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Dredging stalemate continues

A stalemate over dredging at the entrance to Brisbane Water seems no closer to resolution as the Palm Beach Ferry Service has announced it may have to stop its service between Ettalong and Palm Beach by December.

Gosford Council and the State Government seem no closer to agreement with the Council last week restating its position that the work is a State Government responsibility.

It has called on the State Government to expedite the dredging.

"The responsibility for implementing the dredging of the entrance channel lies with the State Government," said Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

"The State Government is well aware that the seabed at this location is constantly changing and it should be prepared to undertake maintenance works to ensure that the channel remains safe and navigable at all times.

"Council has an interest in representing the community in ensuring that the entrance to Brisbane Water is navigable.

"An unobstructed entrance to Brisbane Water is essential to the functioning of the vital ferry service and the Central Coast community generally.

"Without this service the ferry patrons would be required to utilise other State Government infrastructure such as the already overcrowded rail system and the F3 Freeway.

In January last year, council alerted the Department of Lands to the situation at channels around the Ettalong Point sand shoal.

Council representatives met with Lands Minister Tony Kelly to seek assistance in prioritising the dredging of the shoal.

According to Mr Glen, after the meeting with the Mr Kelly, it was



Ferries may stop running to Palm Beach in December if the entrance to Brisbane Water is not dredged

expected by council that dredging of the channel would be carried out by November last year at a cost of

Mr Kelly allocated \$150,000 to the project on the condition that council match the funding.

However, a council-funded report found the cost of dredging would be closer to \$500,000.

In January this year, council stated in its agenda that the dredging of Ettalong Point Shoal was delayed until February, due to the availability of funds and a dredge.

In March, council called for the dredging of the channel to be "urgently undertaken by the State Government", claiming that "the cost implications of an ongoing dredging program are considerable and beyond council's resources".

Council then considered allocating \$250,000, if the State Government could match the figure, but instead called on the State Government to fund the entire cost of the dredging.

"Even though Gosford Council has no jurisdiction over this body of water, council has assisted the State Government in determining the extent of the dredging required, Mr Glen said.

"At the end of the day, the decision to dredge the channel and the provision of the necessary

funding rests with the State Government.

"Council urges the Member for Gosford Marie Andrews to support the community's request to the State Government to re-establish and maintain a safe and navigable entrance to Brisbane Water, and to work with her Government colleagues in arranging the dredging as soon as possible."

The Palm Beach Ferry Service was unavailable for comment at the time Peninsula News went to

Press release, 1 Aug 2008 Stephen Glen, Gosford Council Clare Graham, 1 Aug 2008

Council wants committee members

Gosford Council is wanting committee members for next year's Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy.

Committee members will be involved in the planning and staging of the Woy Woy event.

"The time has come to start planning for another exciting Australia Day," chairman of the Gosford City Australia Day committee Cr Chris Holstein said.

"Last year was our best Australia Day we have ever had, and it wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our Australia Day Committee.

"We're about to begin preparations for next year's events, and are inviting members of the community to become part of the Woy Woy Australia Day team.

"We're looking for anyone interested in community events that wants to help make Australia Day even bigger and better."

The Woy Woy Australia Day Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month.

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, at 6pm

"I encourage anyone who might be interested to come along and see what's involved," Cr Holstein said.

The meeting will be held at Umina PCYC, 101 Osborne Ave, Umina.

For further details contact the chair of the Woy Woy Australia Day committee, Mr Charles Brock on 0428 414 362.

Press release, 18 Jul 2008 Kellie Chapman, Gosford Council

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Neal hits at F3 link claim

Member for Robertson Belinda Neal has hit back at a claim that she had rejected a \$1 million proposal to examine an alternate direct link from the Peninsula to the F3 Freeway.

Ms Neal said the 2007 proposal by the previous Member for Robertson and Minister for Roads, Mr Jim Lloyd, to examine a road through the Brisbane Water National Park "was just talk".

"An examination of Federal finances shows that no such money had even been allocated.

"The ex-Minister for Roads and ex-Member of Parliament claims he has all the solutions now, but at present he holds no position," Ms Neal said

"He expects instant solutions despite the fact that, after 12 years of little action to fix these matters, he left Central Coast roads in the state they are in now."

According to Ms Neal, the Rudd Government's 2008/09 Budget provided a record increase in Gosford Council's local roads funding.

"This is 50 per cent over funds provided by the former Roads

Minister in the previous year," Ms Neal said.

"I have been in discussion with the State Government and Local Government since Woy Woy Road first collapsed.

"I am pleased that the State Government has allocated funding of \$250,000 to the road and provided its expertise to Gosford Council to help solve the problem.

"The decision about what projects this money is spent on is made by Gosford Council.

"I live at Woy Woy Bay and I am well aware of the inconvenience and frustration of residents, but the unfortunate fact that this road collapsed does not automatically make it eligible for Federal funds, either under "black spot" funding or under natural disaster funding.

"As the Member for Robertson, I will continue to fight for a greater allocation of Federal funds for the roads of the Central Coast."

Press release, 1 Aug 2008 Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Scholarship available

The Bays Community Group is calling for nominations for the Bays Community Group Scholarship valued at \$250.

"Due to the limited response for candidates nominated for the Bays Community Group Scholarship Program in 2007-08, the executive committee have decided to simply begin again and ask for all nominations to be sent in by the end of September," president Mr Bob Puffett said.

"Whether you are attempting to travel overseas as an exchange student, aiming to represent your state or country in a sporting field or you're wanting to study a specific subject at university, the Bays Community Group Executive Committee wants to hear from you

"You may even simply be an aspiring musician who needs a little assistance with your art."

Candidates must be a Bays' resident, living in Horsfield Bay, Phegans Bay or Woy Woy Bay

All applications or nominations

should be sent to baysbulletin@ hotmail.com with the applicant's name, address, contact number and email address.

The Bays Community Group executive committee will review all the applications received and announce the winner at the October Community Group meeting on October 15, from 7.30pm.

The winner will receive a cheque for \$250 and a certificate.

"If you are nominating someone, explain why you think they should receive the scholarship," Mr Puffett

"If you are applying, explain why you think you should receive the scholarship, and what you plan to do with it if you win.

"Start getting your applications or nominations in now and we look forward to hearing from you."

Newsletter, July 27 2008 Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group

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Rain down one third

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Rainfall for July was one third down on average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Only 65.4mm fell compared to an average of 97.6mm for the month.

Almost three quarters of the month's rainfall, 47.6mm fell in the last week of the month.

The cumulative total rainfall for the year-to-date was 894.3mm

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which is just 7.8 per cent above the average rainfall of 829.4mm at the end of July.

July last year had an even lower rainfall with 31.2mm.

However, the cumulative total at the end of July last year was 1045mm and the year ended with an annual fall of 1622mm, more than one third above average.

Spreadsheet, 1 Aug 2008 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Umina campus wins State environment award

Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has won a Statewide award for its environmental work.

The campus won the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations' Environment Award, which was presented at the Federation's recent annual conference.

Umina campus was selected from schools across the State, recognising its bushcare project as "an outstanding project that has achieved an improvement or enhancement to a local school environment".

The Umina Campus Bushcare was an on-going project of the Brisbane Water Secondary College P&C, which had been running for almost four years, said Umina campus P&C president Mr Bruce Graf.

"Its success has been due to the support and co-operation of the school management and a number of State Government departments, including the Department of Education and Training, the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Department of Commerce."

Mr Graf said the project was started in September 2004 by the school's environment committee as part of the Sustainable Schools Program.

It involved a group of parents, teachers, community members and bush regenerators.

Since the bushcare project was established, it has operated under the auspices of the College P&C, he said.

The Umina campus contains one of the few remnants of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland (UCSW), unique to the Woy Woy Peninsula.

With only around 13 hectares of this vegetation remaining, it is protected by the NSW Government as an "endangered ecological community".

Mr Graf said the bushcare project aims to maintain, protect and restore UCSW areas at the school, and to monitor and protect other threatened species using the campus, including the bush stonecurlew and the barking owl.

Two regular working bees were held each month to undertake bush regeneration work.

Bushcare group members also did additional work on an ad hoc basis, attended and reported to meetings, provided advice, were available for consultation and for class involvement, and monitored and maintained the bush areas on a day-to-day basis.

