

Foreshore work 'accords with' plan

Work on the Ettalong Beach foreshore was "in accordance with" the plan of management for the area, Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen has told council.

He has provided answers to councillors' "questions without notice" from previous council meetings.

Cr Terri Latella had asked if there had been a substantial amount of vegetation removal at Ettalong Beach and if this removal was in accordance with the Ettalong Dune Management Plan.

Council's acting director of city services advised Cr Latella that the area of foreshore concerned was "unfortunately affected by fire, causing an apparent excessive amount of material to be removed".

The acting director said the area would be "reinstated with new plantings in accordance with the Plan of Management".

The acting director also noted that the further removal of weeds and vegetation undertaken has been consistent with the intent of the Plan of Management and the supporting document the Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan.

In reply to another question from Cr Latella, Council's director of environment and planning Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings advised Cr Latella that any subdivision in the Wagstaffe and Killcare Peninsula needed to comply with Development Control Plan 112 Residential Subdivisions and Development Control Plan 130 Subdivision for Rural and Non Urban Land, which came into effect on November 16, 1999.

Council agenda COR.69, 22 Jul 2008



Woolworths plans petrol station

Woolworths has lodged a development application for a new fuel outlet on the old Mobil site on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and West St, Umina.

"After several year's inactivity, the Chamber welcomes the move by Woolworths Limited to redevelop the old Caltex site at Umina Beach," said Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The corner is a prime gateway site to the Umina Beach town centre which was badly in need of redevelopment.

"With the old service station fenced off and left unmaintained, it presented a poor face to the shopping centre at a time when pedestrian and shopper activity is vital.

"The decision by Woolworths to build a new fuel outlet will enliven the corner, clean up the entry to West St and more importantly provide much-needed competition in fuel sales for residents and business people."

Mr Wales said the trend in recent years had been to close service stations and limit the supply outlets.

"Clearly Woolworths recognises that the Umina Beach town centre is a thriving and growing retail precinct with a great future," Mr Wales said.

"This decision by the company clearly demonstrates that major business has a lot of confidence in the shopping precinct and comes on the back of the decision by the Coles group to revamp the existing BiLo Supermarket and extend their

car park in Oscar St.

"The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has strongly advocated the need for anchor businesses to stimulate retail activity in the Peninsula town centres.

"The increased presence of the major retailers in our town centres will obviously place pressure on business across the board.

"However, as a business community, we need to recognise that they are here to stay and, therefore, we must take the opportunity to piggy back on the inevitable increase in customer trade coming through our town centres."

The development application was lodged to council on June 4.

Press release, 17 Jul 2008

Matthew Wales,
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Gosford Council temporarily closed Woy Woy Rd in both directions on July 10, after a small section of road was confirmed by a geotechnical assessment to be unstable.

The roadway, near Bulls Hill, was closed at 1pm as a precautionary measure, with road users directed to take alternate routes.

Council's acting director city services Mr Geoff Bent said the closure allowed stabilisation works to be safely undertaken, with council staff working around the clock in order to reopen the road to one-way southbound traffic.

The south-bound lane along

Woy Woy Rd was reopened at 4.30pm the following day.

Mr Bent said the road was reopened based on an assessment by council's geotechnical consultant of stabilisation works undertaken overnight.

He said the geotechnical engineers would continue to inspect and monitor the road on a daily basis.

A five-tonne load limit remains in place.

It is anticipated that Woy Woy Rd will re-open to two-way traffic on August 22, as previously advised by council.

Press release, 11 Jul 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

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Whale watching cruise a success

Central Coast Tourism has announced the Ettalong Beach whale watching cruises will continue its service after July, following its success on the Peninsula.

"The newly introduced whale watching cruises out of Ettalong Beach have been a stunning success," sales and information manager Ms Jacqui Greaves said.

"Every one of the 10 departure dates has been almost completely sold out.

"Since the tours were announced, our office has been inundated with phone calls and we have made a huge number of bookings.

"Because of this huge success, Fantasea Cruises has advised that they will be running more whale watching cruises in September and October, when the whales swim back south with their calves."

Press release, 8 Jul 2008

Jacqui Greaves,
Central Coast Tourism



The Browseabout fashion store at West St, Umina

New store for recycled clothes

A local clothing recycling business has opened a new store in Umina.

Browseabout store owner Mr Rob Murray said the decision to move the business to Umina came from the community's high demand for second-hand designer clothing.

Mr Murray and his brother Ronald first began the business in 1977 as a jumble sale in Ettalong.

The brothers then moved the business into a permanent location in Gosford supplying secondhand brand-name clothing to the local community.

Over the years, Rob and Ronald built the business up to eight locations on the Central Coast and employed up to 55 local workers.

Ronald passed away in 1995.

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost in rent and wages, and lack of brand-quality clothing, Mr Murray was forced to downsize the business in order to continue the quality supply of brand-name clothing.

Mr Murray now runs three Browseabout stores in Long Jetty, Woy Woy and Umina.

The Woy Woy store is located at 30 Alma Ave, and has been designed as a factory direct warehouse for bargain hunters.

The new Umina store specialises in second-hand designer and retro clothing at discount prices.

The store is located at 320 West St, Umina.

Ryan Bucello, 18 Jul 2008

Council works

Gosford Council works will take place at various locations in Umina and Woy Woy this week.

At Umina, a footpath is being constructed on Neera Rd.

At Woy Woy, a cycleway is being constructed along the foreshore.

Repair and construction work will also continue on Woy Woy Rd, at Bulls Hill and Kariong.

Press release, 16 Jul 2008

Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council

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Construction of the first viewing platform begins at Ettalong Beach foreshore

Chamber welcomes viewing platforms

The construction of the first of the viewing platforms on the Ettalong Beach foreshore, expected to start this week, has been welcomed by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Mainstreet coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

"This is great news," said Ms Wales.

"The timber viewing platform is part of the approved Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan adopted by Gosford Council with construction being funded through the Ettalong Beach CBD Financial Strategy funds.

"The Peninsula Chamber has been working closely with council in recent years to ensure that the foreshore works progress in accordance with the adopted plan.

"It has taken a number of

years to negotiate this outcome with community and conservation groups but, in the end, we were all generally happy with the outcome.

"The recent removal of the old toilet block at the end of Picnic Parade and the clearing of the weeds, lantana and bitou bush has really opened up the views over Broken Bay.

"The construction of the first of three viewing platforms will further enhance the foreshore and is the beginning of much needed physical infrastructure that will support the local tourism industry."

Ms Wales said that the Chamber is continuing to work with council on Federal funding opportunities so as to access dollar-for-dollar funding for future works along the foreshore.

"We are also very pleased to see the new pedestrian path constructed as a result of State funding secured by Member for Gosford Marie Andrews," Ms Wales said.

"Ms Andrews has been very supportive of the project and we look forward to further support from the NSW State Government." The building company who will be undertaking the project is Cameo Homes, Tumby Umbi.

Press release, 16 Jul 2008
Debra Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Lloyd calls for Minister on Woy Woy Rd

Former Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has called on the Federal Minister for Transport Mr Anthony Albanese to urgently intervene and assist with the problems on Woy Woy Rd.

