

Everglades loses \$300,000 from poker machines

Everglades Country Club is facing a loss for the year, with its poker machine revenue down by over \$300,000 compared to last year, according to club president Mr Brian Crawley.

This follows the introduction of smoking restrictions at the club.

Mr Crawley said February had shown a loss of \$56,674.74, making the loss \$123,991.54 for the last eight months, the financial year to date.

This figure was \$189,645.10 by the end of March.

"The main contribution to this situation is of course our poker machine profit, which compared to last year is down by \$309,631 (in February), quite a huge drop," Mr Crawley said.

"Your board is very mindful of our position and has told management to eliminate any unnecessary expenditure, in all areas of the club and sporting sections."

The club's plans for a new

smoking area, to help increase its poker machine revenue, was recently knocked back by Gosford Council.

Mr Crawley said council "could not give their approval for this new area".

"The building committee is to meet again to come forward with other ideas to create another smoking section for our club," Mr Crawley said.

"This, we hope, will solve our problem of lost poker machine revenue."

"Plans and quotes are in progress to give us additional gaming areas for our smoking members and this we trust will improve our poker machine income.

"With the ever increasing regulations being placed on the club industry, we are looking to the members to give the club continued support in these difficult times."

Newsletter, 20 May 2008

Brian Crawley,
Everglades Country Club



The Woy Woy Community First branch

Daylight robbery near police station

Gosford Council has blamed delays to the construction of a cycleway at Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, on the Lands Department.

The department had forced the council to compulsorily acquire a small portion of Crown Land, currently leased to the Woy Woy CWA, according to the council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

He said the acquisition of the 5.5m squared portion of land had "significantly delayed construction of the facility", with approval from the Department of Local Government only just being received.

"The Legal Services section

endeavoured to acquire the land by transfer and grant, usually a much easier, time saving and less costly exercise than compulsory acquisition.

"However, the Department of Lands would not agree to this process," Mr Glen said.

"As soon as council has the right to construct the full length of the shared footpath-cycleway, the RTA will be approached to 50/50 fund the work as the final stage of the Gosford to Woy Woy facility."

Mr Glen was replying to a request for a status update on the project by Cr Chris Holstein on April 1.

Council agenda Q.44, 27 May 2008

A man has robbed a credit union and escaped on pushbike under the nose of Woy Woy police.

The robbery occurred at the Community First Credit Union, opposite Woy Woy police station, on May 1.

A man aged in his early 40s entered the Blackwall Rd credit union at 10.20am, according to Gosford Police.

The man demanded money from the teller before fleeing the scene on a pushbike.

The suspect was described as

wearing a green or blue jacket with a hood, cream shorts and dark coloured joggers.

Police did not confirm or deny that the man was carrying a homemade bomb.

Gosford councillor Chris Holstein has criticised police presence on the Peninsula: "It doesn't say much when a business, which is located directly opposite a police station, is robbed in the middle of the day and the culprit escapes on a push bike," Cr Holstein said.

"This incident is an absolute and utter disappointment, especially for business owners on the

Peninsula.

"Last year, in the lead-up to the State election the police were everywhere," Cr Holstein said.

"Where are our resources now when we need them?"

Detective Brad Foot from Brisbane Water Local Area Command of NSW Police said the robbery was still under investigation and no suspects had been arrested.

Clare Graham, 22 May 2008

Interviewee: Chris Holstein,

Gosford Council

Interviewee: Brad Foot,

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Speech workshop at family centre

A children's speech and language workshop will be held at Beachside Family Centre on Saturday, June 14.

Local facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said a speech pathologist would discuss articulation development, how to determine if there was a problem and ways that a parent may help to correct it.

The three-hour workshop will run from 9am to 12pm at Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School in Sydney Ave, Umina.

"Many parents on the Peninsula have concerns about their child's speech and are unsure what help is available," Ms Notara said.

"We are running this workshop on a Saturday morning to make it available to as many parents and carers as possible.

She said she expected the workshop to be popular, given the "huge waiting lists for speech pathology services" on the Peninsula.

Cost for the workshop is \$10 per person which includes workshop notes and morning tea.

Parents and carers are advised to make their own child care arrangements.

For further information and bookings, contact 4343 1929.

Press release, 21 May 2008
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre

Platform for Erina Ave

Gosford Council has resolved to install a raised platform outside a property in Erina Ave, Woy Woy.

It has also resolved to stop pedestrians from using the raised platform.

Residents raised concerns a year ago about excessive speeding and "irresponsible driving" of some motorists arriving at and departing from the Everglades Country Club in Erina Ave.

Council's traffic committee recorded excessive speed in the

streets and council resolved to install traffic calming devices to physically reduce the speed of vehicles.

Council officers had investigated the provision of a speed bump outside neighbouring properties in Erina Ave, which was opposed by the residents of those properties.

Council has also resolved to use a raised platform instead of a speed hump to minimize noise inconvenience to surrounding residents.

Council agenda TR.07.076, 6 May 2008

Rebate wanted for water

Residents of Darley Rd, Umina Beach, have approached Gosford Council over compensation for dirty water.

A petition, with six signatures, was sent to council asking that they compensate residents experiencing dirty water with a rebate on their water rates.

Council has referred the petition to its Water and Sewerage directorate.

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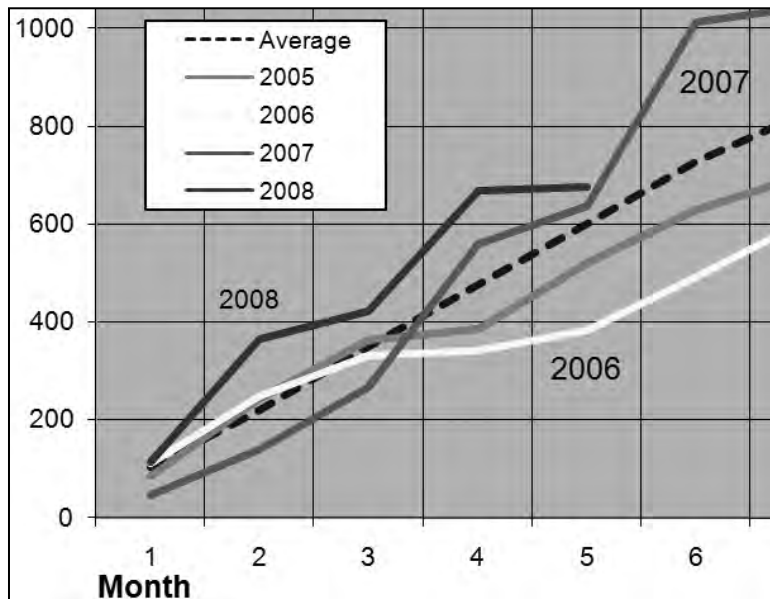
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Driest month in three years

May has been the driest month in almost three years, with just 6.5mm recorded by last Friday, May 23.