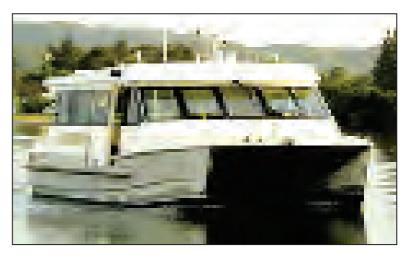
Mr Graf said the project had enhanced the natural environment of the school, demonstrated a sustained cultural change and provided opportunities for teaching environmental issues as part of the school curriculum.

"Enhancements to the school's natural environment have included restoration of two highly-visible degraded UCSW sites at the front of the campus, through fencing, weeding and planting of selected local native species and regeneration from seed," he said.

"The project had also protected UCSW areas at the rear of the school, with fencing and changes to out-of-bounds areas and student thoroughfares, weeding and planting projects along the creekbank and adjacent UCSW areas undertaken by students, P&C bushcare group members and professional bush regeneration teams.

"A pair of endangered birds, bush stone-curlews, had also been protected with temporary fencing, allowing them to breed and successfully raise two chicks – one of only two pairs in the region known to have bred this season."

Media release, 1 Aug 2008 Bruce Graf, BWSC P&C



The Central Coast Ferries' 'Saratoga' ferry

Ferry starts football service

Central Coast Ferries will trial a new service to ferry locals to the football on Saturday, August 23.

The service will transport Central Coast Mariners supporters to the football game at Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford, from locations around Brisbane Water including Woy Woy and Empire Bay.

The new ferry service will save Mariners' supporters time and money, according to owner Ms Bet Conway.

"We are giving Mariners supporters the opportunity to leave the family car at home, saving them the hassle of parking, fuel costs and parking tickets," Ms Conway said.

"Not only is this new service an eco-friendly way to travel to the football but supporters can also sit back and enjoy a relaxed ferry ride across Brisbane Water."

The game between the Central Coast Mariners and Sydney FC kicks off at 7pm.

The ferry will be picking up passengers from Empire Bay wharf at 5.15pm, Central Wharf in Davistown at 5.20pm, Lintern St in Davistown at 5.30pm, Veterans Hall in Saratoga at 5.35pm and Woy Woy at 5.45pm.

The ferry is expected to arrive at Gosford wharf at 6.15pm and leave for the return trip 30 minutes after the end of the game.

Press release, Aug 1 2008 Bet Conway, Central Coast Ferries

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Woy Woy Community Aged Care residents participate in National Tree Day

Aged care residents plant trees

More than 20 residents of bit chilly." **Woy Woy Aged Community** Care planted trees on July 31 to celebrate National Tree Day, July 27.

"Unfortunately due to the rain, we had to postpone our treeplanting," Woy Woy Aged Care worker Ms Amber Golby said.

"When the weather finally cleared we began the day with a lovely morning tea and we spoke to residents about the importance of National Tree Day before heading outdoors to begin our tree-planting.

"The residents had a wonderful time getting outdoors and helping the environment, even if it was a

Residents at Bensville also took part in the event on July 25, planting several native trees at Ben Davis Reserve, Bensville.

Gosford mayor Cr Macfadyen said National Tree Day was a great opportunity for locals to get involved with tree planting projects within their community.

"Planting native trees and shrubs to celebrate National Tree Day is a great initiative as it brings people together to beautify our local parks for the benefit of the entire community," Cr Macfadyen

Press release, 23 Jul 2008 Jim Macfadyen, Gosford Council



Brazilian Pilgrims at St John the Baptist, Woy Woy

Pilgrims stay on Peninsula

Members of St John the Baptist Woy Woy parish opened their homes to more than 100 international pilgrims during World Youth Day celebrations last month.

Parish priest Father John highlights for them would have Hill said pilgrims from as far as Peru, Brazil, Croatia and Bosnia staved with members of the parish community and in the parish hall.

"Members of the Woy Woy parish had the opportunity to meet and host Catholics from all around the world, which was a once-in-alifetime experience," Fr Hill said.

"They had a fantastic time showing the pilgrims around the Peninsula and what their day-today lives entail."

Fr Hill said more than 20 members of the parish youth group travelled to Sydney to attend World Youth Day celebrations.

been seeing Pope Benedict XVI," Fr Hill said.

"World Youth Day is such an important event for young Catholics because it gives them support and shows they are not alone in their belief of God.

"Sometimes youth find it hard to stand up for their beliefs, because others think God is not cool or popular.

"World Youth Day and the attendance of hundreds of thousands of people only proves that God is in fact popular."

Clare Graham, 31 Jul 2008 Interview: Father John Hill, St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy







The State Government's affordable units being constructed in Daffodil Dr, Woy Woy

New units for old people

The State Government is to build affordable units for older people at Daffodil Dr, Woy Woy.

"The new homes will be built specially for older residents, with design features that will make their daily lives easier," said Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"All the units are well designed with spacious living, kitchen, and dining areas and have easy access to public transport, local shops and other essential facilities."

"New affordable housing options are of great need to local people

with low-incomes," Ms Andrews said.

"These homes will give people who would otherwise struggle to find appropriate accommodation a safe and secure place to live."

Press release, 23 Jul 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Olive's death gains worldwide coverage

The recent death of former Woy Woy Community Aged Care resident Olive Riley has sparked media coverage around the world.

Media in New Delhi, New York and London all reported the death of the 108-year-old on July 12.

Coverage of her death appeared on major news broadcasters such as the BBC, CNN and Fox News.

By July 30, an internet search engine showed 360 websites about Ms Riley's death.

Ms Riley was made famous for being the world's oldest internet

blogger by local film director Mike Rubbo.

In 1995, Mr Rubbo made the documentary "All About Olive", which tells the story of Ms Riley's early life in Broken Hill.

He later convinced Ms Riley to document and share her life experiences via the internet.

She began her blog "The Life of Riley" in February last year, which created her international fame as the world's oldest blogger.

Ms Riley posted her last blog entry on June 26.

Clare Graham, 30 Jul 2008

Whale talk for Trust

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust will be holding its next general meeting on Sunday, August 10.

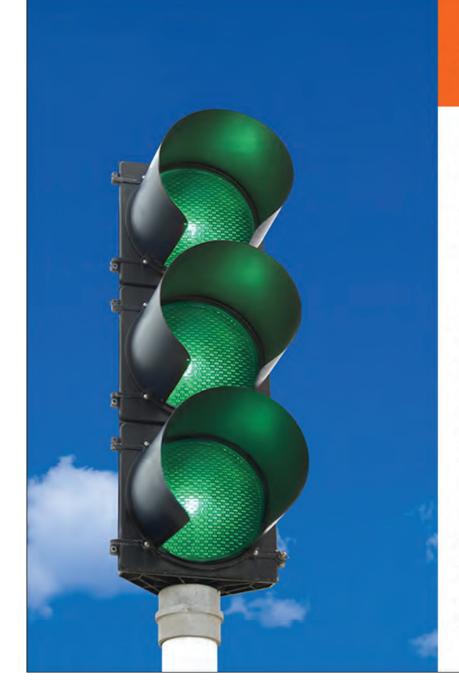
The meeting will commence from 9.30am at the Maitland Bay Centre.

Guest speaker Ms Jeannie

Lawson will be giving a presentation on whales from 10.30am.

All visitors and residents of Killcare and Wagstaffe are welcome to attend.

Newsletter, 31 Jul 2008 Killcare Wagstaffe Trust



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Dredging needs doing

As a resident of Ettalong and a business owner, I am extremely alarmed by reports that without dredging of Little Box Head Channel the ferry service to Palm Beach will be cancelled before the end of the year.

It is of no concern to me which governmental body is responsible for this; the dredging just needs to

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be done.

The ferry service is of vital importance to Ettalong Beach and the Peninsula.

Gosford Council should also be concerned that their plans for Gosford waterfront will be unutilised as boats will be unable to enter Brisbane Water. This is an issue requiring immediate action and I urge all those who would be affected if the ferry service were cancelled to put pen to paper or pick up the phone to urge council, State Government and Federal Government to find a way to rectify this problem urgently.

