

More repairs for Bulls Hill

Another 60 metres of Woy Woy Rd at Bulls Hill needs to be repaired, delaying completion by another two months, residents have been told.

Geotechnical experts have found that another 60 metres of Woy Woy Rd needs to be repaired, according to Bays Community Group vice-president Mr Greg McMullen.

Mr McMullen said all residents were "frustrated beyond belief" with the continued delays caused by the current road closure.

"Even though there were only 100 people in attendance this time, it was supremely obvious to us all that the local authorities couldn't really give two hoots for the Bays community," Mr McMullen said.

"Although we appreciated the representatives for coming along and facing the often hostile comments from some residents, their bosses in their fantasy towers were only giving them enough power to pass on information and nothing else.

"Naturally, we all wanted answers and not excuses."

Mr McMullen said that extra testing had concluded that there was another 60 metre section of roadway that was "unstable enough to require retaining and repair".

"This section is closer to the top of Bulls Hill and, as such, is going to be harder to get to," Mr McMullen said.

"In essence, this new development is going to add another nine to 10 weeks to the road closure.

"This then will take the expected opening date to around August 25.

"This equates to four calendar months since the original collapse."

Mr McMullen said council officers

had stated that a pathway down Bulls Hill for pedestrians would be "too hard and costly, and a bypass would be "too expensive" and would need to involve "too many other government agencies".

Mr McMullen thanked the Bays community for helping to support each other since the road collapse

"It has been a fantastic turn out of support from so many of the Bays community in getting out there and trying to help solve the many problems brought about by the road closure," Mr McMullen said.

"From the many conversations and emails I have had, so many neighbours are keeping each other informed of what's happening and many are also helping each other with the necessities of life, whether it is to collect the groceries or medication for our older Bays residents or to help transport their neighbours' kids to the bus stops or schools.

"Horsfield Bay residents have no bus services at all at the moment."

The next community group meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday, July 7.

Press release, 26 Jun 2008

Greg McMullen, The Bays Community Group Inc

August 22

Woy Woy Rd is expected to reopen to both lanes of traffic by August 22.

Cr Chris Holstein had asked if the reopening was still on schedule for mid-August.

Council staff answered at Gosford Council's July 1 meeting that the process was 80 per cent finished and, with the work having been extended by 60 metres, completion was expected by August 22.

Council agenda Q.85, 1 Jul 2008



Church wins steel award

The St John the Baptist Catholic Church building in Woy Woy has won the Architectural Steel Design category of a State steel awards competition.

The initial State winners in the lead up to Australia's first national steel awards were announced for NSW and ACT at official presentations held at Star City, Pyrmont on June 27.

The Australian Steel Institute accolades were awarded to entrants in the four categories

of Architectural Steel Design, Structural Engineering Design, Metal Building Product Design and Multi-Level Building Design, with winners in the first three categories to vie for the national honours to be announced in September in Perth.

Kingston Building's entry on St John the Baptist Catholic Church building in Woy Woy was named the winning project for that project team in the Architectural Steel Design category.

Australian Steel Institute state manager (NSW & ACT) Mr Phil Casey said the nature of entries

well portrayed the diversity of innovative applications possible using predominantly Australian-made steel.

"The awards highlight the high standard of design and execution achievable with the versatility of steel, aesthetics and the industry's capacities and efficiencies," Mr Casey said.

Winners of the other state awards will be announced in coming months.

Press release, 30 Jun 2008

Alan Marshall,

Australian Steel Institute

Second storey for church?

Gosford Council has deferred a decision to approve a second storey addition to the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall at Jumbuck Crescent, Woy Woy.

Council is expected to make a decision on the application following further consideration of public submissions and objections to the proposal.

The application proposes upper level building additions to include a minister's interview room and library.

The proposal also includes extensive renovation of the existing building to alter the external

appearance, providing rendered wall finish, new colorbond roof, windows and door openings, entry gates, porte cochere and side boundary fences.

Alterations to the building footprint on the lower level would see enlarged toilet facilities, entry foyer and storage.

The existing auditorium size and total seating capacity of 120 seats will remain unchanged.

Council received nine public submissions in relation to the application.

The public submissions raised objections to the application due to shortage of parking, increased

traffic volume, noise and the devaluing of adjoining properties.

According to a council report, the concerns raised by public submissions were unlikely to be "further exacerbated by the current proposal having regard to the intended usage of the first floor additions".

"Additional impacts generated by the proposal are not considered to be significant and can be ameliorated by appropriate conditions of consent to control operations from the site, limit noise levels, and ensure adequate vehicle access and parking to service the development."

Council agenda ENV.47, 1 Jul 2008

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As of August 2, my partner and I will be backpacking across Europe until Christmas, hopefully gaining insight into something larger than our own backyard.

After that, who knows where! Previous Peninsula News employees have ended up working as far afield as the Financial Times in London and as close to home as the Express Advocate.

I have learnt a great deal working here, and I have met some interesting and varying personalities through this position.

I have learnt that the Peninsula certainly has its own identity, separate from the rest of the Central Coast, and that identity needs to be supported and nurtured.

I hope you, the public, have learnt a great deal too, through reading what we print.

Lyle Stone leaves

Peninsula News journalist Lyle Stone is moving on after serving in this role for almost four years.

Here, in a parting gesture, he reflects on his own future, the future of Peninsula News...

Though working as a journalist for Peninsula News was a tough position, it was also rewarding.

From July 14, my position at Peninsula News will be taken by Clare Graham, a communications graduate from Newcastle University who has shown herself in the last

year to be extremely competent and up to the task.

I will remain here on "light duties" until August 2, helping to complete a smooth transition.

Before I go, I would make one last request: Support Peninsula News!

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Lyle Stone
Peninsula News

Resident is sponsored

A St Huberts Island resident joined four other Central Coast athletes to collectively receive \$4500 in sponsorship from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils to participate in Australian and international sporting events.

Kevin Moore from St Huberts Island joined Matthew Lynch of Springfield to receive \$1000 each to represent Australia in track and field at the Beijing Olympic Games Test Event, held from May 22 to 25 this year.

The pair also competed as part of the NSW team in the Chinese/Taipei International Athletics Meet, scoring second place in the relay.

Both athletes were part of the NSW Institute of Sports Emerging Athlete Program.

A joint initiative of Gosford and Wyong Councils, the organisation provides sponsorship to residents who have been selected by a national, state or regional body to participate in a recognised sporting or cultural event.

In return for sponsorship, the recipients promote the Central Coast in the local, interstate and international arenas.

Press release, 20 Jun 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

Correction

In the last edition of Peninsula News, we incorrectly reported Paws on the Coast as being an opportunity store.

