

Fast Ships released from obligation

Gosford Council has resolved to release Fast Ships Ltd from its obligation to provide and operate a fast ferry service to the Sydney CBD, subject to Fast Ships Ltd, releasing council from its obligations.

Council will negotiate with Fast Ships to seek a licence to use the documentation prepared, including consents and approvals, plans, specifications and reports.

A further agenda item will be considered within six months that outlines options to provide an alternative transport link to the Sydney CBD.

Council in 1997 appointed Fast Ships as the preferred proponent to provide and operate a fast ferry service from Gosford City to the Sydney CBD.

The agreement executed in 2006 required Fast Ships to

provide infrastructure including a terminal and wharf in Ettalong by June 2008.

Council, at the request of Fast Ships, extended the completion date to June 2009.

Fast Ships, in a letter dated January 7, requested that council release it from its obligation to provide the infrastructure and ferry service as detailed in the agreement.

At council's meeting of February 5, Cr Craig Doyle stated that it was with "extreme disappointment" that after 10 years the community saw the proposed fast ferry "torpedoed".

"The upside is now we can get the proposal back in council's hands and we can look at other ways to refloat the concept of the fast ferry," Cr Doyle said.

Council agenda COR.10, 5 Feb 2008



Walk becomes 13-hour ordeal

A group of local bushwalkers were tempted to use an emergency beacon after one of the group members came close to collapsing, when an afternoon walk became a 13-hour ordeal.

However, in the event, the whole group managed to walk to safety.

Leader Mr Matt Emery said that the group had become stuck when the track they were following between Broken Bay Recreation Centre and Rocky Ponds, became non-traversable.

The group began the walk at 2pm on Wednesday, February 6, and made it out of the bush at 3am the follow morning.

"This was an unexpected survival situation.

"We climbed out of the bush exhausted and beaten at 3am after 13 hours of climbing and walking," Mr Emery said.

"This track is very dangerous,

as it has not been maintained, and for most parts it just ends in unexpected places.

"This is particularly concerning because the track is advertised on National Parks and Wildlife Service brochures and other places.

"My advice is: Don't go there."

Mr Emery said he had contacted the service following the event, and was told the track was no longer maintained.

"Things seem to be going fine until, approximately one hour before dusk, we came to a dead end just opposite Dangar Island, which effectively left us trapped in the middle of the bush," Mr Emery said.

"Not long after that it started raining, and became dark, windy and cold.

"We all knew that turning back the way we came was far too dangerous, because of the rough terrain we had crossed during

daylight.

"So we decided to push on through to Rocky Ponds and then to Woy Woy tip.

"We had to fight our way through sharp thick scrub, and avoid plummeting over the treacherous sandstone ridges.

"We had head lamps, compasses, a Global Positioning System (GPS) device and had studied maps of the area before taking this track on, but the tracks had simply disappeared due to lack of maintenance and so all we had to guide us was a basic knowledge of the direction we had to go (north).

"Battling through the scrub slowed our progress down to a crawl, but there was nothing we could do about that except grin and bear it."

**Lyle Stone, 8 Feb 2008
Interviewee: Matt Emery,
Caveman Power website**

Government should give ferry funding, says Chamber

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said that it had been difficult for private operators to raise venture funding for the fast ferry service.

"Clearly, it has been difficult for private operators to raise venture funding for the ferry service so it is our belief that the Government should step up to the plate and ensure that such a vital third transport link eventuates," Mr Wales said.

"The high speed ferry is already approved and could proceed quickly for as little as \$12 million for a single vessel which could take up

to 1000 commuters a day directly into Sydney.

"It may not have the mass transit capacity of the road or rail, but it none-the-less provides an alternative that could be up and running in as little as 12 months.

"Duplicating the freeway and the rail line (or building a new road) will cost billions and take 10 years to implement.

"The Central Coast and its long suffering commuters don't have luxury of that sort of time frame.

"They need speedy and visionary decisions from our politicians sooner rather than later."

Press release, 3 Feb 2008

Matthew Wales,

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Grant makes for a better hall

A grant through the Area Consultative Committee allowed the Pearl Beach Progress Association to make major improvements to the Pearl Beach hall, according to communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"The hall improvements included a modern kitchen, additional storage, rear verandah, new modern toilets on the same level and attached to the hall, including a separate disabled toilet and disabled access ramp," Ms Lillico said.

"The work was carried out by local builder, Peter Hoft and designed by Pearl Beach architect Cedric Carle.

"Funding for the project was a combination of Federal Government grant funds through the Area Consultative Committee (ACC) as part of Government's Regional Partnerships project and funds raised by the local community.

"Chairman of the ACC funding scheme on the Central Coast, Cr Peter Hale, congratulated the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the community on their fund raising efforts and their strong community spirit.

"He expressed surprise at the

large turnout for the event."

Ms Lillico said Cr Hale officiated by cutting the ribbon.

"The idea for a hall at Pearl Beach goes back as far as 1929 when the Pearl Beach Progress Association was formed," Ms Lillico said.

"In 1943, William Steinbeck, James Armstrong and William Frost, all members of the association, jointly purchased the land at 9 Diamond Rd and gave it to the association for the purpose of building a community hall.

"The hall was planned as a war memorial, so contributions to the building fund became tax deductible, but an important purpose was to store fire-fighting equipment.

"World War 2 called a halt to building work, but after the war, spurred on by a bad fire season, fund raising picked up with raffles, dances, street stalls and sports carnivals.

"During 1949, local builders were employed on the foundations and framework, and working bees under their supervision did the rest.

"The building was opened officially on September 16, 1950."

Association president Mr Rod Craig said: "Our community hall is the centerpiece of our small

community.

"It is owned and maintained by the progress association and used almost every weekday by the various local groups including craft, mahjong, child playgroup, pilates, discussion groups, progress association meetings and music festivals.

"We believe the hall upgrade will attract more hirers for weddings and other social functions.

"Weddings are very popular in Pearl Beach, both on the beach and in the native arboretum.

"The revamped hall, with its modern kitchen and other facilities, will provide an affordable venue for wedding breakfasts and other functions and we also have a high quality local caterer available to provide a complete wedding breakfast service if required."

Ms Lillico said the day was a great success with town crier Mr Graham Keating "setting the scene with a walk along the beach, a "successful" free sausage sizzle and entertainment provided by the Murrumbidgee Rattlers.

More information about the hall and the Pearl Beach community is available from the website www.pearlbeach.net.au.

Press release, 14 Jan 2008
Lynne Lillico,
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Benefit for breast cancer

A benefit night has been planned for Umina resident Ms Christine Puckeridge, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

The event will be held at the Ettalong Bowling Club on February 15 from 6.30pm.

The benefit night has been organized by staff at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre at Kariong, where Ms Puckeridge works, to raise money for the Breast Cancer Council.

"I have spoken with a couple of local sportsman who have indicated that they will be attending the evening ... Balmain Tigers player Chris Heinington and surfer Drew Courtney," said Bouddi unit coordinator Mr Bernie Parmeter.

"We propose to hold an auction

of sporting memorabilia."

