

Woy Woy Rd set to re-open

Woy Woy Rd is on schedule to re-open to two-way traffic next Saturday, August 22, following night roadworks last week.

Woy Woy Rd was closed to traffic in both directions "for essential night-time work" between August 10 and 15.

Gosford Council closed the roadway, near Bulls Hill, from 8pm to 4.30am each night to carry out stabilisation works.

"During current stabilisation works, it was identified that a 20 metre section of road required a deeper and wider excavation to ensure the foundation is secure," council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said.

The required minor works involved cutting a 20-metre trench along the roadway and then filling it with concrete to stabilise the road.

Mr Glen said the road closure and works took place at night to minimise inconvenience to motorists.

Signage was erected throughout the five-night road closure to provide advance warning to motorists and local residents.

Meanwhile, Gosford Council has retrospectively approved emergency arrangements taken along Woy Woy Rd, at Bulls Hill, to address the road's collapse.

Following recommendations

from its local traffic committee, council endorsed a one-way southbound traffic direction, 25 kilometre per hour speed limit, five tonne vehicle mass limit, and the prohibition of pedestrian, cyclist and non-vehicular traffic.

The council endorsed action taken to "advertise and provide displays on main roads in relation to road closures on Blackwall Rd and the Central Coast Hwy to be maintained until all repair work has been carried out."

A staff report stated: "Woy Woy Rd was closed from Horsfield Rd to Woy Woy Creek Bridge on April 24, after a section of the road embankment at Bulls Hill became unstable.

"Council officers were alerted to cracks in the road and arrived on scene within minutes, blocking the road before a section subsided one hour later.

"Woy Woy Rd was reopened to one-way traffic flow southbound (towards Woy Woy) on May 1.

"The RTA's traffic and safety manager Central Coast advised council of the RTA's approval to the above restrictions by email on May 6."

Council agenda TR.08.059, 5 Aug 2008
Press release, 5 Aug 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council



Council works continue on Woy Woy Rd at Bulls Hill (photo courtesy of Edward James)

Coastal Patrol helps four boats

The Central Coast Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol assisted four vessels in and around the Peninsula during the weekend of August 1 to 3.

The coastal patrol's Point Clare radio base was contacted on late Friday by the skipper of a five-and-a-half metre centre-console runabout anchored near the Rip Bridge.

"The vessel's gearbox had failed. There were five people and a dog on board," according to public relations officer Mr Ron Cole.

"They asked for help to get back to the ramp at Blackwall.

"Brian Warburton and Patrick Kearney responded to the call on Brisbane Water Lifeboat and soon had boat and crew safely to the destination."

The Point Clare base received another request on Sunday afternoon, August 3, to assist another six metre runabout that had broken down at Coaster's Retreat in Pittwater.

"Coastal Patrol Broken Bay

collected the vessel that had two adults and a child onboard," Mr Cole said.

"Broken Bay's lifeboat towed the boat to Little Box Head where it was passed over to Brisbane Water Lifeboat skippered by Alan Howes.

"The stricken vessel was then towed to the ramp at Koolewong.

"The owner's bad luck continued as he found that he had left his car head-lights on and now had a car with a flat battery as well as a boat with a problem.

"He used the boat battery to start the car to get home."

Mr Cole said the crew on Central Coast Lifeboat were later called to assist two trawlers near Pretty Beach.

"Not long after the strong westerly hit during Sunday afternoon, the crew on Central Coast Lifeboat, who were training with the boats fire-fighting gear on the Broadwater, were tasked by the base to assist two trawlers with three men on board," Mr Cole said.

"Both vessels had broken free of their mooring in the strong winds and were in danger of being stranded on the foreshore.

"The trawlers were rafted together and only one had an operational motor.

"The lifeboat, skippered by Ron Cole, towed both vessels into the channel and they were then able to proceed to a safe berth in Booker Bay under their own power."

Press release, 11 Aug 2008
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

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Another grant for cycleway

The State Government has granted Gosford Council \$204,063 for stage three of the Woy Woy Foreshore shared footpath-cycleway.

The offer was made in a letter from the Minister for Planning Mr Frank Sartor under the NSW Coastline Cycleway Grants Program.

A staff report to council stated: "The proposed project involves a continuation of the Woy Woy Foreshore shared footpath-cycleway stages one and two now nearing completion.

"Stage three begins at McMasters Rd and continues along Blackwall Rd and Memorial Ave finishing at Warrigal St.

"Further proposed stages are

planned to enable the shared footpath-cycleway to link up with the Ettalong Beach Foreshore and ferry services."

The report also stated that the funding grant offered represents one half of the cost of Stage three with council required to contribute \$204,063 to meet its 50 per cent financial commitment to the project.

The report stated: "There is no specific allocation provided in the Capital Works Program to match this funding grant.

"Council's share of the project funding costs can be identified in association with the allocation of funding for council's 50 per cent share of the shared footpath-cycleway projects it is undertaking with the Roads and Traffic

Authority.

"Any shortfall in funding can be provided through a Transport Program Budget Review."

The report also stated that the receipt of the grant from the State Government is "most welcome" and would allow the continuation of the cycleway project.

A letter on behalf of council has been sent to the Mr Sartor accepting the grant offer.

Council agenda CIT.21, 5 Aug 2008

Barriers are 'precautionary'

Concrete barriers along a section of Pearl Beach Dr have been installed as a "precautionary measure", according to Gosford Council's manager of engineering services Mr John Cragg.

Mr Cragg said council officers noticed "a slight slumping" of the road's rock retaining wall, following a routine inspection of the area.

"We do not believe the road to be in any danger."

The concrete barriers were installed as a precautionary measure, he said.

Mr Cragg said council was in the process of reviewing "a priority list" from geotechnical consultants Shirley Consulting Engineers to undertake restoration and stabilisation works along Pearl Beach Dr.

He said the list would allow council to undertake prioritised

works, based on financial and safety impacts.

Mr Cragg said council was also in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service to ensure there were no environmental impacts to the area throughout the project.

"The cost of undertaking all works along Pearl Beach Dr would be in excess of \$1million," Mr Cragg said.

"The priority list will allow council to undertake the most important sections first, based on what funding is available."

Mr Cragg said the priority list would allow council to begin work on Pearl Beach Dr towards the end of the year, once council finds a suitable tenderer for the project.

Media release, 12 Aug 2008

Clare Graham, 13 Aug 2008

Interviewee: John Cragg, Gosford Council

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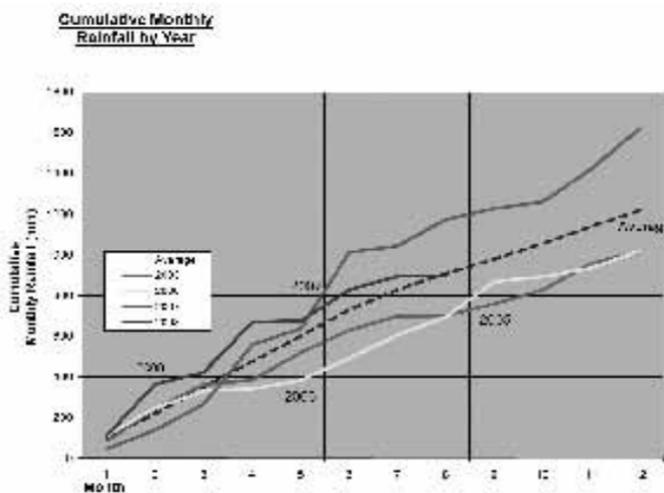
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Correction

In the last edition of Peninsula News, the article "PCYC group wins at eisteddfod" incorrectly stated that Bradley Death and Chris Paans were chosen to perform at the Mayoral Review in September.

It is in fact Bradley Death and Courtney McDonald who will be performing next month.

Clare Graham, 11 Aug 2008



Rain on falling trend

Only 4.8mm of rain has fallen so far this month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

If a similar amount falls for the second half of the month, rainfall for the year-to-date will fall below average for the first time in 16

months.

Cumulative rainfall for the year is 899.1mm, compared to annual average of 911.3mm at the end of August.

The average rainfall for the month of August is 81.9mm.

Spreadsheet, 15 Aug 2008

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Climate torch for Woy Woy

A national torch relay highlighting the need for action on climate change will pass through Woy Woy on Thursday.

Woy Woy has been selected as one of the locations for the GetUp National Climate Torch Relay.