It is in fact a pet accessories store.

Also, the planned barbecue was to be held on Saturday, July 5, not July 4 as stated.

Lyle Stone, 1 Jul 2008

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Council doubles festival support

Gosford Council has resolved to increase its sponsorship for this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival to \$10,000 plus in-kind support.

The increase doubles the council's previous contribution but falls short of organisers' requests for \$15,000.

Council officers had recommended that council maintain its \$5000 sponsorship plus in-kind support of \$2000, provided for last year's festival.

The increase in council's sponsorship follows the request of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival committee to make council the new naming rights sponsor for this year's festival.

The committee offered naming rights to council for \$15,000, following the departure of its previous naming rights sponsor, the Ettalong Beach Club.

Festival committee chair Ms Debra Wales said the club was unable to continue its sponsorship due to its current financial difficulty.

"We are extremely pleased with council's decision to increase its one-off sponsorship to \$10,000," Ms Wales said.

"It would have been nice to have them as a naming rights sponsor but the increase will be a big help to us."

Cr Trevor Drake said: "We understand the importance of a community and primary industry event such as the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

"That is why council needs to ensure it continues and encourage its future existence on the Peninsula."

Ms Wales said the oyster festival committee would continue its search to find a major naming rights sponsor.

"We still have some time. "If we are unsuccessful this year, the festival will still go ahead, just on a much smaller scale to past years."

Ms Wales said the festival committee worked to a budget of \$60,000 last year.

"The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival is not only an important community event, but it also showcases one of the Coast's primary industries- oyster farming," Ms Wales said.

At council's meeting on July 1, it was also resolved that council staff prepare report on policies where council contributes to festivals and other community events.

Cr Vicki Scott said a policy addressing the issue of council's contributions to festivals and other community events would ensure a fair allocation of council support.

Council agenda COM.22, 1 Jul 2008



Crowds at this years Australia Day, with the recycling bins in the background

Recycling events 'cost too much'

Gosford Council staff have recommended that recycling facilities not be provided at future community events, following a trial at the Woy Woy Australia Day celebrations, despite it being "reasonably successful" in promoting recycling.

A report to council found that only 101kg of recyclables was recovered for an expenditure of \$8700, and of this nine kilograms was contaminated with non-recyclable matter.

"Placement of unmanaged recycling bins at smaller public events should not be considered given the contamination management issues, recycling returns and the costs for setup and servicing," the report stated.

"Having regard to the low quantity of recyclables collected at the trial event relative to the high future costs for the provision of the service, it is recommended that council not proceed with public place recycling at any future community events held by council."

The report found that the recycling trial that involved both staff time and the provision of external contractor services costing

about \$8700.

Only 101 kg of recyclables was recovered from the recycling bins, compared to 320 kg of waste recovered from the general waste bins, in which 61 per cent of recyclables were found.

The report stated that the cost of operating next year's Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy, Gosford and Wagstaff as Waste Wise events would be \$10,400.

"Any continuation of council sponsored best practice Waste Wise events would need to be very selective in terms of ensuring that large crowd numbers are guaranteed to ensure the opportunity of a reasonable recycling volume to justify the cost," the council report stated.

According to the report, the

waste management costs for the Australia Day event which was did not support recycling would have been \$574.

Gosford Council has called for the advice of the Reduce Recycle Reuse Task Group of its Environment Committee before deciding whether to provide recycling facilities at future community events.

Council agenda CIT.17, 1 Jul 2008

New facilities for camping area

Improvements to recreational facilities, park amenities, beach access and parking are some of the features of the draft Patonga Caravan and Camping Area Management Plan and Masterplan, according to a Gosford Council manager.

The plan is on public exhibition from July 2 to July 30.

The draft plan aims to guide future management of the camping area and council claims it is a result of "direct consultation with the community", according to the council's Manager of Open Space and Leisure Services Mr Phil Moore.

Some of the areas identified for improvement include

enhancements to recreational and park amenities, improved vehicle and pedestrian access, increased security surveillance, and vegetation, dune and creek shoreline management, he said.

The plan also highlights the need for future management options to protect the heritage and environment values of the area.

An information session will be held from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, July 19, at Patonga Progress Hall, to give the community an opportunity to consult with officers from council and the NSW Department of Lands.

The closing date for written submissions is 5pm on Wednesday, August 13.

**Press release, 2 Jul 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council**

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The Everglades Lagoon Wetlands

Wetlands project for Everglades

A project aimed at increasing public awareness of the value of wetlands and to encourage active community participation in wetland monitoring and rehabilitation is being run in Woy Woy.

"It has an ultimate goal of encouraging volunteers to join the community bushcare group in its rehabilitation work at the Everglades Lagoon Wetland," according to project officer Ms Narelle Leite.

The Community Environment Network will conduct a community survey in Woy Woy to increase public awareness of the Everglades Lagoon Wetland, Ms Leite said.

"The survey is designed to increase public awareness of the wetland and to gain an insight into

current community perceptions about wetlands and their importance in our local environment.

"The Wetland Education Project is a two-year project funded by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust with the support of Gosford Council, the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority and local businesses."

A "field day" will be held at the Everglades Lagoon Wetland in August to "give the community the opportunity to become familiar with the wetland and the bush regeneration work being conducted by the local bushcare group".

"There will also be talks from local experts such as Dr Cameron Webb, a clinical lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney, who has recently been

working on projects to assess the change in mosquito populations following rehabilitation of degraded estuarine wetlands.

There will also be water quality monitoring and a presentation about the NSW Land for Wildlife Program.

"A series of educational factsheets will be available to the public at the Field Day on topics such as wetland types, wetland plants, wetland animals, wetland weeds, wetland protection and mosquitoes."

For more information telephone 4348 4327, or email wetlands@ccen.org.au.

**Press release, 27 Jun 2008
Narelle Leite, Community Environment Network**

Mayor, GM no longer on conduct committee

The mayor and general manager will no longer be on a council's Code of Conduct Committee, under changes to the Code of Conduct announced by Local Government Minister Mr Paul Lynch.

Mr Lynch said "those changes were made to avoid conflicts of interest arising".

Earlier this year, Gosford Council defended the inclusion of the mayor and general manager on its Conduct Committee.

Woy Woy Bay resident Mrs Margaret Lund had claimed that the committee had suffered a conflict of interest, because of the inclusion of the mayor and general manager, when it investigated a conflict of interest complaint she had made.

In January, acting general manager Mr Nic Pasternatsky told Peninsula News: "The investigation was conducted in accordance with the prescribed legislation and I can assure you that all committee members were impartial during the investigation."