"With the current Member for Robertson holidaying in Cairns with her husband John Della Bosca, the Central Coast is facing a major crisis with the closing of Woy Woy Rd," Mr Lloyd said.

"We need urgent intervention from the Federal Government now with its huge resources to fix Woy Woy Rd immediately.

"It is obvious that the problem is too big for the council to handle

and the State Government is in crisis and also seems incapable of assisting.

"Belinda Neal needs to immediately return from her holiday in Cairns and get back to work for the sake of the long-suffering Central Coast community."

"She should have Anthony Albanese here on Woy Woy Rd today to sort out what needs to be done to get Woy Woy Rd open as quickly as possible and to end the traffic chaos being created by this closure."

Gosford Council announced earlier this month that Woy Woy Rd would be re-open to two-way traffic flow on August 22.

"When the Pacific highway collapsed, I had the Federal Department of Transport provide assistance to Gosford Council and even secured Federal funding commitments from the Prime Minister," Mr Lloyd said.

"Belinda Neal should be doing the same with Woy Woy Rd.

"Belinda Neal may also like to reconsider her total rejection of my proposal to provide up to \$1 million to examine an alternate direct link from the Peninsula to the F3.

"This would now seem to be a sensible proposal in light of these road closures."

Press release, 11 Jul 2008
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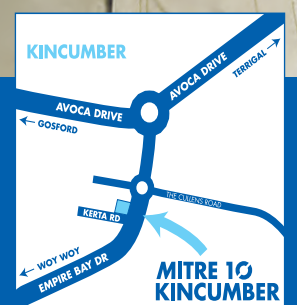
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Flood plan adoption recommended

Gosford Council's floodplain risk management committee has recommended council adopt the Fraser Rd-Mudflat Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

Council's flooding and drainage planning officer Mr Gary Poll presented an update on the Killcare site to council's floodplain risk management committee on June 19.

Mr Poll reported to the committee that three submissions had been received, following the plan being placed on public exhibition from April 18, to May 19.

He said the submissions raised issues involving deepening the

creek and making it tidal, more houses being affected by flooding than the report indicated and the affects planning and development controls proposed will have on property values.

Hardy's Bay Residents Group committee member Mr Graeme Smith raised concerns that the plan included no definite commitment to widen and deepen Mudflat Creek.

The committee report stated that committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein advised Mr Smith, along with any community group with similar concerns, to attend the relevant council meeting to raise their concerns with council.

The report also stated that Department of Environment and

Climate Change representative and committee member Mr Greg Bernard stressed that the plan was a risk management process.

Council and the State Government were "not trying to stop all creeks flooding, which would be impossible, but rather reduce the impact on people and property when creeks do inevitably flood", he was reported as saying.

The committee recommended to council that the actions outlined in the management plan be implemented and the issue of addressing storm water runoff entering the system along Fraser and Noble Rds, Killcare, be considered as a high priority.

The committee also

recommended that council seek funding assistance to proceed with the plan.

The committee advised council to review and update the Section 149 flood encoding of properties initially identified as being affected by the Mudflat Creek flood studies

where required.

The issue of siltation in the Mudflat Creek delta was referred to the coast and estuaries management committee for further consideration in the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study.

Council agenda FM.002, 22 Jul 2008

Olive Riley dies

One of Australia's oldest people Ms Olive Riley has passed away at her Woy Woy nursing home on Saturday, July 12.

The 108-year-old Woy Woy Community Aged Care resident died "peacefully in her sleep".

Woy Woy Aged Care activities coordinator Ms Amber Rowe said Ms Riley would be dearly missed by the residents and staff of the facility.

"Olive was such a strong-minded and strong-willed person," Ms Rowe said.

"She was held in such high regard by everybody that knew her.

"She will be sadly missed."

According to Ms Rowe, Olive had recently battled with a chest infection and struggled with the death of her son in November last year.

"Olive was never the same since the death of her son," Ms Rowe said.

"It was really heartbreaking for her to deal with.

"She told us she was tired and ready to go to heaven."

Ms Riley was made famous for being the world's oldest internet blogger by film director Mike Rubbo, who made the documentary "All About Olive" in 2005.

The film tells the story of Olive's

early life in Broken Hill where she was born in 1899.

Mr Rubbo said Ms Riley was a funny, feisty and naughty character to work with while filming.

"Olive was an exceptional storyteller," Mr Rubbo said.

"She had a lot to give to the world through her stories and had a lot of fun while doing it."

Following filming, Mr Rubbo convinced Ms Riley to share her life and experiences via the internet.

She began her blog "The Life of Riley" in February last year, sharing more than 70 entries about her life during the past century.

Ms Riley shared her memories of surviving two World Wars, the Great Depression and raising three children as a single parent.

Ms Riley posted her last blog entry on June 26.

"She was an inspiration to many because she proved to people that you can be elderly and still take part in many aspects of modern life, including the internet," Mr Rubbo said.

"Olive was a big part of our lives and will be dearly missed."

Her funeral was held in the Hillside Chapel at Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park on June 17.

Clare Graham, 14 Jul 2008

Interviewee: Mike Rubbo

Amber Rowe, Woy Woy Community Aged Care

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Grants for music, harmony and gardening

A music festival, a Filipino harmony day and a natural community garden are among projects on the Peninsula to be awarded grants by Gosford Council.

Council has announced grants for the Pearl Beach Music Festival, the Peninsula Harmony Day, Mary Mac's Place National Volunteer Week celebration, Equilibrium Eco-Services Inc natural community gardening in Woy Woy and Pearl Beach Progress Association's 80th anniversary.

Gosford Council has announced funding for 49 projects totalling \$202,745 under its Community and Cultural Grants program this year.

The Pearl Beach Music Festival is an annual event held in the Pearl Beach community hall, usually over the Queen's birthday weekend.

A submission to council stated that the program was prepared by local residents and next year there would be greater emphasis on the use of local artists and musicians through the Central Coast Conservatorium.

The artists will include The Concertante Ensemble (led by Chris Bearman), The Lipman Harp Duo, Sydney Conservatorium Ensemble, The Nexas Saxophone Quartet, and Sydney Conservatorium Ensemble (Virtuoso Voices).

The Australian-Filipino Association of the Central Coast has received funding to help celebrate Peninsula Harmony Day next year.

"We'll present and revive our true Filipino cultural ethnicity through a demonstration of the three regional dances, fashion parade of regional costumes, exhibition of ethnic games and games competition."

A cooking demonstration of "Lechon", the Filipino way of spit roasting a pig will be held.

There will also be stalls with Filipino foods, artefacts, handicrafts and cultural facts and information, the group stated.

"The presentation will demonstrate the Filipinos' inherent hospitality and the sense of community spirit."

Centrecare Broken Bay, Mary

Mac's Place, has received funding to celebrate National Volunteer Week next year.

The event celebrates the achievements of the group's 100 volunteers who are involved in Mary Macs program.

"The volunteers are men and women of all ages who are predominately older and retired people and unemployed people referred through Volunteering Central Coast, Centrelink, and Wesley United Employed," the groups submission said.