August 2005 was the last time that less than this amount fell in one month, recording just one millimetre.

Despite the dry month, rainfall

for the year to date stands at 676mm and remains above the cumulative average of 601.2mm for the month.

The year also remains the wettest at this time of year with greater falls than the last three years.

Spreadsheet, 23 May 2008
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Environment projects might be destructive, Glen explains

Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen has defended the practice of describing projects as "environmental", even if they destroyed the natural environment.

He was responding from a call by the Central Coast's Community Environment Network to remove the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan from the "Protecting the Environment" section of the Corporate Plan, because it was misleading.

The Network said the project would "result in the destruction of dune systems and vegetation".

It implied that works had been included in the environmental protection section to bolster the council's image and divert attention from the council's poor environmental performance.

The Network said it was concerned that the council



The Ettalong Beach foreshore

had not genuinely accepted its environmental protection responsibilities.

Mr Glen said in a report to council that he did not support moving the project to another section of the plan.

"The State Government defines 'environment' in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as to 'include all aspects of the surroundings of humans, whether affecting any human as an individual or in his or her social grouping'.

"The project falls within the definition of 'environment', as defined by the State Government, and is aimed at managing a sensitive coastal environment to address competing human activities.

"The Minister has endorsed the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management, developed by council on the basis of extensive community consultation and expert advice.

"Council has commenced the progressive implementation of the Plan in accordance with the terms

of its adoption.

"The Plan takes account of a broader range of environmental concerns, including natural foreshore processes, vegetation and human activity."

In a six-page submission, CEN chairman Mr John Asquith told the council: "We are also concerned about the inclusion of a number of strategies and actions that are clearly not primarily focused on protecting the environment."

The Ettalong Beach Foreshore, The Haven Sea Wall Stabilisation and Flooding and Drainage works were given as examples.

"The inclusion of these items is misleading in terms of the budget allocation to Protecting the Environment.

"Inclusion of flooding and drainage works suggests that Council allocates 22 per cent of its general fund on protecting the environment.

"Flooding and drainage works are not carried out in order to protect the environment, rather as infrastructure works usually designed to protect property.

"If the objective were to protect the environment then in most cases flooding would be permitted to mimic natural systems.

"Without the inclusion of flooding and drainage this drops the allocated budget to Protecting the Environment to 8.45 per cent of the General Fund. This is completely inadequate when ecologically sustainable development is a core responsibility of Council.

"In reviewing the draft plan, we have been alarmed by the obvious gaps in relation to the environment and ecologically sustainable development.

"This has caused serious concern with regards to Gosford

Council genuinely accepting its responsibilities in terms of environmental protection, conservation and ecologically sustainable development.

"We are also concerned that the poor representation of environmental initiatives in the Corporate Plan reflects a culture within Council that is hostile towards environmental responsibilities and, in particular, is declining as a consequence of the removal of the previous Environment Directorate.

"Assurances that the integration of the Environment Directorate across Council would lead to improved environmental outcomes have clearly not been proven.

"In contrast, significant decline has occurred in terms of expertise within Council, responsiveness to environmental challenges and a failure of Council to make progress on any significant environmental initiatives.

"These concerns are further demonstrated by Council's own performance indicators.

"The table provided indicates that target levels have not been achieved on virtually all the Key Performance Indicators relating to the environment."

The City Management Plan is expected to be adopted by Gosford Council tomorrow night, May 27.

Council agenda ENV.42, 27 May 2008

Submission, 8 May 2008
John Asquith, Community Environment Network

Petition supports works

Gosford Council has received a petition in support of continuing works on the Ettalong Foreshore.

The petition, with 62 signatures, came from members of the Peninsula Community Centre's School for Seniors, in support of "the continuing improvement works being conducted by council on the beachfront and foreshore reserve at Ettalong".

The petitioners stated that the improvement works had restored views and made the beach "safe to enjoy again".

They stated: "It has enhanced their living pleasure and enjoyment of the area".

The petitioners asked that the improvement works to the beachfront and foreshore reserve be continued.

Council has referred the petition to its Open Space and Leisure Services directorate.

Council agenda P.33, 27 May 2008

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Unhappy with delay

Bays residents said they were still unhappy with Gosford Council's plans to take another two months to fix Woy Woy Rd.

The views were expressed at a second Bays Community Group meeting held to discuss Woy Woy Rd last Monday night, May 19, at the Bays Community Hall.

Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett explained the proposals put to Gosford Council

by the residents in a formal letter. The residents asked that the repair of Woy Woy Rd be expedited and given a higher priority, that signage be erected in appropriate places and that issues supported by council be actioned immediately.

The letter to council also asked that Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and that Bays' resident and Minister for the Central Coast Mr Della Bosca seek urgent

financial assistance. The list of requests included funding from State and Federal government for a full investigation of all regional roads including underground piping and draining.

The residents also asked that an updated newsletter be hand delivered to all homes in Phegans Bay, Horsfield Bay and Woy Woy Bay.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**

New path?

Gosford Council will eventually provide a pedestrian pathway down Bulls Hill, a meeting of Bays' residents has been told.

Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen stated that the vegetation has been cleared between Wattle Crescent and

Banyo Close so that the pedestrian path was now safer.

Mr Glen said that council was also looking at a permanent footpath that would run down the side of the road at the start of the new financial year.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**

Support for water taxi

Both Gosford Council and State Member of Parliament Ms Marie Andrews fully supported the introduction of a water taxi service for the Bays area, a meeting of Bays' residents was told last week.

Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen stated that council would give its full support to a water taxi scheme.

However, he said that the decision had to be made by the Premier's Office because the water taxi service was a contracted service run by the State Government.

Ms Andrews reported that she had taken the request to Minister for Transport Mr John Watkins and Minister for Ports and Waterways Mr Joe Tropodi.

She said the Ministry of

Transport was worried about the safety of the water taxi in the area particularly for the carriage of school children.