Under the revised Model Code of Conduct for local councils, the Conduct Committee would now be called the Conduct Review Committee.

Councils could now have conduct review committees or individual reviewers undertake enquires into alleged breaches, Mr Lynch said.

Members of these committees or the sole reviewers would be independent of council and can act in the role for more than one council.

Councils would also have the option to informally resolve complaints

Mr Lynch said the revised Model Code of Conduct provided guidance on political donations.

"The code will require councillors to take all reasonable steps to ascertain the source of

any political donations that directly benefit their election campaign," Mr Lynch said.

"They must then declare a conflict of interest in relation to donations over \$1000 and manage that conflict in accordance with the conflict of interest provisions in the code."

Mr Lynch advised candidates at the September local government elections to keep details of all donations.

The release of the revised code means each council will have to update its own Code of Conduct in line with the new model.

Further material and guidance will be provided to councils to support the implementation of the new model code.

This will include seminars, to be held later this year.

Mr Lynch said the Model Code of Conduct assisted councillors, council staff and delegates to act honestly, ethically and with accountability.

"Since January 2005, it has prescribed a minimum set of standards of conduct the community expects of its council officials," Mr Lynch said.

Over the past 18 months, a review of the code has been undertaken in consultation with the local government sector.

Mr Lynch said the review identified the need for a number of changes that are now part of the revised Model Code of Conduct.

**Press release, 23 Jun 2008
Paul Lynch, Minister for Local Government**

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Council works

Gosford Council has been undertaking works in both Woy Woy and Umina recently.

In Woy Woy, council is currently pouring a cycleway on the foreshore.

Rock stacking is also taking place to repair the "slip" at Bulls Hill, Woy Woy Rd.

Landscaping and sealing is underway at Wellington St, Umina, as part of road construction.

**Press release, 25 Jun, 2 Jul 2008
Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council**

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Over-50s urged to stay on their feet

Peninsula residents aged over 50 will have the opportunity to participate in a number of locally-based activities as part of the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health's Stay On Your Feet project.

Stay On Your Feet is an injury prevention project which aims to reduce the number of falls experienced by people aged 50 and over who live independently in the community.

The exercise program offers activities at more than 25 Central Coast venues, including the Peninsula.

Classes are being offered in aquafitness, strength training, tai chi, ballroom dancing and group exercise which are conducted by trained professionals.

Tai Chi classes are currently being held at Jhalu Day Spa and Fitness at the Mantra Resort in Ettalong, First Class Fitness in Umina, Woy Woy Bowling Club and the Peninsula Community Centre.

Gentle exercise classes are currently being held at the Ettalong Progress Hall, Umina Uniting Church, Woy Woy Community Centre and Woy Woy Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Jhalu Day Spa and Fitness at the Mantra Resort in Ettalong and Woy Woy Peninsula Leisure Centre are currently offering strength training classes for the Active Over 50 exercise program.

Ballroom dancing classes are also available from the Ettalong Bowling Club on Thursdays from 10am to 11am.

The project promotes healthy, active and positive ageing while aiming to increase awareness and knowledge about reducing the risk of falling.

"Research shows that one person in every three over the age of 65 can expect to have at least one fall during the next 12 months," project officer Ms Helen Kale said.

"That is why it is important to increase awareness, knowledge and skills about the risk factors for falling and the steps that can be taken to reduce that risk."

The Area Health Service has also put in place the Active Over 50 exercise program designed specifically for people who are aged 50 or more.

According to Ms Kale, taking part in Active Over 50 classes and the Stay On Your Feet project is an excellent way to become more active and increase awareness to the risks of falling.

"Contrary to popular belief, falls are not inevitable and many older people can be prevented from falling.

"To avoid falls and injuries from falls it is recommended to exercise to improve your balance, strength and flexibility.

"Home or group exercise programs and Tai Chi are good examples."

For a free home safety information pack on preventing falls telephone Helen Kale on 4349 4800.

Press release, 2 Jul 2008
Helen Kale, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health



Members of the Yoga group

Yoga picnic for cyclone victims

A yoga picnic at Umina Beach has raised \$100 for the Red Cross Burma cyclone appeal.

Organiser Astanga Yoga teacher Ms Helen Macnair said: "After their usual Sunday morning yoga class at Umina surf club, the yogis met with family and friends for a picnic on the beach.

"All the proceeds from the class and other donations are to be given to the Australian Red Cross Myanmar (Burma) cyclone appeal."

Ms Macnair says the picnic would be a biannual event, marking the longest and shortest days of the year in midwinter and midsummer.

"Raising money for charity

through yoga is a great way to spread some of the positivity that we create with our practice," Ms Macnair said.

"Yoga is not just about the physical practice.

"The ancient yoga text, Patanjali's Yoga Sutra, outlines the eightfold path called *astanga*, which literally means 'eight limbs'.

"These eight steps act as guidelines on how to live a meaningful and purposeful life.

"The first limb, the Yamas, is concerned with how we use our energy in relationship to others. "The Yamas are broken down into five wise characteristics which translate into non-violence, truth, non-stealing, moderation and non-attachment.

"Rather than being a list of do's and don'ts, they encourage us to practice correct thought and action and that our fundamental nature is compassionate, generous, honest and peaceful."

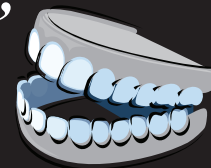
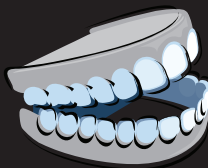
In 2001 and 2002, Ms Macnair voluntarily organised "Yoga4Peace", a London charity event to raise money for the Red Cross and the Norbu Lingka institute, a Tibetan refugee centre, in India.

Both years the event was sponsored by a number of celebrities including Sting and supermodel Chrissie Turlington, raising over £30,000 for the charities.

Press release, 24 Jun 2008
Helen Macnair, Astanga Yoga

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Mynas are feral

Being an ex-stockman, I am well aware of the damage caused by pests and disease in this country.

I was appalled at the defence of one of these pests, the Indian Myna ("Indian Mynas are a sign of change", Forum, Peninsula News).

I have seen these birds pecking at the heads of baby wattle birds in their nest outside my home.

Indian Mynas are feral just like cane toads, wild pigs, cockroaches,

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rats and mice.

We should be diligent in the control of pests and diseases as we are with immigration and quarantine, otherwise we may as well throw open the doors to everything.

I support the eradication of feral animals and pests.

**Pete Crisp
Woy Woy**

Trucking receives highest subsidies

Do truck drivers think they are going to get any sympathy from the public by protesting rising fuel costs?

Although I feel sorry for any truck driver that loses his job, I think its time to look closely at how our transport industry is structured.