"For National Volunteer Week 2009, we would like to host a luncheon to acknowledge their invaluable contribution."

"This celebration will not only show our appreciation, but importantly, will raise the profile of volunteers and strengthen the valued role of volunteers in our community."

Equilibrium Eco-Services received funding for natural community gardening in Woy Woy.

The group's submission stated: "Natural Community Gardening

in Woy Woy is a project that aims to build on existing assets within the community in relation to knowledge sharing, understanding of the environment and ecology through hands-on learning, and linking youth with their community through the development of natural community gardens on public school sites.

"Community workshops, supported by the Peninsula Environment Group, will be held at the Woy Woy Environment centre, at the school sites, and in other appropriate community spaces (e.g. within the retirement villages), where practical activities and hands-on learning will be the focus."

"Teachers, parents, grandparents, and local residents will be invited to attend to share knowledge and work with the students on important natural resource management outcomes, consistent with the Catchment Action Plan of the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority."

"The project is also aimed at assisting the community in moving towards sustainability through the development of new understandings about the environment and our place in it."

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has received funding to update and reprint its "Pearl

Beach, Early Days" book to help celebrate its 80th anniversary.

Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen, said he was delighted to be able to support so many worthwhile grass-root events and services.

"It is these groups who best understand the needs of their communities, and council is committed to providing them a helping hand to undertake their valuable work," Cr Macfadyen said.

"These grants play an important role in the development of a cultural identity for our area and assist in achieving Gosford City's Vision 2025 objectives."

"All of these projects will add immense value to our community and I congratulate the successful recipients."

The Community Development and Cultural Grants Program was funded annually by council and provides financial assistance for community development activities that will enhance the standard of living and quality of life for people living and working in the Gosford Local Government area.

Cr Macfadyen will present the grants to successful recipients at a cheque presentation next month.

Press release, 7 Jul 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council



A computer-generated image of the proposed second storey addition for the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Woy Woy.

Volunteers add second storey

Volunteers will add second storey to the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall at Jumbuck Crescent, Woy Woy, following council approval on July 8.

Jehovah's Witness Mr Bob Mouritz said the purpose of the renovation was to provide up to date

amenities for disabled and parents and babies and provide privacy for counselling for individuals and small groups.

He said there was no planned increase in the seating capacity or expected traffic flows as a result of the proposed renovations.

"All of the work will be done by

licensed builders and labourers but all will be volunteers from the community directed by a regional building committee of engineers, builders and architects who also volunteer their time," Mr Mouritz said.

Press release, 16 Jul 2008
Bob Mouritz, Jehovah's Witness

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Press release, 16 Jul 2008
Elmo Caust, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

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Forum

Petitioners can be troublemakers

Seventy per cent of households have a dog. How fair is it when members of a community can gang up on another individual and collectively present a petition complaining of unproven events? This amounts to a pack mentality where anyone with an axe to grind

can go from house to house asking residents to sign a form. Most of those who sign petitions do so without any strong convictions about the rights or wrongs of the subject. Usually they just add their signature just to get the petitioner

to move on. Anyone with a chip on his or her shoulder against a neighbor can cause a lot of trouble. I would like to see some form of accountability placed upon troublemakers in the residential community by council.

Terri-Mae Fitzgerald
Woy Woy

See more forum on page 15

Ignorance will cost us

I have seen Indian mynahs in flocks attacking a peewee's nest, mothers and mate driven away, babies thrown from nest to ground. A Catholic school had to close down a week before school holidays because of a mynah bird infestation, lice falling onto the children causing welts on their bodies, the itch terrible.

Ignorance about the damage this bird is doing to our native Australian birds and animals will cost us dearly. Please come and join with us and learn: The first Wednesday of the month, Gosford Leagues, 7.30pm. Jim Duffy
Umina Beach

Conduct code is step forward

It is pleasing to see that there is now a revised Model Code of Conduct for councils. This revised code requires a greater level of independence when looking into a complaint made against them. The previous system obviously had serious flaws, principally that a mayor and general manager could be both investigator and judge on any complaints made against council; surely another conflict of interest. The Local Government Department has told me that Gosford Council will now supply

Letters to the editor should be sent to: Peninsula News PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256 or mail@PeninsulaNews.asn.au See Page 2 for contribution conditions a full explanation of the reasons it dismissed my complaint. It will explain why the three-man committee considered that Cr Drake had no conflict of interest, even

when it found he was present for debate and voted on development applications put forward by parties whom he represented as solicitor: a fact presumably unknown to council and certainly to the public. The new code is a step towards an improved and transparent democracy but the question remains: Who will appoint the new Conduct Review Committee and can their independence be proven?

Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay

Eat them!

There's a lot of hot air about the menace of the Indian Mynah and there's no hard evidence of any great harm by them. They're an urban animal and, like rats and mice, they are prolific. Unlike the cane toad, they are edible and they are unprotected. Perhaps we could make Mynah Macedoine Nicoise or Mynah Mousaka out of the little creatures. Mynahs in aspic would be yum-oh. Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy

Memory

Della Bosca and Big Belinda What a jolly pair Dined at Iguana's And nothing happened there When staff cleared their table For the dancing late that night The merry mischief-makers Were demure and so polite Della drank water, Belinda sipped her wine And nothing really happened, As the stat decs stated (the second time) The first statements the staff made Were whoppers made in jest About violent, wild behaviour And upsetting other guests

Cleared, just to be replanted?

Isn't it ironic of Gosford Council? Here we all are excited after the clearing of the ugly scrub on the town beachfront at Ettalong and just beginning to enjoy the panoramic views to Palm Beach when Gosford Council are now spending this week planting it all back. Unbelievable.

Why is it that other beachfronts such as Terrigal and The Entrance can enjoy their waterways and beachfronts with boardwalks or grassed and paved areas for recreation but at Ettalong Beach, Gosford Council is determined to plant it out our beach and hide the magnificent views once again?

You have to wonder at the logic of these people or are they just so determined to ensure Ettalong Beach town centre fails as a tourist attraction and a beautiful beach for locals to enjoy? I'm calling on my local member Marie Andrews to step in and make sense of this. Jack Galway
Woy Woy

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And Belinda, still slowly sipping, Her memory back on the mend, Beseeching all around her, "Do you know who I am?" Frank Bulgin,
Mortdale

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Plan includes major projects

Gosford Council has released its corporate plan which includes major projects to be undertaken in the Peninsula area over the next four years.

The corporate plan is one of the seven documents that make up the council's city management plan.

The projects include a Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Master Plan for Woy Woy Catchment, the modification of the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade Service Station, the upgrade of the Empire Bay Rural Fire Brigade Station and the installation of an irrigation system at Eve Williams Oval, Patonga.

Other projects mentioned in the corporate plan include the refurbishment of Ocean Beach, Killcare and Umina Beach surf clubs and road work and upgrades for a number of Peninsula roads including Mt Ettalong Rd in Umina Beach, Maitland Bay Dr in Killcare Heights and Gallipoli Ave in Ettalong.

"All council's strategic objectives are, and will continue to be, guided by Vision 2025," council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson said.