Coordinator of the Gosford City leg Mr Mark Ellis said that hosting the Climate Torch provides the community with a great opportunity to highlight its commitment to addressing climate change.

"Climate change will severely affect the Woy Woy Peninsula, yet Gosford Council continues to put more people onto the Woy Woy Peninsula with no real plan to address the effects of climate change," Mr Ellis said.

"I want to see all levels of government take strong action so that we leave a healthy environment for our children in another century.

"The torch is a challenge to our representatives at all levels, from local councillors to the Prime Minister, to halve Australia's greenhouse emissions in a decade."

The GetUp Climate Torch Relay will reach Gosford on Wednesday, August 20, and Woy Woy on Thursday, August 21.

Members of the local community

have organised a leg of the relay and are acting as torchbearers.

The chairperson of Gosford Council's Cities for Climate Protection Committee will accept the torch at the Spike Milligan Bridge at 10am on August 21.

The torch will then move throughout the Woy Woy Peninsula passing by all the local schools, churches and the Woy Woy Environment Centre.

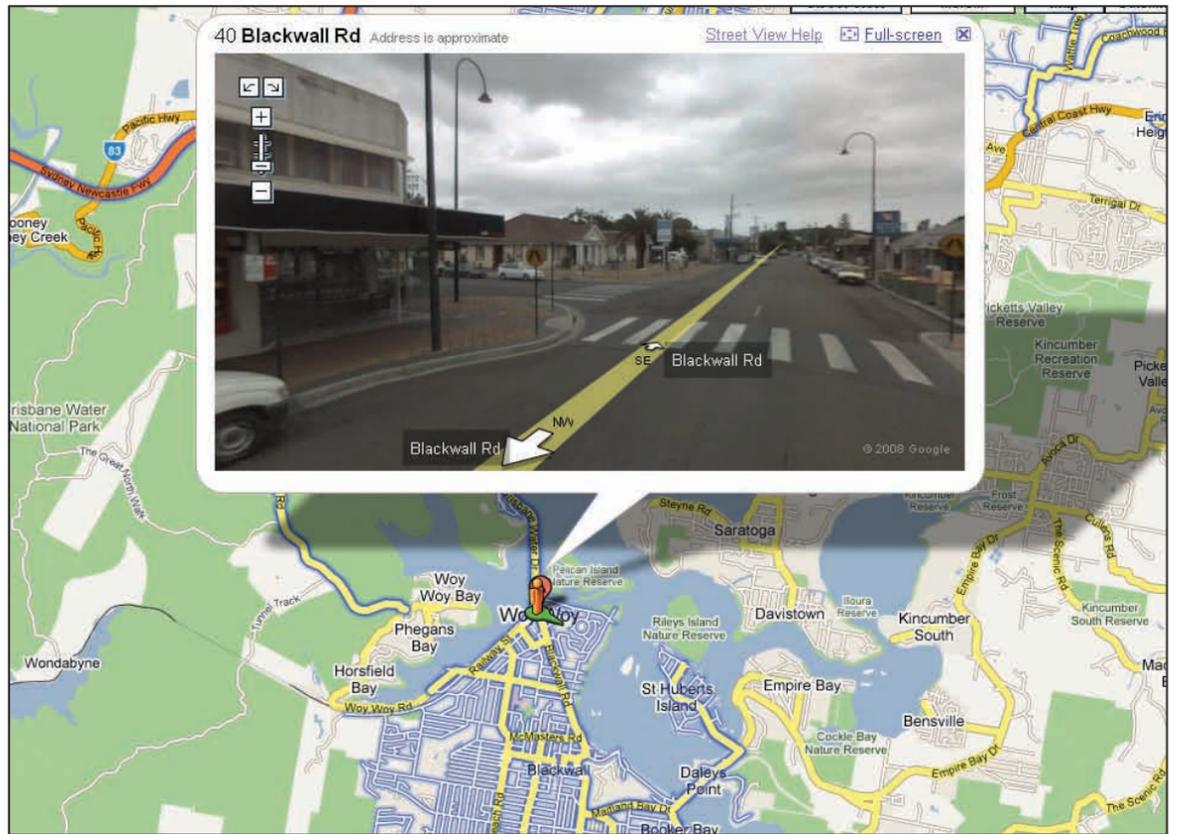
The torch will pass Woy Woy town centre at 10.30am, Woy Woy Public School at 11am, Woy Woy South Public School at 11.30am, Umina Public School at 1pm and Ettalong Public School at 1.30pm

An interactive information display will be mounted in the Woy Woy Library forecourt at 2pm, before the torch leaves the Peninsula along Brisbane Water Dr at 3pm.

A Climate Change Forum will be held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre from 6.30pm on Wednesday, August 20.

GetUp is an independent movement to build a progressive Australia, bringing together "like-minded people who want to bring participation back into our democracy".

Press release, 14 Aug 2008
Sarah Jones, GetUp



A Google Streetview of Blackwall Rd in Woy Woy

Peninsula streets pictured online

Street level pictures of Peninsula suburbs are among those covered by an internet mapping tool launched on August 4.

Internet search giant Google launched its Streetview mapping

tool for towns and cities across Australia on August 4.

The pictures show activity in the Peninsula's commercial areas as well as the quietness of the residential streets.

Street View imagery was gathered by a fleet of vehicles

equipped with advanced imaging technology.

The specially-equipped cars began gathering images of Australian streets in November last year.

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Mayor Jim Macfadyen with his Peninsula Team - Craig Munnings and Katie Smith

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Mayor Jim Macfadyen and Councillor Vicki Scott are campaigning to get a Peninsula resident on Gosford City Council.

Craig Munnings and Katie Smith are standing for Gosford City Council as part of Mayor Jim Macfadyen's team because they believe that the Peninsula deserves a local resident to represent them on council.

Out of the 10 current Gosford City Councillors, not one lives on the Peninsula.

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Minister increases dredging offer

Minister of Lands Mr Tony Kelly has increased his offer to contribute to the dredging of Brisbane Water to \$250,000.

However, he would still only meet half the cost of dredging he told a meeting between Gosford Council and State Government representatives to break the

stalemate over the dredging of the entrance to Brisbane Water on August 11.

Minister for Lands Mr Tony Kelly and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews met with council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson and director of city services Mr Stephen Glen to discuss the State Government's 50 per cent funding offer.

Ms Andrews said the meeting was "very constructive".

She said the council's general manager would take the Minister's offer back to the Councillors.

"I look forward to council's decision to get behind this initiative and allow this important work to go ahead," Ms Andrews said.

**Press release, 11 Aug 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

Support tourism, Chamber urges

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has urged both Gosford Council and the State Government to "get serious" about dredging the entrance to Brisbane Water and to support Ettalong Beach as a tourist destination.

"The delay by council, in advancing the works in line with the previous funding commitments given by the State Government, is symptomatic of Gosford Council's attitude to the Peninsula and Ettalong Beach in particular," Mr Wales said.

"It has been a constant source of frustration by the local business community that council reacts to crisis, rather than being proactive towards key issues.

"It is clear that council does not have a long-term vision for the Peninsula particularly when it comes to the foreshore upgrade at Ettalong Beach which the chamber initiated in 1998.

"It has taken 10 years to simply have the Foreshore Management Plan adopted and the limited works that have been undertaken to date."

Mr Wales said in 1999 the Central Coast Area Consultative Committee provided federal funding to the then Central Coast Business Forum to prepare the Tourism Infrastructure Analysis Central Coast Region authored by Alan Nordsvan and Associates.

He said the comprehensive report was a detailed analysis on prime tourist destinations, which identified Ettalong Beach as one of the two premier tourist nodes in the Gosford LGA, the other being Terrigal.

"Even though this was a widely recognised fact, one that Gosford

Council has supported, little if any funds have been directed to developing the required infrastructure to make this a reality," Mr Wales said.

"Council's general attitude has been to throw little bits of money at the Peninsula to keep the locals quiet, but fail to come up with a comprehensive long-term strategy to create a tourist destination.

"The recent exchange of words over the channel dredging is further evidence of the lack of commitment by the council to get serious about the issue."

Mr Wales said that in 2001 the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce spent \$100,000 preparing the Peninsula Vision document together with council, State Government and Federal Government, each contributing \$25,000.

According to Mr Wales, the Peninsula Vision developed a range of strategies dealing with economic growth, pilot programs for town revitalisation, tourism marketing strategies and a Place Management System tied to a business levy.