The Australian taxpayers subsidise the trucking industry to the figure of \$12 billion per annum.

At the same time, rail receives much smaller financial help from governments and the most economical, environmentally-

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friendly transportation method, shipping, receives not one cent from the government.

Australia once had one of the largest shipping fleets in the world but it now stands on the brink of collapse because of the ideology of the former government.

The former government was happy to destroy Australian shipping because of its strong unionised workforce and support of the Labor Party and, at the

same time, was prepared to let our produce be shipped around the country by foreign shipping.

Let's see if the trucking industry can fight off not only rising fuel costs but perhaps the introduction of foreign truck drivers driving foreign trucks working for less and in more polluting, unsafe trucks.

That's the reality facing Australian shipping.

When the trucking industry has to compete with those realities then they might get some sympathy.

**Ross Cochrane
Woy Woy**

Control measures are necessary

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contribution conditions

I was extremely disappointed to read the contribution written by Helena Howe, entitled 'Mynas are sign of change' (Peninsula News, June 23).

I believe that she is demonstrating an irresponsible attitude in her defence of the Indian Myna pest.

I imagine that she would adopt a similar stand in accepting that cane toads should also be allowed to continue their march from Queensland into the other states.

The Indian Myna causes problems to the environment in the way that it attacks our Australian native birds, destroying their nests and forcing our birds to leave their locations.

Further, the Indian Myna is a carrier of bird lice and is a bird that prefers to nest undercover in roofs of houses wherever possible, spreading lice in these areas.

I have first hand experience of this activity.

Although the bird can exist in small groups it also enjoys travelling in larger flocks throughout our state and possibly other states.

Although most of us are mindful of preserving nature wherever possible, some measures are necessary to control the spread of this vermin spreading bird, before it eliminates many of our Australian native bird species and we should not accept that their invasion and expansion is just "a sign of change".

**Bill Dickson
Ettalong**

Like the Colonists

An argument in favour of Indian Mynas, placing them into political metaphorical language (Forum, Peninsula News, June 23), might be answered by another metaphor:

Over 200 years ago, the Colonists came to Australia and said "Australia is not inhabited", clearly ignoring the natural ancestors of this land.

It took over 200 years for us to get over ourselves and thankfully, recently, a new Prime Minister became a public voice for us to say "Sorry" to the Stolen Generation and the nation of Aborigines in this land.

It is the same misguided logic as our forefathers used to claim that our native Aborigines - in this case our native Australian birds - are not the true inhabitants of this land!

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Righteous ignorance occurred back then to the detriment of our own Aboriginal people and it is a metaphor for what is occurring to our Australian native birds with the Indian Myna!

What is the affect upon our native birdlife since the introduction of the Indian Mynas?

Baby native birds are pecked to death by Indian Mynas.

Their eggs are destroyed by these aggressive pests.

Let's learn from our history but let's not wait 200 years to say "Sorry" to our decimated bird life.

Our native birds are the underdog - and they need our help now!

**Gail Pickering
Woy Woy**

Contributions

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Tim Keogh
Club Manager.
UMINA BEACH PCYC

WHAT'S ON PENINSULA THEATRE

Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds WOY WOY

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GUITARS OF PICASSO 1st and 3rd August

The Alhambra Guitar Quartet features guitar master Rafael Andia and brilliant student Claire Sananikone from Paris with Eric Cathan and Giuseppe Zangari from the University of Newcastle. Under Andia's direction, the quartet will perform rarely-heard Spanish Music in haunting duets and quartets. Simultaneously, a careful selection of Picasso's guitar paintings will be projected onto a large screen, with narration by Leigh Collins, to give a mix of "sound-image-emotion".

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Club hosts Sister Cities

The Ettalong Beach Club will host the Australian Sister Cities Association annual national conference from July 27 to July 30.

The conference will have delegates from around Australia and the Pacific, as well as the mayor of Nitra, Slovakia, and the mayor of Edogawa, Japan.

The theme for this year's conference is "Sense of Place" and celebrates Indigenous Heritage,

with a combination of national and international speakers and workshop sessions.

The conference will also hold a youth component focusing on interactive learning through storytelling, rituals, dance, arts and multimedia.

The association is for Australian towns, shires, cities and ports that have a sister city relationship.

The association also takes an active role in matching cities in

Australia with cities, both from overseas and within Australia, seeking a Sister City relationship.

The association also aims to provide a forum for cultural, economic and educational interchange between communities and to encourage friendship, co-operation and understanding to improve peaceful coexistence worldwide.

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Artists' display

Three Central Coast artists will display their work at a Woy Woy cafe during September.

Peter Moore, Magot Lee and Maxine Johnston will display their work at the Gnostic Café

"Peter Moore's popular Australian scenes in acrylic will add contrast to the intricate work of Magot Lee whose works include

pencil drawings of cats and fine artwork in oils," publicity officer Ms Maxine Johnstone said.

Maxine Johnston, who recently had an exhibition at the Wyong Drama Festival of Arts, paints in Acrylic and oils.

These three artists are members of the Tuggerah Lakes Art Society.

Press release, 22 Jun 2008
Maxine Johnston, Tuggerah Lakes Art Society

Locals perform in Gang Show

Peninsula residents Brooke and Jade Ridley will be performing in the Central Coast Gang Show at Laycock St Theatre, Wyoming, later this month.

Production team member Ms Tricia Fortier said the girls would be continuing in their mother's footsteps.

"Mum, Romay, performed in the first Central Coast Show in 1987, and both daughters have continued this family tradition with great pride and enthusiasm.

"Romay's husband Clint also works backstage and her mother Lynne is in the production team."

The Central Coast Gang Show is an annual event organised by local Scouts and Guides.

"The Scouts and Guides have been rehearsing for several months in preparation for the fun family show consisting of songs, entertaining skits and dance," Ms Fortier said.

The show's opening night is held on Wednesday July 16, from 7.30pm.

On Thursday, July 17, there will be red scarf night special event from 7.30pm.

The Friday night show will also commence from 7.30pm.

On Saturday, July 18, there will be two daytime performances at 11am and 4.30pm.

Adult tickets are \$15, concession \$12.50 and children \$8.

All tickets may be ordered by ringing Trish Renton on 4324 2115.

Press release, 30 Jun 2008
Tricia Fortier, Central Coast Gang Show

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will be commencing its term three classes from July 21.

The nine-week classes available for adults include patchwork and quilting, pottery, folk art, oils and acrylics, drawing and pastels, watercolour painting and silk dyeing.

Fees for adults are \$90 per term for nine weeks plus a \$10 membership fee.

Children's classes are also available in art and cost \$50 for an eight-week term.