"Corporate planning is a continuous process that provides a framework for effective and efficient resource utilisation."

The installation of an irrigation system at the Eve Williams Oval, Patonga, will be implemented during the 2009-10 financial year at a cost of \$40,000 to be funded

by the Federal Government's Water Fund.

Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade Service Station will be modified during the 2008-09 financial year to accommodate a new Category One fire tanker at a cost of \$50,000 from council funding.

Empire Bay Rural Fire Brigade Station will have its amenities upgraded at a cost of \$50,000 by the Rural Fire Service, during the 2009-10 financial year.

Ocean Beach, Umina and Killcare surf clubs will be part of a \$3.69 million refurbishment of several Gosford LGA surf clubs during the 2008-09 financial year through a loan repayment strategy.

Ettalong Senior's Building will have its broken folding doors replaced at a cost of \$40,000.

Capital funding and Ettalong senior's fundraising of \$11,000 will fund the project at the seniors building.

Flooding and draining capital works have been planned for Empire Bay, Killcare, Patonga, Pearl Beach, Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and Woy Woy Peninsula over the next four years.

Also minor drainage improvement works, miscellaneous project investigation and design, as well as the purchase of undeveloped flood-labile land have been planned for these areas.

Report, 4 Jul 2008
Corporate Plan, Gosford Council

Storm medal

Ettalong resident Norman Smith has been presented with a "storm medal" by Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews at a special ceremony at Point Clare on Monday, June 30.

The State Medal was struck for volunteer emergency service workers who specifically worked the June storms in the Hunter, the Central Coast and Sydney metropolitan area last year.

Mr Smith is a member of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Central Coast Division.

Patrol members from Hawkesbury, Central Coast, Lake Macquarie and Newcastle Division who were involved in search and rescue and support activities during the storm period attended the ceremony that was followed by morning tea.

Press release, 26 Jun 2008
Ron Cole,
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

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Tattoos in Woy Woy

Gosford Council has approved a development application for a "tattoo studio" in the Blackwall Rd shopping strip in Woy Woy.

The development application

was lodged by Precision Tattoo Pty Ltd on May 22.

The applicant requested the use and fit-out of a tattoo studio at the Blackwall Rd premises.

Website, 4 Jul 2008
Gosford Council

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Support for carers of terminally ill

Support is available on the Peninsula for carers of the terminally ill, according to a Umina resident who is a volunteer with a support service.

Ms Pat Wood said: "Not a lot of carers of the terminally ill know about Home Hospice and the work we carry out.

"Home Hospice is a community mentoring program that recruits and trains mentors, who provide advice and emotional support, as a knowledgeable friend, to home carers of terminally ill patients."

Ms Wood has been a volunteer mentor with Home Hospice for almost two years.

After retiring as a registered nurse, Ms Wood said she looked for a similar role in the community that would give her great satisfaction in helping others.

"The mentor program is very worthwhile and rewarding for me," Ms Wood said.

"I get a lot of pleasure out of

helping and supporting people who need it.

"Our aim is to take away some of the pain and stress the carer of a terminally-ill patient may feel, especially in coming to terms with the death of the patient.

"To put it simply, we are the carer of the carer."

The Home Hospice community program has been operating for more than 28 years and has since supported hundred of carers across NSW and the Gold Coast.

As part of its expansion across the Central Coast, Home Hospice has recently recruited and trained seven Central Coast mentors, and is now urging carers to make use of the support program.

For more information about Home Hospice visit www.homehospice.com.au or call 1800 132 229.

Clare Graham, 15 Jul 2008

Interviewee: Pat Wood

Press release, 1 Jul 2008

Nicole Stringer, Home Hospice

Tobacco compliance

The area health service has revealed it has carried out tobacco compliance testing at a number of Peninsula businesses with "encouraging results".

Tobacco control officer from the Northern Sydney Central Coast Health public health unit Mr Wayne McCallum said the compliance testing on July 11 showed a "positive result" for the Peninsula.

"The testing indicated that shopkeepers are now routinely asking for identification from young people trying to buy cigarettes," Mr McCallum said.

"During the tests, all of the

shopkeepers asked for ID and none sold cigarettes to the under-age volunteers.

"Acceptable ID is a driver's licence, a Proof of Age Card or a passport.

Mr McCallum said that while the results from testing were "very encouraging", further tobacco tests were planned for throughout the area.

"Selling cigarettes to a person under the age of 18 is an offence and can lead to court appearances and a fine of up to \$5500," Mr McCallum said.

Press release, 17 Jul 2008

Wayne McCallum, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health

Charity concert raises \$1300

A charity concert held recently at a Woy Woy hotel has raised \$1300 for equipment for the children's ward at Gosford Hospital.

"We were hoping for around 100 people to attend, and I've had estimates that between 120 and 200 actually came along," said Plugged-in Music band member and organiser Mr Bob Jackson of the event at the Woy Woy Hotel.

"The Old Pub confirmed it was the biggest night they have had there for both people and business for a number of years, and with CD sales, donations and the raffle, we managed to raise over \$1300 for Give me Five for Kids."

"Due to the success, I have now arranged with the manager Rick Woreboys to have a follow-up gig on August 9."

Press release, 27 Jun 2008

Bob Jackson, Plugged-in Music

Award for Village newsletter

The Peninsula Village monthly newsletter "The Pipeline" has received third prize in the Regional Awards For Excellence held by its peak body, Aged & Community Services Association.

Chief executive officer Ms Terri Parker said that it was the collaboration of both staff and residents that made the achievement possible.

"We will now enter the newsletter in the National Awards where we won first prize last year," Ms Parker

said.

"We are very proud of our newsletter which now seems to have turned into a monthly magazine."

Ms Parker said local businesses were encouraged to sponsor the magazine so as to support the lifestyle of the aged community on the Peninsula.

Those interested can contact the retirement village on 4344 9199.

Press release, 23 Jun 2008

Terri Parker, Peninsula Village Retirement Centre



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Long-time residents answer survey

More than half the residents of Patonga answering a survey about the village's camping area have lived in the village for more than 20 years.

A quarter have lived there for more than 30 years.

The questionnaire was circulated by Gosford Council in developing a management plan for the camping area.

It was distributed to permanent residents, non-resident owners and visitors.

Of the 210 permanent resident questionnaires distributed through a letterbox drop to all houses in Patonga, only 34 were completed, a response rate of 16.2 per cent.

Sixty per cent of the respondents had lived in Patonga for more than 20 years.

One third had lived there for between 20 and 30 years, 13.3 per cent for 30 to 40 years and 13.4 per cent for more than 40 years.

The permanent residents stated that on average they used the reserve areas weekly.

They stated that they used the tennis courts, public amenities, boat ramp and parking areas on a monthly basis.

Picnic areas and the playground were found to be used annually, while the barbecues were used rarely.

The Council staff report stated that the result indicated that the residents "use the facilities less regularly than expected".

The residents stated that their most regular and popular recreational activities were swimming, fishing and walking.

The survey found that projects which were the most important to local residents were Patonga Creek foreshore re-development, upgrade of the tennis court, natural vegetation management and dune stabilisation, landscape improvements and an upgrade of parking areas for residents at boat ramp.