Amanda Ross, Ettalong Beach

Explanations needed

More and more we read about serious problems with our system of governance: e.g. federation, the dominant two-party system, proposed powerprivatisationandlackof democratic representation.

The corruption and sex scandals involving NSW politicians and senior local government administrators, the debilitating fragmentation of governance in our major cities, the hospital dramas, the slow responses to climate change issues are clear symptoms of system failure.

These system debacles need not continue, eg why not move to a proportional representation system which delivers a diverse, representative and multi-party system?

This allows a government to change without an election.

It does away with the grotesque adversarial parliamentary nonsense of the two-party system.

There is an urgent need to launch

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focussed free internet education to provide a basic understanding of alternatives and how these can be achieved.

A special website to educate the public in an unbiased, non-party political way, funded by an independent organization, may rapidly overcome the public's lack of reliable information.

The room for improvement in Australia's political system is truly immense, but just describing how it works is not enough.

We need explanations for alternatives.

This is unlikely to be initiated by either of the major parties and I invite foundations and philantropists to come forward to organize this.

> Klaas Woldring Pearl Beach

Native plants enhance the vista

Congratulations to Gosford Council for planting natives along Ettalong Foreshore.

It will only enhance the vista and environment.

If Jack Galway (Peninsula News edition 195) and others want a plant-less view, they could try walking along the sand while looking out to sea.

It is to be hoped that these wonderful plantings might continue right along the Peninsula, particularly replacing those

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vandalised areas cleared by owners of ugly units and houses along Ocean Beach, Umina and Ettalong waterfronts.

I am calling on our local member Marie Andrews to step in and encourage Gosford Council in its good work.

> Rie Lester, Umina

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Burnt in my brain

Now that the supermarket Aldi is taking over Point Clare, perhaps they should reconsider naming that village Point Aldi or Aldi Town.

When you think about it, names have a persistent and even magical effect.

I remember as a child travelling with my family on the train.

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When we stopped at Woy Woy, the large station leapt out at me and burnt in my brain.

Many years later, I was told I either had to get married or live in Woy Woy.

I did both.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Lesser value

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Gosford Council used the fire on Ettalong Beach as an excuse to rip out undamaged native bush and ground cover, which had not been identified for removal on site plans for the viewing platforms.

The council is guilty of accommodating another abuse when rebuilding the sea wall along the front of the Lance Web Reserve.

There the height of the wall was lowered almost two feet during rebuilding process, lessening the protective value of the structure as a sea wall.

Edward James, Umina

Passionate morality

Helen Howe's letter about killing Myna birds is one of passionate morality.

Reverence for life is a doctrine that has been taught by many famous and also humble

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people.

"Live and let live" is a common folk morality.

As the philosopher, Schopenhauer, said: "That animals have no rights and that our treatment of them has no moral significance is an outrageous example of crudity and barbarity. Universal compassion is the only morality."

Cruelty to animals leads to cruelty to humans, true.

Keith Whitfield Woy Woy

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Participants of the Hearts of Africa Gosford to Woy Woy walk

Walking for Ugandan ministry

More than 130 people have walked 12 kilometres from Gosford Waterfront to Woy Woy to raise funds for Hearts of Africa.

The fundraising event raised more than \$13,000 for Watoto Childcare Ministries in Uganda.

Event organiser Ms Justine Collins said she was overwhelmed by the response and support that was given by the community.

"It was a fantastic and overwhelming response that we received," Ms Collins said.

"We will be definitely holding another walk next year to continue to raise funds."

The Hearts of Africa fundraising group was formed 18 months ago to raise money for Watoto Childcare Ministries in Kampala, Uganda.

The money will go to building a house for AIDS orphans and help with the rehabilitation of child soldiers in the war-torn region.

More than \$38,000 in funding is needed to build a house in the Watoto village.

To date, Hearts of Africa have raised \$20,000 through local donations and fundraising events such as the Gosford to Woy Woy Fundraising Walk.

In January, Ms Collins and her family travelled to Uganda and met up with a mission team to build a teacher's house in one of the Watoto Villages.

They plan to return with a mission team from the Central Coast in December next year to Gulu in Northern Uganda.

"About 30,000 children were abducted from villages in Uganda, and there are still 10,000 missing," Ms Collins said.

"We want to make these children a home where they can be safe and nurtured."

Press release, 1 Aug 2008 Justine Collins, Hearts of Africa

Green Corps graduations

Nine participants of the Green Corps' Central Coast program graduated at a special ceremony at Killcare Heights on July 25.

The \$143,000 project was funded by the Australian Government's Ministry of Employment and gave nine young people the chance to regenerate and restore local native plant species.

"These young graduates are really making a difference in revitalising the environment of their community and gaining valuable skills along the way," Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said.

The project took to areas around the Peninsula, including the Peninsula dunes at Killcare Heights and Empire Bay, the Ettalong Foreshore, and the Bouddi National Park.

Project team leader Mr Jordon Skinner said the graduates of the program contributed "a great deal" to conserving and restoring flora and fauna on the Peninsula and wider Central Coast over the last six months.

"We had some really great kids come through the program and contribute a lot to the conservation and restoration work we were carrying out," Mr Skinner said.

"Some of the graduates have decided to go on to study environmental conservation and others wish to go into similar working fields such as landscape gardening and horticulture."

The nine graduates received a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.

The graduation ceremony took place at the Strom Centre, Killcare Heights

Mr Skinner said Green Corps has just announced two new projects on the Central Coast.

"We are looking for 20 volunteers

aged between 17 and 20 years to take part in rehabilitating native vegetation and bushland around the Central Coast," Mr Skinner said

"Both projects will be working in locations on the Peninsula once again.

"This is a great opportunity for young people to get involved in the environment and help restore and improve it for the future."

For more information please contact the Gosford office of EA Australia on 4323 1233.

Press release, 25 Jul 2008 Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson Clare Graham, 31 Jul Interview: Jordan Skinner



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Wildflower walk at Warrah Trig

The Peninsula Environment Group is inviting community members to take part in a wildflower walk near Patonga on Saturday, August 9.

The walk will begin at the Warrah Trig carpark, off Patonga Dr, at 10am.

Participants have the opportunity to experience "a beautiful, family-friendly bushwalk near Warrah

Trig and the Tony Doyle Lookout," according to publicity officer Ms Sheelagh Noonan.

The walk will finish at 12pm.

Transport from Woy Woy Environment Centre is available if necessary by contacting Mark Snell on 4342 5333.

Press release, 28 Jul 2008 Sheelagh Noonan, The Peninsula Environment Group

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Concrete barriers recently installed along Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach (photo courtesy Edward James)

Call for action at **Pearl Beach**

Pearl Beach **Progress** Association has called on Gosford Council to address the risk of a rock fall and road collapse along Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach.

It has been more than a year since Gosford Council commissioned a report on Pearl Beach Dr, from Shirley Consulting Engineers, according to former association president Ms Kay Williams.

The report recommended to council it be advised of the risks posed to the private properties in Jade Place, Pearl Beach, and recommended an independent risk assessment be carried out as part of a risk reduction program in Pearl Beach Dr.

The cost for the repair work along Pearl Beach Dr was estimated by Shirley Consulting Engineers at more than \$733,000.

Ms Williams said she was frustrated by council's lack of commitment to stabilising the area

along Pearl Beach Dr.

"It is now five years since the residents of Pearl Beach began petitioning Gosford Council to repair our only access road," Ms Williams said.

"It is nearly one year since council received formal consultant's advice about the dangers posed by our only access road, and Federal and State funding to do something about it was forthcoming

"Council has recently put in place a row of concrete barriers in front of a cliff of mud, trees and rocks which threatens to drop down onto the road, just above the last hairpin bend into Pearl Beach.

"Above this unstable edifice is a huge rock, many metres wide.

"If it falls to the road the barriers will not support it or protect the motorists.

"One wonders how much longer we will be forced to wait and whether our roads can hold up much longer.

"You can see the instability of one of several similar culverts

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under Pearl Beach Dr propped up years ago by a sleeper.

"This is the same neglect which has brought about closure of roads at Somersby and Woy Woy Rd when repairs were not completed."

Peninsula community activist Mr Edward James said he photographed several areas along Pearl Beach Rd that are of "grave concern" to residents.