"While council adopted the Peninsula Vision document, it again failed to implement the recommendations when the business levy fell over," Mr Wales said.

"Despite council's assurances at the time that the Vision would not be left on a shelf to gather dust, that's exactly where it is today.

"The time really has come to stop applying cosmetics to the problem and to develop a comprehensive program for tourism on the Peninsula that is backed by real dollars."

**Press release, 7 Aug 2008
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Delay could damage, warns Hale

Central Coast Tourism chair and Central Coast First candidate Cr Peter Hale has warned of the damage the State Government could cause to the Central Coast tourism industry by delaying dredging of the Ettalong channel.

"Putting the responsibility on council is like asking us to fix the F3," Cr Hale said.

"It's typical of [the State] Government to hope that council will bail them out.

"After 15 years of trying to get an operator to run whale watching tours from Ettalong, this year could be the attraction's first and last year.

"Ettalong has been promoted as whale dreaming country - that's what the sign says as you come into town.

"The State Government is about as fast as a beached whale in taking action and it's costing the Central Coast.

"It's not just the financial loss of the service and all the dead money spent on promoting whale

watching.

"The dangerous conditions affect every fisherman and local recreational boater who navigates the point.

"If Marie Andrews can get a high school built in Kariong, surely she can get the State Government to accept its responsibility and get this channel cleared."

Cr Hale said the ferry carried 400,000 tourists and commuters a year and access to the channel is vital for tourism attractions.

**Press release, 4 Aug 2008
Peter Hale, Central Coast First**

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Whales seen around Peninsula

Peninsula residents caught a glimpse of a small pod of whales off Umina Beach on August 5 and a mother and calf were spotted in the Hawkesbury River near Patonga on August 9.

Umina Beach resident Mr Lawrence Gatt said he was lucky enough to take a photo of the "magnificent" sight.

Mr Gatt said around midday south of Umina Beach, two adult whales and a calf came within a few hundred metres of the beach.

National Parks and Wildlife Service community relations officer

Ms Susan Davis said that southern right whales frequently visit our waters at this time of year to calf before their return journey to the Antarctica.

"Just last week we had southern right whales reported at Umina Beach, in the mouth of the Hawkesbury River and also off Terrigal, MacMasters and Copacabana," Ms Davis said.

"From all reports received it seems there are about seven southern right whales in the waters between Newcastle and southern Sydney with at least three mothers with their calves in the local area.

"Some of the behaviour the whales are exhibiting includes breaching, tail slaps and pectoral slaps often staying in one area for a number of hours.

"It really is very exciting to see so many of these whales around the Central Coast but people must remember these are wild animals that need their space.

"There are regulations regarding the approach distances for whales."

**Email, 6 Aug 2008
Lawrence Gatt, Umina Beach
Press release, 15 Aug 2008
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A small pod of whales sighted off Umina Beach (photo's courtesy of Umina resident Lawrence Gatt)

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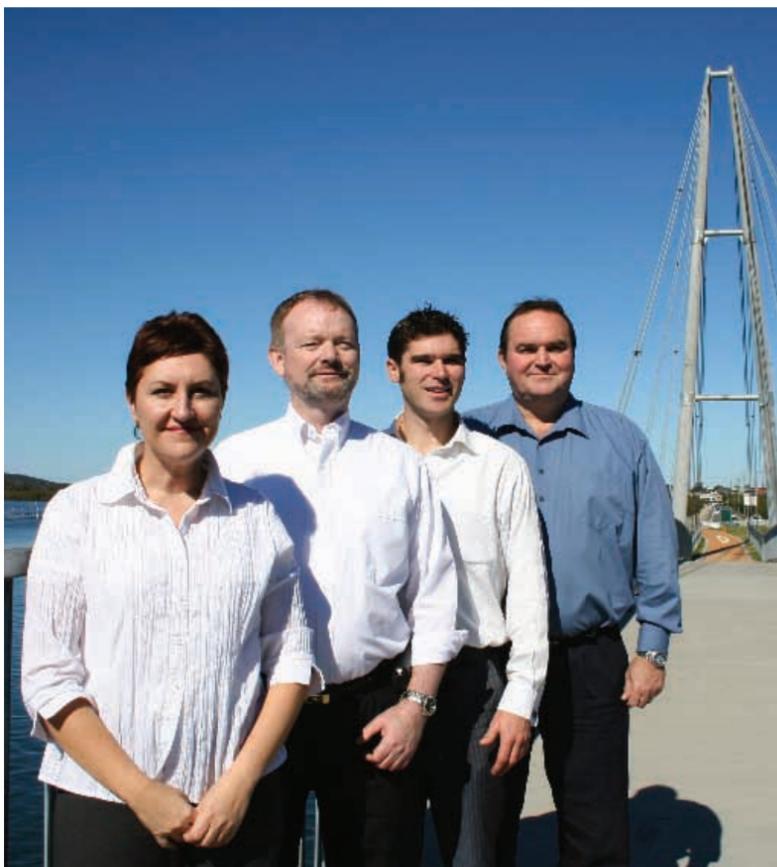
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These were exciting times, which encouraged confident investment in the new Resort complex and the prospect of flow-on from increased tourism.

However, after they took the stamp duty from the sale of more than 260 apartments, the Government abandoned the Fast Ferry.

At that time also, Central Coast-bound trains frequently sped through stations, failing to stop due to "running late" - or simply failed to arrive.

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Recently State Rail addressed this problem by "improving timetables", thus vastly reducing services and extending travelling time- despite the fact that more commuters rely on this service.

Further, these timetables failed again to link trains (Hornsby is a prime example), resulting in further frustration.

Yes, the State Government certainly gave us a serve!

In April this year, part of Woy Woy Rd collapsed, isolating the Bays community and choking access to the F3.

Last year a complete section of Somersby Road collapsed, killing five people.

These catastrophes have not been rectified in any timely manner, while State and Council negotiate financial responsibility.

During frequent bushfires, the F3 and other roads, as also the

railways, have been cut-off.

At such times, the only reliable access to this part of the world is through the excellent Palm Beach to Ettalong ferry.

Yet even this vital service will cease unless imperative dredging of Brisbane Water channels is carried out.

Both State and Local governments need to stop buck-passing and address the urgent needs of the Peninsula before it falls into further neglect.

So you see, in five years not much has improved. It's just getting worse.

Where are our elected Representatives?

What, if anything, are they actually doing for us?

Who deserves our vote on September 13?

It's time to give them a serve.

Nicky Sinclair,
Daleys Point

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Ferry trip is pleasant

When is someone going to get off their backsides and do something for local communities?

How narrow-minded and selfish are they?

We are all being told to use less cars and more "other" forms of transport, yet the powers that be cannot see the need to dredge for a safe ferry run between Palm Beach and Ettalong.

I do not drive and get the bus and ferry to visit my mother at Ettalong Beach.

It is a long but pleasant trip - about three hours each way door-to-door.

Without the ferry it would be a bus to central station, then a train to Gosford, then from Gosford to Woy Woy and finally to Ettalong Beach.

For this, I will probably need a visa, a packed lunch and a Sherpa to guide me.

It will probably take me all day to get there, allowing for track works, delays, cancellations, and

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timetables that do not link in with each other.

What about the loss of business for those lovely cafes at Palm Beach?

And how will other commuters get from the Central Coast beach area to the northern beaches and beyond without this vital ferry service?

Maxine Wade,
Cremorne

Completely annoyed

I just wanted to express my complete annoyance at Gosford Council setting a new parking time limit at the Deepwater Plaza carpark.

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The current commuter carpark is full by 6.30am, and the only other option after that is to park on the residential streets, which I feel is unfair to residents and potentially unsafe, or the main, previously un-time-limited car park behind Coles.

Gosford Council has done nothing but attempt to take money from us, and it's time for it to stop.

They can't even fix a major road.

How long has the old Pacific Highway been broken?

And what on earth is the use of a four-hour parking restriction for a

shopping centre anyway?

What about the people who work in the centre who also have to move their cars around to avoid being fined?

We've already received one fine, and knowing the council, they probably erected the sign during the day and then proceeded to fine all the commuters who had parked there.

It's just the sort of underhanded money-grabbing that the council is renowned for.

Gosford Council has once again screwed over the residents of the Central Coast.