Ms Ann Berry from the Cancer Council and Christine Puckeridge will speak about their experiences with breast cancer at the event.

Mr Parmeter said a silent auction would be held during the night and major items would be auctioned by an accredited auctioneer.

Entertainment would be provided in the form of a karaoke contest at the completion of the fund raising.

The fundraiser will be held in the Ettalong Bowling Club auditorium, 103 Springwood St, Ettalong.

Admission will be \$10 at the door and includes finger food.

For more information, telephone 4341 0087.

Press release, 29 Jan 2008
Bernie Parmeter, Fran Baxter
Juvenile Justice Centre

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Chamber call for Government ferry funding

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has called for an Ettalong Beach to Circular Quay Fast Ferry be regarded as part of the commuter transport options for the Peninsula and the Coast.

It should not be relegated to "the private enterprise basket", he said.

Mr Wales said that "all levels of Government" should underwrite the venture.

"It is extraordinary that the residents of the Central Coast have to put up with the chaos that happens more and more frequently on the F3 Freeway," Mr Wales said.

"From bush fires to truck crashes, the poor old Central Coast motorist has coped it all.

"Even though the Federal Government is investing millions of dollars to increase the capacity of the freeway by widening the two lane sections to three lanes, the irony is that the widening will not make any difference to the bush fire chaos or prevent the closure of the freeway in the event of a semi-trailer crash."

He said that such closures had happened on the three-lane sections.

"Also of concern is the time it is taking to complete the widening.

"It can only be hoped that with all the recent political cooperation between the State and Federal Governments, the work will be completed quickly.

"As to a completely new road link, I think we all have to be realistic and admit that this is not going to be practical in the short to medium term.

"How often has the high speed rail been dragged out over the years and yet nothing has ever eventuated.

"Even with improved rail links, our train services are just as susceptible to bush fires as the freeway.

"So where do we go?

"In the short term, I am still mystified why all levels of Government don't underwrite the much-touted fast ferry from Ettalong Beach to Circular Quay.

"This should form part of the commuter transport debate instead of relegating it to private enterprise basket.

"Clearly, with the global credit squeeze, these sorts of private enterprise ventures become increasingly difficult.

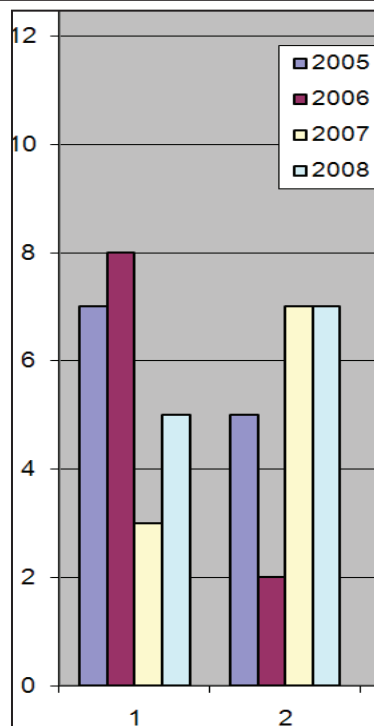
"It is the view of the Peninsula business community that all the options need to be canvassed by both the State and Federal Government otherwise Central Coast commuters will continue to be the employment pariahs of Sydney labour market.

"The upside is that the approvals for the project are fully preserved with works being substantially commenced.

"This means that anyone in the future can push on with the project should risk capital become available."

Mr Wales said that Fast Ships Ltd were still looking to raise the necessary funds for the ferry project despite its inability to meet the current Deed of Agreement deadlines.

Press release, 3, 9 Feb 2008
Matthew Wales,
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Rainfall stays above average

Above-average rainfall so far this month means that the Peninsula has had above-average rainfall for four months in a row.

This is the longest run of above average-rain in more than three years.

Rainfall was almost 12 per cent above average in January and was almost 13 per cent above average for February after only eight days.

Figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Hillview St, Woy Woy, showed 115mm had fallen in January and 131.9mm had fallen for the first eight days of February.

Averages for the months are 102.8mm and 116.9mm respectively.

The figures showed that January was the wettest January of the last four, with the closest being January 2006, when 111mm of rain fell.

February already has had as many "wet days" with 5mm or more rainfall as any of the previous three.

The seven "wet days" so far this month is the same number as for the whole of February last year, and compares to five "wet days" in 2005 and two in 2006.

Spreadsheet, 8 Feb 2008
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Complaint handling meets Australian Standard

Gosford Council is claiming to be one of only five NSW Councils found to comply with the Australian Standard for complaint handling.

The NSW Ombudsman Complaint Handling Systems Survey 2007 Report surveyed 125 NSW Councils on their complaint handling procedures.

The key criteria for complying with the Australian Standard

includes providing visibility and access to the complaint handling system, informing customers on how they can make a complaint and flexibility in options for making one.

Council's director organisation development Mr Terry Thirlwell said that a new complaints handling system had been implemented over the last 12 months.

Media release, 1 Feb 2008
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Knock back

A request by Ettalong Beach Memorial Club to alter parking arrangements near the exit to its underground car park has been knocked back by Gosford Council.

The club asked that a No Stopping zone be provided on the southern side of the exit on Memorial Ave.

The club reported that any vehicle parked in the One Hour Parking space located alongside

the driveway to the club's underground car park was causing a sight distance obstruction for motorists exiting the car park.

Council's traffic committee stated that an inspection of Memorial Ave revealed that a No Parking sign was located four metres south of the Memorial Club's car park exit, which provided "adequate sight distance for motorists exiting the car park".

Council agenda TR.07.131, 22 Jan 2008

Drain given all clear

Engineering consultants Cardno Lawson Treloar have told Gosford Council that a drain in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, is not the cause of sedimentation near a jetty at Woy Woy

Gosford Council staff member Dr Peter Freewater has advised the Council's Coastal and Estuary Management Committee that the consultants had investigated the jetty in question and had found there was "no evidence to suggest that the drain was in fact the cause".

Dr Freewater was responding to complaints forwarded through the committee by Mr Martin Dawson of the Department of Lands.

Mr Dawson said the department had received complaints from a resident about the council drain next to his jetty which he believed was contributing to sedimentation build up.

Council agenda CE.020, 22 Jan 2008

Wildlife rescuers are needed

Wildlife rescue service Wires Central Coast said it is in urgent need for volunteers in the Peninsula area.

"We've got a shortage of rescuers and carers on the Peninsula," voluntary rescuer Ms Jenny Warton said.

"This can mean that animals injured or orphaned in the Peninsula area often have to wait longer to receive attention as our members are coming from out of the area to rescue them. "We'd like to have more members to assist in rescues and to care for Peninsula animals."

Ms Warton said that wires was looking for new members who were able to rescue injured and orphaned animals, as well as members who can provide foster care for animals.

Ms Warton said that attending the group's two day rescue and immediate care course was the first step in what can become a "long and happy role" as a rescuer or carer.

"The two-day training course provides members of the public with skills in animal identification, caring for orphaned animals, preparing animal diets, monitoring animal health, capturing, restraining and

transporting injured animals and the effective release of rehabilitated animals," Ms Warton said.