"These photos show a bulkhead on the outfall side of the under road drain pipe which starts in the pit just down the hill a few meters from the collapsing rock batter," Mr James said.

"The photos explanatory.

"The bulkhead is tilting over a bit, due to pressure from the collapsing road.

"What is more of a worry, I was able to discover by moving some weeds and leaf litter, that at some point several years ago someone has placed a hardwood post in position to help hold up the collapsing brickwork.

"This is a repeat of the acro-

A cracked culvert under Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach

Praise for weed removal

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has praised the efforts of a local bush regeneration company for the removal of weeds from the Killcare dune area.

Gosford Council sub-contracted Engedi Environment Management company in June to manually remove weeds from the dune area next to the car park on Killcare Rd.

"Engedi removed very old and gigantic bitou bush that had grown in some areas as high as three meters," group publicity coordinator Mr Terry Jones said.

"The large bitou was entangled in the canopy of the native trees including coastal banksia and coastal tea tree which inhibited their growth and ability for seedlings to grow through the dense weeds.

"The large rafts of dead bitou that were left on site will soon decompose and the organic matter will provide an excellent humus for the sandy soil.

"Some lantana and asparagus fern were also killed and left to decay on site.

"Engedi used hand tools and a little poison to complete the task.

"Approximately 3600 square metres of weed were cleared from the area.'

Newsletter, 31 Jul 2008 Terry Jones, Killcare Wagstaffe



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Craig Munnings runs for council

Peninsula resident Craig Munnings has announced he will stand as a Labor Party candidate for the September council elections.

"Within the Gosford Council area there is approximately one third of its resident's on the Peninsula, yet we do not have one third of the representation," Mr Munnings

"We should and we must.

"It is my intention to change that lack of a Peninsula resident's voice on Council.'

Mr Munnings said if elected to council he would start solving "the real issues" of local government on the Peninsula.

'Your support now and on polling day will enable me to start solving the issues of water quality and standards, the state of our roads, the equitable expenditure of rate money, and our social inclusion and personal safety," Mr Munnings said.

"It is time that someone who actually lives on the Peninsula needs to step up to the plate and to work with and for the resident's of the Peninsula.

Mr Munnings is a long-time Peninsula resident who grew up and attended both primary and high schools on the Peninsula.

He now raises his own family in Booker Bay.

"My wife Kylie, who also attended local schools, and our two teenage children, Lachlan and Charlotte,



love the unique character that we have here, and we cannot imagine or want to live anywhere else," Mr Munnings said.

"During my years as a resident on the Peninsula I have taken various opportunities to work within our local community to achieve a better lifestyle for the Gosford region, and for the Peninsula specifically.

"People I talk to tell me that we need to lift the standard of services provided to ratepayers.

"The Peninsula area, which has been neglected for so long, should start to receive its fair share of council expenditure.

"One example of our lack of representation is that in the last Council term just one road on the Peninsula has been sealed, kerbed and guttered: that is Wellington St,

Mr Munnings has held a number of senior government roles over the last 10 years

including roles with the Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Minister for Fair Trading and with the Speaker of the NSW Parliament.

Locally, Mr Munnings has been involved with Woy Woy and Ettalong Scouts, the Bays Progress Association, and Woy Woy, Umina and Terrigal Anglican churches

"I have also been involved with the local schools where my children attended being Woy Woy Primary and Brisbane Water Secondary College," Mr Munnings said.

"I have also taken the opportunity to become involved politically and at various community forums where the opportunity has presented

"My promise to you all is that with your support, I will take up the challenge of councillor with enthusiasm, zeal and vigour and, together we can always ensure that the Peninsula's voice is heard."

Press release, 21 Jul 2008 Craig Munnings, Booker Bay

Council works

Gosford Council is conducting works in Killcare and Woy Woy from August 4

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

The construction of cycleway at Woy Woy foreshore will also continue.

Slab construction work will commence Killcare Surf Club.

Press release, 30 Jul 2008 Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council

Woy Woy Rd meeting

The Bays Community Group will hold a special meeting for residents about the re-opening of Woy Woy Rd to two-way traffic on Wednesday, August 20.

The meeting will be held from 7.30pm at the Bays Community

The hall is located at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay. All are welcome to attend.

Newsletter, 27 April 2008 **Bob Puffett, The Bays Community**



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Important Information: Water Quality in your area



Gosford City Council's extensive drinking water quality management program, Water Quality 2010, has been helping to protect, manage and maintain the quality of the region's drinking water supply since October 2007.

The Water Quality 2010 project team has been busy undertaking works to provide residents with short-term relief from discoloured water while we implement a range of projects with long-term water quality benefits. In fact, since the implementation of an intensive water mains cleaning program to remove discoloured water-causing material from mains across the region commenced in January this year, the number of water quality complaints has significantly decreased. With the first phase of this program now complete, plans are underway to incorporate it into Council's ongoing maintenance activities.

Some of the other Water Quality 2010 initiatives undertaken to date include:

Capital Works

- teinstatement of the Mooney Dam aeration system
- · Introduction of a new pre-chlorination system at the Somersby water filtration plant
- · Restoration and replacement of many of the large valves and hydrants not protected against corrosion.

Maintenance Activities

 Cleaning of both trunk mains between Somersby water filtration plant and Kariong reservoir.



Monitoring and Analysis

- · Water chemistry studies
- · System modelling to identify more ways to improve water quality.

Management and Operation

· Modification of the Peninsula water supply system operation.

Communications

- Continued maintenance of the Water Quality 2010 section of Council's website with program details, as well as upcoming and current works
- · Revised customer service processes for improved response to our customers.

What next?

Over the next 6 months, the Water Quality 2010 team plans to:

- Commence construction of new treatment facilities at Somersby water filtration plant
- Continue to aggressively clean trunk mains
- · Develop a valve and hydrant restoration program · Implement changes to reservoir operation
- Continue to monitor water quality and the results of Water Quality 2010 activities
- · Review and update system operational procedures
- · Trial an improved after-hours customer service

What can I do?

As part of Water Quality 2010, Council is seeking interested members of the public to assist us in a discoloured water investigation.

All you have to do is keep a simple diary of any water quality incidents in your home.

To find out how you can be involved, visit Council's website or contact our Water Quality 2010 Communications Officer on 4325 8222.

Keeping informed

For regular updates on planned and current works that may affect drinking water quality, visit the Water Quality 2010 section of Council's website: www.gosford.nsw.gov.au or call 4325 8222.

Between 11 August and 25 September you can also visit the Water Quality 2010 shopping centre display in Deepwater Plaza.

Health



Above: Construction begins on the Central Coast's first private mental health facility
Above Right: Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



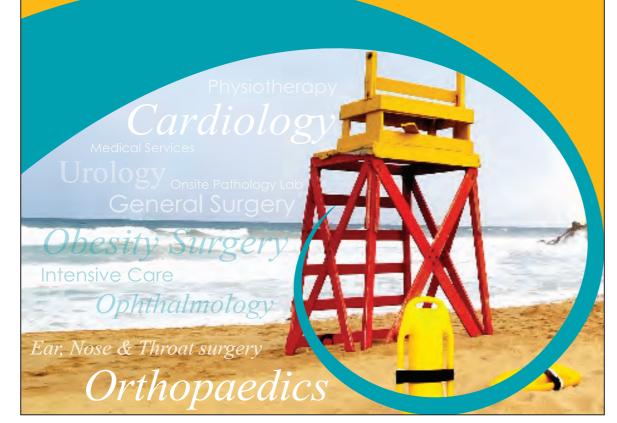
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Mental health unit for hospital

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital at Woy Woy has begun construction of its new mental health unit, The Central Coast Clinic.

The clinic will be the first private mental health facility on the Central Coast

Acting general manager Ms Annette Czerkesow said the owner of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, Healthscope, has invested "in excess of \$1 million" for the new mental health unit which is expected to be completed by mid-October.

"Healthscope decided to construct a mental health unit at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital because there is no other private mental health facility on the Central Coast," Ms Czerkesow said.

"The closest private mental health facilities for the Central Coast community at present are the Northside Clinic in Sydney or the Lakeside Clinic in Warners Bay.

"The hospital has an established reputation for providing quality care, and the services planned for the new mental health unit will further enhance this reputation."

Ms Czerkesow said the private hospital would continue to provide its existing wide range of services to the Central Coast community.