David Pardy,
Ettalong Beach

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Bump up rates for illegal clearing

The mature vegetation that protected Ettalong Beach sand dunes against erosion also obstructed water views from properties opposite the beach.

The illegal removal of the vegetation by persons unknown significantly increased the land values of these sites by opening up attractive water views to the beach and Wagstaffe.

The Valuer-General should upgrade the valuation on these sites for rating purposes.

This will provide the general community with a share in the unearned higher rental income that flows to land owners who benefit from the deliberate vandalism of the environment.

John Collins,
Woy Woy

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Cameras needed, says candidate

Recent vandalism to several Ettalong Beach shopfronts has highlighted the need for the long-awaited Peninsula CCTV project, according to Central Coast First candidate Mr Andrew Tregent.

Mr Tregent said a group of youths caused more than \$10,000 worth of damage to a number of shopfronts at Ettalong Beach on August 6.

Mr Tregent is the owner of real estate agent Raine and Horne, which was one of the shopfronts targeted by vandals.

"This latest incident in the Peninsula's ongoing battle with vandalism highlights the immediate need for the Peninsula's CCTV project to be up and running as soon as possible," Mr Tregent said.

"Using glass cutters, the vandals tagged the windows including those of Ettalong

Beach Tobacconist, Raine and Horne and caused \$2500 worth of damage to Ettalong Beach Hut Cafe alone.

"Images of the vandals have been captured by one of the businesses' close circuit video cameras."

Mr Tregent said police had sent a fingerprint unit to examine the

scene, while the youth liaison officer attended schools to try and identify those responsible.

"Ettalong Beach Hut Cafe has just installed a new window," Mr Tregent said.

"Small businesses can't afford these sorts of blows.

"We need CCTV on the Peninsula now.

"The Attorney General's department announced \$680,000 to install 26 CCTV cameras in Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong CBDs.

"The plan is for the cameras to be monitored at a base station at Gosford police station."

The \$680,000 Peninsula CCTV project is funded under the Attorney General's Safer Suburbs Plan and was announced in May this year.

Mr Tregent, who is also a member of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, said that active police monitoring is a vital component of the plan.

"It seems to be a permanent campaign of vandalism here on the Peninsula," Mr Tregent said.

**Press release, 7 Aug 2008
Andrew Tregent, Central Coast First**

Cr Malcolm Brooks has announced his Independent team for Gosford Council elections on September 13.

Part-time teacher and former Community Environment Network officer Ms Jane Smith will join Cr Brook's team having represented environmental interests on state and local government committees.

Ms Smith is currently studying her Masters in Science.

Wamberal resident Mr Paul Rowe has also been named.

Mr Rowe is a qualified horticulturalist and arborist with his

own wholesale nursery.

He is married with five daughters.

Also joining Cr Brooks for the September local government elections is Niagara Park resident Ms Gail Ransley.

Ms Ransley is secretary of the local Meals on Wheels organisation and has operated an electrical contracting business in Gosford with husband Kevin for more than 32 years.

Youth Employment Solutions special projects coordinator Mr Lachlan Barr of Lisarow is also the

inaugural president of Gosford City Youth Council.

Mr Barr is also a financial planner and will stand with Cr Malcolm Brooks for September's council election.

Cr Brook's final team member, Erina resident Mr Charles Ryder, is a Salvation Army member and ex-RAF intelligence officer.

Mr Ryder is also a retired automotive sales and service engineer.

**Press release, 12 Aug 2008
Cr Malcolm Brooks, Independent candidate for Gosford Council**

Candidate calls for positive campaign

Labor party council election candidate Mr Craig Munnings has called on candidates to run "positive" campaigns.

He said it was disappointing that one of the first responses of some candidates was to "go negative".

"We need to lift the standard of debate so as to concentrate our efforts on delivering positive outcomes to our local residents," Mr Munnings said.

"Such debates should not be based on personality or slogans but on the merits of candidates' policies.

"The Peninsula has a real opportunity to have at least one of its own residents elected to the Council this election.

"Our team has devised a five-point plan which will begin to address solutions and to build on the work which has already begun.

"As your neighbour, I promise that I will maintain the debate on what is right, not just for what is popular.

"I will continue to hold fast to the principles of equity and fairness, knowing that at times such

principles may come at a personal cost.

"However, we on the Peninsula feel that we have been neglected and now need people who actually live on the Peninsula to represent our interests

"I reiterate the promise I made at the outset of this campaign: With your support, I will take up the challenge with enthusiasm, zeal and vigour and, together, we can always ensure that the Peninsula's voice is heard."

**Press release, 13 Aug 2008
Craig Munnings, Australian Labor Party**

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Election

Trevor Drake resigns to run as independent

Deputy mayor Cr Trevor Drake has announced his resignation from the Liberal Party and that he will be standing as an independent at next month's Gosford Council elections.

"After my first term on council, and the last year as deputy mayor, I have formed the opinion that the party politics does not always achieve the best outcome for the community," Cr Drake said.

"As an Independent I will be able to continue to make valuable contributions to the community and Gosford council without being hamstrung by party politics.

"I will be leading a team of Independents, who are intelligent and well-respected women from

the Central Coast."

Cr Drake said he believes that it is time Gosford council focused on good basic services which have been neglected for years.

"During my first term in council I was shocked to learn that council spend as little as \$1.5 million on roads for the whole of the Gosford region," Cr Drake said.

"That is just not good enough.

"We are calling our team the 'dream' team, which is an acronym for drainage, roads, environment, accessibility and maintenance.

"This is what we want to focus on over the next four years.

"For too long now, infrastructure such as roads, kerb and guttering, drainage and footpaths have been put on the back burner in place of multimillion dollar structures that mean little to the community when several streets away, the suburban landscape looks like a Third World country.

"We have an ageing population, and we need to ensure accessibility for all the community."

Cr Drake said he discovered

that the previous council had commissioned a report on the cost of kerb and guttering for all roads on the Peninsula.

"For what Council spent on the Peninsula Leisure Centre, we could have had nearly all the streets on the Peninsula kerbed and guttered with proper drainage," Cr Drake said.

"It begs the question as to why council at that time chose to spend its money on this costly building, which has significant ongoing losses each year, when

funds could have been spent on improving roads.

"Our playing fields, beachfronts and foreshore reserves are all neglected and it's just not good enough."

Trevor Drake's team comprises of Peninsula businesswomen Ms Debra Wales and Ms Janice Hawkins, Copacabana businesswoman Ms Jean Kronja and Cr Drake's daughter Ms Tegan Drake.

**Press release, 7 Aug 2008
Trevor Drake,
Gosford Council candidate**

Debra Wales to run with Drake

Peninsula resident Ms Debra Wales has announced she will be running on the Independent ticket of deputy mayor Cr Trevor Drake for the Gosford Council elections in September "because of the appalling state of council roads on the Peninsula".

"It wouldn't matter where you are on the Peninsula.

"In residential areas, waterfronts or in town centres, the council roads are in such a desperate state of disrepair that some are in danger

of causing a serious accident," Ms Wales said.

"Ettalong Beach has the illustrious title of being a premier tourist destination and yet the state of the main road as you enter the town centre is appalling.

"During my term in council from 1999 to 2004, there were three Peninsula councillors (including myself) and we ensured that a significant amount of council's budget was spent on roads.

"Kerb and gutter, drainage and footpaths were a priority but this has all been neglected in the past

four years with very little funds being expended on roads and road maintenance."

Ms Wales said that after showing Cr Drake the state of Peninsula roads, he was "shocked to see the extent of neglect".

Ms Wales said he had assured her that his first priority over the next four years would be improvements to council roads.

"One of the worst streets I have seen to date would have to be Wallaby St, Blackwall.

"It has a child care centre and numerous residential villa and town house complexes and yet the street is like that you would find in a third world country.

"It really is unacceptable."

Ms Wales said that when Cr Drake recently inspected local roads, he commented that "the

Peninsula does not appear to receive its fair share of the roads budget".

"There are streets such as Lone Pine Ave, Umina Beach, that are collector roads and yet they are in an appalling state of repair with poor drainage and no kerb and gutter," Ms Wales said.

Cr Drake said Ms Wales was "absolutely right" in voicing her concerns over the poor state of Peninsula roads.

"These are streets that have thousands of vehicle movements a day," Cr Drake said.

He said he was determined to make Peninsula roads a priority if re-elected.