"Once you have successfully completed the course you will be issued with an authority to rehabilitate and release native animals under Wires General Licence, but you won't be left on your own.

"Experienced volunteer rehabilitators amidst Wires 2200 members around the state will be only a phone call away to help answer the inevitable questions which will arise.

"Volunteering with Wires is rewarding and fun.

"Our group is composed of people of all ages and backgrounds.

"I've met some really fantastic people through my volunteer work with Wires and gained some wonderful friends.

"We all work together for our common cause - to take care of our wonderful animals."

Wires Central Coast is holding the rescue and immediate care course on April 5 and 6.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older to participate.

For more information, telephone 4323 2326.

Press release, 5 Feb 2008
Jenny Warton, Wires

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Street stall

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will hold its street stall in Umina on Thursday, February 21.

The stall will be held from 9am to 3.30pm.

It will be located outside Flemings in West St, Umina Beach.

Press release, 29 Jan 2008
Pat Harding,
Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

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CVC takes controlling interest in Stella group

MFS Limited has sold a 65 per cent share in Stella Hospitality Group, which manages the Mantra Resort Ettalong Beach, to CVC Asia Pacific.

The transaction, which is not subject to shareholder approval, means MFS will receive just over \$409 million and will keep a 35 per cent shareholding and an economic interest in Stella.

MFS will "equity account its interest in Stella following completion and will no longer consolidate approximately \$905 million of Stella debt".

The transaction is subject to foreign regulatory approvals in Australia and New Zealand.

CVC has lodged applications with each of the regulatory bodies and stated it expects to receive approval "by the end of March".

Mr Rolf Krecklenberg will remain as managing director of Stella Group and will step down from the MFS board on completion of the transaction.

MFS is entitled to seek a priority allocation for its shareholders in any public listing of Stella should Stella seek a separate listing on a stock exchange in the future, according to MFS corporate communications officer Mr John Hurst.

He said the introduction of CVC as a majority shareholder in Stella would "significantly enhance its position to pursue expansion plans in Australia and internationally".

MFS chairman Mr Andrew Peacock said: "CVC is an excellent partner for Stella and one we believe can make a significant contribution to its future and maximise its value over the medium term."

"The proceeds from the transaction will enable MFS to repay its short term debt obligations

and at the same time provide it with the flexibility to manage its commitments into the future.

"MFS will retain a 35 per cent interest in Stella so MFS shareholders will continue to benefit from Stella's expansion and growth."

CVC Asia Pacific managing director Mr Ben Keeble said that CVC was "delighted" to be taking a controlling interest in the Stella Group.

"Stella is a unique business in this market, led by a high quality management team."

"We look forward to working with Rolf Krecklenberg and his team to continue to grow the Stella brands in Australia and overseas for the benefit of all stakeholders in the company."

Mr Krecklenberg said: "CVC is an experienced investor with a shared vision for Stella."

"We look forward to working with CVC to continue Stella's development as a major player in hospitality and travel."

Mr Hurst said the CVC proposal was considered to be superior having regard to a number of factors including value, certainty, timing and ability to contribute to the future growth of Stella.

MFS has retained external advisers to assist it to undertake and complete a strategic review of its financial services business, including a review of its operating and financing structure.

Until the strategic review is completed, the board of MFS has asked the Australian Stock Exchange to continue the voluntary suspension of MFS securities.

Stella Group comprises the Peppers, Mantra and BreakFree brands in Australia and New Zealand, Protea Hotels and African Pride brands in Africa, and a 40

per cent strategic stake in Golden Tulip, the European based hotel company.

It also operates the largest integrated travel network in Australasia, with 3000 staff in 12 countries and 2100 retail and corporate outlets under banners including Harvey World Travel, Travelscene American Express, Holiday Shoppe, United Travel, Travelbag and Global in the UK.

CVC Capital Partners is a global private equity firm with over US\$29 billion in funds focused on management buyouts.

CVC was founded in 1981 and today has a network of 18 offices throughout Europe, Asia and the United States.

Since 1981, CVC has completed over 250 investments across a wide range of industries and countries.

CVC Asia Pacific has been one of the most active private equity investors in the region and has completed 29 management buyouts, with an enterprise value of US\$17.5 billion, covering Australia, Southeast Asia, Korea, Japan, China and Taiwan.

CVC's current Asia Pacific portfolio includes PBL Media, Australia's largest diversified media group; IMED, the largest diagnostic imaging center operator in Australia; Zhuhai Zhongfu Enterprise Company Limited; Amtek, Singapore's largest precision metal stamping company; GS Paper and Packaging, Malaysia's largest paper and packaging company; Plantation Timber Products: a leading manufacturer of wood fibre boards and laminated flooring in China; Magnachip: a leading semiconductor company in Korea, and Nien Made, the world's largest window shutter company.

Stock Reports, 4 Feb 2008
John Hurst, MFS Limited



Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Mr Charles Brock with Mr Lindsay and Ms Colleen White along with their daughter and son, Jacqueline and Brenden

Trailer raffle raises \$6000

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised \$6000 through a "trailer raffle" that was drawn on Australia Day.

"The successful raffle has allowed the club to donate \$1500 each to Umina Beach Surf Club, Ocean Beach Surf Club, Woy Woy Community Aged Care and Peninsular Village Aged Care," club president Mr Ross Pearse said.

"The winner of the major prize was Jacqueline White."

"Ms Colleen White purchased the tickets at Deepwater Plaza under her children's names."

"Ms White said the timing of the

win was fortunate as the family's computer printer broke down last week.

"The prize included a multifunction centre donated by Harvey Norman."

"The second prize of a weekend for two at Mantra Resort Ettalong was won by Ms G Shorrock of Woy Woy."

"The third prize of a pampering pack from Divine Image Umina and a Luncheon Cruise on Sydney Harbor was won by Mr G Moyes of Umina Beach."

Press release, 29 Jan 2008

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Councillors should be transparent in their dealings

Nic Pasternatsky (Peninsula News, January 15) assures us that Council has been working within the model code of conduct for local councils in NSW and that the State Government is considering changes to this model.

This is good to hear, for Gosford councillors are not the only ones who seem to find it so difficult to understand what constitutes a "conflict of interest".

It appears to be such a common problem that ICAC, after receiving many submissions, has produced a position paper on this matter.

It's not only considering changes to the model code of conduct but also the establishment of conduct committees.

For a councillor, who in private life works for the directors of the company proposing development

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applications, to not only be present at council but to vote on these matters and at no time to admit his situation, is considered by a number of people to constitute a "conflict of interest".

It would be difficult to prove that this person was not influenced in any way by his position.

A conflict of interest does not

have to depend on monetary gain; it can be for prestige, fame or simply in order to retain a job.

We supposedly elect councillors to work first and foremost for the public interest; there should never be any suspicion that this is not the case.

Gosford Council has its own Code of Conduct.

If it is not important, why do we have it?

Council is never really scrutinised by the local press and, in the present situation, council has been both judge and jury on an internal matter and it has given no explanation for its conclusions.

Surely the public is entitled to know just how this three-man committee reached its conclusions.