Prospective students are invited to call into the centre during class times to meet the tutors, inspect the facility and see firsthand what the classes have to offer.

The patchwork and quilting class is held on Mondays from 10am to 12 noon, while the pottery class is held on the same day from 10am to 3pm.

On Tuesdays, the folk art class runs from 9.30am to 11.30am and the silk dyeing class begins at 1pm and finishes at 3pm.

Oils and acrylics are held on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am and pastels and drawing from 11.30am to 1.30pm on the same day.

On Thursday, the children's art class is run after school from

4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Each Friday will see the watercolour painting class held from 10am to 12noon.

The Ettalong centre will also be holding a "Modelling the Head in Clay" workshop with Izette Felthun on August 16.

The workshop runs from 9am to 4pm at the centre for an \$80 fee.

According to Ms Felthun, the workshop will take advantage of the expressive potential of clay, creating expression of flesh using the earthy tones of the medium.

Bookings are essential for the one-day workshop and fees are payable by August 3.

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Folk session supports charity

Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club will hold a music session on Sunday, July 13, from 1pm to 5pm at the Rainbow Gate.

Organiser Ms Marilyn Russell said that a small admission applies as a donation to Rainbow Love Charity.

"Rainbow Love Charity supports local children on the Coast with chronic and complex physical disabilities requiring high levels of care," Ms Russell said.

"It's a good cause and we get to sing.

"Bring your musical instruments, voices and join in or come in, say hello, have a coffee or tea with cake and listen to a real acoustic folk session.

"All are welcome."

Rainbow Gate is located at 207 West St, Umina, in the old church building.

Afternoon tea will be available.

For more information, telephone 4341 4060 or 0417 159 540 before 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Press release, 3 Jul 2008

Marilyn Russell, Peninsula School of Music

Barbershop chorus sings

The Central Coast Leagues Club Barbershop Chorus will be performing a Barbershop Chorus Concert at the Woy Woy Presbyterian Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy on Saturday, July 19 at 3pm.

"During the concert, one item will be an introduction to barbershop singing, a cappella style, with some

audience participation envisaged," church secretary Ms Margaret Ricciardone said.

The program will include the Beatles' song Yesterday, Heart of my Heart, I Still Call Australia Home, and Po Kare Kare Anna.

"Gary Kirk is the musical director and the Barbershop Chorus group of men meet regularly every

Monday night at the Central Coast Leagues Club in Gosford for rehearsals and enjoyment."

Tickets for the event are \$15 or \$12 for seniors.

Afternoon tea will be provided at the end of the performance.

Press release, 1 Jul 2008
Margaret Ricciardone, Woy Woy Presbyterian Church

Festival was a musical 'success'

Organisers of the Pearl Beach Music Festival have described this year's festival as "extremely successful" with "beautiful music enjoyed by a large audience".

The festival took place at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall over the June long weekend.

"Pearl Beach resident and eminent child psychologist Dr John Irvine opened the festival on Saturday afternoon," said Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lilloco.

Now in its 15th year, the June long weekend festival featured a variety of classical choral and orchestral music.

The Saturday afternoon opening concert was presented by the Central Coast's Concertante Ensemble and tuba soloist Matthew Walmsley, playing chamber works and popular classics.

On Saturday evening, The Lipman Harp Duo, of husband and wife Sebastien and Sayo Lipman, played Handel's Fireworks Suite, Brahms Requiem, and Offenbach's Barcarolle.

The Texas Saxophone Quartet

played the Sunday afternoon concert with Histoire du Tango by Astor Piazzolla, Saxophone Quartet by Phillip Glass, Rhapsody In Blue by George Gershwin and Hoe Down by Will Gregory.

The Sydney Conservatorium ensemble Virtuoso Voices, accompanied by piano, horn, clarinet and flute, ended the festival on Sunday evening with works included lieder by Schubert, Richard Strauss, Puccini and Verdi

Press release, 18 Jun 2008
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Artists sought

Peninsula Village, Umina, will be hosting a "Bridging the Gap" art and craft exhibition at the end of September.

The exhibition's opening night will be held on September 26, with guest artist Suzanne Sommer.

The exhibition will run from September 26 through to September 28.

Expressions of interest from local artists and sculptors are welcome.

The exhibition is part of a fundraiser for the community-owned centre.

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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, Country Women's Association Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

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

EBWMC, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave, Ettalong, enq: 4341 1166

ECC, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 1866

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

PBPC, 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, enq: 4342 1459

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

PCYC, Osborne Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4344 7851

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

UCH, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4343 1664

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

WWAC, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St, enq: 4353 4224

WVEC, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 6589

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

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.

The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG), 6.30pm, WVEC

Second Tuesday of every month

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

Get Together afternoon tea, ESCC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, ECC

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

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 @ Hospital Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, 1-7pm

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

Scrabble 9am, Empire Bay Progress Hall, enq: 4369 2034

Free Tax Help by appt; School for Seniors Have a Chat, 10am;

U3ADiscussion Groups, 11am; Cards, 1pm-3pm; Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge, 1pm; Stroke Recovery, 2pm; Playgroup, 9am;

Occasional Care, 9am-3pm; The Web, From 2pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; Brophy Circus Academy, beginners 5pm; Kids Belly Dancing, 4.30pm; Physical Culture Ladies, 7.15pm-9pm; Pre/PostNatal Yoga, 9.30am; Motivation & Empowerment classes, 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

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, 10.30am (Except Jan).

Sahaja yoga meditation, 10.30am only, enq: 4368 2847, CWA

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

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

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

Tai Chi, 9:30 am, enq: 4360 2705, WH

Supported Playgroup for first time and single parents, enq: 4340 1111, BFC

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

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

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

Coffee Morning, social get-together, 10am, PWHC

Second Wednesday of every Month

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 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, MOW

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

Free Tax Help by appt; Occasional Care, 9am; School for Seniors Oil Painting, 9am-12;

Multicraft Needlework, 10am-12; Playgroup, 10am - 12; Bridge Club, 9.30am & 7.30pm, The Web, 2pm; Physical Culture Club, 4pm;

Coast Care Counselling; Judo, 5pm; Weight Watchers, 6pm; Belly Dancing, 7.30pm; Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm;

Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC

Free entertainment, 6.30 pm; 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

Oils & Acrylics, 9am; Pastels & Drawing, 11.30am, EBACC

Children's story time, Woy Woy library, 10.30 (Exc Jan)

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

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

CWA Umina Beach craft day, 9am-12, CWA Hall, Sydney Ave, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

Rotary Club of Umina, 6pm, ECC

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

Empire Bay Tennis, 9am-12am, Shelley Beach Rd, Empire Bay, enq: 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, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, 9am BFC