**Press release, 12 Aug 2008
Debra Wales, Independent
candidate**

Candidate at forum

Peninsula lawyer Katie Smith from Umina is among council candidates to have accepted an invitation to attend a candidate forum in Gosford

on August 30.

Ms Smith is running on the ALP ticket for the election.

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation will be hosting the forum at the Uniting Church Hall, Donnison St, Gosford at 10.30am on Saturday, August 30.

Candidates will each be given five minutes to explain their policies, then take some questions from the public; with a further minute wrap up at the end.

For further information, contact John Wiggin at john.wiggin@acf.ccoast.org or phone 4323 1843.

**Media release, 14 Aug 2008
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Holstein announces Liberal team

Cr Chris Holstein has announced his "strongest team yet" to contest the Gosford Local Government elections on September 13.

Cr Holstein said he will be heading a team "of generational change for the Liberals".

"The team has been drawn from the community and represents that strength of our region," Cr Holstein said.

"The team has depth of experience, depth of business acumen and depth of community representation.

"This coupled with a strong local flavour ensures that constituents, wherever they live, can be represented through the Liberals."

Cr Holstein's team includes Chris Burke, Amy Houston, Jeff Strickson, Richard Frohlich-Brew, Deanna Bocking and Aaron Henry.

According to Cr Holstein, Jeff Strickson, Deanna Bocking and Aaron Henry will be representing the Peninsula community.

"The emphasis of the Liberal team is to work for all of the community that they represent," Cr Holstein said.

"The Labor and Central Coast First teams say that they are listening to the community.

"This is just spin that we have come to expect from Labor and others.

"That's why we have a Liberal team that will be action-oriented, where we will not only listen, but we will work for the community."

Cr Holstein said there is a continued commitment of the Liberals to have youth candidates through Amy Houston and Aaron Henry.

Cr Holstein is a long-serving councillor and former Mayor of Gosford council.

His family operates local businesses in Gosford and on the Peninsula.

Until recently Cr Holstein was the general manager of Central Coast

Community Chest, "a position he relinquished to devote more time to council issues".

As councillor Cr Holstein has actively committed himself to the construction of Blue Tongue Stadium, Caroline Bay Arts Centre, the Surf Club Redevelopment Program and Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Mr Strickson has been a Central Coast resident for more than 12 years.

He is currently retired after 15 years with Qantas management and eight years in a senior regulatory role with a Sydney Council.

Mr Strickson is an active member of the Woy Woy John the Baptist Catholic Church, and is its social committee chair.

He is active within the community and is an adult literacy teacher.

Ms Bocking has lived on the Central Coast for 15 years and is actively involved in her local community.

She is a member of many volunteer organisations, and has conducted the annual Clean-Up Australia campaign on the Bouddi Peninsula for the past three years.

Ms Bocking was a finalist in the Central Coast Australia Day community awards in 2001.

As a working mother with two children, Ms Bocking has a keen understanding of the problems that face all families.

Mr Henry had been a Central Coast resident for 20 years and a Peninsula resident with his young family since 2006.

Mr Henry currently works locally in the finance industry, where he has been for six years.

He has been and is involved in local sport through squash, rugby union, motor cycling and surfing.

Press release, 14 Aug 2008
Liberal candidates for Gosford Council

Policing déjà vu for Liberals

Shadow Minister for Police Mr Mike Gallacher and Liberal candidate for Gosford Council Cr Chris Holstein have renewed calls for increased police presence on the Peninsula.

"There is a real sense of déjà vu here.

"More than two years ago the NSW Liberal Nationals stood outside Woy Woy police station and called for the Labor Government to provide the resources to run this station on a 24 hour basis," Mr Gallacher said.

"Two years on, the Labor Government is still failing to respond to the community on this very important issue.

"We are inundated with people ringing us about not seeing any police down on the Peninsula."

Mr Gallacher said the State Government was going to substantially increase police numbers, but the numbers were showing a continuing trend from the opposite direction.

"Woy Woy Police Station is little more than a shopfront and the community know that."

Mr Gallacher suggested the Labor Government reintroduce the concept of community-based policing to overcome the issues associated with its current "centralised policing system".

"We have to reintroduce the concept of community-based policing, and the way you do that is to put cops back into a community and have them permanently there," Mr Gallacher said.

"With the current system there is no continuity in terms of building the relationships between the community and the police and I think that is part of the challenge the police are trying to come to grips with.

"People say Local Government elections have nothing to do with police.

"But Local Government elections are about local communities and police are all about protecting and serving local communities.

"My challenge to this area is to use this coming local government election to send a message to the Morris lemma Government that their level of service in this area is simply unacceptable and the area of policing and police resources are one of the fundamentals of the Woy Woy Peninsula."

Cr Holstein said he was "frustrated" by the State Governments lack of presence on the Peninsula.

"In the lead-up to the 2007 State election, police were everywhere,



Mike Gallacher, Cr Chris Holstein and Chris Burke outside Woy Woy Police station

and the Labor Party's spin machine went into overdrive," Cr Holstein said.

"It did not take long for those police to disappear."

Cr Holstein said that since last year's State Government election, Brisbane Water Local Area Command had lost eight police officers.

"We seem to get the short end of the stick every time down here on the Peninsula.

"I have family that have businesses down here that can't get police there when they have an incident.

"It's frustrating to me because as a Councillor I wear the ramifications of antisocial behaviour and we the ratepayers are paying for it."

Press release, 5 Aug 2008
Mike Gallacher,
Shadow Minister of Police
Clare Graham, 5 Aug 2008

Interviewee: Cr Chris Holstein



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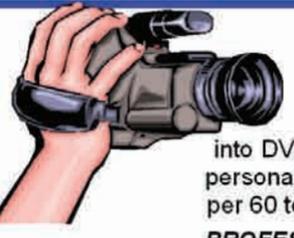


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Extra money for Meals on Wheels

Woy Woy Meals on Wheels will be among local organisations to receive extra State Government funding.

"The extra will give a helping hand to volunteers who give their time to do things like deliver meals or care for someone with a disability," said Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"This funding will go to help volunteers pay for their skyrocketing petrol costs so they can keep helping the frail, elderly and people with a disability in our community," Ms Andrews said.

"The team here at Woy Woy Meals on Wheels provide meals to those in our community who aren't able to cook for themselves."

"Our local volunteers do a terrific job and provide an invaluable contribution to the community, often at their own personal cost."

"Without volunteers,



Shirley and Elmo Caust, Marie Andrews and Co-Ordinator of Gosford City Food Services, Woy Woy, Colleen Sharpe.

organisations like Meals on Wheels would simply cease to exist and that's why they deserve our gratitude and support."

Ms Andrews said organisations operating through the Home and

Community Care program would be able to access the additional funding.

Press release, 7 Aug 2008

Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

They want your blood

Woy Woy Donor Centre is calling for blood donations to help people with cancer.

The donor centre is open at Woy Woy Hospital every Tuesday from 1pm to 7pm.

"Donating blood is a practical and direct way of assisting people with cancer," Cancer Council Australia CEO Professor Ian Olver said.

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which can be part of treatment and help improve a person's quality of life, so we encourage people to give blood regularly."

Call 4320 3401 or visit www.donateblood.com.au for more information.

The Woy Woy Donor Centre is located on the grounds of Woy Woy Hospital on Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 4 Aug 2008
Jacqui Raadsma, Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Meeting for over-eaters

Overeaters Anonymous are holding meeting every Friday from 7.30pm at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women from the community who meet to overcome compulsive overeating.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

The program is patterned after the 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous program.

The meetings offer the newcomer support in dealing with both the physical and emotional symptoms of compulsive overeating.

For weight loss, any medically approved eating plan is acceptable.

For more information contact Lucy on 0412 756 446.

The Peninsula Community Centre is located at 93 MacMasters Rd in Woy Woy.

Press release, 3 Aug 2008
Lucy, Overeaters Anonymous

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Hazard sign for laneway

An unnamed laneway between Wellington St and Cambridge St, Umina Beach, will have a bi-directional hazard marker and "no through road" sign installed.

Gosford Council resolved to have the hazard marker and sign installed following a recommendation by its local traffic committee.

According to a council report, an applicant advised council "that when traffic comes out of the Alfred St car park, a lot of people think they can take shortcut by crossing straight over to the laneway opposite to get to Cambridge St".

"When they find out they cannot, they speed through the back lane to get out to the other end."

The report stated: "that the road and traffic officer inspected the site and advised of a visual indication that the lane is not a through road would be appropriate at this stage."