"What we are aiming to achieve is to provide a hospital service that looks after the patient holistically, that is, looking after their mind as well as their body," Ms Czerkesow said.

"The rest of our services will continue at the same high standard, with the mental health facility making it possible for us to offer more, so it is business as usual plus an extra service."

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital will continue to provide the community with its day procedure unit, an on-site pathology laboratory, an x-ray facility, an operating theatre, an angiography suite, a 24 Hour emergency chest pain service, physiotherapy and medical and surgical services.

The new mental health facility will have eight private rooms and four twin-share rooms available, making a total of 16 beds.

"The Central Coast Clinic will be a modern facility with consulting rooms, break-out facilities and common areas with private and twin-share rooms available," Ms Czerkesow said.

"We want the local residents to see the new facility as a benefit to their community.

"In the past, we were not able to provide the necessary care and support to our patients experiencing mental health issues.

"Now we will be the first private clinic on the Central Coast to be able to do so."

Press Release, 28 Jul 2008 Annette Czerkesow, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



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Health

Charity events planned

A sculpture exhibition, a Caring and Sharing Day and an Open Mike Night are among the events planned this month by local charity Rainbow Love.

The events will raise money for children with chronic, complex and high-care physical needs.

Psychic mediums, healers and therapists will volunteer their time and energy at a Caring and Sharing Day from 10am on Sunday, August 10, to raise money to educate a group of 460 Ugandan orphans.

"This day will give the Peninsula community a great chance to experience healing, readings and massage from a caring and gracious group," event organiser Ms Annie Sobey said.

Ms Sobey will be travelling to Uganda in September, where she will distribute the funds raised from the Caring and Sharing Day through the Integrated Community Development Foundation.

Entry to the fundraiser is by gold coin donation.

Reading, massage and healing sessions will be available at a cost of \$15 for 20 minutes.

Crystals, art works and Ugandan arts and crafts will also be on sale.

Drumming group Drumbala will be performing on the day from 3.30pm.

For further information, contact 0428 830 546.

An Open Acoustic Mike Night will be held from 6pm on Saturday, August 16.

"Everyone is invited and welcome to come along and enjoy or share some of their talents for a great cause," charity founder Ms Susie O'Donnell said.

Entry to the benefit night is by gold coin donation.

Food and drink will be available to purchase on the night, with all proceeds going to Rainbow Love.

A PA system will be available for use and only acoustic music is welcome.

Rainbow Gate will be hosting the opening night of a sculpture exhibition from 7pm on Friday, August 22.

The events will be held at Rainbow Gate, 270 West St, Umina.

Rainbow Gate is open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

Space is available for private functions and workshops, any day or night, by appointment.

A weekly program of activities is available for the community to take advantage of including meditation for mums, drumming classes with Drumbala, mums and bubs playgroup, art and craft classes, yoga and massage.

The weekly car boot sale and market day continues from 8am to 1pm, every Saturday.

For more information and bookings, contact 0409 774 467 or email susieodonnell@gmail.com

Press release, 28 Jul 2008 Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love



The Sporties Club donated \$16,000 to Child Flight from its fundraising efforts though the year

Club donates to Child Flight

The Sporties Club at Woy Woy presented a cheque for \$16,000 to the Child Flight emergency helicopter service on July 20.

The cheque was a result of the club's fundraising efforts throughout the year, including its monthly Child Flight Charity Bowls event.

The club has now raised more than \$100,000 for Child Flight over the last several years.

Club publicity officer Mr Ben King said: "On top of the \$16,000,

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we raised a further \$3500 on the day, through our normal Score a Schooner and Raffles promotions."

More than 90 bowlers and members attended the special presentation as the club handed over the cheque to Child Flight CEO Ms Cheryl Rose.

The Sporties at Woy Woy will continue its Child Flight Charity Bowls event on the third Sunday of every month.

Mr King said he was encouraging community members of all ages to

become involved in the monthly charity event.

"Whether you are a beginner or experienced bowler, this is a great event to become involved in," Mr King said.

"Not only is it a fun day of bowls, but it is also for a very worthy cause."

For more information, contact the club on 4341 7598.

Press release, 22 Jul 2008 Ben King, The Sporties at Woy Woy

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Motivated to raise funds

Umina resident Pam Whitty is asking businesses to take part in the Cancer Council's annual Daffodil Day fundraising event.

"My family has been touched by cancer and my daughter is currently fighting her own battle with breast cancer," Ms Whitty said.

"Living through this experience with my daughter has motivated me to be a part of this great day and to encourage others to do the same.

"I feel that volunteering and helping raise funds for cancer research and support services for others experiencing cancer is one way I can turn my family's experience into a positive."

Ms Whitty is looking for Peninsula businesses who might be interested

tty in selling Daffodil merchandise.

They will given a merchandise box for the month of August to raise money for the Cancer Council.

Merchandise boxes are filled with Daffodil Day pens, pins, teddy bears and wristbands, which are available for the public to buy.

Ms Whitty will devote her day on Daffodil Day, August 22, to selling merchandise and accepting donations for the Cancer Council.

She will be at the Ettalong Beach Chemist, 249 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, from 9am to 4pm.

For further information please call 1300 656 585 or visit www. daffodilday.com.au

Press Release, 30 Jul 2008 Lesley Chart, Cancer Council

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Money for houses in Nepal

The Habitat for Humanity GlobalVillageProjectseminar held at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall has raised \$2500 to build houses in Nepal.

More than 150 people attended the seminar to raise money for the Habitat for Humanity Global Village Project in Nepal, according to event organiser Mr Andrew Stanger of Pearl Beach.

Mr Stanger is an active member of Habitat for Humanity and will be travelling to Nepal in October to work as a volunteer on one of its

Global Village Projects.

There he will join 19 other volunteers to build houses for displaced families.

Mr Stanger said there are currently more than 108,000 displaced people living under bamboo and tarpaulin shelters in camps on the Nepal-Sikkim border.

Village Global Program volunteers raise funds and physically take part in the building of houses in countries affected by natural disasters, poverty, civil unrest and war.

Each house built by volunteers costs approximately \$1200 and proceeds from the Pearl Beach seminar will be put toward these costs.

"We raised far more money than we expected on the night, so that was terrific," Mr Stanger said.

Mt Everest mountaineer Mr Lincoln Hall was guest speaker at the seminar.

Mr Stanger will be taking two months away from his "normal life" on the Peninsula to volunteer for the Global Village Project in Nepal.

For more information or to become a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity visit www.habitat.org.au or phone 9919 7000.

Press release, 27 Jul 2008 Lynne Lillico. **Pearl Beach Progress Association**



Andrew Stanger and Lincoln Hall at the Global Village seminar held at Pearl Beach last month.





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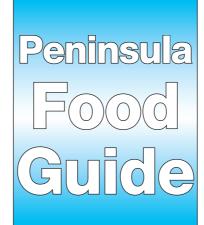
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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, Women's Country 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

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 Comerce, (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

RBG, 207 West Street Umina -0409774467

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

WWEC, 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, WWEC

Second Tuesday of

every month

Blue Meeting, 1.30pm; Toastmasters, 7pm, EBWMC Get Together afternoon tea, **ESCC**

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

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am,

Diabeties Support Group, 10am,

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WWEC

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

Living with Teens course 10am runs until 26th August PWHC, Woy Woy Blood BankA @ Hospital Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, 1-7pm

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

Silk craft 10am

Mums &bubs playgroup 1pm Pastel classes for kids 4pm

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

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm,

Handicraft, 9am; Cards, 12.30pm; Computers, 9am, ESCC

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6pm, John the Baptist Church Hall, eng: 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,

eng: 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, eng: 4360 2705,

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

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

social day, 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192 CWA Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association, 7.30pm, **EPH**

Coffee Morning, social gettogether, 10am, PWHC

Second Wednesday of every Month

Cross, Umina 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 Drumballa Drum circle 7.30 RBG

Every Wednesday

Al-anon/Alateen family support group, "The Cottage", Vidler Ave, Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.