The council distributed 46 questionnaires to non-resident owners with 36 responding, a response rate of 78.3 per cent.

The surveys were delivered

via mail to all property owners at Patonga Creek.

It found that more than a quarter visited Patonga at least weekly and more than 95 per cent visited at least monthly: 2.8 per cent said they visit Patonga daily, 25 per cent weekly, 33.3 per cent fortnightly, 36.1 per cent monthly and 2.8 per cent never visit Patonga.

The non-resident owners indicated that on average, they used the tennis courts, public amenities, playground and reserve areas annually.

They stated that they used the boat ramp monthly, the parkings areas fortnightly and both the barbecues and picnic areas rarely.

They stated that their most regular and popular activities undertaken were swimming first, then boating and then fishing.

The most important projects for them were natural vegetation management and dune stabilisation, the upgrade of parking areas for residents at the boat ramp, improved access to boat ramp for residents, and the Patonga Creek foreshore re-development.

The Council distributed 510 questionnaires to regular campers via mail, and local outlets, 75 were completed, a return rate of 4.7 per cent.

Of the 75 respondents, 6.6 per cent visit Patonga fortnightly, 27.6 per cent visit monthly, 64.5 per cent visit annually and 1.3 per cent rarely visit.

They use the tennis courts annually, and the barbecues, playground, boat ramp, picnic areas, parking areas and reserve areas monthly.

They stated that the most regular and popular activities undertaken were camping, then swimming and then fishing.

The most important projects for them were the development of drainage systems, the Patonga Creek foreshore re-development, natural vegetation management and dune stabilisation, landscape improvements, an upgrade to picnic areas, and improved access to camping areas for visitors.

Draft Plan of Management, 2 Jul 2008

Patonga Caravan and Camping Area, Gosford Council

Mayor calls for nominations

Gosford Mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen is encouraging Peninsula residents to nominate a local community group, event, business or individual for the NSW-ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

"These awards are about recognising dedicated individuals and groups committed to bettering our community," Cr Macfadyen said.

"That is, recognising our volunteers and community service

employees, our local festival and event organisers and our leading businesses.

"I ask fellow community members to nominate our unsung heroes to ensure they get the recognition they deserve through this year's awards."

Nominations are being called for the Business Enterprise Award, Events and Tourism Award, Regional Service Award, Environment and Landcare Award, Crown Reserve Trust Award and Community of the Year Award.

Nominations close Friday,

August 8.

The finalists and winners of the Regional Achievement and Community Awards will be announced at a presentation dinner in Coffs Harbour on Saturday, November 8.

Nomination forms and more information are available at all Commonwealth Bank branches, by visiting www.awardsaustralia.com or by phoning the local awards office on 1300 735 445.

Press release, 15 Jul 2008
Teesha Cupples, Awards Australia

Submissions wanted on climate scheme

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal has urged residents "get involved in changing the way we meet the challenges of Australia's climate change future".

"The Green Paper released last week will help transform the Australian economy to a lower carbon pollution future but assist

households and businesses adjust to the changes," Ms Neal said.

"There is no cost-free way to tackle climate change," she said.

"The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is the most efficient, lowest cost and most economically responsible way to reduce the carbon pollution that is causing climate change."

Submissions to the Carbon

Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper can be made until September 10.

For more information about the Green Paper, the public information sessions or making a submission, phone the public information hotline on 1800 057 590.

Press release, 18 Jul 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

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Cultural walkers wanted

Gosford Council has invited Peninsula residents to take part in a cultural friendship walk to help launch the Australian Sister Cities Association (ASCA) national conference being held at the Ettalong Beach Club at the end of the month.

The cultural friendship walk will take place at Gosford Regional Gallery on July 25, from 7pm to 8.30pm and will feature artistic displays and cultural performances.

"These events will provide the opportunity to celebrate the strong

relationships that have developed between Gosford and our sister cities since 1988, and build upon them for the benefit of our future generations," said Gosford mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen.

"These relationships have gone from strength to strength and have inspired our community to become more involved within Gosford City, and learn about different traditions, customs and lifestyles.

"I invite everyone in the community to be part of the ASCA national conference and the celebration of our sister city relationships by taking part in the

cultural friendship walk."

Program highlights include lanterns, musical performances, Indigenous dance, an artistic exhibition and performances by NAISDA and the Gosford Chinese Performing Arts Inc.

Numbers to the cultural friendship walk event are limited.

Phone Leisa on 4325 8332 or email leisa.rowell@gosford.nsw.gov.au to register attendance by tomorrow, Tuesday, July 22.

Press release, 15 Jul 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

Info session

Volunteering Central Coast will hold a free information session on Monday, July 28, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

"We interview volunteers and carefully place them in volunteer positions that they choose, with community organisations who can use their skills to improve service to the community," session organiser Ms Sharan Page said.

"From working outdoors to cooking, working with animals

or receptionist work, there is something for everyone," Ms Page said.

"Volunteer today, it just might be the most rewarding thing you'll ever do."

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

Bookings are essential and can be made by telephoning 4329 7122.

Press release, 15 Jul 2008
Sharan Page, Volunteering Central Coast



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Chance for a real estate career

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After finishing work experience, Ms Morley was one of three students to be offered a scholarship to complete the Real Estate Certificate of Registration Course at the Real Estate Institute of NSW.

Following successful completion of the course, Ms Morley was then selected for a guaranteed full-

time position within the Laing and Simmons Ettalong Beach office.

"Receiving the Laing and Simmons scholarship is one of my proudest achievements and the best possible preparation for my current sales support and administration role with Laing and Simmons," Ms Morley said.

"I always planned to pursue a career in real estate and the work experience period I completed as part of the program confirmed my interest in the industry."

Principal of Laing and Simmons Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach Mr Ray Dearlove said the scholarship program was now in its 12th year and continued to unearth talented and enthusiastic agents.

"The scholarship program promotes high standards of

professionalism in real estate and provides a foot in the door to school leavers looking for a career in the industry," Mr Dearlove said.

"We provide students with guidance and direction and encourage them to develop their skills in an exciting, professional environment."

"Plenty of hands-on tasks and exposure to the day-to-day operation of a busy office represents an invaluable experience for the successful applicants."

Applications for next year's Laing and Simmons scholarship program close on August 31.

For further information please contact Rebecca Toole on 4342 4888.

Press release, 15 Jul 2008
Stephen Naylor, Wise
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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

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

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach, 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.

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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**.

Diabeties 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**

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

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

Seniors fitness, 9am, enq: 4332 8550, **EPH**

Indoor Bowls, 9am; **Fitness**, 1pm; **Leatherwork**, 9am; **Table Tennis**, 9am; **Scrabble**, 1pm;

Computers, 1.30pm, **ESCC**

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

5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12.15pm & 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

BookBazaar,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:0412 252 709

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**

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

New York Public Library at the Troubadour Central Coast - Story page 14

July 27 - MAD JAM - Umina Beach PCYC - see page 17 for advertisement

July 28 - Free information session at the Peninsula Community Centre - Story page 10

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

August 16 - Modelling the head in clay - Ettalong Beachs Arts and Crafts Centre - Story page 14

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

Karaoke singer in national finals

A local karaoke singer, representing the Ettalong Beach Bowling Club, has won his way through to the finals of a national competition.

