

\$1.3M blow-out on borefield costs

Gosford Council has admitted to a \$1.3 million blow-out in costs for its groundwater extraction project on the Peninsula.

The ground water project was recently touted as a \$9.5 million project, more than 15 per cent more than the approved cost of \$8.2 million in September 2006.

Responding to a question from Peninsula News, Council's Water and Sewerage Directorate Media Unit said that, due to the size of the project, project costing was likely to vary with design changes and construction contracts.

It stated: "Some of the works that have contributed to increased costs on this project include:

development of detailed designs resulting in changes to cost estimates; increased costs for the Water Treatment Plant following receipt and award of Tenders in September 2006, increase in building costs to ensure that the building complied with council's development application requirements in relation to noise, increase in costs for monitoring the borefield and testing, and additional engineering costs."

The media unit stated that, overall, both Wyong and Gosford Council have spent \$30 million dollars on accessing and treating groundwater across the Central Coast.

Lyle Stone, 8 May 2008

Bays residents call for water taxis and new bus times

Residents of The Bays have called for a water taxi service and a revised bus timetable serviced by smaller buses at a meeting on May 5.

More than 100 residents attended the public meeting called by The Bays Community Group to discuss the Woy Woy Rd closure.

The meeting called on Gosford Council to provide two-way traffic on Bulls Hill, assurances on drain and silt trap cleaning, and better communication from the council about daily developments.

It asked for a safe path for children now having to walk to Wattle Cres for the school bus pick up.

The meeting also saw renewed calls for a long-term bypass of Bulls Hill.

Community group vice president Mr Greg McMullen said he was pleased with the attendance.

"It seems the best thing to come out of the meeting is that the RTA and council are actually working together," Mr McMullen said.

He said that the council was "going to be doing all the geotechnical investigations for the whole of that stretch of road and then work out if it will be a simple fix-up job of the current damage or a total rebuild of the full stretch of road."

Mr McMullen said the reports of the geotechnical studies were expected to be completed and finalised by the end of the week.

Cr Chris Holstein told Gosford Council: "Over 100 residents attended to canvas solutions to the impact the road closure is having on their families with safe travel to school and return."

"Residents were also seeking resolution to the short term and longer term problems associated with this regional road."

"A number of council and State Government officials together with



The collapsed section of Woy Woy Rd, taken by Edward James before barriers and a metal chain-link fence were placed along the road and around the damaged section of road

Busways representatives attended, gave explanations and took on suggestions for resolving the travel dilemma being experienced."

Cr Holstein said residents came up with a number of requests to council and government at the meeting.

"I believe council officers should look into these matters in association with outside parties as required as a matter of urgency."

Gosford Council resolved last week to investigate the requests made at the meeting and to have a report prepared for consideration this week.

Council also resolved to seek funding from State and Federal sources to undertake the repair work.

Woy Woy Rd was closed at Bulls Hill on April 24, after a section of

the road collapsed following heavy rain in the area.

One lane was reopened on May 1 to motorists travelling towards Woy Woy.

Council said the one-way traffic would continue until a solution to stabilising the road had been found.

A follow-up meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday, May 19, at the community hall at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

**Council agenda, UM.8, 6 May 2008
Press release, 6 May 2008
Greg McMullen, The Bays
Community Group**

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Residents get extra transport
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No details on freight loop

The State Government does not appear to have immediate plans to build a freight rail loop near Woy Woy.

The office of Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport Mr John Watkins has been unable to provide detailed information regarding a plan the Federal Labor government promised before Election Day.

Labor pledged \$840 million to a dedicated freight rail track from North Strathfield to Gosford, which included a bi-directional freight-loop to be located at Woy Woy.

The promise, made on November 19 by then Shadow Transport Minister Mr Martin Ferguson (now Resources and Energy and Tourism Minister), is still available on the Australian Labor Party website.

When asked about the progress of the plan for the rail link between Sydney and the Central Coast, a spokeswoman for Mr Watkins said: "The northern Sydney corridor is one of the most congested on the CityRail network."

"Improving the performance for

both freight and passenger services along this corridor has been recognised as one of the highest priority in the NSW government's Auslink 2 Submission."

When further pressed for specifics, such as the cost of the Woy Woy freight loop, where the freight loop would be located along the Woy Woy track, what specific purpose the freight loop would serve and if there were any plans or diagrams available, the response was similar.

"As part of the AusLink process, the NSW Government is working with the Federal Government to undertake a detailed analysis of the entire corridor," the spokeswoman said.

"This analysis will determine the most appropriate projects and their locations."

"The purpose of these projects would be to improve the movement of trains so that freight trains and limited stop suburban trains do not block each other."

Clare Graham, 23 April 2008
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Council to buy land at intersections

Gosford Council has announced its plan to purchase four small sections of land in Umina Beach and Woy Woy for road widening purposes.

Two small sections of land on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Railway St, Woy Woy, and land at the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Wellington St, Umina Beach, would be purchased to ensure safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

A report stated that the road widening at both intersections at Umina Beach and Woy Woy would provide improved sight distance for vehicles approaching the intersections and increase the footway area for pedestrians.

Following the installation of traffic and pedestrian signals at the Woy Woy intersection, the council report noted the necessity to acquire two small triangular sections of land for road widening purposes on the eastern approach of the intersection.

The report also stated the need for road widening at the Umina Beach intersection following the construction of a new roundabout.

The land to be purchased by council at Lot 1 on Ocean Beach Rd and Lot 61 on Railway St, Woy Woy, are both about 4.5 square metres in area.

Both sites to be purchased at Umina Beach are of the same area.

Council agenda CIT.11, 6 May 2008

Signs to be investigated

Gosford Council has resolved to investigate a preliminary layout for the provision of a Give Way sign on Banyo Close, Horsfield Bay, at the intersection of Gabagong Rd, to emphasise which road has right of way.

The action came after the council was approached by Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal on behalf of a local resident, who claimed that cars continually pulled out of Gabagong Rd and Kunala Lane without giving way, over the 10-year period she had

lived there.

The applicant stated that she suspected that many of the residents of the streets believed that they had right of way due to the absence of signs.

The resident asked that Give Way Signs be placed on the corner of Banyo Close and Gabagong Rd and Banyo Close and Kunala Lane in Horsfield Bay.

Council's traffic committee said that an inspection of the intersection revealed that there was merit in the provision of a Give Way Sign on Banyo Close at the intersection of Gabagong Rd but

further investigation was needed to clarify traffic movements.

Its report also stated that the intersection of Kunala Lane and Banyo Close was a standard T-intersection with clear priorities.

They stated that: "Therefore the installation of a Give Way Sign on Kunala Lane at Banyo Close is considered to be unnecessary".

Council has resolved that no action be taken to install a Give Way Sign in Kunala Lane at the intersection of Banyo Close, Horsfield Bay.

Council agenda TR.08.034, 6 May 2008

Plans for a big breakfast

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will be held at venues around the Peninsula on Thursday, May 22, to help raise money for cancer research and awareness.

Campbell's Home Hardware of Woy Woy has invited its customers to attend its Blackwall Rd store from 7am to 11am for a big breakfast.

