec 2007
Frank Smith, Pelicans Fishing Club**



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