Ms Andrews said the Ministry of Transport felt it was better to focus on getting better bus services into the area though Ms Andrews said she would continue to pursue the water taxi idea.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**

Road status listed

The Roads and Traffic Authority has provided Gosford Council with a list of roads currently designated as being either State, Local or Regional in the Gosford local government area.

State roads, fully funded and maintained by the authority, included Brisbane Water Dr, Railway St, Charlton St, Victoria Rd, Blackwall Rd and Memorial Ave.

Regional roads, funded 50/50

between the authority and the council, included Woy Woy Rd, Ocean Beach Rd, Sydney Ave, Hobart Ave, Mt Ettalong Rd, Patonga Dr (to Pearl Beach Dr), West St, Barrenjoey Rd, Maitland Bay Dr and Empire Bay Dr.

The roads are maintained by council.

All other roads are Local roads fully funded and maintained by council.

Council agenda TR.08.041, 6 May 2008

Traffic lights reconsidered

Gosford Council will review its decision not to install temporary traffic lights to allow flow of traffic in both directions on Woy Woy Rd.

Council's director of city services

Mr Stephen Glen said council was referring the matter to the Roads and Traffic Authority.

He said that, with the 750 metre single lane, the lights would create 10- minute delays.

Council officers stated that if the residents were content to put up with delays the issue would return to council.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**

Barking mad

Gosford Council has received a petition from residents complaining of a barking dog in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

The petition, with five signatures, stated that the dog continually barks throughout the night.

The petitioners asked for council's assistance on this matter.

Council has referred the petition to its Education and Compliance section.

Council agenda P.36, 27 May 2008

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Road repairs the priority

Woy Woy Rd reconstruction is the highest priority for Gosford Council, its director of city services Mr Stephen Glen has told a residents' meeting.

"We are stopping jobs to be able to get crews over this week," Mr Glen told the meeting last Monday

night.

"The Roads and Traffic Authority has done the same thing."

The repair works would involve the construction of a new wall of sandstone block in the slumping area, 20 to 30 metres long and five to six metres high.

The road would most likely need to be closed for the larger part of

the repairs.

The majority could be done behind the barriers, but if the road needed to be closed, council believed it could be done on a Saturday night or on a Sunday.

The work was scheduled to start last Thursday.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**

Andrews offers \$250,000

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has announced \$250,000 funding from the State Government for Woy Woy Rd repairs,

Speaking at the Bays Community Group meeting last Monday night, May 19, at the Bays Community Hall, Ms Andrews said the NSW

Government would contribute up to \$250,000 towards the repair of Woy Woy Rd.

"That is over and above the funding that the government has given to the council to date," Ms Andrews said.

"The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) expects that this should cover the cost of repairing that

section.

"It is expected to take about eight weeks to complete.

"The RTA is undertaking further geotechnical investigations to identify if additional work is required along the rest of the road.

"The RTA has also offered its resources."

Kimberly Williams, 20 May 2008

By-pass plans to be resubmitted

Gosford Council would resubmit proposals for a long-term road bypass of Bulls Hill, a meeting of Bays' residents was told last week.

Current ideas were to upgrade Woy Woy Rd with a climbing lane which joined the existing road at

the top, council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said.

An alternative was a back road around the old abattoir site.

Minister for the Central Coast Mr John Della Bosca said he thought that a proposal for Woy Woy Rd to be made into a State road was possible.

He said that he would "look into it".

Bays residents said that having the road be classed as a state responsibility would give it a higher chance for funding and top priority.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**

Right turn lane wanted

Residents of Woy Woy Rd and Culgoa Rd, Horsfield Bay, have petitioned Gosford Council with concerns over turning right from Woy Woy Rd onto Culgoa Rd.

The petition, with 16 signatures,

asked council to place a right hand turning lane on Woy Woy Rd going into Culgoa Rd.

Council has referred the matter to its Engineering Services Directorate.

Council agenda P.29, 27 May 2008

Bus timetable review

Gosford Council will join with Busways to review all timetables to the Bays area, the council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen told a meeting of Bays' residents last week.

But he noted that the timetables were under a contract with the State Government.

Busways stated that it had already reviewed its timetable, particularly for school children.

It stated that, due to the five tonne vehicle limit, the only option was to enlist a "very small" mini

bus.

Busways employee Mr Brett Thomson said Busways had arranged its timetable so that buses were meeting the trains at Woy Woy Station and so that the school children could go straight into Gosford.

He also said that there was now a connection from Terrigal.

Residents of Horsfield Bay at the meeting said that they were still feeling isolated, with no bus service and a general lack of taxis willing to travel to that area.

**Residents' meeting, 20 May 2008
Reporter: Kimberly Williams**



Looking northbound from the bottom of Bulls Hill on Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

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The five events at Woy Woy were at St John the Baptist Primary School, Everglades Country Club,

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The Ettalong event was at the Ettalong Beach Hut.

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raising more than \$165,000 last year to reduce the impact of cancer on Central Coast families," said Cancer Council NSW Central Coast Officer community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart.

Press release, 21 May 2008
Lesley Chart, The Cancer Council NSW

More carers are needed

Peninsula residents are still needed to care for local children or adults with disabilities.

Central Coast Life Without Barriers Disabilities Services is looking for more carers after making a call for local volunteers earlier this year.

Manager Ms Colleen Allen said; "I had a couple of enquiries from Peninsula residents last time, but we still have children and adults with disabilities who need carers."

Ms Allen said: "If I had some new Peninsula carers, I could place two clients tomorrow."

"We need a range of types of care including respite for weekends, as well as emergency and long-term.

"Our immediate need is for carers who can provide voluntary care in their own homes. An allowance is


paid to cover expenses."

Ms Allen said training for prospective carers is being planned, and carers would be assessed after completing the training.

Applicants would also undergo a police check.

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Media release, 21 May 2008
Colleen Allen, Life Without Barriers Central Coast



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Movie night supports camel trek

The Empire Bay Progress Association has held a movie night in its community hall to raise money for the Children First Foundation.

The night raised nearly \$1000 with more than 70 local residents attending.

Nearly \$1000 was raised, and the committee is planning further fundraisers later in the year.

The night was in support of the 6000km Darwin to Melbourne Camel trek being undertaken by former Empire Bay resident Roslyn Consoli with Russell Osborne.

The pair are currently walking

from Katherine to Kununurra with their seven camels, following the Victoria Highway.

The aim of the trek is to raise about \$100,000 for the Melbourne-based Children First Foundation which provides life-saving surgery to underprivileged children from all parts of the world.

Donations can be made through any branch of the Bendigo Bank.