Shane Edwards has qualified for this year's National Grand Final at the Karaoke World Championships Australian Trials in Queensland.

He won the State championship at the Mayfield Ex-Services Club on Sunday, July 13, qualifying for the Australian grand final.

"I wasn't expecting to get through to the state finals, let alone make it into the nationals," Mr Edwards said.

"It was a huge surprise when they announced me as the winner of the state finals."

Mr Edwards made his debut karaoke performance at his cousin's birthday party almost a year ago.

His favourite karaoke songs are Grace Kelly by Mika and Feeling Good by Michael Buble.

He competed in last year's State finals, taking out second place.

"Karaoke is such a fun and nerve-racking thing to do," Mr Edwards said.

"It gives you the chance to let your hair down, go out with your friends and show off for a little bit."

"Even though I have had a bit of practice, I still get nervous before I go on stage and perform."

The Australian grand final will

be held on August 2, at the Twin Towns Services Club on the Gold Coast.

The winner will go to Finland to represent Australia at the World Karaoke Championships.

Clare Graham, 15 Jul 2008

Interviewee: Shane Edwards

Press release, 15 Jul 2008

Kate Kelly, Karaoke World Championships Australia

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Arts & Entertainment



Dancing at art gallery

Several indigenous students from Peninsula Schools participated in National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) celebrations at Gosford Art Gallery on July 6.

Amongst the performers were 12-year-old Ettalong Public School

student Cody Brown, and Brisbane Water Secondary College students Josh and Trent Brown, aged 17 and 16 respectively and Joey Groiner, 17.

The group performed several traditional aboriginal dances such as welcome dance, fruit picking dance, emu dance and a farewell dance, and got back together with their original choreographer,

Reuben Doolah.

"The group was founded four years ago under the tutelage of Reuben Doolah, an internationally renowned dancer and choreographer, who continues to perform independently," said tutor Ms Elaine Simmonds.

Press release, 7 Jul 2008
Elaine Simmonds

Workshop models heads in clay

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold a special workshop entitled **Modelling the Head in Clay** on Saturday, August 16.

The workshop will be run by sculptor Ms Izette Felthum, who has been sculpting with clay for more than 25 years.

She said the workshop would "be taking advantage of the expressive potential of clay, creating expression and flesh using the earthy warm tones of the medium".

"Pieces will be built, modelled and carved ... using coils, flat slabs, solid and pinched forms."

Ms Felthum grew up in South Africa where she completed a degree in Creative Arts at the

University of Stellenbosch.

She lived in New York for three years and exhibited her work at the Espiritu Gallery in Madison Ave, and The Clay Connections in Queens.

Since arriving in Australia in 1989, Ms Felthum has taught pottery and sculpture at the Kuring-gai Art Centre.

The workshop costs \$80 to attend.

A number of tools and equipment are required on the day.

For more information and bookings phone Penny Riley on 4342 7660.

Bookings are essential.

Press release, 17 Jul 2008
Ettalong Beach
Arts and Craft Centre

Village wants exhibition entries

The Peninsula Village Retirement Centre is calling on expressions of interest from the Peninsula community to participate in its fourth annual Art and Craft Exhibition during September.

The Art and Craft Exhibition will be held from September 26 to 28 at the retirement centre.

The exhibitions official opening will take part on Friday, September 26, from 7pm.

Honorary fundraiser Ms Jayne Mote said that taking part in the exhibition was a great way for the wider-community to support the retirement centre.

"The exhibition will be officially judged and for the first time, through sponsorship, we are able to offer cash prizes," Ms Mote said.

"One thousand dollars in open prizes will be on offer, as well as prizes of \$600 for traditional

entries, \$600 for contemporary, \$200 for viewer's choice and \$200 towards a local artist prize.

"All items will be judged at the village but may be exhibited at the Mantra Resort, the Ettalong Beach Club in Ettalong Beach or Worthington's BMW/Renault Garage in Kariong."

All exhibits are to be for sale and a five dollar hanging fee will be charged per painting.

All winning exhibits will be on exhibition at the village.

Catalogue listings are to be signed and returned to Paula Newman by Monday, August 18."

Further details and entry forms are available by contacting Paula Newman on 4344 9199.

Press release, 7 Jul 2008
Jayne Mote, Peninsula Village

'Library' at folk club

Musical group, New York Public Library, will play at the Troubadour Central Coast folk club on Saturday, July 26, at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

Club president Mr Bill Bekric said the band had been "delighting audiences" for more than three decades.

"After more than 30 years, the trio still retains freshness and vitality and a total enjoyment of what they're doing on stage," Mr Bekric said.

"That enthusiasm communicates to the audience, who end up singing along, clapping in time and, on occasion, forming impromptu conga lines around the room."

In recent years, the group has performed "to great acclaim" at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, the St Albans Folk Festival and in folk clubs from Newcastle to Canberra.

The night begins from 7pm and tickets are available from \$7 per person.

According to Mr Bekric, the Sydney-based band offers a mix of folk, country and Irish music, with "a generous dash of humour thrown in for good measure".

"Although they use a line-up of traditional acoustic bluegrass instruments (5-string banjo, mandolin, guitars and string bass), the Library don't limit themselves to one music genre, switching happily from bluegrass to folk, to contemporary country to the inspired lunacy of a Samba that went very, very wrong," Mr Bekric said.

"The Library likes to involve their audiences in a performance."

For more information please contact 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Press release, 14 Jul 2008
Bill Bekric,
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Helping ourselves

One theme that indirectly yet repeatedly arises in this newspaper is: Where is the Peninsula headed?

Margaret Lund wants to protect the foreshore for our children; the Wales' want to promote business and tourism so our kids have jobs; environmentalists want to save our flora and fauna and developers want to remove them both so our ageing and soon-to-be overcrowded population can grow old peacefully.

Others seem comfortable with the way things are. They would prefer the Peninsula to remain the quaint little holiday destination it was back in the 1950s.

Many have relied on government and non-government organisations to provide the support or the funding for us to improve this area, and they have all done this to a varying extent.

But as always more can be done, and in these times of high costs and belt-tightening, there are many changes we can make ourselves, as business owners and residents, to keep the Peninsula moving in the right direction.

These changes would be at little or no extra cost and with little obvious change, but possibly great benefits in the long run.

I would like to provide a few suggestions, and I would encourage others to do the same.

Firstly, how about free internet access?

Wireless (Wifi) hotspots are public areas where people can access the internet for little or no cost.

They can use this to check their emails, contact friends and colleagues, find out the next movie at Cinema Paradiso and so on, provided they have a wireless device.

These devices include newer phones, most laptops and many portable gaming consoles.

In Sydney alone, there are well over 421 wireless hotspots, at least 51 of them free at last count (www.freewifi.com).

On the Central Coast there are around 27, one of them free.

The only advertised location for WiFi on the Peninsula is

Forum

McDonald's Woy Woy.