Woy Woy Women & Children's domestic violence group runs until 24th September PWHC

St John's Ambulance, 7pm, -St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 6.30pm-8pm, enq: 0404 748 471 MOW

Craft for love & Garden club 10am RBG

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

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,

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,

Second Thursday of

1pm, **EBWMC**

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

immunization Free clinic, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, 9am BFC Umina Probus, 10am, ECC Women's Health Clinic, enq: 4320 3741, Craft and creativity group - women in sticthes 1pm **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. WWEC

Every Thursday

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

Creative Writing, enq: 4369 1187,

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,

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC Second Friday of every

month

Book Bazaar, book Club, 10:30am, enq.42422482

RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, **EBWMC**

Third Friday of every month Legacy Ladies, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, **EBWM**C

Fourth Friday of every

month

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

Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC 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** Wags Bridge (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, eng: 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 Occasional Care, 9am; Kindy **Gym**, 0-3s, 9.15am, 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**

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Second Saturday of every month

Book Club, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482 **Alliance Française**, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412 252 709

MelaleucaWetlandRegenerationGroup,BoroniaAve, 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**

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

MelaleucaWetlandRegenerationGroup,BoroniaAve, 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, WWEC 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 Peacekeapers, 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

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

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), Friendship group PWHC

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

Third Monday of every month

War Widows, 1pm, 43410286, 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,

3Cs-Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm, enq: 43 431929, **BFC Yoga**, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH Mums Meditation**10am,

Drummimg classes 4pm **RBG**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;

Hysical 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,

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:

Indian Dancing for Kids, 3.30pm, eng: 4342 4395, WWEC

Upcoming Events

August 5 - Power of community Film - See page 18 for details

August 9 - Meet the Mayor - Woy Woy CWA Hall, The Boulevarde Woy Woy

Wild Flower Walk - See page 7 for details

August 15 - Woy Woy Little
Theatre - See page 16 for details
August 13 - Breastscreen
program Seminar - By breast
screen NSW 10am PWHC

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

August 16 - Acoustic open Mic night - Rainbow gate 207 West street Umina

August 19 - Story Time at Lions Park - See page 16 for details

August 20 - Woy Woy Rd meeting - Bays Community Hall 7.30pm August 22 - Sculpture exhibition Opening night @ Rainbow gate 207 West street Umina

Rainbow Gate Charity Event -See page 11 for details

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

Band night at hotel

Woy Woy Hotel will hold a band night on Saturday, August 9.

Three local bands will be performing on the night – Null and Void, Del Rio Drive, and Micky G.

They will be performing a mix of rock and RNB covers and originals.

The night will kick off from 7pm and finish at 11.30pm.

Entry is free

The hotel is located at 33 The Boulevarde, Woy Woy.

For further information please contact Bob Jackson on 0408 554

Press release, 26 Jul 2008 Bob Jackson, Plugged In Music

Exhibition

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is currently exhibiting artworks by Robin Norling entitled "Art Cut It Out".

Maritime works by Jocelyn Maughan from around Darling Harbour are also being displayed in the Shop Front Window Gallery across the road from the main gallery.

The gallery is open Sundays from 11am to 3pm or by appointment.

For further information please call 4379 1102.

Newsletter, 31 Jul 2008 Multi Arts Confederation



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Arts & Entertainment



The launch of the Let's Read Project, which has organised storytime in the park for childeren under six

Story time at Lions Park

been chosen as one of the locations for Gosford City Reads Day on Tuesday, August 19.

The Start Reading Project has organised Storytime in the Park from 10am to 12noon for families with children under six years old.

Gosford City Reads Day is an initiative of the Early Childhood Literacy Committee.

Gosford Council is supporting the event and said it aims to "bring

Woy Woy Lions Park has the whole community together to participate in a fun-filled celebration of literacy at a designated time".

Other locations taking part in the day include Kibble Park in Gosford and Erina Fair Shopping Centre.

"Families will be able to come down to Woy Woy Lions Park with a rug and move around the various reading stations where fun stories will be performed," Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"Some stories will be sung, some have movements for the children to do, some will have an indigenous theme, some will be told using puppets and we even have nursery rhymes in Spanish.

stories.

"Families can then stay and have a picnic lunch."

Information will be available from Gosford Library about reading to children and suitably aged books.

"We will also have some prizes valued up to \$50 for families who have their Reading Passport stamped at the reading stations and enter in our lucky draw," Ms Notara said.

"Reading with babies and young children is probably the single most important activity that you can undertake to develop child's future skills in reading and writing and achieve well at school.

"Sharing a story, rhyme, or song with family members for at least 10 minutes a day is all it takes."

Woy Woy Lions Park is located at Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 23 Jul 2008 **Debbie Notara, Beachside Family**

Four plays staged for Club Night

Four one-act plays will be staged by Woy Woy Little Theatre on its inaugural Club Night on Friday, August 15.

The plays are The Last Munro, Merge, Cluttered Nest, and A Really Useful Person

The Last Munro was the Little Theatre's entry in this year's Central Coast Theatrefest at Wyong.

It was directed by Penny Dilworth and Denise Main, staring Mike Jeffries, Judi Jones and Tyrone McMaster.

"Although we didn't win. adjudicators gave very complimentary remarks," said Little Theatre secretary Ms Linda Williams.

American play Merge was also entered in the Theatrefest by longtime member Brendon Flynn.

He starred along-side Rose Cooper and won Best Production.

Cluttered Nest was written by Little Theatre member Joan Dalgliesh.

The group hopes to enter this play at Wyong next year.

A Really Useful Person is a multi-award winning play from this year's Short and Sweet Festival at Peninsula Theatre.

Written by Mike Jeffries, author of The Last Munro, it won best script, best actor, best production and best direction awards.

Among the actors on the night will be Sophie Stratton, who won the Little Theatre's \$500 scholarship through its Youth in Performing Arts program.

Details will be announced on the night of the Little Theatre's 2009 season, which will see the number of productions increase from three

Seats for the Club Night are still

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Ms Williams said the theatre was always looking for new talent and support.

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Press release, 1 Aug 2008 Linda Williams, Woy Woy Little

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Education

Craft help wanted

Local charity Rainbow Love community in several ways." is calling on the Peninsula community to help support newly established fundraising effort Craft for Love.

"We are seeking donations of craft items and volunteers for our craft group to make items for Rainbow Love," charity founder Ms Susie O'Donnell said.

"Rainbow Love helps support children on the Central Coast who have high needs and complex problems due to illness and disabilities through art, craft and music activities within the community.

"The children we support have fallen through the system and do not qualify for government help for some of their needs.

"We have formed a group, called Craft for Love, of volunteers of all ages who are willing to produce some merchandise from donations of materials given to Rainbow Love.

"Our volunteer group members are often carers themselves or in need of a social activity and outlet themselves, so we are helping the

Ms O'Donnell said the group was looking for more volunteers and donations of materials.

"We are seeking materials such as five ply or eight ply wool, ribbon, lace, braiding or leather type stripping for leather work, ribbing, fleecy knit material, buttons, scissors for cutting material," Ms O'Donnell said.

"Basically we will work out a project for any suitable craft items that are donated."

The Craft for Love group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the headquarters of Rainbow Love, Rainbow Gate, which is located at 207 West St, Umina, from 10am to

Volunteers are welcome to drop in at any time to Rainbow Gate from Tuesday to Saturday, and work on projects.

For more information, telephone 0409 774 467

> Press release, 23 Jul 2008 Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love



Students from the PCYC Drama and Discovery group had a string of successes at the Central Coast Eisteddfod

PCYC group wins at eisteddfod

Students from Umina PCYC's Drama and Discovery group "outstanding received results" at the Central Coast Eisteddfod's Speech and Drama section on July 20.

Umina PCYC's Drama and Discovery teacher Ms Amanda

Benson said she was extremely proud of her students.

"We won 10 first places, five second places, and three third places," Ms Benson said.

"Junior champion was won by Henry Nelson, and the fantastic duologue performed by Bradley Death and Chris Paans won first place."

Ms Benson said Bradley and Chris have now been chosen to perform at the Mayoral Review in September.

Press release, 28 July 2008 Amanda Benson, Umina PCYC



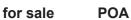




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Group restores lawn on waterfront

Several residents of the Bays community have volunteered their time to restore an area of lawn on the Phegans Bay waterfront.

"In a successful effort, soil and turf were used to replace a large area which had no grass growing and was mainly dirt," said The Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett.