There is a website where the progress of the adventures can be followed at www.dundee.camels.spaces.live.com.

Press release, 5 May 2008
Jan and Santo Consoli

The Department of Planning have determined that a submission for an upgraded marina at Hardy's Bay would not be classed as "a major development", according to the Hardy's Bay Residents' Group.

The decision means that any development application will be decided by Gosford Council and not the department and the Minister.

"The department has advised that the development could not be declared as a major project because it is not fully permissible in the Hardy's Bay location under Gosford's planning scheme," said group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

"Concerns were also raised by the department regarding the size and scale of the current submission," he said.

"A marina and its additional

proposed uses are not currently allowable due to their zoning of 6(a) Open Space."

The resident's group said its major concerns over the proposal included infrastructure and parking and that the industrial nature of the boat maintenance area would "cause noise and pollution".

Newsletter, 22 May 2008
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Residents Group

Environmentalist speaks at whale lookout

Peninsula environmentalist Ms Jeannie Lawson will speak at Captain Cook Lookout during the Five Lands Walk, to be held on Saturday June 21.

The Walk will be held across the areas of MacMasters Beach, Copacabana, Avoca Beach, North Avoca Beach and Terrigal.

The Five Lands Walk coordinator Ms Cathie Sharpe said the walk was held to coincide with the winter

migration of humpback whales and walkers could expect to see "impressive" whale breaching at Captain Cook Lookout.

"One of the highlights of last year's walk was the arrival of 18 whales within 30 minutes at this vantage point.

"The Five Lands Walk brings together a range of local artists, musicians, environmentalists, historians, walkers and the Aboriginal community, in one of the

Coast's most significant cultural events.

"While registration is at MacMasters Beach Surf Club from 7am (till 10am), walkers may join in at any spot along the journey and enjoy the range of free entertainment and cultural activities to be found at each village."

For further information, contact

Central Peninsula Council 4335
400 Ocean Beach Rd, Gosford
Press release, 7 May 2008
PENINSULA THEATRE
Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds WOY WOY

Hair in new hands

A hair salon in West St, Umina, has changed ownership and is now independently owned.

New owner of Passion Hair Salon is local resident Ms Kerrie Wenzel who said she will also employ her daughter, Reanne, a senior stylist from Sydney.

"We are a small friendly salon where our customers are our focus

and where they can relax with a cappuccino," Ms Wenzel said.

"Lanita is our other stylist and Melissa our junior team member.

"We are experts in colouring hair and perming.

"We also do eyelash tinting, eyebrow waxing and cutting as well."

Press release, 7 May 2008
Kerrie Wenzel, Passion Hair

Track work

Railcorp will be undertaking track work in Woy Woy on the long weekend of June 7 to June 9.

The track work, between Woy Woy and Wondabyne, will feature track maintenance, tamping, welding and adjustment at various locations.

The work would also include the cleaning and repacking of ballast

under the tracks and overhead wire adjustments.

Unspecified work between Wondabyne and Gosford was expected to take place at night between July 28 and July 31, and between Hawkesbury River and Woy Woy from August 4 to August 7.

Pamphlet, 20 May 2008
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EDUCATING RITA

30th May to 7th June

By Willy Russell

Directed by Brenda Logan
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THE PITCH

19th & 20th June at 8pm

A Who's Who Production produced by Critical Stages

Part of the theatres' Subscription Season 2008, The Pitch is an hilarious one-man comedy written and performed by Peter Houghton. He plays a variety of outrageous Hollywood characters as he pitches his idea for a blockbuster movie to a panel of heavyweight executives.

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Peninsula Theatre - Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy is proudly owned & operated by Gosford City Council

Service is worth the money

My mother-in-law, Veronica Betty Jones, had an accidental fall in the grounds of Kathleen Cottage, Woy Woy Community Aged Care's dementia unit, on the morning of May 4.

Due to the severe nature of the injury to her arm, the advice of the registered nurse on site was that she needed a doctor's attention.

It was decided to take Betty to the After Hours Medical Service at

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Woy Woy Hospital.

This proved to be the best and most humane decision for Betty.

In the past five years, I have had many experiences at Gosford Emergency with my sister, father-in-law, mother, father and mother-in-law; and while it provides an excellent service, it is by necessity large and can be intimidating and impersonal.

At the Woy Woy after hours service, the care was professional, reassuring, caring and personal.

I could not speak highly enough of Dr Sumar, the duty nurse and the receptionist.

This is a very worthwhile service and I support any moves to retain and maintain it.

It is worth every cent of taxpayer's money that goes into it.

**Caroline Jones
Killcare**

Invest in museum

In the haste to create a profit from everything, simple important things are often uncoded and overlooked.

Tourists usually visit a location because it has something that their point of origin is missing.

One the Central Coast we have two prime uncoded and undervalued assets.

First is our scenery of lake, beach, hill and valley.

Second is our clement weather and relatively unpolluted air.

A third prime asset should be our local community.

This asset does not reach its full potential and recognition as it is frequently fractured and insular.

I am told that the local tourist bureau only promotes attractions if they pay an annual fee.

What about non-profit attractions?

One focal point where there is a valuable community and tourist asset is the Brisbane Water Historical Society Museum and Henry Kendall Cottage at West Gosford.

Currently the not-for-profit organisation is a genuine "people's museum".

It has been kept alive by the wonderful efforts of a small group who are unfairly shouldering the onerous task for everyone else in the area.

They have maintained the society and museum complex as a people's museum free from segregation, religious, political, commercial or government control and direction.

One of the society's primary rules is "to collect, preserve and exhibit those objects which reflect the lifestyles and occupations of the residents of the Brisbane Water District".

Brisbane Water, not Gosford,

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contribution conditions

was one of the earlier exploratory areas and it avoids the parochialism that other names engender.

Recent enquiries however show that the society still has many goals to achieve the worthy objective.

Immediately noticeable non-exclusive omissions within the museum include the surf lifesavers, the boat builders, the oyster farmers, the fishers, the netballers, the abattoir workers and their trade, the railway, bus and ferry workers and their respective employers, the drug, gambling and alcohol industries, the local councils Woy Woy, Erina and Gosford, the cricketers, the glass blowing and felt factories, the computer factory, the quarries and related trades, the food factories and primary industry co-operatives, the schoolteachers and local schools, the despoilers of our community who merely came to pillage and profit at the expense of the land and people, and the changed retail industry.