Umina Probus, 10am, ECC

Women's Health Clinic, enq:

4320 3741, PWHC

Women's Friendship Group, women with disabilities, 10am-12pm, St Lukes Church, Woy Woy

Last Thursday of every month

Socrates Cafe Group Entréz 4 Booklovers Cafe, Umina, 5:30pm-7pm, enq: 4367 4730

Get up, 6.30pm, WVEC

Every Thursday

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

Creative Writing, enq: 4369 1187, CWA

Occasional Care, 9am; Yoga, 10am; School for Seniors, Australiana, 10.30am; Tai Chi, 11.30am & 7.30pm; Bridge, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 4pm; Yoga, 10am; Belly Dancing, 7.30pm;

Coast Care Counselling, Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; Motivation & Empowerment Classes, PCC

Free entertainment, 6.30 pm; 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, 10am, enq: 4342 3925, EPH

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

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

Pilates, 9:30am, enq: 4384 5005; Mah-jong, 2pm, enq: 4360 2178; Yoga, 5:30pm, enq: 4323 1859, WH

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC

Second Friday of every month

Book Bazaar, bookClub, 10:30am, enq.42422482

RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, EBWMC

Third Friday of every month

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

Fourth Friday of every month

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

Civilian widows, 1pm, ESCC

School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

Every Friday

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

Bingo, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664,

UCH

Lollipop Music Playgroup, 9.15am, enq: 4343 1929, BFC
Old Wags Bridge Club, (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820, WH

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

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

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, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; Judo, 7.15pm; Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses, PCC

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

Fishing Club, EBWM

Krait RSL Day Club, 10:30am, Kooinda Village, enq: 4341 8151

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

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

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, 2pm, enq: 4340 4160, EBWMC

Second Saturday of every month

Book Club, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482

Alliance Française, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412252709

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

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

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

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

Scrapbooking, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712, PCC

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Fourth Saturday of every month

Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, 7pm, enq: 4341 406, **CWA Last Saturday every month Bushcare** Wagstaffe group, meet Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy

Every Saturday

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

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

Weight Watchers, 8.30am; **Dance & Theatre School**, 9.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Soft Stone Sculpture** (monthly); **The Web** 4.30pm-9.30pm; **School for Seniors** social outings arranged throughout year, **PCC**

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

Chess Club, 1pm, **EBWMC**

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, enq: 4342 6589, **WVEC**

Community Dance, 1pm, \$2, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**

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

Rainbow Gate Market Day, 8am-2pm, 207 West St, Umina, enq: 0409 774 467

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, enq: 4341 9301, **BWSC**

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486

Ettymalong Creek Landcare, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251

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

EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers meeting, enq: 4344 4760

Last Sunday of every month Alliance Française "La Petanque" (the game of boules), 11am-5pm, enq: 0415 309 074

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, enq: 4342 1722, **ECC**

Pretty Beach PS P&C, Resource Centre, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1587

Grandparents Parenting Support Group, Web Riley Room, Catholic Church, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995

Country Women's Association meeting, 10am, CWA Hall, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

Second Monday of every month

Book Club, 7pm, enq: Mandy 4342 2482

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, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1546, **WH**

Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am, enq: 43601595

Coastal Crones (over 50's), **PWHC**

Labor Party Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

Third Monday of every month

War Widows, 1pm, enq: 4341 0286, **EBWMC**

Fourth Monday of every month

Toastmasters Speachcraft Classes, 6pm, **EBWMC**

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, **CWA**

Carers support group, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, enq: 4344 8427

Last Monday of every Month

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy PS, 7.30pm, enq: 4341 2931

Every Monday

Cash Housie, 7:30pm, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**

Walking with other Mums enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741

3Cs—Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm, enq: 43 431929, **BFC**

Yoga, 9.30am, enq: 4360 1854, **WH**

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), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

Carpet Bowls, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

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

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, 10.30am

Occasional Childcare, 9am; **Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am; **Over 55's Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday Craft & Cooking**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Physical Culture Club**, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**

Craft group, 1pm, **BFC**

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, 7.30pm, **EMBC**

Yoga, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**

Pilates, (except 2nd Monday of month) 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm, **WH**

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

Sea scouts, 6pm, Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 0437 590 354

Girl Guides, 4pm, Cnr of Lurline & Memorial Ave, Blackwall, enq: 4328 3247

Indian Dancing for Kids, 3.30pm, enq: 4342 4395, **WVEC**

Upcoming Events

July 7 - National Parks Discovery Tours, Bouddi National Park - See page 4 for details

July 17 - Blood bank donor mobile. Deep water Plaza 1-6pm

July 19 - Barbershop Chorus Concert, Presbyterian Church, Blackwall Road Woy Woy, 3pm

July 26 - Life after Death on Mount Everest - story night, Pearl Beach hall, 8pm. Enq: 4344 7331

July 29 - The Bouddi Society - Classic film showing, Wagstaffe Hall, 7.30pm Enq: 4360 1650

September 26-28 - Bridging the Gap, Art /Craft exhibition, Peninsula Village. Enq: 43449199

October 1-5 - Art exhibition Pearl Bech hall 1

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

Bookstore supports Australian authors

A Umina bookstore is amongst a group of independent Australian booksellers showing support for Australian authors with the launch of a new prize, The Indie Award.

Umina bookstore Book Bazaar owner Ms Mandi McIntosh said she was proud to be participating in the award, having donated a share of the overall prize money.

Ms McIntosh said: "We've always served our local community's reading needs and also done our best to support Australian books.

"This is a great opportunity to help an Australian author as well as highlight the best books of 2008 for our customers."

The \$18,000 prize will honour an Australian author for the best book of the past 12 months, with the winner to be announced on Monday, October 6.

The award will demonstrate independent booksellers' commitment to Australian books and writers, with over 120 bookshops working together to sponsor this annual award.

Over 100 titles have been submitted to The Indie Award panel in the categories of Fiction, Debut Fiction, Non Fiction and Children's Books.

Book Bazaar is on the judging panel for Children's Books and Ms McIntosh said she was "madly reading through the 20 titles in that category".

"The quality of the books submitted for the children's category has been outstanding and it is proving very difficult to narrow the field down to my top five," Ms McIntosh said.

The winner from each of the four categories is to be announced on August 25.

The winner of The Indie Award for the book of the year will be chosen by the booksellers from the four category winners and announced on Monday, October 6.

Press release, 30 Jun 2008
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar

Show-offs

A number of local artists will be showcasing their latest work at a "Show-off Exhibition" held at the Pearl Beach Community Hall from October 1.

Artists Marijke Greenway, Pim Sarti, Robyn Bellamy Stanford and Peter Baka will be featuring their artwork from October 1 to October 5.