'There was also an unsafe hole between the dirt and the wall where the dirt had washed away.

volunteers worked all morning to get the job done.

"It was then watered and roped off to allow the turf to take to the soil.

"Now we have attractive and safe piece of lawn on our waterfront ... and when the grass is ready to be used, another area where kids can play happily."

The turf and soil for the project was supplied by the Bays Community Group.

Newsletter, 27 Jul 2008 **Bob Puffett, the Bays Community Group**

Film shows 'power of community'

The **Peninsula** Group **Environment** will be showing the documentary "Power of Community" on Tuesday, August 5.

two-hour documentary looks at Cuba's Green Revolution and tells about societal changes in response to the sudden lack of oil in the 1990s.

Cuba rebuilt its quality of life following the collapse of cheap oil which was supplied by the former Soviet Union.

"Power of Community" how communities shows in Cuba pulled together, created solutions,

ultimately thrived in spite of their decreased dependence on imported energy.

The film received the People's Choice Award for Best International Film at the Aotearoa Environmental Film Festival in New Zealand.

The free screening will begin at 7.30pm to 9.30pm, following the group's committee meeting, at the Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Non-members welcome to attend.

Press release, 28 Jul 2008 Sheelagh Noonan, The Peninsula Environment Group

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School collects bread bags

Woy Woy Public School is taking part in the national competition, designed to encourage Australian **Primary School children and** their families to eat well and get active.

Students have the opportunity to receive new sports equipment for the school by collecting speciallymarked empty bread bags.

The competition has been running since July 1, and closes on September 30.

School fundraising coordinator

Mr Mark Ellis has suggested that students collect the bags from family, friends and neighbours.

The school canteen will also be stocking the white bread varieties which come in the bags until the end of September.

"The bags can be placed in the silver barrel located in the school office," said Mr Ellis,

"We are currently trying to arrange some local supermarket collection points."

Newsletter, 1 Aug 2008 **Woy Woy Public School**

Students in spelling test

Twenty-four Woy Public from Woy School participated in the Competitions International **Assessments** Schools'spellingassessment last month.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said Thomas Laznik. Isaac Orr-Green and Nora Holmes gained a Distinction in the Spelling Assessment.

Other students gained credits and participation awards.

The spelling assessment was developed by the Educational Assessment Australia unit of the University of New South Wales, and is conducted annually across Australia in 12 other countries.

There are more than 1.5 million entries worldwide.

> Newsletter, 1 Aug 2008 **Woy Woy Public School**

Council forces change of plans

Plans for a new library and canteen at Pretty Beach Public School have had to be changed because Gosford Council would not allow them to be built over part of a water easement.

"Unfortunately the original site for our new library is no longer feasible due to issues associated with building over an existing stormwater easement," school principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"We have been advised by Gosford Council that they will not accept any building over the stormwater line or the associated three metre easement.

"The line of easement also

affects the location of the canteen demountable.

"The canteen will now be placed closer to the green house and not adjacent to the existing toilet

An information evening was held for parents on July 23, to allow them to view the new plans, ask questions and make comments.

"Our new library will be placed near our new administration building at the front of the school along Heath Rd," Ms Redrup said.

"Our school is situated on an extremely tight site and there are a number of predefining factors impacting on any potential redevelopment, such as a number

of threatened species habitats and bushfire protection requirements.

"This severely limits the options we have in locating our buildings.

"We have looked at a number of alternatives for the placement of the new library and this looks like the only area for it."

Construction work has recently commenced at the school.

"Our old demountables have disappeared over the holidays and the canteen should be moved in the very near future.

"The removal of demountables has opened up another space for children."

Newsletter, 22 Jul 2008 **Pretty Beach Public School**

Opportunity to host students

Students at Ettalong Public School have been given the opportunity to host an exchange student in February next year.

"Students aged 15 to 18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for five to 10 months,"

school principal Mr Colin Wallis

"Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer unpaid capacity.

"Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

"Host families help provide these students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia.

"This is a great way for students to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill."

Newsletter, 29 Jul 2008 **Ettalong Public School**

Kindergarten enrolments

Ettalong Public School is now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten classes next year.

School principal Mr Colin Wallis said children who turn five by July 31 next year are eligible for

"Parents may collect enrolment forms from the school or they can

phone and have the forms posted to their home address," Mr Wallis

returned, together with proof of age, such as a birth certificate.

"Enrolment forms should be

"This allows us to effectively plan the Head Start Program."

Newsletter, 29 July 2008 Ettalong Public School

Water tanks for Ettalong **Ettalong Public School has**

been successful in applying for a \$25,000 Commonwealth **Government Water Grant for** the installation of water tanks at the school.

"These tanks will harvest rain water for use around the school grounds as well as the toilets," school principal Mr Collin Wallis

"It will assist us enormously in caring for the environment."

Newsletter, 29 July 2008 **Ettalong Public School**

for St John Staff and students from St John the Baptist Primary School, Woy Woy, gathered

together for a special mass to celebrate the Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist on June 24. "The Feast of St John the

Baptist is not only a day our school respectfully pays homage to a great prophet, it is also a day we can all reflect upon our school's name and its significance," said school P&F publicity officer Ms Stacey Saul.

"It gave students the chance to reflect on the importance of wearing our uniform with pride and embracing the joy of belonging to the community of St John the Baptist Primary School.

Special mass

"After Mass, the children, teachers, parents, carers and other members of the parish reassembled at the school where the children performed a small

"Our Year 6 students sang this year's World Youth Day anthem Receive the Power and the school choir also performed a few songs.

"Kindergarten gave a fantastic performance too.

"Following the concert, the P&F and parent volunteers put on a barbecue, serving up 500 sausage sizzles."

Press release, 29 Jul 2008 Stacey Saul, St John the Baptist **Primary School P&F**

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Yellow House wins carnival



St John the Baptist Primary School held its annual athletics carnival on June

"The closeness of the competition and the overall high standards displayed by the children was wonderful," said school P&F publicity officer Ms Stacey Saul.

The carnival was won by the Yellow House.

Many children exceeded the standards necessary to qualify for participation in the Zone Athletics

Sports coordinators Daniel King and Clare Gallagher were joined by a number of volunteers to organise the carnival

> Press release, 29 Jul 2008 Stacey Saul, St John the **Baptist Primary School P&F**

Students enrol to vote

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus participated in the Australian electoral Commission's national Enrol to Vote Week on July 31.

College careers advisor Mr Rob Harwood said the government initiative was aimed to get young people on the electoral role and ready to vote in all government elections.

"More than 200 students got involved in Enrol to Vote Week at the school," Mr Harwood said.

"The group of 17-year-olds from Years 11 and 12 that participated will now be enrolled and ready to vote, once they turn 18.

"The initiative is a great way to encourage the students to enrol to vote and have their say."

According to figures released by the Australian Electoral Commission, only three in four 18year-olds are enrolled to vote.

The Australian Electoral Commission provided enrolment forms. educational resources, promotional materials and other information to more than 1650 secondary schools for the initiative.

> Press release, 28 Jul 2008 Australian Electoral Commission Clare Graham, 31 Jul 2008 Interview: Rob Harwood, Brisbane Water Secondary College

College holds academic assembly

Brisbane Water Secondary College held its mid-course Academic Assembly Wednesday, July 30.

Staff, parents and students of Woy Woy and Umina campuses celebrated the academic achievements of students from Years 7 to 12.

College principal Mr Steven Harris welcomed and addressed the assembly.

More than 100 students were then presented with certificates of achievement for their hard work and commitment to learning.

During the assembly, the audience was treated to a musical performance by Eden Hook and Liam Scarratt from the upcoming college musical Jesus Christ Superstar.

> Press release, 30 Jul 2008 Brisbane Water Secondary College

P&C president resigns

The president of Woy Woy Public School P&C Ms Julie Stevens has formally announced her resignation.

"It is with regret that I have resigned as president of the P&C," Ms Stevens said.

"I have enjoyed my time as president, but work and home commitments prevent me from continuing to give the many hours needed to make the role and the

P&C a success and I want to allow others to take the challenge.

"I will remain engaged in activities and will continue in a leadership role until the new president is identified."