These expert members of our community need to step up and with appropriate pride share their time, knowledge and artifacts with the museum and fellow members of the community.

A society is only as good as its bequest to posterity.

**Richard Newby
Woy Woy**

Colour slips through cracks

We are grateful that Gosford Council is attending to the safety issues of falling rocks but does this have to deny aesthetic considerations?

Residents may be colour blind if they do not see that new cement does not match the beautiful

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ochre sandstone on this formerly picturesque entrance drive to Pearl Beach and Patonga.

The previous work done on this road nearest Patonga was carefully matched to blend with the colour of

the cliff wall.

We hope that Gosford Council has not lost its aesthetic awareness in the hasty short term of "filling in the cracks".

**Jocelyn Maughan
Patonga**

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:

www.peninsulanews.asn.au

Thanks for care

We would like to thank Brisbane Waters Private Hospital director of nursing Annette Czerkesow and all the wonderful staff of the south wing medical ward.

My brother Mick and I would like to thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your dedicated care of Andreis during those difficult, painful days in hospital.

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Thank you all.

We will treasure your kindness and care. It will stay with us always.

Thank you Brisbane Waters Private Hospital!

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Third novel is released

Umina Beach resident and author Mr Jeff Pages celebrated the release of his third novel, *The Mind of the Dolphins*, on May 10.

Mr Pages' latest fantasy fiction work is set three years after the conclusion of his first two novels *Barefoot Times* and *Call of the Delphinidae*.

"The *Mind of the Dolphins* takes the reader on a wild adventure, where the distinction between friend and foe becomes increasingly blurred with every twist and turn along the way," according to its publisher.

The book launch for "The *Mind of the Dolphins*" was held at the Made Brus Mexican restaurant, Woy Woy, on May 24.

Mr Pages was born in Sydney in 1954 and grew up in the Western Sydney suburb of Berala.

He attended Birrong Boys High School and later graduated from the University of Sydney in 1978 with a first class honours degree in Electrical Engineering.

Five years later Mr Pages went on to receive a PhD and continued work as a lecturer at the university.

He later moved to Tamworth NSW to work as a design engineer for the Carillon radio group.

This is where he began writing after one rainy weekend.

"I got bored and thought it might be fun to try writing a short science fiction story with some habitually barefoot characters in it," Mr Pages said.

"The end result was *Barefoot to the Stars*, a story about a group of barefoot university students who uncover the key to faster-than-light space travel.

"Having caught the bug I then

decided to try a longer, more complex tale."

In 1995, Mr Pages moved to Umina Beach to begin work with the Hornsby-based company Innes Corporation Pty Ltd as its senior development engineer.

Mr Pages said he enjoys living on the Peninsula for its spectacular beaches, lakes, and extensive eucalypt forests.

In his spare time Mr Pages enjoys body surfing at Umina Beach, bushwalking with the Central Coast Bushwalkers and reading while commuting to Sydney for work.

He is also a proud member of the Society for Barefoot Living, where fellow barefoot-lovers around the world share their experiences via the internet.

Press release, 21 May 2008
Zeus Publications



The Concertante will perform at the Pearl Beach Music Festival

Four concerts at festival

Pearl Beach Music Festival will be held from Saturday, June 7, to Sunday, June 8, at the Pearl Beach Arboretum.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said the festival would feature a four concert classical program.

"The festival is now in its 15th year and will again be held on the June long weekend in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall," Ms Lillico said.

The festival will begin on Saturday at 2.30pm with the Concertante, an ensemble of dedicated musicians who are both experienced performers and music teachers.

The group will be led by executive director of the Central Coast Conservatorium Mr Chris Bearman.

"They will present a special program of works," Ms Lillico said.

Saturday's evening performance will begin at 7.30pm with a performance by the Lipman Harp Duo.

Eminent harpists, husband and wife Sebastien and Sayo Lipman, will be present a well known repertoire.

The Sunday afternoon performance will feature the *Nexas Saxophone Quartet*.

"These four amazingly talented young musicians are prize winners from the 2007 *Musica Viva Award* for Chamber Music which forms an important part of the Sydney Eisteddfod," Ms Lillico said.

The program will include *Histoire du Tango* by Astor Piazzolla, *Saxophone Quartet* by Phillip Glass and an Australian work by Stuart Greenbaum.

The Sydney Conservatorium Ensemble "Virtuoso Voices" will conclude the Pearl Beach Music Festival on Sunday evening at 7.30pm.

They will sing classical and popular arias, solos and duets, some accompanied by solo instruments.

Works to be performed will include *Lieder* by Schubert, Richard Strauss, Puccini, Verdi and more.

Tickets are on sale for \$35 per person, per performance and \$15 for children.

All proceeds go to the local and environmental facilities in Pearl Beach.

Press release, 19 May 2008
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Theatre presents Lipstick Dreams

The Woy Woy Little Theatre will present the play "Lipstick Dreams" during June and July at the Peninsula Theatre.

The play is by Simon Hopkinson and Helen O'Connor and is directed by Fran Kendall.

"From hairbrushes to microphones, this bitter-sweet comedy is a delightful and inspiring slice of Australian life," publicity and marketing officer Ms Patricia Horne said.

"Four very different women in

a hairdressing salon share their hopes and dreams, fears and regrets as they prepare for a local talent quest.

"Winning the contest might save the failing Blue Heaven salon.

"Jen Francis plays Jo, the distracted, disappointed, try-hard salon manager.

"Jenny, played by Kylee Legge, is her nervous apprentice.

"Jess, played by Sam Dagasso, is the loud, domineering character with plenty of attitude.

"The role of Jan is played by Pam Campbell who represents the middle aged sector in rural Australia."

Director Fran Kendall said: "The humorous interplay of characters as they rehearse for their musical act is beautifully balanced against the more poignant moments where they attempt to free themselves of their own inner program of parochialism and chauvinism."

Ms Horne said: "Through this shines a true triumph of spirit as

the action escalates towards a rousing musical finish.

"Lipstick Dreams was first presented in 1988 by the New England Theatre Company and first shown in Sydney in 1989 at Belvoir Street."

It was performed by the Central Coast Theatre Company in 1996 in which Fran Kendall played the role of Jan.

The performance will be held on Friday, June 27, July 4 and July 11, from 8pm.

It will be held on Saturday, June 28, July 5 and July 12, also from 8pm.

One 2pm Saturday session will be held on July 12, with 2pm Sunday sessions to be held on June 29, July 6 and July 13.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 concessions and \$6 for children aged 5 to 15 years old.