"This event is a continuance of Campbell's involvement in fund raising projects for the NSW Cancer Council and we look forward to our customer's ongoing support for the breakfast," store manager Mr Noel Annand said.

Sausages, bacon and eggs and tea and coffee will be served.

"Customers who cannot attend the breakfast can contribute their donation at the trade counter in the designated collection box.

"Donors of \$10 or more will be eligible to enter a draw to win a Heron Island holiday.

"The prize includes five nights on Heron Island in a Wistori Suite, including full breakfast daily, return airfares and return transfers from Gladstone to Heron Island for two people."

Newsletter, 9 May 2008

Noel Annand, Campbell's Home Hardware

Shuttle bus for Woy Woy?

A shuttle bus may be introduced in Woy Woy, if a similar service is successful in Gosford.

Part of the Civic Improvement Plan included a proposed shuttle bus to connect areas around the city centre.

Council officers stated that the bus route would pass through and around the city centre, linking the

commercial core with the city edge areas including the rail station, waterfront and bushland reserves.

They stated that: "This shuttle system if successful could be extended to and/or reproduced in other centres such as Woy Woy, or could be upgraded to a light rail type system once population densities and demand have grown."

Council agenda ENV.41, 6 May 2008

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\$1.65M upgrade for dementia day care

Gosford Council will receive \$1.65 million to upgrade the Dementia Day Care Centre in Woy Woy, according to Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal.

"This centre is part of a package of over \$11 million dollars to build, extend or renovate HACC day care centres throughout NSW," Ms Neal said.

"The upgrading of the facility at Woy Woy will enable the local community to have a dementia-focused facility.

"The facility will provide a day care service and respite – a much-needed break to the carers of people with dementia in our local community," Ms Neal said.

Minister for Ageing Ms Justine Elliot said dementia was one of the major reasons for older people entering residential aged care or for seeking assistance from community care programs.

"The focus on dementia-specific

facilities is a response to the increasing incidence of dementia associated with the ageing population," Ms Elliot said.

"There are more than 73,800 people with dementia in NSW – one third of the total number in Australia.

"By 2050, this number is expected to grow to more than 227,000 in NSW."

Funding for the project will be provided jointly through the Home and Community Care (HACC) program by the Australian Government and the NSW Government.

Services funded under HACC include domestic assistance, social support, nursing care, meals, respite, home maintenance and modifications and transport.

The HACC program assists the frail and aged, as well as people with a disability and their carers.

Press release, 29 Apr 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson



Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, Don Leggett, Minister for Ageing Ms Justine Elliot and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews

Gambling service gets \$684,000

The Peninsula Community Centre's problem gambling counselling service will receive more than \$684,000 funding over the next four years.

The announcement of the funding coincides with Responsible Gambling Awareness Week to be held during May 12 to 18.

Peninsula Community Centre has been guaranteed funding over the next four years from the Responsible Gambling Fund to help problem gamblers and their families on the Peninsula, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"This is the first time that four-year funding contracts have been offered to NSW Government problem gambling counselling services," Ms Andrews said.

"This ensures that the services can have certainty to plan for the future to ensure adequate staffing and service levels."

Ms Andrews said the funding would assist with rising costs associated with staff, and goods and services tax.

"This funding allocation follows a comprehensive and rigorous application and assessment process by an Independent Grants Assessment Committee and the Trustees of the Responsible Gambling Fund," Ms Andrews said.

Ms Andrews said the funding

would ensure those individuals and families who needed help would have access to a free and confidential service.

She said that research showed that face-to-face counselling was very effective, and that more than 80 per cent of people who had face-to-face counselling still found it helped after six months.

Problem gamblers can access the counselling service through the G-Line 24-hour telephone service on 1800 633 635.

Press release, 12 May 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford



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Don Leggett receives award

Peninsula resident Mr Don Leggett has received a community service award from the Federal Government for his "significant contribution to improving the lives of senior Australians".

Minister for Ageing Ms Justine Elliot and Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal presented Mr Leggett with a plaque at an award function in Peninsula Village Retirement Centre in Umina Beach on April 29.

Ms Elliot said Mr Leggett was a worthy recipient of the award due to his long and continued volunteer service in the local community.

"The award is an Australian Government initiative which is designed to recognise the contribution of people whose efforts

might otherwise go unremarked," Ms Elliot said.

"We value the contribution of senior Australians and the role they have played in shaping our country.

"Mr Leggett has over 30 years of volunteer service.

"He has been a member of Woy Woy and District Meals on Wheels, the Woy Woy Youth and Community Centre, Woy Woy Child Care Centre, as well as being the president and later board chairman of the Peninsula Village retirement centre.

"Senior Australians benefit from the tireless work of people like Mr Leggett and I encourage all Australians take note of the example set by today's award winner."

Ms Neal said she was pleased

to see local residents recognised for their "hard work and effort".

"Mr Leggett has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of senior residents in our local community as well as to the greater community of Woy Woy and Peninsula district," Ms Neal said.

"Mr Leggett is the foundation president of Peninsula Village Ltd, which is a charitable community-owned aged care provider.

"Don is an absolute asset to our community.

"I want to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his tremendous achievement.

"I would also like to thank him, on behalf of the community, for all the work he does."

Press release, 29 Apr 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson



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Will inconvenience drag on?

The accident waiting to happen on Bull's Hill has occurred, fortunately, without injury or loss of life.

Peninsula and local residents may not have realised yet the inconvenience which they will have to suffer due to the closure of this section of the Woy Woy Rd.

Immediate inconveniences that come to mind are:

- Increase in time that emergency services will take to arrive in The Bays area.
- Extra time and fuel to drive to Woy Woy station via West Gosford.
- Will school bus services be available?
- Loss of short cut route to the F3 via Kariang.

One estimate that has been given is that the road repair will take about 10 weeks.

Will this possibly extend to 15

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weeks or more?

As the drain on the western side of the road is seldom cleaned by authorities, this allows the surplus water to undermine the road.

This road failure occurred where there is a substantial drop down to the valley floor below.

If another subsidence happens higher up the hill, the fall away to the valley floor is quite dramatic.

No doubt the various authorities will start blaming each other.

Residents demand fast action to resolve the problem.

No more talk authorities. Get on with what you are paid to do.

Gordon Saxby
Horsfield Bay

Not just a local problem

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to the affected road surfaces will avert a collapse on these roads, which could prove fatal.

It is not an adequate response for our elected politicians to say it is a local government problem: It is a problem of all governments which collect our taxes to maintain an adequate infrastructure.

I would implore the Minister for the Central Coast to lead a proactive response to this problem before there are more deaths:

Gosford Council clearly does not have the resources to handle the problems of dangerous roads placed on it by State government in 1996-7.

We citizens deserve more concern for our safety than is currently being shown by politicians at all levels.

Residents of Pearl Beach and Patonga look forward to a cooperative response to this life-threatening issue.

Kay Williams
Pearl Beach

Poem was unflattering

Having read the poem by Shirley Hotchkiss over the Ettalong beachfront, it is obvious to all that she is referring to Debra Wales with her "Deb Designs Dunes".