The exhibition will be open daily from 10am to 4pm.

The opening night will be held on Friday, October 3, from 6pm to 9pm.

Newsletter, 4 Jul 2008
Multi Arts Confederation



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Applications close Friday 25th July, with a likely start date of Monday Sept 1st 2008.

Public Notices

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Gosford City Council Notice of Public Exhibition



Draft Patonga Caravan and Camping Area Plan of Management

Council has recently undertaken the development of the Draft Patonga Caravan and Camping Area Plan of Management. The Plan of Management deals with site management issues, future plans and a proposed master plan.

A copy of the draft plan of management will be on public exhibition on Council's website www.gosford.nsw.gov.au and at Council's customer service centres (9am - 5pm) at the Erina Centre, Kincumber Library, Woy Woy Library, and the Council building at 49 Mann Street, Gosford (8.30am - 5pm).

A copy will also be available for viewing at the NSW Department of Lands Office, Cnr Newcastle Rd & Banks St, Maitland (8.30am - 4pm) and the website www.lands.nsw.gov.au.

The exhibition period is from Wednesday 2 July 2008 to Wednesday 30 July 2008. Any submissions regarding the draft plan of management are to be received by the General Manager by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 13 August 2008. All submissions should include 'Submission on the Draft Patonga Caravan and Camping Area Plan of Management' as the letter subject.

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Local schools in J Rock

Two Peninsula schools will be among 11 Central Coast schools to take part in the Sydney Rock Eisteddfod Challenge and J Rock, the junior equivalent, to be held at the Olympic Park Sports Centre from Monday, July 28, to Thursday, August 7.

Both Ettalong Public School and Woy Woy Public School will be performing on Thursday, August 6, in J Rock, the non-competitive section of Rock Eisteddfod Challenge for primary schools.

"J Rock gives students the opportunity to get fit and active with their friends, working as a team in a dance and drama spectacular," said publicity officer Ms Toni Byrnes.

"The event promotes the importance of healthy lifestyle choices by teaching students about the benefits of healthy eating and engaging them in physical activity."

Press release, 23 Jun 2008
Toni Byrnes, Rock Eisteddfod Challenge and J Rock

Students and staff from Woy Woy South Public School raised \$11,289.80 for their school in a fun run on May 2.

"Students pounded the pavements seeking sponsorship from family, friends and members of the local community to raise money for their school," said Fundraising Group manager Ms

Sarah Morgan.

"Thanks to their enthusiasm and hard work, extra funds are now available to provide new school resources such as library books and school equipment.

"Woy Woy South Public School's highest fundraiser was Miguel Acevedo-Moreno who raised \$310.45."

The school now has a chance to share in \$16,000 cash, which is available to schools replacing the traditional chocolate drive with more healthy alternatives such as fun runs.

Press release, 1 Jul 2008
Sarah Morgan, The Fundraising Group

Activities

'outstanding'

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus principal Mr Frank Gasper has described this year's Education Week activities at the campus as "outstanding".

"A very impressive calibre of talents and a combination of remarkable student and teacher dedication were the active ingredients for this year's Education Week tour and Open Day," Mr Gasper said.

Education Week was a State-wide event for public schools which was held from May 26 to June 1.

"Our annual Education Week activities saw a diverse range of acts travel to the various local primary schools to amaze and entertain our future students," Mr Gasper said.

"A variety of high quality performances from Year 7, 8 and 9, including choir, bands, soloists, duets, dancers, instrumentalists, jugglers, gymnasts and puppeteers were selected to represent our college at the various venues around the Peninsula."

Newsletter, 4 Jul 2008
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Ettalong Public School has had a new principal from the beginning of term two.

Mr Colin Wallis has been a principal with the NSW Department of Education for the past 12 years and comes to Ettalong Public School after being principal at Epping Heights Public School and Pennant Hills Public School.

Mr Wallis said he was a long-term resident of the Central Coast and was excited about the opportunity to be working again on the Coast.

He said he was excited to be principal at Ettalong because it had a strong reputation as "an excellent place of quality learning".

He said he was impressed by commitment of the staff at the school and the facilities and quality programs the school offered its students.

Mr Wallis said he planned to further build on these programs and make them even stronger so as to ensure that the students' learning and self worth was "further enhanced".

Mr Wallis said he believed that children's well-being and self-esteem was paramount in their development and was vital for their learning.

He said he was particularly interested in becoming more involved in the Peninsula

community and was impressed by the community spirit that existed in the area and the way that members of the community supported each other in a positive and helpful manner.

Mr Wallis said he was eager to ensure that Ettalong Public School was an integral part of the community and that the community was aware of the values the school stood for and the great successes the school achieved.

He said he looked forward to a long association with the school and the community.

Press release, 26 Jun 2008
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



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Seven play in judo nationals

Seven members of Woy Woy Judo Club competed as part of the NSW State Team at the Judo National Titles over the June Long weekend.

The titles were held at Castle Hill Sports Hall with a total of 450 competitors.

"The first day's play was the boys and girls under-16 years," club secretary Ms Lindy Simmons said.

"Three boys from Woy Woy competed, the first being Kieren Handley, a seasoned competitor attending his fourth National Titles, but his first time in the under-16 years division.

"There were 10 players in Kieren's division, split into two pools of five.

"Kieren defeated his first opponent Paul Uncle from South Australia, then Ben Sloane from Victoria who had a bye in the first round.

"Kieren then played against Samuel Langley of Tasmania whom he defeated with precision.

"The final victory for gold was against Alex Bellingham of Western Australia.

"Kieren has been undefeated at all levels."

Ms Simmons said first time Nationals entrant Matthew Cheesman and seasoned National competitor Jordan Smith were in the same weight division, under 73kg.

"Matthew played off for the bronze medal and was only beaten by time," Ms Simmons said.

"Matthew achieved a ranking of fifth place in Australia.

"Jordan on the other hand fought off three players to take his third gold medal at this level."

Ms Simmons said Sunday's play was for the Junior Men and



Women.

"Kayla Wells, returning to competition after shoulder injury last year, was in the under 63kg division," Ms Simmons said.

"This division had 10 competitors in two pools of five.

"Kayla had a draw in the first round, then competed against Taylor Fishlock of the Northern Territory.

"Kayla threw her opponent for a perfect 10 points then continued into the play off for bronze against Sarah Collins of the Australian Capital Territory.

"It was during this bout that Kayla initiated Tomoenage (rolling on her back to throw her opponent over her head) but unfortunately the referee awarded a win to her

opponent when Kayla went down on her back.

"This put Kayla in a ranking of fifth in Australia.