According to the report, the bi-directional hazard marker would be installed at the Cambridge St end of the two laneways and a "no through road" sign placed at both Wellington St entries to the laneway.

Council agenda, TR.08.056, 5 Aug 2008

Jehovah's Witnesses perform

Several members of the Woy Woy congregation of Jehovah's Witness performed in front of more than 13,000 people at the "Guided by God's Spirit" District Convention in Sydney on August 3.

The group performed a Bible drama entitled "Do Not Leave the Love You had at First" at the Acer Arena in Homebush Bay.

"The drama was a highlight of the Witnesses' annual three-day district convention, according to producer Mr Bob Mouritz.

"Many hours had been spent researching the subject, rehearsing and making costumes," Mr Mouritz said.

"Another feature of the convention was the mass baptism of 90 people."

Press release, 5 Aug 2008 Bob Mouritz, Jehovah's Witness

Lisa Forrest launches book at library

Former Olympic swimming champion Lisa Forrest visited Woy Woy and Kincumber libraries on Tuesday, August 12, to launch her new biography "Boycott".

"Boycott" recounts Forrest's experiences of how the 1980 Olympians fought the government, the public, the media and each other in order to fulfil their dreams, and uphold their belief that the Olympic Games is about peace, not politics.

"The swimming star was only 16 years old when she found herself at the centre of one of Australia's most significant sporting and

political moments," said Gosford Council's media officer Ms Lisa-Maree Schell.

"After the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan in the last days of 1979, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser asked the Australian Olympic Federation (AOF) to boycott the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

"The AOF refused and by the time the Australian team marched into the opening ceremony, months of bitter politicking had split the nation."

Press release, 8 Aug 2008 Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council



Council to widen footpath

Gosford Council will acquire a small piece of land at the corner of Blackwall Rd and the eastern access to Deepwater Plaza.

The splay corner will become road reserve to widen the footpath on the southern corner of the intersection.

The council staff report stated: "A local resident has drawn attention

to a safety issue regarding a narrow section of the footway" at the corner of 101 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"A field inspection has confirmed the existing footpath narrows to 40 centimetres at this corner of the intersection.

"This narrow footpath is considered substandard for community access.

The report also stated that

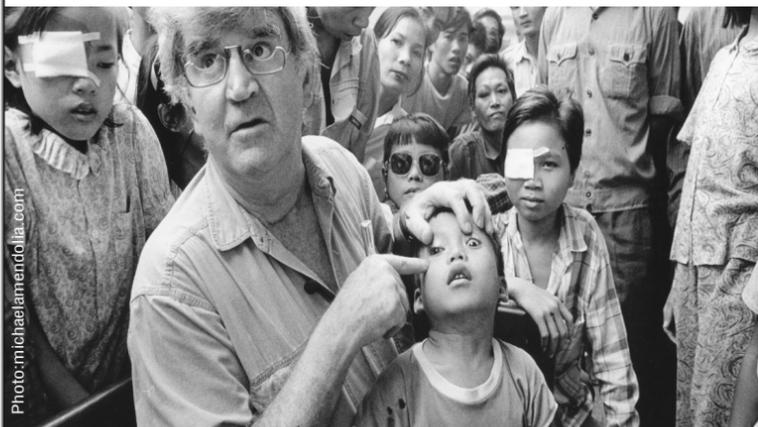
the proposed road widening would allow the construction of a two metre wide footpath at the location.

The report stated: "Blackwall Rd is classified as a local road and is hence a council responsibility.

"Once the land for road widening has been obtained the area can be paved as part of future footpath maintenance in the area."

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Day for plight of homeless

A special day for volunteers and guests was held at Mary Mac's Place on August 8 to acknowledge national Homeless Persons Week.

Students from St John the Baptist School and representatives from community organisations joined with Mary Mac's volunteers to acknowledge "the difficult plight of many of their guests who are homeless or living in temporary and insecure accommodation".

The Feast of the Blessed Mother Mary MacKillop, after whom the charity is named, was celebrated the same week.

"Homeless Persons Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness of the increasing problem of homelessness on the Central Coast, and to seek support for Mary Mac's in providing for the increasing numbers of people in desperate need," project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said.

Ms Schacht said Mary Mac's now supports more than 90 men, women and children each weekday.

"We offer our guests nourishing midday meals and information and referrals to community services," Ms Schacht said.

"Over the last 12 months, there has been an increase of 44 per cent

in numbers of people seeking our assistance.

"Over the same period, running costs have risen by 55 per cent.

"Unfortunately, requests for emergency housing far outstrip available resources and people without a roof over their heads have little chance of securing accommodation.

"There is no men's crisis accommodation facility on the Peninsula and many people are forced to bed down wherever they can find shelter from the winter chills and rain."

Ms Schacht said donations provided by the Peninsula Community Centre, Woy Woy Lions Club and Central Coast Community Chest have been amazing.

"Helping to meet the escalating cost of providing nourishing meals and assistance for those in need, are the Peninsula Community Centre and Woy Woy Lion's Club who each donated \$500 to Mary Mac's Place," Ms Schacht said.

"Central Coast Community Chest

has provided funding for a larger, more powerful microwave to help cope with the increased demand.

"Assistance has also been received from the School for Seniors with hand-knitted rugs, tinned food and sleeping bags.

"Toukley Dry Cleaners has made a generous donation of warm coats through their Coats for Kids campaign.

"Surplus food from World Youth Day celebrations has been received from the Catholic Parishes of Terrigal, The Entrance, Terry Hills and Woy Woy Peninsula.

"Year Six students from St John the Baptist School distributed toiletries which they had collected as part of their social justice program, while Con and Marj Ryan from Pax Australia also donated a generous supply of toiletries."

With donations for Mary Mac's Place, phone Ms Schacht on 4341 0584.

Press release, 14 Aug 2008
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

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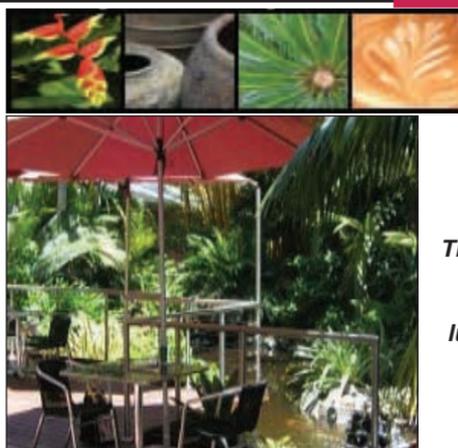
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY EVENTS

Woy Woy Pelican Feeding, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym PCYC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, UCH.

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

Get Together afternoon tea, ESSC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, ECC

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, BFC

Toastmasters, 7.15pm, EBWMC
Combined Pensioners assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, ESSC

Every Tuesday

Living with Teens course 10am runs until 26th August PWHC,

Woy Woy Blood Bank @ 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 RBG

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,

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, ECC

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6pm, John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: 4379 1132

Carpet Bowls; 10am; Card Club 7.15pm; Chess Club, 1pm, EBWMC

Tai-Chi classes, 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq: 4360 2705, WH

Folk Art, 9.30am; Silk Dyeing, 1pm, EBACC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

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

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

Coffee Morning, social get-

together, 10am, PWHC

Second Wednesday of every Month

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

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 9.30am, ECC

Fourth Wednesday of every month

Everglades Probus Club, 10am, ECC, enq: 4341 0664

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

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

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

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

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

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

Rotary Club of Umina, 6pm, ECC

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

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4320 3741, Craft and creativity group - women in stiches 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, WVEC

Every Thursday

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

Creative Writing, enq: 4369 1187, CWA

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

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

Free entertainment, 6.30 pm; Senior Snooker, 8.30am; Ballroom Dancing, 10am; Trivia, 7pm; Indoor Bowls, Fishing Club Raffle, 5.15pm, EMBC

Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2pm, 73 Highview Rd, Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651

Scrabble, 12.30pm, WWPH

Children's art classes, 4.30pm, EBACC

Card Club, 1pm; Chess Club, 7.30pm, EBWMC

Tai Chi 11.30am & 3.45pm; Dancing 9am; Indoor Bowls, 9am; Table Tennis, 1.45pm;

Cards noon, ESSC

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, ESSC

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

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9.15am, enq: 4343 1929, BFC
Old Wags Bridge Club, (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820, WH
Aqua-fitness, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30pm & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, EBACC