I can only say that this does not do justice to Shirley Hotchkiss or her standing in the community when she feels it necessary to prepare an unflattering piece of verse about some like Debra Wales, who most believe has been a hardworking and dedicated member of our community for many years.

There is no doubt that Debra Wales has had an incredibly positive influence on the wider community,

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especially in Ettalong Beach, and to add to that, the stunning views that we now see over the foreshore is a result of her hard work and lobbying for the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan.

The Shirley Hotchkiss poem ultimately reflects poorly on Peninsula News as it purports to be a "community newspaper".

Clearly it isn't, as community newspapers report news and events not barbs and divisions in communities.

Jack Galway
Woy Woy

I am not particularly interested in sitting through another round of "consultation" with Marie Andrews, Chris Hartcher, and the latest Brisbane Waters Police Area Commander.

These people can read reports going back years in back issues of their small town newspapers, if they don't understand why hard-pressed business is not effectively protected against criminal property damage, armed hold-ups and assaults.

An example was seen last week, where the building society right across the road from the understaffed Woy Woy Police station was robbed.

This happens all too often in small towns across the state.

The decades during which we have put up with ridiculously low police numbers on the Woy Woy Peninsula are past any further time wasting discussion.

We are not able to have effectively policed local crime, while senior police are perceived to be too friendly with their elected representatives-employers to speak out publicly about what is in fact an unsafe workplace environment for serving police right across the State.

Ministers have grown up in the Labor party essentially doing nothing about the debilitating

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effects of low police numbers forced to function with poor equipment.

We all understand that domestic violence makes up the main workload of the pitifully few police we have on duty over night.

They regularly spend five times longer writing up the domestic violence report and attending court, than it takes to attend a complaint.

They are tied up for hours in an attempt to achieve a satisfactory result for the victims, all too often women and children.

The Umina bottle shop has been attacked four times in eight weeks.

Brazen thieves are often seen working at an illegal entry while citizens drive by not wanting to be

involved in citizen policing.

Perhaps these passers by wonder at the lack of an effective police presence.

It is all too often an ineffective waste of our time to make the call.

When they do finally arrive, police are burdened with complaints about slow response times and ineffective policing.

Only last fortnight, three police cars were tied up at the Bulls Hill road collapse for hours blocking photographers and reporters and detouring traffic, something which Gosford Council rangers could have done just as effectively and at a lower cost.

This meant we were left for hours with nowhere near enough local police to protect businesses and our personal safety.

These are issues which Marie Andrews, Minister David Campbell and successive Labor governments have had years to correct.

Labor should be kicked right out of the NSW parliament, into the streets where the real work is done.

Edward James
Umina

West St facts

After reading Fran Adams' comments "Feel West St Energy", one has to wonder whether she understands the facts.

Matthew Wales as president of the Chamber of Commerce was relating the recent sale of G&B Hardware to Woolworths supermarket and the opportunities for better competition between the supermarkets and providing a better product, not the mass invasion of Erina Fair.

As I understand it, the carpark and library is owned by Gosford

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Council and has not been sold off so where is the carpark loss?

Woolworths already owns Flemmings and has now purchased the G&B hardware property owned by the Sandell family.

It was Mr Wales and others who created the landscaped main street and fought for the outdoor dining policy under the town centre upgrades that Ms Adams so describes.

Adam Crouch
Umina Beach

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Council seeks money for roads study

Gosford Council has resolved to seek funding from State and Federal Governments for a full investigation of all regional roads, following the closure of Woy Woy Rd.

The investigation would include underground piping and drainage.

At last week's council meeting, Cr Latella said she was not satisfied with council's plans to solely investigate the section of Woy Woy Rd that partially collapsed on April 24.

"I think the entire section of Woy Woy Rd should be looked at to ensure the future safety and stability of this major road," Cr Latella said.

"It would put the community's minds at ease to know that the roads they are using are safe.

"I think it is extremely important for us to look at the entire length of Woy Woy Rd, and investigate its road surface and underground piping structure."

In response, council general manager Mr Peter Wilson said that since the June long weekend tragedy last year the council had joined with the RTA to continually monitor the safety of all regional

roads.

"We are continually putting all our resources into areas in need of further work," Mr Wilson said.

Council media officer Ms Kate Carragher said the repair of Bulls Hill Woy Woy Rd would be "expedited and given high priority".

Ms Carragher said signage would be erected in appropriate places advising of delays and alternate routes.

She said council would approach Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca to seek their assistance and commitment to emergency financial assistance upon receipt of full engineering options and designs for fixing the Bulls Hill Woy Woy Rd pavement reconstruction.

Ms Andrews and Mr Della Bosca would also be asked to approach Minister for Roads Mr Eric Roozendaal to provide greater funding for regional roads rehabilitation.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal would also be approached by council for funding assistance.

Council agenda UM.8, 6 May 2008

Opening relieves congestion

Gosford Council has asked road users to adhere to all signs, safety barriers and the posted speed limit while travelling in the re-opened lane on Woy Woy Rd.

The lane is open 24 hours a day to cars and motorcycles for one-way traffic travelling downhill, towards Woy Woy.

Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen stated that the reopening of one lane on May 1 had reduced traffic build-up on the entire Gosford City traffic network.

"(The) opening of the lane has relieved traffic congestion across the whole network," he said.

"We would like to remind road

users that only cars and motorcycles are allowed on the lane that travels through the barriered site between Horsfield Rd and the Woy Woy Creek bridge.

"Pedestrians, cyclists, trucks or buses are not allowed access at this section of Woy Woy Rd.

"Residents who would normally travel up Woy Woy Rd to access other areas are advised to continue to use alternate routes and we ask that residents plan their journey and allow for extra time.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused and would like to thank the community for their continued patience."

**Press release, 2 May 2008
Tina Davies, Gosford Council**

Store affected by closure

A local hardware store has had its deliveries affected by the closure of Woy Woy Rd.

Campbell's Home Hardware, Woy Woy, has apologised to its customers for any delay in deliveries following the closure of Bulls Hill, Woy Woy Rd.

"Unfortunately the road closure has had an impact on the logistics of deliveries," store manager Mr Noel Annand said.

"Our staff will do everything possible to minimise disruptions to our services, but problems may occur."

Customers who are requiring goods to be delivered to Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay, Horsfield Bay, Kariong and Sydney have been asked to give the store plenty of notice so it can avoid delivering in 'peak periods'.

Mr Annand said the opening of one lane on Woy Woy Rd has eased the problem, but the full restoration of both lanes could be months away.

Residents may qualify for transport help

Peninsula and Woy Woy Bays residents may be eligible for assistance through a taxi and transport scheme if they are affected by the closure of Woy Woy Rd, according to Gosford Council.

A taxi scheme and a transport service helping people who are "transport disadvantaged" due to geographical isolation, age, frailty or disability attend essential services are available from the council and Coastwide Community Transport.

"Successful applicants for the taxi scheme will be issued vouchers for point-to-point transport," media officer Ms Kate Carragher said.

"The Gosford Taxi Access Scheme is administered by council and Coastwide Community Transport and is funded by council and the NSW Ministry of Transport.

"Coastwide Community Transport also runs a separate

transport service for frail aged people or younger people with a disability from 8am to 3.30pm."