Do you already have an internet connection at your business?

Simply providing a WiFi hotspot could help to attract new customers, including business customers, students and others with wireless devices, possibly providing a new revenue stream.

You could offer the service free for paying customers, or "at cost" for non-customers.

Do you have a website?

Why not provide links to other relevant businesses in the local area on your site?

Say you're a mechanic; you could provide a link to the local tyre shop, auto parts retail outlet and auto electrician, provided it doesn't cut directly into your business.

Not only does it help to promote the area as a whole, but it assists customers coming to your website who may also be in need of those other services either now or in the future.

You would be providing an extra service for free while at the same time assisting a fellow Peninsula resident.

Hopefully, those other businesses/websites would return the favour.

Pretty soon you have a network of businesses supporting each other.

What about promoting your new (and old) services?

Google Maps provides a free service titled Local Business Centre whereby a business can register information about themselves for free.

Information about the business can include anything from trading hours, accepted forms of payment to business aims and even a photo.

You can also offer an online coupon for your business.

When a person searches for your specific type of service on Google Maps in this area, that information is provided.

Many businesses on the Peninsula are already signed up for this service without even knowing it, with the bare minimum information, that being business

name and phone number.

For an example, search for "ducks crossing publications Tascott" in Google Maps.

My last simple suggestion (read shameless plug) is this; promote yourself to Peninsula News.

If you're a new business, new management or are offering a new service, let Peninsula News know.

Have you achieved a milestone, received an award, planned a local event or done something unique?

If you feel it is something the community would be interested in, let them know.

Not many things can promote a subject or event in the area more than having it read by at least 14,500 people.

It can be assumed that your most important and valued customers are the ones that live locally.

Chances are those same customers are the ones reading this newspaper.

Submit an article once in a while or suggest a lead.

I hope some of the above suggestions are implemented in the community, and I will continue making suggestions from time to time.

If you have an idea that is cheap and easy, but could improve life or business for those on the Peninsula, do write in and let us know.

Lyle Stone
Peninsula News

Forum

Take the risk?

For just how much longer must we put up with the antics of these two local politicians?

From the start Belinda Neal and John Della Bosca have held the answer in their hands: The statutory declarations from workers who were bullied and threatened remain the sworn truth.

Either the aggrieved parties ask the court to rule on the veracity of the statutory declarations and risk the court telling voters that the workers are being truthful, and the politicians were certainly drunk, if only on their own power.

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Electric car industry here?

Forum

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Lithium-ion batteries are smaller and more powerful than nickel-metal hydrides, and they may be used in the plug-in Prius expected in 2010.

Nissan, which plans to release an affordable electric vehicle in 2010, will be using lithium-ion batteries.

US Presidential candidate John McCain has just promised US\$300 for the invention of a battery suitable for effective electric cars.

Could I suggest that the Australian Government follows these examples as soon as possible and take a look at the Leembruggen designs?

An electric car industry for the Central Coast of NSW would provide thousands of jobs.

Klaas Woldring
Pearl Beach

Roy Leembruggen was in the news recently as the engineer who designed Sydney's revolutionary first double decker trains.

He is also the designer and principal of Elroy Engineering, an Australian company that has already designed 26 types of electric cars, buses and trolley buses, here in Sydney.

Apart from the buses, he also created the Townobil, for four or six persons, which could leave all petrol driven vehicles for dead in view of the rapidly increasing petrol prices.

The capacity of conventional lead batteries are a problem but if these are replaced by superior types the future of electric transport is beyond question.

Toyota and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co, makers of Panasonic, are now building a nickel-metal hydride battery plant in Shizuoka prefecture, central Japan.

Toyota is also building a lithium-ion battery plant for future electric

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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.

Mr Moore said: "With this plan we are aiming to better meet the recreational needs of residents and visitors to Patonga, while protecting the natural beauty and ecology 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 draft plan is available to be viewed at Council's administration building at 49 Mann St, Gosford, and from Erina, Kincumber and Woy Woy Customer Services Centres, or on council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

The document would also be available for viewing at the NSW Department of Lands East Maitland Office and on their website www.lands.nsw.gov.au.

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

For further information, telephone Mr Moore on 4325 8471.

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

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Campus farewells two teachers

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has farewelled two of its teaching staff members at the end of term two.

Japanese teacher Ms Melanie Rose has been accepted for a scholarship in Japan.

History teacher Mr Bill Donald is retiring after 35 years of teaching, all of which was spent at either Woy Woy or Umina campus.

Mr Donald commenced his teaching career at Woy Woy High School in 1973 and continued there for the next 27 years.

For the last eight years, he has taught at Umina campus, moving to Umina when the college was formed in the year 2000.

"Bill has played a valuable part in the education of many local students who are now parents in the local community and have children who Bill has taught," Umina campus principal Mr Frank Gasper said.

"Bill has not only been an outstanding classroom teacher but has been a role model and mentor

to other teachers."

Ms Rose has been accepted into a 12-month scholarship program in Japan to develop her language and cultural skills.

Mr Gasper said: "Melanie has made an outstanding contribution to this school.

"She has developed the teaching of Japanese from a situation where very few students were selecting it as an elective subject to the current position where near maximum class size has been reached in the Year 9 elective class."

Mr Gasper said she had been involved in organising a series of class trips to Japan, making it a regular feature of the school year.

"In addition she has been a compassionate and dedicated teacher to whom students can relate on a personal level," Mr Gasper said.

"She has played a key role within her team as a relieving student welfare coordinator and has excelled in this role."

Newsletter, 4 Jul 2008

Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Woy Woy Public School will receive new toilet facilities as part of a Government Program.

Toilet upgrade

Woy Woy Public School will receive a toilet upgrade as part of a government upgrade program.

"The upgrade at Woy Woy Public

School will provide improved and hygienic facilities," said Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"These upgrades ensure the lemma Government is meeting its

commitment to provide students and teachers with clean, safe and efficient schools."

Press release, 9 Jul 2008

Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Rugby team qualifies

Students from the Brisbane Water Secondary College boy's Under-13 rugby league team qualified for the regional stage of competition last month, after winning against other Central Coast schools.

The school defeated Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College in the grand final at Mingara to take out the Country Cup.

Principal Mr Frank Gasper said: "This is the second year in a row that one of our teams has reached this stage.

"Hopefully we can go one better than our Under-14 team last year who were narrowly beaten in two finals."

Newsletter, 4 Jul 2008

Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Sport

Wheelchair basketball at leisure centre

The Peninsula Leisure Centre hosted the final round of this year's Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League competition on July 4 to July 6.

Australia's longest-serving female basketball player and Woy Woy resident Liesl Tesch headed up the NSW Hills District Hornets in round four of competition.

The Hornets took out round four at the leisure centre with four straight wins.

Tesch scored a total of 102 points for the Hornets during the competition weekend.

The NSW team continues to sit

on top of the competition ladder with 32 points as they head into the finals next month.

Following the final round at the centre, the WA Western Stars are in second position on the ladder, while the Victorian Dandenong Rangers sit at third spot.

The ninth season of the league started in Brisbane in April.

Going into the finals, the NSW Hills Hornets are looking for their seventh straight National Title.