In that way, we can judge for ourselves if the committee was "impartial".

Reform is certainly essential in order to enhance the accountability of councillors to the community and to improve their credibility.

The people of the Gosford City deserve better and, in the coming council elections, rate-payers should demand that the people they are electing are prepared to ensure higher, effective standards and, above all, that they are transparent in their dealings.

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Proceed with beach upgrade

It's obvious to anyone who reads the annual report for the Ettalong Club that it may now be in no position to contribute its \$300,000 towards the town beach improvements.

However, the potential loss of the contribution by the Ettalong Club should not let Gosford Council off the hook in progressing with the

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upgrade of our beach.
It is their deliberate and ongoing lack of maintaining and improving our beach and foreshore that has seen it overgrown and the waterfront degraded, no longer the beautiful beach it was years ago.
Adam Crouch
Umina Beach

Street cleaning?

After almost a month, the question many ratepayers would like answered is:

How much are we paying for the street cleaning which appears not to include removing the obvious litter from the roadside garden in

Forum

front of the Commonwealth Bank at the intersection of Alfred St with West St, Umina?
Edward James
Umina Beach

The job ahead

I would like to congratulate the new board of directors of Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, elected on January 21: Mr Don Young (chairman), Mr John Bell (deputy chairman), Mr Mervyn Heath and Mr Kevin Considine.

Gentlemen, you have a job ahead of you and I hope you are up to that job.

We have a great club but unfortunately it was not run to its best possibilities.

Now it is your turn to turn this beautiful club around.

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The members have entrusted you to save the club.
I feel it is savable, and with a little elbow grease and hard work the community can have a great asset.
The younger adults of today need to be involved and have a venue that is proud to be frequented.
Don't overlook them either.
Kathy-Maree Bartle
Ettalong Beach

Contributions


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

It must be the Spike Milligan procedures.

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Solar cells for pool?

Gosford Council has resolved to make an application for a State Government grant for the construction of solar cells on the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The item was moved as an urgency motion as applications had to be submitted by February 13.

The council will obtain a quote for the installation of the solar cells

on the building and on the new surf club buildings.

The staff report noted that the highest priority was the leisure centre, "considering the optimum amount of panels to deliver the maximum results".

Council also resolved to make an appropriate application to Federal Government for the rebate on community buildings taking advantage of its 50 per cent rebate system.

It resolved that a report be submitted to council advising of grant and rebate applications and, should those rebates and grants be successful, council proceed with the installation of the solar panels.

Council will also investigate other community buildings in its care, control or maintenance that would fall within the ambit of obtaining the Federal Government rebate or State Grant.

Council agenda UM1, 5 Feb 2008

Birthday party held as fundraiser

Local residents have been invited to a ninth birthday party for Levi Ransfield at the Star Room, Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, on February 24.

Levi suffers from multiple bone disorders, and the event is being held as a fundraiser.

The event will include magicians, finger food and cakes.

The fundraiser will run from 1pm to 4pm, organised by fund-raising group Rainbow Love.

President Ms Susie O'Donnell said that Rainbow Love was initially inspired by the difficulties faced by Levi, and his mother Danielle's plea for help.

"Danielle required help after Levi broke his leg and was no longer able to be transported safely in her car," Ms O'Donnell said.

"The car itself was no longer running effectively and was also unsafe.

"The initial plan was to raise enough money to buy a van suitable to carry Levi safely in his wheelchair.

"This also became necessary as Levi's condition worsened and his fragility increased due to his complex bone disorder.

"This made it necessary to limit

the amount of handling of Levi where possible to avoid further injuries.

"So far the fundraising continues but, due to the nature of Levi's needs, it has become even more obvious that time is a major factor.

"The committee members of Rainbow Love then made the decision to get Levi mobile as soon as possible and decided to look into leasing a suitable van to do so using funds already collected.

"The cost of leasing was approximately \$2500 a month.

"At the time we had \$4000 in the bank.

"We would then continue with the fundraising to cover ongoing costs and try to purchase a van further down the track.

"It almost seemed that this was going to be possible when we were told that we weren't eligible to do so as we were not a specified organisation that was entitled to lease the van required."

Ms O'Donnell said the group was now looking into the possibility of buying a second hand disabled taxi with the help of Central Coast resident Mr Craig Coulton, a former taxi driver.

"The cost of the vehicle will be around \$10,000," Ms O'Donnell said.

"We have \$6800 at present.

"We are hoping to reach our goal by Levi's ninth birthday on February 24."

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$25 for adults, \$5 for children, and a family ticket (two adults and two children) is \$50.

For more information, telephone 4341 2475 by February 15.

Press release, 29 Jan 2008
Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love

No sale for Milligans

The Milligan family home at Orange Grove failed to sell at auction on Saturday.

Family sources told Peninsula News that the auction was well attended but no bids were made.

They were expecting offers following the auction.

Cec Bucello, 9 Feb 2008

Chemical clean-out

A free Household Chemical Clean Out will be held at the Woy Woy Council Depot on Saturday, March 1.

Gosford Council is holding the day in cooperation with the NSW

Department of Environment and Climate Change.

Chemicals that can be dropped off include pesticides, pool chemicals, aerosols, fungicides, household cleaners, laboratory, car and household batteries, weed killers, solvents, paint strippers, paints and varnishes, acids and alkalis, poisons, fuels, motor oils and gas bottles.

The event will be held from 9am until 3.30pm at the Woy Woy Council Depot, Gallipoli Ave, Woy Woy.

Press release, 5 Feb 2008
Gosford Council



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Liz Corp-Hodges of Central Coast Incodefo in Uganda last year

Fundraising for Ugandan orphans

A fundraising "Akabaga" or party will be held for the Integrated Community Development Foundation at the Woy Woy Sporties club on Friday, February 15, starting at 6.30pm.

"The fundraiser is for Ugandan orphans," Foundation publicity officer Ms Sue McCarthy said.

Ms McCarthy said the evening would "begin with a bang".

The Foundation's executive director Mr Sam Bukenya will sing a typical Ugandan welcome song, accompanied by Drumbala, as people come into the function room.

"We will have Jan Couchman playing her harp, and Robbie D is a comedian and a magician.

"We will have soloists from Bouddi Voice choir and we have a wonderful rock and roll band, newly re-named as the Akabaga Boys.

Mr Bukenya said: "We are desperate to raise enough money to purchase a diesel generator, because at the moment, the lack of power means that the Internet Cafe can only be operating on three or four days a week.

"Once we can open every day, our business will then do well, and it will mean that we can begin to rely on ourselves to fund our

work, rather than relying on further handouts."

Mr Bukenya said three Central Coast residents had visited him in Uganda, and there will be an opportunity to speak with them on that night.

"I will return to Uganda at the end of February, and will report through the Central Coast Incodefo Inc committee."

Mr Bukenya may be contacted by email at incodefo@yahoo.com.

Tickets still available for the Akabaga.

For catering purposes, tickets should be ordered before February 13.