Painting, 9am; Computers, 1pm; Scrabble, 1pm; ESSC

Gym Sessions, 8am; Gym Circuit, 9am; Circuit Boxing (Women), 9am; Boxing/fitness training, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), PCYC

Peninsula Pastimes, Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), Primary Kids Club, 4.30pm, enq: 4343 1237

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303

Hardys Bay Community Church, indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble, morning tea 10am, enq: 4363 1968

Occasional Care, 9am;

Kindy Gym, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; Weight Watchers, 9.30am; Smart Recovery, 10am; Samaritans Support Group, 10.30am; Bridge Club, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; Judo, 7.15pm; Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses, PCC

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

Fishing Club, EBWM

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

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Assoc. meet, 2pm, enq: 4340 4160, EBWMC

Second Saturday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

Scrapbooking, 12pm, enq: 4

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Last Saturday every month
Bushcare Wagstaffe group, meet Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy 8am

Every Saturday
Vision Impaired Woy Walkers Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, 7.15am, enq: 4325 3686
Chess Club, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC**
Weight Watchers, 8.30am; **Dance & Theatre School**, 9.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Soft Stone Sculpture** (monthly); **The Web** 4.30pm-9.30pm; **School for Seniors** social outings arranged throughout year, **PCC**
Cash Housie, St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, 7.30pm
Chess Club, 1pm, **EBWMC**
Gym Sessions, 9am; **Drama & Discovery**, 9am, **PCYC**
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721, **WWLC**
Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital, 2pm, enq: 4344 6939
Woy Woy Environment Centre, 10am, enq: 4342 6589, **WVEC**
Community Dance, 1pm, \$2, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**
Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**
Rainbow Gate Market Day, 8am-2pm, 207 West St, Umina, enq: 0409 774 467

SUNDAY
First Sunday of every month
Blackwall Mountain Bushcare, 9am, cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave, enq: 4342 6995

Second Sunday of every month
Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am; **Vietnam Vets**, 11am, **EBWMC**
 Umina P&C **Bushcare**, 9am, enq: 4341 9301, **BWSC**

Third Sunday of every month
Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486
Ettymalong Creek Landcare, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251
EBWM Fishing Club competition, Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.
EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers meeting, enq: 4344 4760

Last Sunday of every month
Alliance Française "La Petanque" (the game of boules), 11am-5pm, enq: 0415 309 074
Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy, enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday
Fijian Cultural Group, 11am-4pm, **PCC Coast Community Church Services**, 9am & 5pm, enq: 4360 1448
Al-anon/Alateen family support group, "The Cottage", Vidler Ave, Woy Woy, 7pm
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, 11am, enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY
First Monday of every month
RSL Womens' Aux, 9:30am, **EBWMC**
Endeavour View Club Luncheon, enq: 4342 1722, **ECC**
Pretty Beach PS P&C, Resource Centre, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1587
Grandparents Parenting Support Group, Web Riley Room, Catholic Church, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995
Country Women's Association meeting, 10am, CWA Hall, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

Second Monday of every month
Book Club, 7pm, enq: Mandy 4342 2482
Women 50+ Group Chat, PWHC
RSL Women's Auxiliary, 9am; **RSL Sub Branch**, 2.30pm; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**
Pretty Beach to Killcare Community Association, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1546, **WH**
Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am, enq: 43601595
Coastal Crones (over 50's), 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 Speechcraft Classes, 6pm, **EBWMC**
Labor Party Peninsula Day

Branch, 1pm, **CWA**
Carers support group, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, enq: 4344 8427

Last Monday of every Month
WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy PS, 7.30pm, enq: 4341 2931

Every Monday
Kidz Drumming .4-5pm, Rainbow Gate, 207 West St,
Umina Cash Housie, 7:30pm, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**
Walking with other Mums enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741
3Cs-Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm, enq: 43 431929, **BFC**
Yoga, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH**
Mums Meditation 10am, Drumming 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, **WH**
Pilates, (except 2nd Monday of month) 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm, **WH**
Tai Chi, Empire Bay Progress Hall, 9:30am, enq: Clare 4369 1075
Sea scouts, 6pm, Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 0437 590 354
Girl Guides, 4pm, Cnr of Lurline & Memorial Ave, Blackwall, enq: 4328 3247
Indian Dancing for Kids, 3.30pm, enq: 4342 4395, **WVEC**

Upcoming Events

August 19 - Story Time at Lions Park - See page 16 for details
August 20 - Woy Woy Rd meeting - Bays Community Hall 7.30pm
August 21 - GETUP climate Torch relay Library Blackwall rd 10.30
August 22 - Sculpture exhibition/workshop Opening night @ Rainbow gate 207 West street Umina
August 23 - Drumbala Student Performance Day, .4pm-7.30pm at Rainbow Gate, 207 West Street, Umina.
September 09 - talk on Superfoods 10.00am **PWHC**

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Exhibiting at St Albans

Killcare Heights resident and artist **Gabriele Richter** will be holding her solo-exhibition **Phantasma** at **St Albans Gallery** from **August 23 to September 21**.

St Albans Gallery will showcase a selection of Ms Richter's paintings and drawings which has been inspired by the Bouddi National Park.

"All my inspiration I get from the Bouddi National Park, with its colours of the sandy beaches, the sandstone formations and the constant movement of the sky and the ocean," Ms Richter said.

"This is my collection of images and reflections of my inner world seen with the mind's eye.

"Years of living in the East are now being superimposed with the sandstone stratifications of the Central Coast.

"Consequently, cultural



Gabriele Richter

and natural diversities seep subconsciously through my palette and metamorphoses from one cultural state to another."

Ms Richter was born in Germany and spent 25 years living in China,

Indonesia and Japan, working as an instructor of German as a Foreign Language, graphic designer and photographer.

She has had numerous solo exhibitions and publications of her work in Asia and Europe.

Ms Richter has lived in Australia since 2003, and studied Fine Arts for one year at the National Art School in Sydney, before starting a new career as a painter.

The opening of the exhibition will be held on Saturday, August 23, from 2pm to 6pm.

St Albans Gallery is open Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm.

For more information, contact the gallery on 4568 2286.

Press release, 10 Aug 2008
Suzie Startin, St Albans Gallery

Nerds and Music duo at folk club

The Troubadour folk club will be hosting a Nerds and Music performance in Woy Woy on Saturday, August 23.

Musical duo Clark Gormley and Wayne Thompson will be performing their "original and quirky folk-comedy songs" at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy from 7pm.

Troubadour publicity officer Ms Willy Timmerman said: "Clark and Wayne are a couple of nerds who can't afford to take themselves too seriously.

"They will be playing some of

their original songs and throw in the occasional obscure cover from the bottom drawer in the kitchen."

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for concessions and \$7 for children.

A light supper will be provided on the night.

The CWA Hall is located opposite Fisherman's Wharf in Woy Woy.

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

Press release, 4 Aug 2008
Willy Timmerman, Troubadour Central Coast

Raising money for animals

Ettalong business owners **Candace and Michael Fitzhenry** will be raising money for the **RSPCA's Cupcake Day until Friday, August 22**.

Beachcomber Takeaway at Ettalong will be selling cupcakes, mini-muffins and slices, with all proceeds going to Australia's largest animal welfare organisation.

Ms Fitzhenry said the reason she decided to get involved was

because she was "an absolute animal lover".

She is the "proud owner" of an English bulldog named Buddaa and an English Staffordshire terrier named Izzy.

"This is something that I am very passionate about and being an animal lover it gives me great pleasure to do this charity work for the RSPCA," Ms Fitzhenry said.

"Only two per cent of the RSPCA's funding comes from the Government, the other 98 per cent

comes from donations, volunteer work and fundraisers."

Ms Fitzhenry said cupcakes would be selling from between \$1 and \$2 during the fundraiser week.

"Money for every cupcake bought will be placed in the RSPCA tin," Ms Fitzhenry said.

She said a supplier had provided cake slab slices "so we can continue our RSPCA fundraiser throughout the week.

"Any donation higher than \$2 is tax deductible and a receipt will be posted out."

Ms Fitzhenry said that with every donation customers would receive a raffle entry.

"First prize is a teddy bear, second prize is a dog wash and third prize is a soft drink pack," Ms Fitzhenry said.