The school P&C will be taking nominations for the position of president at its monthly meeting on August 14.

primary school teacher, he finds

fulfilment these days as a busker

in the busy streets of Sydney and its suburbs. Steeped in the Irish-

Australian tradition, and with a deep

loathing of pretence and cant, he

has for over forty years been writing

songs and poems to give vent to his

feelings about politics and history.

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commercialism generally, he has

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Australia's small but vibrant folk

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Newsletter, 1 Aug 2008 Woy Woy Public School

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Liesl Tesch (gold) strives to block a Canadian opponent - photo courtesy of Noel Rowsell

Tesch captains Paralympic team

Multiple Paralympian Liesl Tesch of Woy Woy has been named the captain of the Australian Women's Wheelchair Basketball team for the Beijing Paralympics.

The announcement came following the Gliders' successful completion of the Asia Oceania Qualifying Tournament in Sydney where they finished top of the region.

"Liesl was a stand-out choice for this role, having served as a virtual ambassador for the sport on the international circuit for many years and leading the way for women players to break into the professional ranks in Europe," Parramatta Basketball Association media officer Mr Noel Rowsell said.

"LiesI has made trips to war-torn

countries to encourage and help develop wheelchair basketball and is a fitting leader and ambassador in her role as captain of the Australian team."

The 39-year-old is currently ranked number four in the world for women's wheelchair basketball.

Beijing will be Liesi's fifth Paralympic Games, having won silver at both the 2000 Sydney games and at Athens in 2004.

Liesl has a Bachelor of Science and a Diploma in Education and is currently working as a teacher at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"This year's games will see the possible emergence of a new power in women's wheelchair basketball, with Germany set to upset the world's number one and two-ranked teams Canada and the USA," Mr Rowsell said.

"Canada has virtually ruled the world in women's wheelchair basketball for the past 10 years but Australia has already defeated the Canadians three times in separate tournaments this year.

"This points to a changing of the guard in world rankings.

"The USA would be currently ranked number one but everyone is looking over their shoulder at this incredibly strong German team.

"Australia, however, will be in the mix and I believe the medal playoffs will be fought between Germany, USA, Canada and Australia."

The Beijing Paralympics will be held from September 7, to September 17.

Press release, 15 July 2008 Noel Rowsell, Parramatta Basketball Association Umina resident Chris Payne
has signed a two-year
contract with A-League
soccer club Sydney FC and
will earn a reported \$76,000

during his two-year deal.Payne has begun part-time

training with Sydney FC while he finishes his commitments to his Higher School Certificate and current NSW Premier League club Manly United.

Payne is a Year 12 student at Narrabeen Sports High School in Sydney and began playing with Manly United at the age of 14.

Following his education and NSWPremierLeague commitments he will be eligible to play with the A-

League this month.

Local boy signs

with Sydney FC

Last year, Payne received the Luca Neill Scholarship which allowed him to travel to Blackburn and West Ham in the UK.

"This is a great opportunity for me," Payne said.

"I have always wanted to play for Sydney FC and to sign for them is amazing.

"With the start of the Youth League I was hoping to get a contract for the youth team but to get this is great.

"Sydney FC has put faith in me and given me the chance.

"Now it's up to me."

Press release, 21 May 2008 Sydney FC

Surf club appoint new committee

Ocean Beach Surf Club has appointed new committee members at its annual meeting.

Scott Hannell has been appointed president.

Vicki Swain was elected director of administration.

Michelle Stone will be the club's new junior activities coordinator and David Ross will be director of competitions.

Other officers elected were club captain Dean Slattery, functions director Elaine Unger and director of marketing and public relations Mark Arahill.

Brett Hurst will be senior coach for the club, while Mark Arahill and Vicki Swain will share the role of junior coach.

The club has already started board training for the season, held on Sundays at 10.30am for all levels.

"Whether you are a beginner or advanced board trainer, we welcome you to our training sessions," junior coach Mark Arahill said.

For more information please contact Mr Arahill on 0424 711 628.

The annual meeting heard results from the State titles last season.

Ocean Beach finished 11th

overall and third of the Central Coast clubs.

The Seniors finished 19th out of

The Seniors finished 19th out of 129 clubs.

At the Australian titles held in Perth, the club's Women's R&R team came fifth and a silver medal was won in the Under-15 Female Champion Lifesaver event.

Press release, 1 Aug 2008 Kristene Murphy, Ocean Beach Surf Club

Umina takes bowls shield

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club hosted the annual Lorna Buckworth Shield last month.

"The Ettalong Grade Five side had a strong lead after round one," said Coast Bowls News publicity officer Mr Bob Penson.

"Ettalong's lead narrowed at the

end of round two, but they still had their nose in front.

"However, Umina's wins against Woy Woy took Umina to the lead."

Final results saw Umina win with 74 points, followed by Ettalong with 57 points, Woy Woy with 52 points and Everglades with 42 points.

Magazine, 31 Jul 2008 Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News





Charity bowls day held

More than 120 bowlers attended the Ron Pursehouse **Charity Bowls Day at Umina** Beach Bowling Club on Thursday, June 26.

The day commemorated the passing of Ron Pursehouse in June last year.

"Ron had been a club stalwart for more than 40 years," said club publicity officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

He had held many positions on the men's bowling committee and had been granted life membership of Club Umina where he had served as a director.

Wal Rainbow, who had known Ron before he came to the club. gave a brief address on Ron's achievements and deeds over the

The day was attended by family members, Zone 15 President Kevin Dring and a number of guest bowlers from other clubs on the Coast.

Bowlers from the Erskineville club with whom Ron had built a strong relationship were also in attendance.

After the address, the family and bowlers formed a guard of honour.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, bowlers played a spider followed by a game of turnaround triples.

Mr Jarrett said the charity day raised more than \$3000 to go towards prostate cancer research.

"We will be making the Ron Pursehouse Charity Bowls Day an annual event on the club's bowling calendar to be held on the last Thursday in June each year."

Publication, 31 Jul 2008 Ian Jarratt, Coast Bowls News

Bowling green is opened



Frank Pengelly OAM the prime instigator behind Everglades' new carpet green provides bowlers with a brief history to its development

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal attended the official opening of Everglades Country Club's new \$200,000 bowling green on June 28.

"The new carpet green will ensure that there are always two Greens available for play 12 months of the year," said Everglades publicity

"Over the last couple of months we have hosted the major tournament for the year, the Frank

"We have hosted the National Championships for the various multi-disability Australian associations.

"We have also hosted a memorial tournament for the late patron, past president and life member Stuart Miles, as well as the annual reciprocal visit from Mt Lewis."

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Publication, 31 Jul 2008 Ray Benton, Everglades Country Club

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Close game at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Oval hosted round 15 of the Central Coast Rugby Union match between Woy Woy and Northlakes on Saturday, July 19.

It was the closest game of the round, according to Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson

He said: "Northlakes scored right on fulltime to win the game by 21 points to 20 over Woy Woy.

"Woy Woy probably deserved to win this game and did everything to do it.

"Woy Woy jumped to a handy lead of 20 points to 7, midway through the second half, and looked home

"But a break in play through injury and some concerted play by Northlakes saw them score two converted tries in the final minutes to win the game.

"Down 20-14, it was right on the ball that Northlakes dived over under the posts to allow the conversion to get Northlakes out of Mr Thomson said Woy Woy

played its best rugby of the year

and would be most disappointed

"However, Northlake through the win remain in fifth position and still maintain their outside chance of a semi final spot," Mr Thomson said.

"Best players for Northlakes were prop Matt Lanzini who was tireless all day, second rower Glen Stone who was strong as usual, and winger Wade Dignam who scored yet another try in the match.

"Woy Woy had several excellent players including flanker Dean Burkwood and number eight Danny May who were strong right across the paddock.

"Second rower Dave Plunkett led from the front and was an inspiration for his team mates for the entire 80 minutes.'

Following round 15, Woy Woy first grade were placed eighth on the ladder with 16 points.

In second grade, Woy Woy defeated Northlakes 26-8, while third grade were defeated 19-0. The Woy Woy Under-19s were

defeated by Terrigal 19-17. Due to a general bye, no games

were played on July 26. Press release, 26 Jul 2008

Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union



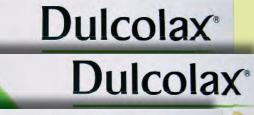


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