People who may be eligible for either of these schemes include those who live in villages of less than 500 people who do not have access to mainstream transport.

People who need to access community facilities and resources which are not available within the hours when mainstream public transport operates are also eligible.

Young people up to the age of 17 years who need to travel more than 1.6km to access community facilities and resources, which are not available within the hours when mainstream public transport operates can also take advantage of the transport scheme.

Others eligible for the scheme include people whose physical health status renders them with a permanent or temporary mobility disability that renders them unable to use mainstream transport.

This includes the frail elderly, younger people with disabilities and their carers.

Pre-school aged children travelling with an adult who experience problems accessing mainstream transport will also be accepted.

"Council will continue to keep residents informed of any updates through the media and council's website," Ms Carragher said.

For further information on either of these schemes or for an application form, please visit www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/community/taxi_access_scheme or contact council's project officer Ms Kareena Johnston on 4325 8846.

Horsfield Bay, Phegans Bay and Woy Woy Bay residents wishing to find out more information regarding public transport currently available are advised to contact Busways on 4368 2277.

**Press release, 2 May 2008
Kate Carragher, Gosford Council**

Government is 'doing all it can'

The State Government is doing everything it can to help Gosford Council with the Woy Woy Rd closure, according to Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca.

Mr Della Bosca, a Woy Woy Bay resident, said all efforts were being made to assist Gosford Council to manage the closure of Woy Woy Rd.

"Woy Woy Rd is a council road, but it is a vital and very significant road to the Peninsula, the Bays area and Kariong communities," Mr Della Bosca said.

"That is why I want to do everything I can to help council.

"I have spoken to Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal who assures me every assistance is being offered to council and the RTA is doing all it can to help ease traffic congestion

on Brisbane Water Dr and along Kariong hill.

"The RTA has offered technical advice to Gosford Council regarding the damage to the road and has altered the traffic light phasing to increase time for traffic turning into and out of Brisbane Water Dr.

"I appreciate and understand that motorists are extremely frustrated - I too live in the area.

"Council has advised me they are still assessing the existing damage and the safety of the road and won't know the total cost of the damage until their investigations are complete.

Mr Della Bosca said he was investigating how the NSW Government can further assist Gosford Council.

"I want to see this road fixed as quickly as possible," Mr Della Bosca said.

Mr Della Bosca said this year

the lemma Government allocated more than \$2.5 million in grant funding to Gosford Council for the maintenance of regional roads.

"This year the lemma Government is spending around \$80 million building better roads on the Central Coast," Mr Della Bosca said.

"Care and maintenance of local and regional roads is the responsibility of councils.

"Cr Craig Doyle is ill-informed and playing cheap politics when he attacks the RTA regarding the funding of regional roads.

"We have already given the council the funding in the form of block and repair grants at the start of the year.

"How council divides that funding up is a matter for council."

**Press release, 30 Apr 2008
John Della Bosca, Minister for the Central Coast**

NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Call for applications

Applications are invited for funding under Round 3 of the Central Coast Water Savings Fund for projects which will save or recycle water.

This program is part of the NSW Government's Climate Change Fund. It has already allocated \$4.9 million to 48 water efficiency, harvesting, recycling, groundwater and education initiatives, saving 687 million litres of water a year.

To find out more, come along to an Information Session at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club, Pacific Highway, Ourimbah, at 10.00am on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ccwsf.htm for details. Applications close on Wednesday, June 11 2008.



Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



Free mammograms are available

Free mammograms are available for women aged 50 to 69 at the mobile BreastScreen NSW service which is currently situated at Woy Woy.

The mobile clinic at Chambers Place, near the entry to Woy Woy Oval, would provide free mammograms to women aged 50 to 69 who were due for a two-yearly breast screen and for women over 40 who are at higher risk, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"The highest risk age group are women aged 50 to 69, however screening should also be considered by women over 40 who have a strong family history of breast cancer," Ms Andrews said.

Other breast cancer risk factors include having children later in life, limited or no breastfeeding and alcohol consumption.

"It's always recommended that women over 40 who believe they are at a higher risk of breast cancer speak to their GP to discuss detection and screening options," Ms Andrews said.

"The mobile BreastScreen NSW service makes free mammograms more accessible to women in the Central Coast area and across the State.

"Since the Labor Government increased the number of mobile clinics and extended operating



Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews at the Mobile Breast Screen Clinic

hours, the participation rate of women in the screening program has increased by over seven per cent.

"Sadly, one in eight women in NSW will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

"Early detection through regular screening is the key to survival.

"Today, 97 per cent of women with breast cancer will survive if the cancer is detected early enough

and has not spread beyond the breast."

Women who are due for a regular two-year mammogram will receive a reminder letter from BreastScreen NSW.

Screening commenced at Woy Woy on April 28.

Appointments can be made by calling 13 20 50.

Press release, 7 May 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Afternoon tea for volunteers

Mary Mac's Place will celebrate Volunteers Week this Tuesday, May 13, with a special afternoon tea for its volunteers.

Mary Mac's Place is a voluntary organisation offering relief from the trauma and stresses associated with homelessness, social isolation and financial disadvantage.

"The hard-working volunteers, consisting of 60 men and women in their 20s to their 80s, can be found, Mondays to Fridays, working in the kitchen and dining room of Mary Mac's Place," said project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht.

"They prepare and serve over 300 nutritious and hot meals per week to homeless men and women, and struggling families."

The afternoon tea will be hosted by Mary Mac's 12 steering committee members, which include representatives from St John the Baptist Parish, Centacare Broken Bay, St Vincent de Paul Society and the Rueben F Scarf Memorial Foundation.

Special guests at the celebration will include representatives from Mary Mac's major sponsors, administrator Mr Des Riach from St Vincent de Paul Society, director Ms Mary Scarf from the Rueben F. Scarf Memorial Foundation and sales manager Lance Kennedy

from Newcastle Permanent.

"Mary Scarf is also a steering committee member and regularly volunteer at Mary Mac's," Ms Schacht said.

"Newcastle Permanent supports Mary Mac's volunteer program through the help of their Woy Woy branch manager Julie Wakeling and Linda Gibson by volunteering one day a month.

"Volunteers are recruited through the Woy Woy Parish and our wider community, Volunteering Central Coast, Wesley Uniting Employment.

"The volunteer organisations will be represented at this celebration to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our volunteers and to honour them for the valuable contribution they make to the social capital of our community."

Volunteers Week officially begins on May 11.

Donations such as the \$1000 cheque they received from the Rotary Club of Gosford North last month, enable Mary Mac's Place to continue its much needed work.

The afternoon tea will be held at the Ethel Coz Centre at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, from 2pm to 3.30pm.

Press release, 28 Apr 2008
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

Talk on food intolerance

International food intolerance speaker Ms Sue Dengate will give an information session at Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club from 7.30pm on Thursday, June 5.

The former high school teacher, psychology graduate and nominee for Australian of the Year award will be discussing the effects of food chemicals on children's behaviour, health and learning abilities.

Issues to be raised on the night

include tantrums, arguments, bedwetting, asthma, itchy skin rashes, depression, lack of concentration and hidden and new food additives.