For tickets or to find out more

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Press release, 1 Feb 2008
Sue McCarthy, Incodefo

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Celebrating Shrove Tuesday

The Broken Bay Parish Uniting Church celebrated Shrove Tuesday on February 5 by making pancakes, according to church secretary Ms Annette Strong.

"This was celebrated firstly as a fund-raiser for Unitingcare when members of the Umina Uniting Church made and served pancakes to the public and the large morning group who attended the Active Over-50s exercise class," Ms Strong said.

"In the evening, a crowd of 120 enjoyed an ecumenical social evening when members of the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting churches came together at the Ethel Cox Centre, Mary Mac's Place, for pancakes and refreshments.

"This was a most successful ecumenical happening and more combined interaction gatherings are planned for this year.

Ms Strong said that various

groups in the Uniting Church had returned last week after the summer holiday break.

"Many folk are coming together through Lenten Studies which anyone may join."

Phone 4341 1024 for information."

"Playgroup, for 0-5 year olds and their parents, is held in the Umina Church activity hall each Friday morning from 10am to noon," Ms Strong said.

"Children, Kinder to Year 6, are invited to participate in K26 Unleashed - a program of games, craft, music, afternoon tea and a time to chill out and learn about Jesus."

This group meets in the activity hall on Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm.

For more information, telephone family worker Sue on 4341 0793.

Press release, 6 Feb 2008

Annette Strong,

Uniting Church, Broken Bay Parish

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Relay for Life is launched

The Peninsula Relay for Life was officially launched on Wednesday, January 16, at Ocean Beach Surf Club.

Gosford Mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen, Cancer Council regional ambassador Ms Anne Berry and local cancer survivor Ms Vicki White all attended.

The relay, to be held on March 15 and 16 at the Woy Woy No 1 Oval, is a major local fundraising event for the Cancer Council with a fundraising target of \$80,000.

"This year celebrates the fourth year of the Peninsula Relay for Life, which has raised over \$250,000 for cancer research and supportive services in the past three years," Cancer Council community relation coordinator Ms Lesley Chart said.

Umina Beach resident Ms Vicki White said the Peninsula Relay for Life was a great community event that "brings locals together to celebrate life, remember those we have lost to cancer and continue

the fight back by raising funds to find a cure and improve services for Cancer Survivors".

"As a cancer survivor, I find great comfort and inspiration from the community spirit of support at the relay," Ms White said.

"It's a great opportunity to celebrate survivors in the community as well as remember and honour our loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer at the Candlelight Ceremony."

Ms White, who will be flying the flag for Dragons Abreast Central Coast at the event, has previously participated as a team member and captain.

This year Vicki has joined the relay organising committee and will be in charge of looking after survivors at the event.

"I would encourage all local cancer survivors, their carers, families and friends to come and spend some time at this event - walk in the opening laps, and join

us for a special afternoon tea to celebrate our survival and kick off the event," Ms White said.

Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen said Relay for Life sent an important message of hope and support for cancer patients and their families while raising funds for cancer research, education and support services.

"I encourage the community to get involved in the relay and make this a truly special event," Cr Macfadyen said.

Relay for Life is an outdoor, overnight community-based event where teams of 10-15 people take turn to walk around their local oval to honour the lives of people affected by cancer.

All funds raised by Relay for Life assist the Cancer Council's continuing fight to defeat cancer, and the provision of important cancer services including the cancer Helpline.

The Peninsula Relay for Life is a time when the community can join with local cancer survivors to celebrate life and honour the courage of people living with cancer, Ms Chart said.

"Many Central Coast people have been affected by cancer, either directly or indirectly," Ms Chart said.

"This event is a great way to show your support."

Press release, 16 Jan 2008
Lesley Chart,
NSW Cancer Council Central Coast

Don't Smoke team enters relay

The Don't Smoke Around Me Team, a team of young mothers, their husbands and their babies, will take part in Peninsula Relay For Life on March 15 and 16.

Team captain Kylie Dalmazzo said the team was motivated because some of the women had lost family members to lung and other cancers and they wanted their children not to have to face such loss.

"Almost everyone has been touched by cancer in some way and we want to bring an awareness of the dangers of smoking around babies," Ms Dalmazzo said.

"It's amazing how many people are just not aware and we'd like to help change that.

"Although we are raising money for a serious cause, there is no reason not to have fun doing it.

"The babies from our mothers' group are all around four months old now and they will be wearing their Don't Smoke Around Me T-shirts.

"We challenge any other team to register for Peninsula Relay For Life and try to outdo us"

The Don't Smoke Around Me team consists of eight mothers from a Peninsula Mothers group, their husbands and family members.

Relay For Life is a community event where teams consisting of family, friends and work colleagues take turns to walk or run around a designated track.

All funds raised from Peninsula's Relay For Life go directly towards The Cancer Council's fight to defeat cancer.

Press release, 30 Jan 2008
Alan Phillips,
The Cancer Council NSW

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Free bicycle repair course

A free nine-week course in repairing bicycles will be held at Umina from March to May.

The course will be held at the Umina Police and Community Youth Centre (PCYC).

Rebicycle is a practical hands-on course which aims to provide young people with a chance to learn skills in bike and road safety, bike handling, building and repairs.

Rebicycle uses recycled bikes to teach youth to learn new skills while at the same time helping gain life skills and transport.

Organisers of the Rebicycle course said it would provide young

people an opportunity to complete a TAFE accredited course and to pursue other career-focussed courses within TAFE.

Participants will receive bike building and maintenance skills, bike safety and fitness tuition, team-building skills, occupational health and safety training, information on careers and work options, a health breakfast on arrival and network opportunities with bike industry specialists.

The course will be held at the Umina PCYC in Osborne Ave, Umina Beach.

It will be held over nine sessions on Tuesday mornings, between

March 11 to May 27, from 9am to 12.30pm.

Applications are due by Tuesday, February 19.

People aged between 15 and 18 years of age who have either left or are thinking about leaving school have been encouraged to apply.

Participants will need to attend an information day on Tuesday, February 26 from 9am to 11am.

For information on applying, telephone Joe at Burnside on 0419 169 225 or Tim Keogh at the Umina PCYC on 4344 7851.

**Press release, 4 Feb 2008
Bronwyn Hunt,
UnitingCare Burnside**

Volunteering info session

Volunteering Central Coast will be holding an information session at the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday, February 18.

"Volunteering Central Coast Inc is a not-for-profit organisation with over 130 community organisations registered as members and 200 plus positions listed for volunteer work," session organiser Ms Sharan Page said.

"Volunteering Central Coast is conducting a free volunteer information session at the community centre on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on Monday, February 18.

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

"Bookings are essential."

Ms Page said that, at the sessions, participants could find out what they could do for the community, and what volunteering could do for them.

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

For more information, telephone 4329 7122.

**Press release, 14 Jan 2008
Sharan Page,
Volunteering Central Coast**

Pre-school receives grant

Walsingham Community Pre-school in Wagstaff has received a \$1200 grant to help it relocate the pre-school.

"We are proud to be able to provide this assistance so that it can be enjoyed by the children and young people at Walsingham Community Preschool," said Telstra

Foundation area general manager Mr Michael Sharpe.