Press release, 20 May 2008
Patricia Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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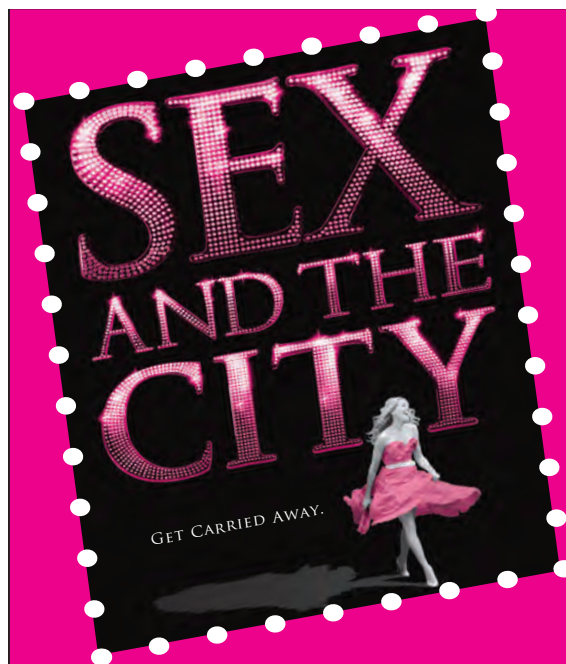
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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. **WVEC** Enq 4342 6589.
Car Boot Sale, Ettalong Markets. Community Dance, 1pm to 4pm, \$2, **ESCC**, Enq: 4344 3131 / 4341 3222

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

Rainbow Gate-Market Day-8am -2pm, 207 West street Umina Bookings:0409774467

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.FishingClub 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 Cronos(over.50's), PWHC Labor Party Umina/Ettalong Branch, .7.30pm Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina Enq: 43417323

Third Monday of every mon
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
Indian dancing for kids 3.30 pm Enq:4342 4395 **WVEC**

Upcoming Events

May 29 - "Stories, Myths and Legends", 10am-11.30am, **PWHC**
June 1 - **MAD JAM**, **PCYC** Umina 2pm to 6pm - See advert page 8
June 2 - Need help with a State Government issue - See advert page 3
June 5 - Divine Goddess workshop **10.00am PWHC**
June 6 to 9 - Australian Songwriters Conference, Ettalong Beach Club
June 7 - Pearl Beach Music Festival, Pearl Beach Arboretum 2.30pm
June 12 - "Stories, Myths and Legends", 10am -11.30am, **PWHC**
June 14 - children's speech workshop, Beachside Family Centre 9am to 12pm
June 18 - **Women 4 Women**, 1.30pm - 4pm, **PWHC**
June 22 - Alternate Health and Charity Psychic Fair - See advert Page 9
June 27 - Woy Woy Little Theatre, Lipstick Dreams, 8pm
June 28 - Troubadour Accoustic Music Club - See advert page 12
June 29 Umina Surf Club AGM 2.00PM at Clubhouse
Umina Surf Life Saving Club annual meeting, 2pm
July 23 - **Women 4 Women**, 10.30am - 1pm, **PWHC**
August 20 - **Women 4 Women**, 10.30am - 1pm, **PWHC**

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

Youth perform at Laycock St

Some of the Peninsula's youth are set to perform in this year's Youth In Performing Arts concert series at Laycock St Theatre from June 3 to 7.

Performers from the Peninsula area will include Jessica Games of Umina (solo vocal), Ashley Knight of Woy Woy (vocal with guitar), Sophie Stratton of Umina (Drama), 5 Car Pileup (a rock band of boys from Woy Woy including Bryce Gleeson performing "Are You Gonna Be My Girl", Amanda Bruce of Umina (Dance), Cara Cerulli of Umina (Dance), Kayley Paul and Henry Nelson of Umina (Drama), Kimberly Kelly of Empire Bay (Drama), Kirstie McGlone of Umina (Solo Vocal), Lara Low of Umina (Solo Vocal), Jade McCudden of Kariong (Solo Vocal), Jessica Hind of Umina (Song and Dance), Joshua Keane of Umina (Band called No Pressure performing "Punk Princess"), Kirsty McGlone of Umina (monologue), Green Point Christian College (a 17 piece rock band and a cappella vocal), and Liam Scarratt of Phegans Bay (a rock band called Mind Priorities performing "Waiting On a Riot").

After the concert series, 15 scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants totalling a value of \$10,785.

"The Youth In Performing Arts is now produced by Laycock Street

Theatre and showcases the cream of Central Coast youth aged 12 to 21 in a series of concerts held at the theatre each June," said Laycock Street Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"The concert series is unique in that it is non-competitive and it affords young people from all walks of life the opportunity to participate in and apply for scholarships.

"The aim of YIPA is to provide an opportunity for youth to perform and participate in a quality program featuring all aspects of the performing arts."

The Central Coast YIPA concerts began in June, 1992, as a joint initiative of Gosford West Rotary Club and Laycock Street Theatre, supported by Gosford Council.

Over 450 auditions were held at Laycock Street Theatre in February this year and out of those acts auditioned, 140 were chosen for the concert series.

The concerts will open each night from 8pm with a big band or choir, and follow with solo vocalists, drama pieces, dancing, guitarists, rock bands, drumming, the Peninsula Highland Dancing Association and musical theatre to name a few.

Each night is a unique performance of around 30 acts.

Press release, 20 May 2008
 Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street and Peninsula Theatre



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Five other streets around the Central Coast were also

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Council agenda TR.08.031, 6 May 2008

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Schools perform at showcase

Several Peninsula schools performed last week at this year's Central Coast Showcase, an event for students from local schools.

Classical, jazz, rock and contemporary music, dance and drama items featured in this year's Showcase.

Students from Year 3 to Year 12 from more than 20 schools performed solo, group and whole-school items over two days.

Hunter and Central Coast regional arts coordinator Ms Lyn Cook said schools from the

Peninsula area would include Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy Campus, Ettalong Public School and Empire Bay Public School.

The Showcase took the form of a Wednesday concert and a Thursday concert, each performed once as a matinee and once in the evening.

The Central Coast Showcase was held at the Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford.

Press release, 19 May 2008
Sven Wright, Department of Education and Training

Looking forward to new role

Newly-appointed college principal Mr Stephen Harris of Brisbane Water Secondary College has said he was looking forward to working with the school community.

Mr Harris took over the permanent head role, replacing relieving college principal Mr Gus Vrolyk.