The finals will be held at Marrickville PCYC on August 8 to August 10.

Press release, 15 Jul 2008
Noel Rowsell,
Parramatta Basketball Association



Standing - P. Kable, J. Jones, M. Cotton, (President) D. Elsom
Seated - M. Skinner, L. Pointing, V. Allan, B. Champion

Woy Woy wins bowls cup

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club took out the annual Hetherington Cup on June 22, after more than 30 years of winning the competition.

Twenty-two clubs from around the Central Coast competed in the competition which was held at the Entrance Bowling Club.

Club publicity officer Ms Brenda

Smith said the two Woy Woy teams that were selected for the competition "gave it their all" on the day.

"Woy Woy came in with three wins, 41 ends and 78 shots, and were the declared winners of the 2008 Hetherington Cup," Ms Smith said.

"The Ourimbah-Lisarow Club came in with three wins, 41 ends

and 66 shots, and were runners up on the day.

"Trophy hugs, cheers and tears followed as the players were treated to a never-ending round of applause that followed them all the way to receive their individual trophies."

Press release, 7 Jul 2008
Brenda Smith,
Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club



Liesl Tesch in action

Money for sports grounds

Gosford Council has raised its contribution to the Landfill Rehabilitation Scheme from \$200,000 a year to \$400,000 a year for the next 10 years.

The funds will support rehabilitation of three Peninsula sports grounds which were formerly rubbish tips: Austin Butler Reserve, James Browne Oval and Rogers Park at Woy Woy.

It also supports three non-Peninsula sports grounds.

Press release, 24 Jun 2008
Tina Davies, Gosford Council



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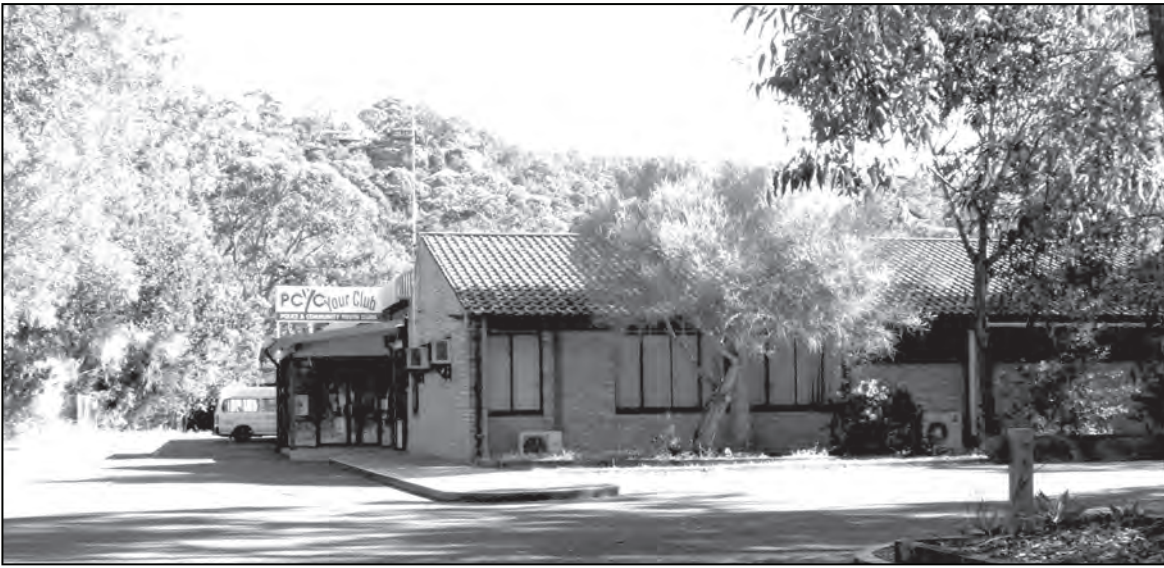
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PCYC may get new gym

Gosford Council officers have recommended that the council approve the lodgement of a development application by the Umina PCYC to expand fitness services within the club.

They have also recommended to waive development application fees and have them recorded as a donation in council's accounts.

The Umina PCYC has sought approval to lodge the development application allowing them to create a new gym entry at the side of the building, due to the fitness centre being in operation outside of normal operating hours of the PCYC.

The club is also seeking approval to create a separate reception area for the fitness centre at the location of the new entry, build a temporary

room for the spin (cycle) classes within the main area of the hall, expand the main gym floor area and install new flooring to the gym floor area.

The Umina PCYC has advised council that the current fitness services cater to a small percentage of the community interested in fitness and it is envisaged that an expansion of these services would provide opportunity for special populations to become more active through fitness including the elderly, mothers with children and young people in fitness programs supervised by PCYC police and qualified instructors.

Extra fitness services will include new cardio and weights equipment, a spin room for cycle classes, child minding and personal fitness programming by

qualified fitness staff, according to the council report.

The report stated that PCYC has advised that they will pay for all works to be completed on the building.

The Umina PCYC is a council-owned building located in Osborne St, Umina Beach.

The building is currently leased to the PCYC, which has been operating since 2001.

According to the council report, the Umina PCYC "works with the community and young people to provide activities for youth development including sporting and recreational opportunities for young people and the general community".

**Council agenda
COM.29, 22 Jul 2008**

Ocean Beach Malibu results

July competition at the Ocean Beach Malibu Club was split into two rounds.

In round one, heat one, Brett Wakelin came first, Craig Coulton second, Ron Stockings third, Dave Wakelin fourth, Dave Moulton fifth and Scott Palmer sixth.

In heat two, Garry Halliday came first, Michael Baker second, Tony Irwin third, Craig Palmer fourth, Darrell Young fifth and Mark Rylands sixth.

In heat three, Mark Williams came first, Madison Cook second, Steve Cox third, Brent Olsson fourth, Mick

Day fifth and Chris Irwin sixth.

In heat four, Kai Ellice-Flint came first, Brian Cook second, Darrin Fleming third, Bill Burke fourth, Mitch Bolton fifth and Kevin Dewar sixth.

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In heat five, Dave Moulton came first, Darrell Young second and Mick Day third.

In heat six, Mark Rylands came first, Kevin Dewar second, Scott Palmer third and Chris Irwin fourth.

**Press release, 14 Jul 2008
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club**

Swimmers qualify

Ten swimmers from Woy Woy Swim Club have qualified to compete at the NSW Country Championships to be held at Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush, on July 12 and 13.

The swimmers representing the club were Tom McParlane, Katelyn Hook, Gabi Krucler, Helen Krucler, Teigan Miller, Laura McGlone, Leon Manuela-Franco, Wade Hannell, Jack Waining and Ebony Millgate.

Club president Mr David Hook said it was the highest number of

qualifiers the club has had in many years.

"Woy Woy Swim Club holds their club night every Friday except school holidays at the Peninsula Leisure Centre from 6.30pm," club publicity officer Ms Karen Cooper said.

"New swimmers can start on the first Friday of each month and are welcome to swim for two weeks before they decide whether they wish to join."

**Press release, 30 Jun 2008
Karen Cooper, Woy Woy Swim Club**

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