"This grant will assist Walsingham's goals both now and in the future," said Telstra Foundation chairman Mr Herb Elliott.

He said Telstra's Kids Fund was a vital component in assisting not-

for-profit organisations support children in the community.

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**Press release, 30 Jan 2008
Michael Sharpe, Telstra Foundation**



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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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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, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach 4342 1459

PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

PWHC, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20a McMasters Rd Woy Woy 4342 5905

UCH, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664

WH, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe

WWAC, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St 4353 4224

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

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd

DAILY EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

True Blue Meeting, 1.30pm; **Toastmasters**, 7pm, **EBWMC**

Get Together afternoon tea, **ESCC**,

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

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

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis**

Branch, 10am, enq: 4342 1790, **MOW**

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

Toastmasters, 7.15pm, **EBWMC**

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

Every Tuesday

Chess Club **EBWMC** 1pm enq: 4341 8748

Woy Woy Blood Bank welcomes donations Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy 1pm to 7pm

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

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

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

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

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm; **Gym Sessions** 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9:15am & 6pm; **PCYC**

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

Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **Computers**, 9am, **ESCC** .

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

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

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

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

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

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

Playgroup 10am Kids 0-5yrs, **WWPH**, enq: Juhel 4342 4362

Woy Woy Blood Bank, 11.15am to 8.45pm, session time 1pm to 7pm, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy

Tap Dancing, **EPH**, 6pm, enq: 0438 033 039

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

Older women's network, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079, **WWLC**

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

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

Second Wednesday of every Month

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**

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

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

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

Free Tax Help by Appt., Occasional Care, School for Seniors, 9am; **Playgroup**, 10am; **Bridge Club**., 9.30am & 7.30pm;

The Web, from 2pm, **Physical Culture Club**, 3.45pm, **Coast Care Counselling** Judo, 5pm;

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

Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Brisbane Waters **Scrabble Club**, **MOW** 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.

Seniors fitness **EPH** 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

Indoor Bowls 9am; **Fitness** 1pm **Leatherwork** 9am; **Table Tennis** 9am. **Scrabble** 1pm; **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC**

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

Oils & Acrylics 9am, **Pastels & Drawing** 11.30am, **EBACC**, **Children's story time**, Woy Woy library, 10.30 (Exc Jan).

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

Handicraft CWA, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

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

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

Dance Club, 1pm, **EBWMC**

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

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

Second Thursday of every month

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

Australiana Bus Trips **PCC**

Third Thursday of every month

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

Fourth Thursday of every month

9am **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, **BFC**

Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am. Women's Health **Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741

Last Thursday of every month

Socrates Cafe Group Entréz 4 Booklovers Cafe, Umina

5:30 - 7pm Enq: 4367 4730

Every Thursday

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

Creative Writing, **CWA**, Enq 4369 1187

Childrens Art, 4.30pm, 15th Oct-**Occasional Care**, 9am; **Music Program**, 9am; **Yoga**, 10am;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cards noon, **ESCC**

Children's story time, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30am (Exc Jan)

Gym Sessions 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am & 6pm **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC** .

Social Tennis 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

Adult tap dancing, **EPH** 10am; enq: 4342 3925

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

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

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am; **EBWMC**

Second Friday of every month

Bookclub 10:30am enq: Mandy 4342 2482

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

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

Third Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, **EBWMC**, 9am, enq: 4343 3492.

Fourth Friday of every month

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

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

Every Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting 10am, **EBACC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Weight Watchers, 9.30am; **Smart Recovery**, 10am; **Samaritans Support Group**, 10.30am; **Bridge**

Club, 12pm; **The Web**, from 2pm; **Brophy Circus Academy**, 5pm;

Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; **Judo**, 7pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**

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

Fishing Club. **EBWM**

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

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

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

Second Saturday of every month

Bookclub 10:30am enq: Mandy 4342 2482

Alliance Française french conversation, Impact Cafe

Empire Bay 11am - 1pm Enq: 0412252709

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

Vision Impaired Woy Walkers Fisherman's Wharf Woy Woy 7.15am Enq: 4325 3686

Chess Club **EBWMC** 1pm enq: 4341 8748

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

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

Chess Club, 1pm; **EBWMC**

Childrens Pottery 9.30am

Silvercraft 1pm **EBACC**

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

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

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

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

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

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

Second Sunday of every month

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
Ettymalong 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

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

Last Sunday of every month

Alliance Française "La Petanque" (the game of boules) 11am - 5pm Enq: 0415309074

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

RSL Womens' Aux 9:30am **EBWMC**

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

Bookclub 7pm enq: Mandy 4342 2482

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

Toastmasters **Speechcraft** **Classes** 6pm **EBWMC**

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

Cash Housie **EMBC** 7:30pm Enq: 4323 3566

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, **Card Club** 1pm, **EBWMC**

Fairhaven Cash Housie 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **EMBC** enq: **4323 3566**

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333

Patchwork & Quilting, 10am, **Pottery** 10am & 1pm **EBACC**

Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am

Occasional Childcare, 9am; **Volunteering**, 9am; **Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm;

Yoga, 10am; **Second Chance Craft**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm;

Physical Culture Club, 3.45pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 4pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**

Craft group, 1pm **BFC**

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

Upcoming Events

February 15 - Benefit for breast cancer, Ettalong bowling club Fundraising for Ugandan orphans Woy Woy Sporties club

Cultural Laboratory Peninsula Theatre Woy Woy 730pm

February 18 - Volunteer information session, Peninsula Community Centre 930am

February 21 - Street Stall, West St Umina, 9am

February 26 - bicycle repair course information day 9am **PCYC** Umina

March 1 - Chemical clean-out, Woy Woy Council Depot, 9am

March 15 - Peninsula Relay for life

New and old activities at centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will be offering several new courses over the coming months.

"The program is a mixture of new and old activities," community development worker Ms Kate Bradfield said.

"The walking group will recommence on Friday, March 7.

"Meditation is new and will run on Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 2.15pm."

Ms Bradfield said some new alternative therapists had started offering reiki and holistic kinesiology at the centre.

"We still have our regular services such as Swedish, Remedial Shiatsu Massage, Coastcare Counselling, Friday Walking Group, Coastal Crones (support, social and educative group for women over 50), Northern Sydney Central Coast Health-Women's Health Clinic offering consultations on menopause, pap tests and more.

"We have a range of health education workshops and lifestyle groups in this program.

"Many women still tell us that they are unaware of the services we offer and the fact that they are free.

"They don't know that they can come and drop in for support, information and referral or to see Coastcare counselling or Northern Sydney Central Coast-Women's Health Clinic from our premises."

Narelle Mason from Coastcare Counselling said the group was a collection of counsellors who were providing counselling services in a

range of community centres on the Central Coast.

Ms Mason said the service had been in operation since 1993 with the goal of providing affordable counselling to the community and making counselling readily accessible to those in need.

Coastcare can be contacted by telephoning 4342 5905 or 4341 9333.

"The whole program is new with new groups and workshops and

we were encouraging women to come and pick up a new program or phone to have one sent out.

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

For more information, telephone 4342 5905.