He was previously deputy principal at Wyong High School.

"Brisbane Water Secondary College enjoys an admirable reputation within the educational community and as such it is with an enormous amount of pride and enthusiasm that I undertake the role of college principal," Mr Harris said.

"I look forward to working as part of the ongoing team to make sure

that each child has the opportunity to identify and realise their potential in academic, cultural and sporting pursuits.

"Schools must provide educational opportunities and outcomes that match the needs of students and the broader community.

"I believe that the twin campus model in operation at the college is potentially the most effective educational model in existence in NSW and allows for innovative and flexible curriculum delivery underpinned by age appropriate pedagogy."

The college was established in 2002 across two campuses to provide age-appropriate teaching and learning environments on the Peninsula.

The middle school campus at

Umina caters for students in Years 7 to 9 and the senior campus at Woy Woy caters for students in Years 10 to 12.

Mr Harris said he was most impressed with his first two weeks as college principal.

"My initial focus will involve consulting with students, staff, parents and the wider community to ascertain the areas that the college performs well in and also identify the areas of opportunity to enhance educational experience for all students," Mr Harris said.

"A clear priority for the Peninsula is the strengthening of the learning community for students aged five to 18."

Newsletter, 23 May 2008
Stephen Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College

College wins cattle awards

Brisbane Water Secondary College has won awards for cattle prepared at the college farm, as well as in parading and judging, in the Upper Hunter, the Canberra Royal Show, the Gresford Show, and the inaugural Hawkesbury Show.

Agricultural coordinator Mr Geoff Spence said he was "very pleased" with the year of competition for the school so far.

"It has been a successful year to date with some 13 steers being processed," Mr Spence said.

"This has been reflected in results from cattle competitions, the paraders competitions and the student judging competitions.

"There have been several excursions associated with these shows as well and the students from both campuses were proud ambassadors for the college."

Mr Spence said the first competition for the year saw the college successful with a grand champion heifer, a champion limousin cow and calf as well as overall champion school in the Upper Hunter cattle clinic.

Jack Egan and Josf Leaney were first place in their age groups in junior judging and Alex Aubrey and Rachael Smith were successful in qualifying for the Sydney Royal paraders competition.

The following show, the Canberra Royal, was combined with the Year 11 farm study project at Narrandera.

The cattle received a number

of minor placings at the show and eight students won ribbons, with Jai Wynberg taking out first place in his age group.

"Early March saw the school at the Gresford Show where it secured two first places and a second place," Mr Spence said.

"Of the 16 students that went to the show, six received ribbons in either the parading or the junior judging.

"The Royal Sydney Show saw some minor placings for the cattle but our farm assistant Ron Unsworth was presented with an achievement award by the Limousin Society at the limousin judging in recognition for his efforts over the years in promoting the breed."

The most recent show for the college was the inaugural Hawkesbury Show where the school produced "outstanding results".

The school gained two first places and one second place.

Newsletter, 23 May 2008
Geoff Spence, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

No fireworks at Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School will not be holding its annual Pretty Beach Fireworks this year.

The schools newsletter stated that, due to work going on in the school and reduced playground space, the fireworks would not go ahead.

It stated: "The good news is the first of the new buildings has

arrived.

"As we can all see, it will change the school dramatically for the better.

"The bad news is that with the work going on in the school and the reduced playground space, it is not possible to hold the annual Pretty Beach Fireworks this year.

"The annual fireworks are not only much anticipated by the children and parents of our school

but the broader community as well.

"Most importantly, it is our key fundraising event.

"While cancelling the fireworks is regrettable, our school fundraising guru Peta Randall has a number of alternative fundraising activities planned."

Newsletter, 22 May 2008
Pretty Beach Public School

Long-time teacher dies

Brisbane Water Secondary Collage has been saddened by the death of former school teacher Ms Marianne Baker recently.

Ms Baker was head teacher of home economics at Woy Woy High School and BWSC for 22 years.

She passed away on May 12, at age 55 after a very short illness, according to BWSC Woy Woy campus principal Ms Pamela McAlistair.

"The staff and many of our students are deeply saddened and shocked by her death," Ms

McAlistair said.

"She made an enormous contribution to the school over so many years.

"She was first and foremost a wonderful teacher, head teacher and a loved colleague.

"At the funeral, senior campus captains Regan Mitchell and Melissa Halstead delivered a fine tribute to Marianne on behalf of the student body.

"Head teacher of industrial arts Glen Faulds also presented a very thoughtful address of Marianne's work during her time at Woy Woy.

"These tributes were greatly appreciated by her family."

Ms Baker began her teaching career in at Kandos High School in 1974.

Over her 33 years of teaching, Ms Baker taught at Griffith, Nepean and at Woy Woy high schools, completing her career at BWSC last year.

"She certainly led a very loving, positive and rich life, one that made a difference to lives of so many," Ms McAlistair said.

Newsletter, 23 May 2008
Pamela McAlistair, BWSC Woy Woy Campus

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"The fete was officially opened by the NSW Minister for Education Mr John Della Bosca, who spoke of the long partnership between the P&C and the School as well as the values of Public education," Mr Ellis said.

"Funds raised from the day will be allocated directly back to the school for purchase of educational materials and equipment for staff and students that are otherwise unable to be purchased from the school funds," he said.

"The crowds enjoyed a wide cross section of entertainment throughout the day, food and market stalls along with the drumming circle and myriad of activities that were run by the teachers and

students.

"The most sought-after attractions were the rides, with the dodgem cars and giant slide the most popular, followed by the Round-up."

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Press release, 23 May 2008
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End of cricket season at Woy Woy

Everglades Country Club hosted the Woy Woy Cricket Club's end of season presentation night on Saturday, May 3.

"Past and present players filled the club auditorium and were all welcomed by club president Greg Alce," said Everglades publicity officer Mr Ray Benton.

"Many of Woy Woy cricket's retired life members attended to present trophies."

Woy Woy Cricket Club fielded teams in all eight grades of competition during the season.

"First grade award went to Jason Moore for batting with a season average of 62 runs per match which included one innings scoring 141 runs," Mr Benton said.

"Tim Boyd accepted the bowling award taking 17 wickets with an average of 23 runs per wicket.

"Tim Boyd was also awarded the Players' Player award with a consistent effort, also adding valuable points with the bat and in the field."

First grade captain Lee Taylor took the club's award for most catches.

Ricki Ellis received the Colt of the Year award.