Admission to the evening is \$10 per person/couple.

To register for the talk or for more information please contact Korina Ivatt on 02 4344 6185 or 0431 534813, or via email at korina.ivatt@bigpond.com.

Press release, 2 May 2008
Korina Ivatt

Free grief seminar

A free grief and bereavement seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at the Everglades Country Club.

The seminar, sponsored by Creightons Funeral Service, will be held from 1pm to 4pm.

The community grief and

bereavement seminars are hosted by bereavement counsellors Mal and Di McKissock.

Reserve a place by telephoning Creightons Funeral Service on 4324 1533.

Press release, 29 Apr 2008
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

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New housing planned for Peninsula

Over 30 per cent of new housing in the Gosford local government area is expected to be located in and around the three Peninsula centres of Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina, according to a report about Gosford's new planning scheme.

The report written by Gosford Council's planning staff described the new draft local environment plan (LEP), which was previously known as the Comprehensive LEP or Citywide LEP.

Both the Gosford Regional City Centre and the three Peninsula Centres were expected to bare the brunt of new housing, at over 82 per cent in total.

The aim was reiterated throughout council's report.

The report stated: "All future urban development will occur through increased density within the defined urban footprint with over 82 per cent of new housing expected to be located in and around the Regional City Centre and the three Peninsula centres."

It stated that the 82 per cent would be housed in medium to high density housing located within 800 metres of the existing major railway stations of Gosford and Woy Woy, or within 400 metres of existing bus routes that connect with those railway stations.

Council officers stated that the directions and provisions adopted by council in the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS) were implemented in the draft LEP.

They stated that: "This means increased density of development surrounding centres with an emphasis on in-town housing in the centres."

"An altered mix of medium density housing forms will result, including subdivisible dual occupancy in the outlying and more isolated medium density areas of Umina, as outlined in PUDS."

"A new form of medium density housing (based upon PUDS garden apartments) has been developed which addresses the issues raised over time by the community and development industry regarding urban design and amenity."

"The LEP will provide the option for a new form of development which will result in improved urban and

living outcomes, with the incentive of increased dwelling yields where larger lots are developed.

"The new forms of medium density require a minimum area of 750 square metres, hence in many cases amalgamation of two lots is required."

"Land so zoned may be developed in the same manner as currently occurs with villa or townhouse-type multi-dwelling development, or where higher unit yields are sought it may be developed with the new form of garden apartments with basement car parking."

"In this regard, developers can respond to the market with their chosen product."

Council officers also noted that there was expected to be a growing development of seniors housing in the form of self-contained houses, and more hostel and nursing homes were needed.

Officers also stated that a proportion of adaptable housing was also required to meet the housing needs of an ageing population, and hence would be required in a proportion of medium density housing.

Officers claimed that medium density housing also addressed affordable housing needs by providing more housing on serviced land, thus reducing land costs.

A range of sizes would provide housing variety.

It would be located conveniently to services, facilities, employment centres and public transport.

"The city's future residential growth will be focussed around the major urban centres of Gosford, the Regional City Centre, and Woy Woy Peninsula's three major centres," the officers stated.

Council officers suggested that the plan would help the environment.

Mixed development at the major proposed population centres would provide new employment as well as retail and commercial services within walking and cycling distance of residential development.

Increased employment near major transport nodes such as Woy Woy would reduce the dependence on cars for the increasing population, they claimed.

Council agenda ENV.41, 6 May 2008

Development bonuses suggested

Executive directors of the Department of Planning have been asked to consider several bonus local environment plan provisions under the next stage of the Gosford Draft Local Environment Plan (DLEP).

The bonuses would include a

trade-off in floor space or height for enhanced urban design outcomes or water and energy efficient buildings in Woy Woy.

Gosford Council suggested the "desired" bonuses, such as a development bonus of floor space or height of up to 15 per cent.

It means that council would have the option to "exchange" a higher

height limit or larger floor space ratio.

A development with enhanced urban design outcomes could be allowed an extra 10 per cent increase, while water and energy efficient buildings could be allowed a five per cent increase.

Council agenda ENV.41, 6 May 2008

Upgrade to help buses turn

A \$200,000 upgrade of the intersection of Pearl Beach Dr and Patonga Dr, Pearl Beach, has been listed by Gosford Council for future budget considerations in conjunction with the proposed upgrading of Pearl Beach Dr.

The upgrade would allow buses to turn from Pearl Beach to Patonga without having to cross onto the wrong side of the road.

Council has also resolved to

undertake the interim measure of pruning foliage in the area to improve sight distances for drivers.

Busways' Occupational Health & Safety and Driver's Committee raised safety concerns about buses having to cross double lines onto the wrong side of the road to be able to negotiate the acute angle of the turn.

They also stated that visibility was poor once the bus was on the wrong side of the road.

The drivers were concerned that

the new tavern at Patonga would mean "there will be a lot more traffic on Patonga Dr, increasing the risks involved with this turn".

Council's Design Section created a sketch of the intersection in question, incorporating a suitable truck/bus turning template, with an estimated modification cost in excess of \$200,000. Council officers described the sketch as "the most relevant and suitable modification".

Council agenda TR.08.032, 6 May 2008

Comments sought on new camping policy

Gosford Council is to seek public comments on a new booking policy at the Patonga caravan and camping area.

The new policy changes the conditions for reservations at the caravan park.

A staff report to council stated that the aim of the policy was to recover administrative costs incurred by council and to minimise the loss of income when camping

sites were reserved in advance and subsequently not occupied.

The policy would also provide council with a uniform approach with criteria for dealing with requests for bookings, cancellations and refunds.

Deposits, discounts, check-in and check-out times were also addressed in a new draft policy.

The policy would ensure a consistent, fair and equitable

booking system for the caravan and camping area, according to the report.

The draft Patonga caravan and camping area bookings policy will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Submissions on the draft bookings policy will be accepted for 42 days from the date it is placed on exhibition.

Council agenda SF.21, 6 May 2008

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The Cove at Daleys Point

New owners for retirement village

A retirement village at Daleys Point has been purchased, together with a village at Wamberal, for more than \$13 million.

"The Cove is truly a fantastic location and is unique," said Mr Simon Owen, CEO of purchaser Aevum Ltd.

"There are few retirement villages that offer beautiful water views and private jetty access."

The Cove retirement village has

104 villas and the company was looking to expand the village by 40 villas within the next few months, Mr Owen said.

"The Cove has fantastic development opportunities.

"The current facilities and villas are looking a bit run down and we are hoping to modernise and expand the village to suit residents' needs."

Aevum has purchased 18 retirement villages nationally since

January 2005.

The two new acquisitions in Daleys Point and Wamberal take its national portfolio to 21 villages.

Six are on the mid-north coast and now three on the Central Coast.

Press release, 30 Apr 2008
Claire Galea, Westbrook Communications
Clare Graham, 9 May 2008
Interviewee: Simon Owen, Aevum Limited

Daleys Point traffic concern

Gosford Council has knocked back a request to install cameras, flashing lights and an overhead bridge on Empire Bay Dr at Peridon Ave, Daleys Point, following a request from a local resident concerned about traffic problems.

Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher presented the request to council on behalf of a local resident.

The resident was concerned that vehicles leaving Peridon Ave were turning right unsafely, rather than turning left and going up to the roundabout.

The resident stated that traffic from the north could be clearly seen approaching, but that vehicles from the south "scream around the blind bend".

She reported that, before Christmas last year, a serious accident in the vicinity of the St Huberts Island roundabout held traffic up for hours.

She stated that a person was seriously injured; and ambulance and rescue helicopter were called.

The resident claimed that parents and business people who used the commercial centre were "as much as fault as the Empire Bay drivers".

"They speed up into Peridon Ave without any consideration for the residents," she stated.

"They are making dangerous right hand turn instead of taking left hand turn to the roundabout only metres away where they can turn with relative safety.

"Many motorists use Peridon Ave to make a U-Turn from the north."

The applicant asked that a No U-Turn sign to be erected together with a Proceed to Roundabout signs, a camera be installed along with flashing lights on the northbound lane before the blind bend.

She also suggested that the ultimate solution would be an overhead bridge.

Council's traffic committee contacted the NSW Police Force who felt that there was no risk posed by motorists making a U-turn into Peridon Ave and turning right onto Empire Bay Dr.

Council has resolved, however, to install raised pavement markers, and to extend the centre line marking to the turning circle to encourage the U-turn to occur in the turning circle section of the road.

Council agenda TR.08.030, 6 May 2008

Save the Children branch closes

Woy Woy branch of the Save the Children organisation has closed down after 30 years of raising money for children in need in Australia and overseas.

"This is due to some of our members going into aged care, through illness, and no younger ones to take over," publicity officer Mr Dennis Hensman said.

"We would like to thank Peninsula News for their support, for the Anglican Church on the Peninsula for use of their premises, many shops in Umina and Umina Mall for their generosity over many years and to the other organizations whose members always came to our fundraising events."

Press release, 1 May 2008
Dennis Hensman,
Save the Children Woy Woy

Pool cliff face to be stabilised

Gosford Council will "upgrade" the Pearl Beach rock pool's cliff face at a cost of \$180,000.

The cliff face has suffered some substantial rock fall in recent years, according to a council report.

The report stated that council contracted an external risk management report from Logov Risk Management Services.

The risk management report identified that the cliff face appeared unstable over a distance of about 50 metres and recommended council undertake engineering investigations into the stability of the rock face and rectification works necessary to make the area safe.

Council officers then engaged engineers Pells, Sullivan, Meynink engineering consultants to investigate the rock face.

These consultants deemed that falls of rocks of up to one metre in diameter were considered to be a moderate to high risk, while the risk of falls of larger rocks was low.

The consultants recommended three possible engineering solutions to prevent further rock fall at the site.

Council resolved to undertake the preferred option of applying a shotcrete membrane over the entire rock slope and a rock bolt

reinforced concrete membrane in order to remove the risk of rock fall.

Funding for the project would be sourced at the time of the council's budget review.

The Pearl Beach rock pool was constructed in 1929 by excavating the natural rock shelf located at the southern end of the beach.

The pool received upgrades in the late 1950s and the mid-1980s.

The latest inspection in 2007 deemed the pool in need of another substantial upgrade.

The pool had high importance to the local community and was primarily used as a venue for recreational swimming, according to the council report.

The Umina Blue Swimmers Club has swum at the pool since 1969 with a current membership of 50 swimmers.

The pool has also been classified by the National Trust.

Council agenda SF.16, 6 May 2008



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College stages HSC text

Brisbane Waters Secondary College will stage Educating Rita at The Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, from Friday, May 30, until Saturday, June 7.

The production is sponsored by Gosford Council and will feature two Central Coast actors, Kate Buckland and Paul Russell, with the production directed by Brenda Logan.

The production team will be comprised entirely of students studying Certificate III in Live Production, Theatre and Events under the supervision of teacher John Maxwell from the school's Technical Entertainment Production Academy.

Educating Rita was written by British playwright Willy Russell and tells the story of Susan White, a 26 year old hairdresser, who signs up for an open university course because she is eager to discover what the educated lifestyle has to offer.

Susan White calls herself Rita and the play opens as Rita meets her tutor Frank for the first time.

"Educating Rita is on the English HSC text list and we are hoping that local schools will welcome the opportunity to attend the play," Ms Logan said.

"Adult tickets are \$15 and student tickets are only \$10 each with a special discount for group bookings.

"We are including four weekday



11am matinee performances which we are expecting to sell out very quickly.

"Friday and Saturday performances start at 8pm."

For more information please contact 4323 3233.

Press release, 7 May 2008
Brenda Logan



Brisbane Water Brass cornet players

Brass on Sunday

Brisbane Water Brass will present its first "Brass on Sunday" concert on May 18, at the Gosford RSL Club.

The brass band features several members from the Peninsula area including George Bourne from Umina, Kelly Gorrod of Blackwall and two other members from Daleys Point.

Musical director Jonathan Gatt said: "The concert will have something for everyone, from popular tunes to well-loved classics.

"Several soloists from the band will also be featured."

Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the door, or may be pre-purchased from the RSL Club or by calling 4368 1042.

Last year the band performed four times at Woy Woy, four times at Umina and three times at Ettalong, as well as playing on two Christmas Carol cruises in December around the waterfront of Brisbane Water, including the Peninsula area.

Press release, 2 May 2008
Richard Collins, Brisbane Water Brass Band

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Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds WOY WOY

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

CWA, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

EBACC, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Picnic Pde & Maitland Bay Drive, Ettalong 4341 8344

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

ESCC, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr. Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 3222 **MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.

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

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

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

WWAC, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St 4353 4224

WVEC, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Road Woy Woy 4342 6589

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

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

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

Woy Woy Blood Bank Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy 1pm to 7pm
Chess Club EBWMC 1pm enq: 4341 8748

Woy Woy Blood Bank welcomes donations Ocean Beach Rd, 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; **Over55s 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 Dyeing** 1pm, **EBACC**.

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

Sahaja yoga meditation, 10:30am only enq: 4368 2847, **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

Tai Chi WH 9:30 am Enq: 4360 2705

Supported Playgroup for first time and single parents **BFC** Enq: 4340 1111

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, 7pm.

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

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

Free Tax Help by Appt., Occasional Care, School for Seniors, 9am; **Playgroup**, 10am; **Bridge Club**, 9.30am & 7.30pm; **The Web**, from 2pm, **Physical Culture Club**, 3.45pm, **Coast Care Counselling Judo**, 5pm; **Weight Watchers**, 6pm; **Belly Dancing**, 7.30pm; **PCC**.

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

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

Seniors fitness EPH 9am, enq: 43328550.