Press release, 6 Feb 2008

Kate Bradfield,

Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Woy Woy Little Theatre presents Ira Levin's thriller

"Deathtrap"



Directed by Brendon Flynn

"Deathtrap was one of the biggest hits in the history of Broadway."

The cast includes Graham Vale, Christine Vale, Tyrone McMaster, Penny Dilworth and Mike Jeffries.

Fridays 8pm - February 22, 29 and March 7

Saturdays 8pm - February 23, March 1 and 8

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For more information, telephone 4344 4737.

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Cultural 'Laboratory' returns

The Cultural Laboratory, a showcase of Central Coast talent, will return to Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on Friday, February 15, at 7:30pm.

Performances will include Josephine Gleeson, Stuart Smith, Mike Rubbo, Rowena Fitzgibbon, bush poets Peter Mace and Vic Jeffries, and Phocion Vouros.

The "Laboratory" sponsored by Gosford Council will return to the Peninsula Theatre this year with a simpler format, which will revive the Open Forum as an "essential part of the evening", according to Peninsula Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"Eighteen year old songstress Josephine Gleeson regularly performs for GMS Juniors and is a YIPA Scholarship winner," Ms Kelly said.

"A student of the Australian Institute of Music where she is studying for a Bachelor of Music, majoring in Voice, Josephine has a professionalism and confidence far beyond her years.

"She will sing three pieces, I'm Not Afraid of Anything, Astonishing and a song by Eva Cassidy.

"Stuart Smith, director of Jon English in Paris, will discuss how Paris has helped launch a new musical production company called Southern Cross Musicals.

"Stuart, along with local musical director Andrew Swan, have

collaborated on the reprisal of the rock opera, which includes some adaptations and some new songs and the appearance of Jon English as Menelaus.

"Some of the cast will sing songs from the new production."

Ms Kelly said Mike Rubbo had been a film director for 40 years, having made approximately 60 films.

"He has won an Emmy and 50 other major prizes," Ms Kelly.

"A local from Avoca Beach, Mike has also written and directed five feature films.

"He has been a teacher all his life at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School and at Harvard and many other American universities, has been the Head of Documentaries at the ABC and was responsible for bringing Race Around the World to Australia.

"Most recently, Mike has been showing Australian movies on the Banjo Paterson ferry, sailing out of Hardy's Bay.

"He is also doing a blog with Olive Riley who, at 108, is the oldest blogger in the world.

"These days Mike's most interested in showing communities how to make low budget features such as the one he made in Maleny, Queensland, called Even Emus Need To Dance.

"Rowena Fitzgibbon is just 19 and has choreographed this dance

especially for the Lab.

"It is simplistic in its origins.

"It has no narrative but looks at the fluidity of the body as it moves through straight lines.

"A sense of calm is produced when things become ordered and show no resistance to outside stresses, giving a sense of release.

"Rowena has completed a Bachelor of Arts in Performing Arts (Dance) at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts.

"After finishing university in 2006, she danced in contemporary style shows in England, and was a resident contact improvisationalist at Roscoe St Gallery, UK.

"Since arriving back in Australia, Rowena has been teaching at the Aboriginal Dance Theatre of Redfern and also at a studio on the Coast.

"At the end of the year, she will go to New York to undertake further studies in the Limon contemporary style dance.

"Bush poets return to the Lab with Peter Mace and Vic Jeffries.

"Vic and Peter took over the Gosford Bush Poets in July 2005.

"They have had success at the Tamworth Country Music Festival Poetry Competition, both having been finalists with Peter winning the Original section in 2007.

"Vic's CD, The Ballad of Sweet Abigail and other Poems, was a

finalist at this year's Bush Laureate Awards."

Ms Kelly said Phocion Vouros was a sculptor who fuses Greek heritage into his work.

"Phocion showed great artistic promise at the age of nine, but was unable to go to Art School due to the family's limited finances," Ms Kelly said.

"He instead went to College and became a mechanical engineer which is fortuitous as he now sculpts in metal.

"He regularly exhibits with the Sculpture Society at Darling Park.

"When Phocion came to Australia, he set himself the target of retiring at 55 to sculpt full-time.

"He did retire but, as well as sculpting using a cheap method of producing a bronze look sculpture, Phocion also spends many hours involved in the local Hellenic Club.

"He will show some of his work including a unique bust of Henry Lawson."

The night will be followed by the Open Forum and supper.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 concession.

More information is available by telephoning the box office on 4323 3233.

The Peninsula Theatre is located on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rds, Woy Woy.

Press release, 5 Feb 2008

Lisa Kelly,

Laycock & Peninsula Theatres



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Gnostic Manor Café

Gnostic Corner, The Boulevard, Woy Woy
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Craft group program announced

The Beachside Family Centre has announced its 3Cs Craft Group program for term 1.

The group will be held each Monday from February 11 to March 31.

The group will teach participants how to make chocolate, children's birthday cards, screen printing, and craft from crystals and bead kits.

The chocolate making group will be held on February 11, birthday cards on February 18, screen printing with Melissa and Tanya on February 25, crystals with Carmen Daniels-Perrin on March 3, bead kits with Nicole on March 17.

A term two planning afternoon will be held on March 31.

Participants in the screen-printing group have been asked to bring a t-shirt or something to print.

The bead kits will be for sale from \$5.

Participants for the planning afternoon have been asked to bring a plate of food to share.

A project is yet to be decided for March 10.

"The 3Cs (coffee, craft and chat) group is a great way to get out of the house and meet other people in your community," said Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"If you have children 0 to 8 years of age, come along and have some fun."

"Sessions usually cost \$3 a

week but sometimes they cost a little more depending on what we are doing.

"Child care is available for \$3 per child or \$5 a family and bookings need to be made by the morning of each session as spaces are limited."

Anyone using the service is asked to provide a small healthy afternoon tea and sun hat for their children.

Call 4343 1929 with inquiries and for bookings.

Press release, 8 Feb 2008

Exhibition at cafe

An art exhibition by Leila Desborough and Lorraine Best will be held at a Woy Woy cafe from February 2 to March 1.

Entitled "Lorelei's Art Feast", the exhibition will feature paintings by the two artists.

It will be held at the Gnostic Manor Café, located on The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

For more information, telephone 4344 1444 or 4344 1810.

Press release, 3 Feb 2008

Leila Desborough

Women's Day art show

An art exhibition entitled "Every Picture Tells a Story" will be held at the Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus during March as part of International Women's Day.

The exhibition will be held on March 8 and 9 and is sponsored by Gosford Council.

All female artists have been invited to contribute their work.

Multi Arts Confederation publicity officer Ms Maureen Locke-Maclean said that entries could be paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics or textile art.

There is a limit of three paintings per artist with no size limit.

Photography entries are limited to five per artist.

There is no limit for ceramics or sculptures.

Art works presented at the exhibition may be sold, upon which a 20 per cent commission applies, to be retained by the organisers for administration costs.

Artists can enter their work for free, but entry forms must be entered before February 29.

Applications are available at the Gosford Regional Gallery, libraries, art supply shops or by contacting Multi Arts Confederation president Ms Margaret Hardy on 4369 4534.