"Unperturbed, Kayla backed up and enter into the Women's division that afternoon.

"With 11 entrants, Kayla first competed against Danika Malone of Queensland.

"Kayla played hard and was only defeated by one point.

"This meant she had to wait to see how Danika went in her next bout to determine her continuing through.

"Unfortunately Danika lost her fight and that took both of them out of the finals."

Ms Simmons said Monday was the final day and the under-13

years "turn to shine".

"First off was Cameron Campbell in the under-30kg," Ms Simmons said.

"Cameron's division also had 10 competitors with his first round being a draw.

"Cameron then won his next two bouts and waited for the other pool to compete to see what medal he would play off for.

"It came down to the bronze medal with Cameron being ranked fifth in Australia when he was unable to escape a hold down in time.

"Caitlin Grosse in the under-34kg division had a bye first round then fought and defeated Mazzie Metcalf of New South Wales.

"This carried her through to

play off for the bronze or silver medal against Chloe Raynor of Queensland. "Caitlin won the bronze.

"Bradley Handley in his first Nationals of the Boys under-13 under-50kg was excellent.

"He fought and won against Troy Fishlock of the Northern Territory then played against Lim Yokoyama of NSW for the gold or silver.

"Bradley won the silver.

"Kayla Wells backed up again on the Monday and entered the Women's Open Division.

"Kayla, who is 16 years old, fought against Mollie Dabner of Tasmania and initiated a perfect throw of Uchimata to win that bout.

"She then fought against Isabelle Kopecny of NSW and was defeated by a small margin.

"Kayla then fought off for the bronze medal against Catherine Arcott of Queensland but was only just defeated.

"With Woy Woy Judo Club being in their 25th year of National representation, the overall performance by these youths as competitors and sportspeople was outstanding.

"They trained hard and did their best and that was all that was asked of them.

"To reach this level is a great achievement, a medal is a bonus."

Ms Simmons said two members of the club took a special role at the event.

Eight year old Warren Rooks and Kyla Handley were the medal bearers at the presentations.

Press release, 2 Jul 2008
Lindy Simmons,
Woy Woy Judo Club

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Residents welcome clubhouse progress

Progress on the Killcare Surf Life Saving Clubhouse development has "delighted" local community members, according to Hardys Bay Residents Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

Club president Jim Macfadyen described the rapidly-emerging new look facility as "one which will provide a great boost to lifesaving in the area".

"Already, there is a special vibrancy surrounding this project," mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen said. "Expectations are high and, consequently, it is extremely important that we continue to present a club that everybody can be proud of".

Cr Macfadyen spoke at a recent meeting of the Hardys Bay Residents Group, along with surf club registrar Mr Jeremy Linton-Mann and building committee supervisor Ms Karen Burke, in outlining details of the structure's progress.

Demolition of the old headquarters proceeded throughout April and May.

It represented the end of an era, the demise of a warm and friendly clubhouse which had served its members and visitors so well during a period which embraced the two-stage openings in 1971 and 1981.

Ground floor features of the new construction will be a gymnasium, first aid room, an upgraded gear and storage area which will be three times larger than the original, kiosk, cool room, showers and toilets, and a training room, while the upper level will house a restaurant, bar area, kitchen, members' meeting room and an auditorium catering for 150 to 200 people, with a dance floor, and a five-metre outside deck.

A special lift will provide access for the disabled to all clubhouse precincts.

Additionally, solar power and solar hot water will be incorporated.

Council will install 100-litre rainwater storage tanks for various purposes including boat and equipment washing, and these will be located behind the building.

The club will be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs and pay an annual leasing fee. Consequently, due to the self-funding process, the club will be reliant on income from restaurant patronage, kiosk rental, weddings and other functions.

Throughout the course of the rebuilding operations, four fenced-off container sheds situated at the southern end of the beach's car park are being used to contain surf club equipment.

Toilets have been provided for public use.

Mr Wilson said credit for what has been freely described as an "exciting concept in surf clubhouse design" is attributed to the award-winning Killcare architect and club member Ms Karen Burke who worked in close co-operation with council officers, ensuring, at the same time, that the plan fulfilled

the vital requirements of the surf club.

"With an overall emphasis on beach safety, the club is justifiably proud of its excellent patrolling record throughout the decades of its existence and is ever-mindful of its obligations to the public," Mr Linton-Mann said.

"A major aim has always been to promote healthy and enjoyable activities for all, particularly the youngsters, and, as a consequence, we have benefited from a strong influx of junior members in recent times.

"Public interest in the improved surf club complex, with its broader range of facilities, has dramatically increased to the stage where a new social membership category is foreshadowed."

**Press release, 29 Jun 2008
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group**



Leisure centre wins award

The Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy has been recognised by the Aquatic and Recreation Institute as the best multi-purpose and recreation facility in Australia.

It has won the AH Pierce Memorial Facility of the Year Award at a function at the Crown Plaza, Terrigal on Friday night, June 20.

Judges evaluated each application against best practice in general operations and management, technical operations, customer services practices, risk management protocols in OHS and public safety, innovative human resource management, innovative implementation of programs and meeting community service obligations.

"The standard of applications this year were very high and it was a difficult decision as all demonstrated strengths in different areas," Institute chief executive officer Ms Leanne Costantino said.

Ms Costantino said the centre's extensive range of programs developed for specific target markets was impressive, especially the innovative inclusion of essential infant resuscitation demonstrations in baby massage course and baby

aqua play classes.

Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen said: "It is a wonderful to see the centre be awarded such a prestigious honour.

"Since it opened in October 2005, the centre has greatly benefited the community, servicing the local area's sporting and recreational needs.

"The facility is currently used by over 1100 residents and visitors everyday and aims to celebrate one million visitors by its third birthday."

The centre features two full size sports courts, a health club and fitness studio, a 50 metre Olympic eight lane pool and leisure and learn to swim pool.

"As well as offering services including personal training, group fitness classes, learn-to-swim and children's programs, the centre employs up to 100 staff," Council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson said.

"It is a credit to receive this award as it not only symbolises the quality of the establishment but also the wonderful service and expertise offered by our staff," said Mr Wilson.

**Press release, 1 Jul 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council**

Naggers' Cup

Everglades Country Club hosted its annual Naggers' Cup golf day on Sunday, June 25.

"This event is always popular and the field this year was swollen by some other 30 players from Oberon Golf Club who played on the day," said Everglades publicity officer Ms Jan Binstead.

"The Naggers' Cup can only be won by spouses, who also happen to be members of Everglades.

"This year Fay and Peter Spence proved too strong and took the honours with 48 points."

**Newsletter, 6 Jul 2008
Jan Binstead,
Everglades Country Club**

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