"Young part-time first and second grade player Adam Kelly took out the coveted turf wicket Players' Player trophy, hitting 304 runs and also taking a number of vital wickets as a part-time bowler," Mr Benton said.

Everglades Country Club was a major sponsor of the local cricket club.

**Newsletter, 23 May 2008
Ray Benton,
Everglades Country Club**

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has announced its end of season awards.

Gosford Council Citizen of the Year Mr Bill Cook was named Senior Club Person of the Year.

Council's Junior Citizen of the Year Ms Kimberly Pratt was named Under-19 Club Person of the Year.

Jarrold Marsh was named Patrol Member of the Year while Patrol 13 was named Patrol of the Year.

Jeff Pratt was recognized for Outstanding Club Service.

Junior Club Person of the Year went to Karl Reeves, while Jake Nicol was awarded Rookie of the Year.

Rachel Wood was recognized as Best Junior Carnival Person.

Peter Braddish was Junior Team Manager of the Year while Jessica Mensforth and Dean Egglestone

were Junior Club Captains.

The presentation was held in the Seaview Ballroom at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, with 127 guests and members attending.

Club secretary Ms Christine Lavers said: "Special guests included NSW Surf Life Saving president Mr Brett Harrod, Surf Life Saving Club Central Coast president Mr Jim Myers, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club chief executive officer Mr Don Young, Mr George Markham from Ettalong Bowling Club and Mr Bruce Croft from Club Umina."

The end of season Junior presentation was held at Club Umina in April and over 100 Nippers attended with their families.

**Press release, 22 May 2008
Christine Lavers,
Ocean Beach Surf
Life Saving Club**

Annual meeting

The Umina Surf Life Saving Club will be holding its 48th annual meeting at its clubhouse on Sunday, June 29, at 2pm.

"All members must be financial prior to the meeting for the season 2008-2009," club secretary Ms Christine Lavers said.

Information and nomination forms can be downloaded from the web site www.uminas-lsfc.com.

**Press release, 22 May 2008
Christine Lavers, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

Triples winners

The Dick Carroll Memorial Triples was held at Everglades Country Club, Umina, on April 25.

The winners of the day, scoring 22 points out of a possible 24 points, were the team of Stan Bruce, Graham Jackson and Brien Murray.

The runners-up were Sam Andrews, Andrew McDonald and John Burzynski on 18 points from the side of John Vigar, Keith Lance and Ray Benton on 16 points in third place.

**Newsletter, 23 May 2008
Everglades Country Club**

Golf day

The Malcolm Glase Ladies Golf Day was held at Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, on May 15.

Everglades publicity officer Ms Jan Binstead said the day was a great success with 97 starters.

"The winners on the day, sponsored by Dr Glase, were Donna Mitchell in division one, Lisa Swan in division two and Fay Stratton in division three."

**Newsletter, 5 May 2008
Jan Binstead,
Everglades Country Club**

Sponsor evening

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has held a sponsorship proposal evening on May 16 for local businesses.

"The night was a great success and we would like to thank those that attended," club marketing and public relations director Ms Liane Mandy said.

"It was a brief but informative

presentation providing an insight into not only our club but also into surf life saving itself.

"Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club is committed to patrolling our beaches but also offers a superb function venue with an enviable view for the public to enjoy."

**Press release, 23 May 2008
Liane Mandy, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

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Hayes brothers take gold

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club members Grant and Drew Hayes are celebrating their gold medal victory, having returned from the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships last month.

The Hayes brothers took out the gold medal in the open men's five-person rescue and resuscitation (R&R) championship on April 5.

They competed as a team with three members of the Swansea-

Belmont club.

"They have been surf life savers almost their entire lives and during that time they have won a staggering total of 84 NSW and Australian medals between them," according to club sponsor Mr Mike Waller.

Grant began as a nipper at the Umina Beach club in 1971 and Drew followed in 1976.

They transferred to Ocean Beach club in 1983, where they became Australian champions.

They won their first Australian gold medals at Point Leo Beach, Victoria, in 1985.

Grant and Drew have been coaching an open women's team at Ocean Beach which achieved fifth place in the titles.

Grant and Drew each have a son in the Nippers at Ocean Beach and they have great hopes that the boys will follow in their own footsteps."

Mr Waller said the local surf life saving community was proud of Grant and Drew.

"Both men have just returned from Scarborough Beach in Western Australia where the Australian titles were held for the second year.

"Rescue and Resuscitation does not receive the recognition it deserves, even within the surf life saving movement," Mr Waller said.

"However R&R is what Surf Life Saving is all about.

"Without these selfless and dedicated volunteers, our beaches would not have the safety net that helps protect everyone who swims at our beaches.

"These are the people who swim out into dangerous seas to rescue those who have found themselves in difficulty."

Press Release, 2 May 2008
Mike and Cathy Waller,
Peninsular Office Supplies

Eulogy for Whinger

Everglades Country Club lost a long time member with the recent passing of George Stratton.

George was a member of the Everglade Whingers, a local group of elderly gentlemen who play golf every Friday in teams of four.

Fellow Whinger Neil Peterson gave a eulogy about his memories of George.

"George was endearing, not only to his Whingers mates, but to those who played golf with him," Mr Peterson said.

"He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and his persistence which epitomised the great Aussie character that he was" said Neil.

"We Whingers will miss George and many a tale will be relived as we have a beer and reminisce on times gone by."

Mr Peterson said their thoughts and condolences were with George's wife Fay and family.

Newsletter, 22 May 2008
Everglades Country Club Bulletin

Masters hold swim carnival

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club held its annual carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 17.

More than 200 entries from around NSW participated in the event, including clubs from Dubbo, Port Macquarie, Wollongong and the Blue Mountains.

The carnival saw an Australian Masters record broken and 10 State Masters records set including one by Ettalong club member Mr Tony Curren of Terrigal.

Ettalong club spokesman Mr Gordon Ferguson said the highlight of the competition was the breaking of four World Masters records (to be ratified by FINA) by

Jenny Whitley from the Ryde club.

For the 50-54 years age group, Ms Whitley set new records in the 50 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres breaststroke and individual medley.

The Pelicans Club meets at the pool at the centre in Woy Woy on Thursdays at 7pm and Mondays at 2pm.

New members are welcome and enquiries can be made by telephoning 4369 3194.

The NSW Masters Short Course Championships will be held in the 25 metres section of the pool in October.

Press release, 22 May 2008
Gordon Ferguson, Ettalong
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