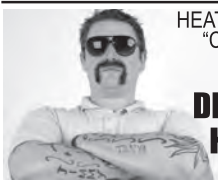
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"One of the great singers and arguably the finest rhythm guitarist in the folk scene, Leon Rabin will be joined by Toni Davies, one of the finest singers in the folk scene," Troubadour publicity officer Ms Willy Timmerman said.

The concert will be held at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, from 7pm.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 concession.

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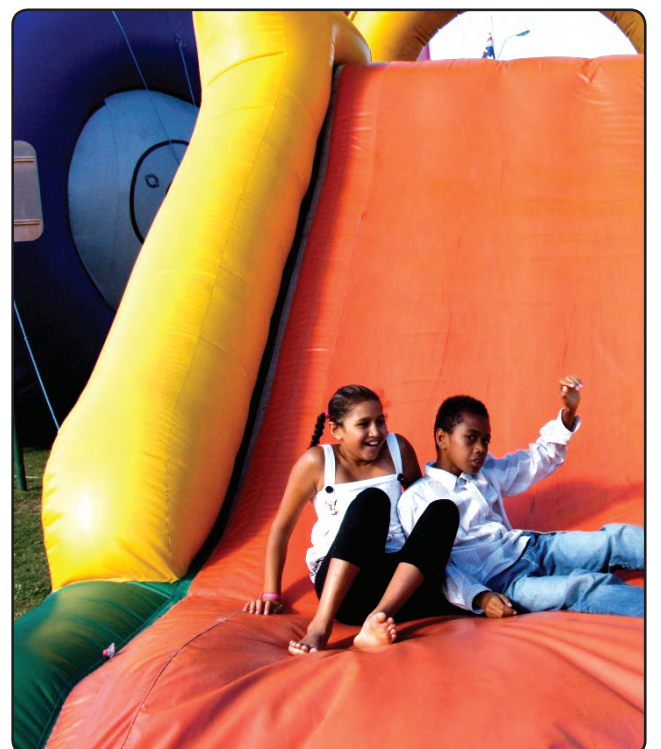
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Good results for ‘physie’ club



Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club had “outstanding results” last year, according to teacher Ms Kristy Stephen.

Ms Stephen said the club took out the Central Coast Zone with 16 places.

“These girls went on to compete at the Junior National Finals at the State Sports Centre, Homebush, in November where seven girls made the National Finals, with one of these girls winning overall National Champion in her age group and another receiving second place,” Ms Stephen said.

“At six years old, Georgia Riley

took out first place at the Central Coast zone.

“She then went on to win her age group to become 2008 Six Years National Champion.

“This is a huge achievement and, at six years old, not many people can say they have been a national champion.”

Ms Stephen said that the 2006 seven-years National Champion, Simone Bradley, gained second place overall in the eight years section at the National Championships.

“Another achievement by Simone was that she was nominated for Junior Sports Person of the Year at the annual Central Coast Australia Day Community awards,” Ms Stephen said.

“This is a great honour for someone so young.”

The club also competed at the National Championship Grade Teams day in November and placed third in the 5-6 years, second in the 7-8 years, third in the 9-10 years and fourth in the 11-12 years.

Ms Stephen said other place getters included Tara Wright who came fourth in the six years division and Jessica Nolan who came fifth in the same division.

“Tannika Hynds came second at Zone in the seven years division and also made the National Final,” Ms Stephen said.

“Amber Antonio came fourth in the eight years division and Hayley

Norris fifth in the same division.

“In the nine years division, Edwina Clune-Purcell came first at Zone, while Madeleine Koppen came third and Evanne-Paige Wright came fifth at Zone in the same division.”

The club won the Zone 10 years section with Lauren Riley coming first, Meg Booker second, Rebecca Hutchins third and Keeyah Robertson fourth.

“Lauren and Meg also went on to make the National finals in their age group.

“Charlotte Clune-Purcell came first and Keiryn Payne came third in the 12 years section.

“Keiryn then went on to make the National Finals in her age.

“Lesla McNeil reached the Senior National Finals in the 16 years age group at the Sydney Opera House in December.”

Ms Stephen said the club ran classes for girls and women at the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Each age has a separate syllabus and students had the opportunity to enter annual non-compulsory competitions at a club, local, zone, state and national level.

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Kristy Stephen, Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club**

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Dance school turns 21

The New Moves team will be singing, dancing and acting at Deepwater Plaza on Saturday, February 16, to celebrate 21 years of the Woy Woy entertainment school being open on the Peninsula.

Director Ms Michelle Cuneo estimated that she had performed more than 200,000 spins, leaps and twirls, teaching the finer points of pirouettes, jetes and jazz moves to talented local youngsters.

Ms Cuneo said many of her students have followed in her footsteps to start their own performing careers while many others have enjoyed the improved confidence, fitness and new skills the arts can bring.

"Such a success story is Sally Whitehead of Umina who went onto perform in London stage

shows such as Cats and Guys and Dolls," Ms Cuneo said.

"From humble beginnings in a local school hall, New Moves has grown to be a total entertainment school teaching dance, drama, singing, guitar and modelling to literally thousands of Peninsula performers.

"In 1988, the school purchased a church building in Blackwall and converted it to a 120 square metre contemporary dance space, giving the Peninsula its first professional level studio.

"Installing premium dance flooring gave students and parents the peace of mind knowing they were dancing on safety enhancing flooring that professional dance companies worldwide use.

"The school was the first to give students the opportunity to perform in professional venues and won prestigious competitions.

"Showcasing the talents of Woy Woy, the school was invited to perform at the Sydney Opera House in its early days as winners of Sydney's premier dance competition."

Ms Cuneo, who worked with the Sydney Dance Company, has gone onto further studies and is now a qualified university dance lecturer.

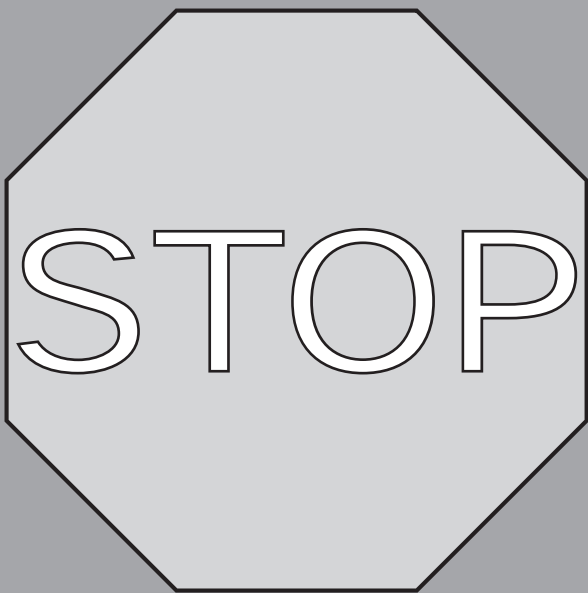
She teaches all ages from three-year-olds through to HSC students.

Ms Cuneo said her adult Latin dance and pilates classes were popular.

The group will also be supporting the Cancer Council's Relay for Life in March.

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Michelle Cuneo, New Moves



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