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**

Empire Bay Tennis 9-12am **Shelley Beach Road** Shelly Beach Road 4341 4125

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

Free immunization clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, 9am **BFC** Umina Probus, , 10am. **ECC** Women's Health Clinic; 4320 3741 **PWHC**

Women's Friendship Group for women with disabilities 10.00 to 12.00 St Lukes. Woy Woys

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

Pilates WH 9:30 am Enq: 4384 5005

Mah-jong WH 2pm Enq: 4360 2178

Yoga WH 5:30 pm Enq: 4323 1859

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am; **EBWMC**

Second Friday of every month

Bookclub 10:30am enq: Mandy 4342 2482, 2pm 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, **ESCC**, 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 - 10:30am, Kooinda Village - 4341-8151

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall 7.30pm

Old Wags Bridge Club WH (except 4th Friday of month) 1:30 pm Enq: 4360 1820

Friendship for Seniors Hardys Bay Community Church 10am - 12pm Enq: 4360 1598

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

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. WWEC Enq 4342 6589.
Car Boot Sale, Ettalong Markets. Community Dance, 1pm to 4pm, \$2, ESCC, Enq: 4344 3131 / 4341 3222
Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, ESCC, enq: 4344 3131.

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month
 Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Enq: 4342 6995
Second Sunday of every month
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
Ettalong Creek Landcare, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251
EBWM. Fishing Club competition at Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.
EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers 4344 4760.
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,,

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 to Killcare Community Association WH 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546
Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am, Enq: 43601595
 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
Yoga WH 9:30 am Enq: 4360 2705
Pilates WH (except 2nd Monday of month) 6-7pm & 7-8pm

Tai Chi Empire Bay Progress Hall 9:30am Enq: Clare 4369 1075

Upcoming Events

May 18 - May Fair, Woy Woy Public School, 10am - 3pm
May 20 - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Barrenjoey Midway Store, 10am - 11am
May 21 - Women 4 Women, 1.30pm - 4pm, **PWHC**
May 23 to 24 - Shorter + Sweeter, Peninsula Theatre
May 24 - The Collectables, 7pm, Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy
May 29 - "Stories, Myths and Legends", 10am - 11.30am, **PWHC**
June 6 to 9 - Australian Songwriters Conference, Ettalong Beach Club
June 12 - "Stories, Myths and Legends", 10am - 11.30am, **PWHC**
June 18 - Women 4 Women, 1.30pm - 4pm, **PWHC**
July 23 - Women 4 Women, 10.30am - 1pm, **PWHC**
August 20 - Women 4 Women, 10.30am - 1pm, **PWHC**

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Beach kiosk re-opens

Umina Beach Kiosk has re-opened with a new name after being closed for 18 months.

The new See Lion Kiosk and Café has an indoor seating capacity of 32 and a new kitchen.

Leading the venture are Bob, Ken and Denise, all who previously operated the

Ocean Beach Kiosk.

Bob and Ken have put their heads together and have come up with a menu that includes salads and other healthy choices as well as a new breakfast menu.

See Lion Kiosk and Café is open seven days a week from 7.30am to 6pm.

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Loud shirts

A local childcare centre is currently the only local business or school taking part in Loud Shirt Day on Friday, May 16.

Children at Umina Childcare Centre will wear their "loudest" shirt, dress, shorts and socks on the day to raise funds for deaf and hearing impaired children.

"Over one million Australian

children are born deaf or hearing impaired each year," Shepherd Centre chief executive officer Mr John Bowie said.

Groups and individuals can get involved in Loud Shirt Day by registering on 02 9351 7888 or online at www.loudshirtday.com.au.

Press release, 7 May 2008
John Bowie, The Shepherd Centre



Left to right: Erica Hanratty, Vocalist; Gabrielle Steele, Viola; Amy Brinkley, Flute; Selina Foo, Clarinet; Miranda Arrighi, Violin; Austin Har Violinist and winner of the Pearl Beach Scholarship. Seated at the piano is Hayley Meyer, winner of the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship. All are students at the Central Coast Conservatorium.

School hosts music business

Woy Woy Public School will host a commercial music school and promoting its lessons as a way to raise money for the school.

"This will be an excellent arrangement and will benefit the school both financially and

promotionally," principal Ms Ona Buckley said.

"Provision will be made for all students on the Peninsula to attend music tuition here at our school.

"We will provide the music school with a room where it can run dance, singing, movement to music and tutorials in piano, guitar, flute, violin and other musical instruments.

"Lessons will be held before and after school, with some taking place in school hours for preschoolers and older people."

The International School of Music already operates from Niagra Park and Erina Public Schools.

Contact the school on 4341 3555 for more information.

Newsletter, 2 May 2008
Ona Buckley,
Woy Woy Public School

Students win scholarships

Two students from the Central Coast Conservatorium of music have been presented with scholarships at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Sunday, May 4.

The Irvine Family Scholarship for piano was presented to Hayley Meyer, who demonstrated her prowess and versatility by playing Song Without Words by Mendelssohn and Girl with the Flaxen Hair by Debussy, Prelude No 8.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship was awarded to Austin Har by concert convenor Mr Peter Lazar.

Playing violin, Austin performed Cavatina by J Ruffs and Praludium and Allegro by Kreisler.

Finalists for the Pearl Beach Scholarship were Miranda Arrighi on violin; Serina Foo on clarinet; Amy Brinkley on flute; Gabrielle Steele on viola and Erica Hanratty, a contemporary vocalist.

Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said the program offered of two \$500 scholarships for "outstanding performances".

"The Irvine Family Scholarship for Piano follows on from the Irvine family's gift to the people of Pearl Beach of a concert grade piano in memory of their parents, Alex and Helen Irvine, who were among the earliest Pearl Beach settlers," Ms Lillico said.

"The second scholarship is sponsored by the Pearl Beach

Progress Association for musical excellence, and is not restricted to a particular instrument, and reflects the wish of the Pearl Beach Community to 'foster a love of music amongst young people on the Central Coast'."

Director of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music Mr Chris Bearman compered the competition and recital.

The competition was judged by Patrick Brislan and piano accompanist Lynne Brislan.

The afternoon finished with a performance by the Central Coast Conservatorium Senior String Quartet.

Press release, 7 May 2008
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Fine art at cafe

Tuggerah Lakes Art Society will hold an exhibition of fine art at a Woy Woy café during May.

Seven members of the society have compiled a variety of paintings, including Margot Lee's prize winning entry in the recent Fab Fakes Exhibition: 17th Century Van Huysem's "Flowers". Two other fakes by Margaret Henderson are also included.

Acrylic, water colour and oil

mediums will also be represented by Maxine Johnston, Ralph Smith, Eileen Russell, Tony O'Brien and Barry McGrath.

The exhibition is open seven days a week until June 7 at the Gnostic Café, Woy Woy.

All paintings are for sale. For more information, telephone 4388 1956.

Press release, 8 May 2008
Maxine Kent Johnston, Tuggerah Lakes Art Society

Short play writing workshop

The Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, will be hosting a "Short and Sweet Playwriting Workshop" on Thursday, May 22.

Tutor Michael Huxley will facilitate the workshop, which will be held from 5pm to 8pm.

"This three hours intensive workshop covers the beginner's guide to being a playwright," said theatre marketing officer Ms Lisa Kelly.

"It is a practical examination of how to develop characters, plot and themes.

"Using simple yet effective exercises, this workshop will give you the skills, tools and techniques to help turn your ideas into successful plays and get you writing.

"It will also cover writing for the Short and Sweet Festival in the 10-minute play format."

Ms Kelly said Michael Huxley had over 20 years of experience teaching and creating theatre.

"He has taught at the Sydney

Conservatorium, the Actors College of Theatre and Television, Australian Theatre for Young People, Marian Street Theatre Drama School and The Q Theatre drama school," Ms Kelly said.

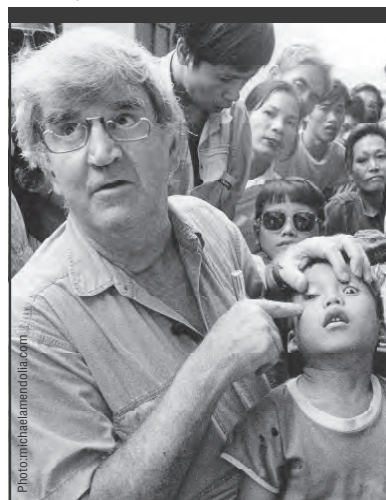
"He was the educational advisor for The Shakespeare Globe Centre Australia, National Youth Company and as education advisor to Short and Sweet has recently run workshops in Singapore, Melbourne, Sydney and Coffs Harbour on playwriting and performing.

"As a writer-composer, Huxley's work has been performed at Marian St Theatre, Sydney Opera House, Seymour Centre, and Australian Theatre for Young People, Q Theatre and Darlinghurst Theatre.

"His work includes incidental music, scores for Shakespeare, underscores for plays, musicals, children's theatre and short plays."

To register for the workshop, telephone the box office on 4323 3233.

Press release, 30 Apr 2008
Lisa Kelly, Peninsula Theatre



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Students march on Anzac Day



Ten students from Woy Woy Public School participated in the Woy Woy Anzac Day service and march on April 25.

"All students at our school attended a school-based Anzac service on April 11, the last day of term, to commemorate those who gave their lives so that we would all enjoy our free and beautiful country," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"On Anzac Day, we had ten students march and participate in the Woy Woy Anzac service with Ms McLean and Ms Buckley.

"Rachael Rishton Potter and

Zoe Parkinson expertly led our procession proudly holding our school flag.

"Emma Fenech and Kirt Anthony were great ambassadors for our school as they marched behind with our school's Anzac wreath which they reverently laid on the Woy Woy cenotaph at the conclusion of the ceremony.

"Other students who proudly marched with our school were Nicole Martin, Alicia Karton, Tegan Stables, Larissa Anthony, Sharmilla Schumacher and Stephanie Schumacher.

Newsletter, May 2 2008
Ona Buckley,
Woy Woy Public School

School accepts sports challenge

Pretty Beach Public School will be participating in the Premier's Sports Challenge from May 19.

"Children in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge," said school principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

"The challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead health, active lifestyles.

"The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge involves classes participating in a 15-week sport and physical activity challenge.

"A class may accumulate

time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

"Students are challenged to increase their time engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity to achieve awards.

"Bronze, silver, gold and diamonds awards will be presented at the end of the challenge.

"Students are encouraged to work towards the recommended national daily activity standard of one hour per day."

Newsletter, 8 May 2008
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School

Wade reaches swim finals

Woy Woy South Public School student Wade Hannell has reached the finals in the State Swimming Championships.

Wade finished seventh place in the final of the 50 metre butterfly at the championships at Homebush Aquatic Centre last term.

"It has been quite a few

years since we have had a pupil experience such success at that elite level and it's a great credit to Wade's dedication, abilities and training efforts," acting principal Ms Kim Whealey said.

Newsletter, 29 Apr 2008
Kim Whealey,
Woy Woy South Public School

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Silver in surf titles

Peninsula resident Natasha Swain has successfully competed in the Under-15 Champion Lifesaver event to receive silver at the Australian surf titles in Scarborough, Perth.

Natasha had previously won gold two years running in the NSW State titles.

"This event is a gruelling test of brains and brawn with each competitor demonstrating multi-discipline lifesaving skills both in and out of the water," said Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club marketing and public relations director Ms Liane Mandy.

Other club members made quarter, semis and finals.

Jessica Moyes and Natasha Swain were the quarter finalists in Under-17 Women's Surf Board Rescue Race Championship,

and Jessica was also the quarter finalist in Under-17 Women's Surf Race Championship.

In Under-15 First Aid, Natalie Allan and Gabrielle Remy finished sixth, with Brooke Carr and Natasha Swain finishing seventh.

Jessica Moyes was also the quarter finalist in the Under-17 Women's Board Race Championship.

Katie Dixon and Richard Grimmond finished fifth in the Open First Aid.

Aaron Camp participated in the Open 2km Run and Beach flags, round two.

Katie Dixon, Elizabeth Elbra, Pope-Moore, Scott and Shelly Smith finished fifth in the Open Women's Five Person Response and Rescue.

Press release, 14 Apr 2008
Liane Mandy,
Ocean Beach Surf
Life Saving Club



Tennis program for children

A local tennis school is "leading the way in the Gosford district" as one of the first centres to take part in a national tennis program for children.

The program is Tennis Australia's children's starter program and focuses on children "playing the game of tennis from their first experience".

It is a playing format designed to be delivered by coaches, clubs or schools and involves modified formats and modified playing equipment, according to Tennis NSW.

The students from Peninsula School of Tennis and Ettalong Public School were amongst the first students on the Central Coast to experience the program aimed at enhancing a player's early tennis experience by allowing them to play the game of tennis in an easy environment.

Peninsula School of Tennis centre manager Mr Neil Packer said he planned to expand the program, claiming that it was of "particular benefit" for developing the club's relationships with local schools.

Tennis Australia aims to have 500 program providers in place by the end of the year.

Any schools, clubs or coaches interested in becoming involved in the program should contact Tennis NSW community tennis officer Hamish Neal by e-mail on hneal@tennis.com.au or by calling 0403 046 401.

Press release, 5 May 2008
Hamish Neal, Tennis NSW

Club thanks sponsors

Woy Woy Rugby Union Club will be holding a "Ladies and Sponsorship Day" on Saturday, May 31, to publicly thank and acknowledge the support of local businesses this season.

Club secretary Mr Kevin Dearlove said the sponsors were an important part of keeping the game alive on the Peninsula.

He said the sponsors and

members of the public had been invited to attend the day.

The event will be held at Woy Woy Oval and will coincide with the Woy Woy vs Terrigal game.

Admission is free.

The next home game is the Woy Woy vs Gosford game at Woy Woy Oval on May 24.

Press release, 30 Apr 2008
Kevin Dearlove,
Woy Woy Rugby Union

Rugby team not yet beaten

The Woy Woy Rugby Union Under-19 team remains undefeated after the fourth round of competition.

The Woy Woy Lions destroyed rivals Gosford 52 to nil on Saturday, April 26.

Key players included Nick Garrett, David Best and Aaron Hatchman.

Under-19s' coach Graham Marshall was pleased with the

result.

"The boys played really well," he said.

"They have not reached their potential yet and are still improving.

"They could go all the way if they maintain their focus and commitment."

Press release, 30 Apr 2008
Kevin Dearlove,
Woy Woy Rugby Union



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