Media release, 14 Aug 2008
Clare Graham, 14 Aug 2008
Interviewee: Candace Fitzhenry,

Second sculpture exhibition

Umina charity Rainbow Love will be holding the opening night of its On Sacred Ground II sculpture exhibition on August 22.

The opening night of the exhibition will take place from 7pm at Rainbow Love's headquarters Rainbow Gate, 207 West St, Umina.

Wine and light refreshments will be served on the night.

Entry to the exhibition opening night is \$20 per person, with all proceeds going to the Rainbow Love charity.

For more information please contact 0409 774 467.

Press release, 5 Aug 2008
Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love

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Bells Restaurant and Bar at Killcare

Pearls on the Beach at Pearl Beach

Quest

sponsors sought

Sponsors are being sought for entrants in the Queen of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival to raise money for the Cancer Council's Breast Cancer Challenge.

The festival will be held on Sunday, November 9, on the Ettalong Beach waterfront.

According to festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales, the entrants in last year's Queen of the Festival

raised \$50,000 for the Breast Cancer Challenge, taking the total to more than \$127,000 over three years.

"By sponsoring an entrant in the festival, it not only gives businesses the opportunity to promote their business but also to raise funds for such a worthy cause.

"Last year's event attracted thousands of people in beautiful warm weather with a variety of entertainment, food and wine stalls.

"This year all oyster farmers on the Central Coast will be invited to take an oyster stall to proudly showcase their oysters so as to ensure we don't run out."

The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival Ball will be held on the Friday, November 7, at the Ettalong Beach Club.

The Queen of the Festival and the Miss Charity Queen will be announced on the night and each will receive a holiday on the Gold Coast.

Every entrant receives a basket of gifts in appreciation of their hard work.

Ms Wales said the festival was receiving bookings for food and wine stalls, and homemade craft goods.

All bookings or inquiries can be made through Peninsula Promotions and Events on 0408 208 550.

Press release, 6 Aug 2008
Debra Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Two local restaurants have received awards at the Restaurant and Catering Association's Awards for Excellence.

Pearls on the Beach at Pearl Beach and Bells Restaurant and Bar at Killcare were recognised for their outstanding achievement at a special ceremony at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Terrigal recently.

Pearls on the Beach was named Restaurant of the Year and the best Contemporary Australian Restaurant- Informal on the Central Coast at the presentation dinner.

Bells Restaurant and Bar was named New Restaurant of the Year.

Pearls on the Beach proprietors Scott and Melissa Fox said they were thrilled to be named Restaurant of the Year.

"Every day we strive to make a dining experience at Pearls

something special and fortunately this has been recognised as something outstanding," Mr Fox said.

"People can always rely on the food always being a very high standard and the service to be great.

"We have so many regular customers who really appreciate us knowing their names and little things such as what they like to drink and where they like to sit.

"It doesn't hurt that we have a fantastic view."

Pearls on the Beach was established in 1992, and Scott and Melissa took over the business from its former owners six years ago.

"Scott started there as head chef in 2000," Ms Fox said.

"Just under two years later the owners decided that they'd like to move on and offered to sell to us.

"This was a huge decision for us

as we were so young and it was our first business venture ... but we took a gamble and just worked really really hard to make it work.

"Six years on and we're still evolving, improving and doing well."

Melissa and Scott have lived in Umina since 2001, having previously lived at Killcare Heights and St Hubert's Island.

Scott is Pearls on the Beach head chef, while Melissa is the restaurant manager.

"We have great staff that have been with us for a long time and know what high standards we insist upon," Melissa said.

Several other restaurants from the Peninsula area were nominated for awards.

Website, 15 Aug 2008

Restaurant and

Catering Association

Clare Graham, 1 Aug 2008

Interviewee: Scott and Melissa

Fox, Pearls on the Beach

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Kerbs and gutters are futile

Forum

With the council elections approaching rapidly, I can't wait to hear all the good things that the various parties and candidates are going to promise us.

Unfortunately, it will be all promises, promises with no hope of 'realising' any of the promises.

You have to ask yourself why they continue to do this?

They must know that the Gosford Council is unsustainable.

In the case of Craig Munnings bemoaning the lack of representation for Peninsula residents: "just one road on the Peninsula has been sealed, kerbed and guttered - that is Wellington St, Umina".

Munnings, who has lived here all his life, and "taken the opportunity to become involved politically and at various community forums"

must know that there is a long standing moratorium on kerb and gutter construction on the Peninsula because it is unaffordable, unsustainable and a futile exercise on such a flat sand plain.

There is certainly much that could be done to improve the condition of the roads here, but putting in drains that will in all likelihood be underwater in times of flood (in fact some are underwater at king tides at present) is exactly what you would expect from Gosford Council.

Fact is that council has just completed the kerb and guttering of the street that is first to be flooded during high tide and heavy rains and it runs along a creek.

Munnings and Gosford council are a perfect fit.

Bryan Ellis, Umina

Ferry threat is beat-up

Forum

Let's get a bit of sanity into the Palm Beach Ferry argument fueled by the Ettalong Beach Business Group.

The channel at Ettalong is like the "shifting sands of the Sahara".

The sandbar changes month-to-month, year-to-year and has always been an issue in relation to the depth of water available for vessels coming into Brisbane Water.

Because of the tides and the shifting nature of the sand, there will always be periods where the draft available to the Palm Beach Ferry will be less than other times.

And the NSW State Government has recognised for some time the ongoing need to provide funds for the dredging of the channel.

In reality, there is little

risk of the Palm Beach Ferry ceasing to operate completely.

There may be the odd time at low tide when the ferry and any other craft will bump the bottom because of the lack of water depth.

For the many years I have lived on the Peninsula, this has always been the case and it seems a beat-up to suggest that the ferry service will cease to operate.

And if it did, I can guarantee there will be another operator more than willing to step into those highly successful shoes.

I might add that this problem was clearly identified and recognised by the government during our hydrosurvey works carried out by Fast Ships Ltd during the EIS process for the high speed ferry.

This survey work and other studies available to council had prompted the NSW Government to make previous commitments to dredging.

So let's stop the hype and make sure that Gosford Council accepts the State Government's 50 per cent funding offer and simply get on with the job of dredging the channel.

Debra Wales, Umina Beach

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Intersection upgrade

Gosford Council has decided to upgrade the intersection of McMasters Rd and Ross St, Woy Woy.

The intersection will undergo a renewal of road surface, drainage improvements, line marking and the installation of a raised pavement marker, following concerns raised by South Woy Woy Progress Association.

Gosford Council resolved to provide road surface, drainage and safety improvements at the intersection, as recommended by its local traffic committee.

A report to council stated: "A site inspection reveals that there is merit in the provision of line marking and

raised pavement markers in Ross St and it was also noted that the road surface requires attention.

The report also stated that the progress association contacted council in February this year to raise its concerns regarding road safety at the intersection of Trafalgar Ave and McMasters Rd.

The report stated that: "The local Traffic Committee considered this matter at its meeting held on 7 April 2008 and recommended that a centerline and raised pavement markers be provided in Trafalgar Avenue."

Council agenda, TR.08.058, 5 August 2008



Legal firm celebrates 50 years

Woy Woy legal firm Tonkin Drysdale Partners has donated \$5000 to Peninsula community groups to celebrate its 50th Anniversary on the Central Coast.

The Bays Rural Fire Service, St Judes in Woy Woy, Umina Beach Surf Life saving Club, Woy Woy Aged Care, Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service, Peninsula Community Centre, Peninsula Village, Umina Beach PCYC, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club and Patonga Rural Fire service each received \$500 from the firm.

The Woy Woy and Wyong based legal practice has donated a total of \$10,000 to 20 community and sporting groups throughout the Central Coast, including 10 on the Peninsula.

"These donations are in addition

to our continuing financial support of many Central Coast sporting and charitable organisations," Mr Paul Tonkin said, on behalf of his partners Darrell Pannowitz and Paul Quin.

The firm was founded in 1958 by Philip Tonkin when he commenced his practice at Woy Woy as PD Tonkin and Co.

There were several changes to the firm's business name reflecting changes in the partnership until 1992 when the current name Tonkin Drysdale Partners was adopted.

Philip Tonkin retired the same year and the partnership consisted of James Drysdale, John Fitzpatrick, Darrell Pannowitz and Paul Tonkin.

James Drysdale retired in June 2002.

John Fitzpatrick retired from the

partnership in 2004 and remains as a consultant at the firms Wyong office.

The current partners are Darrell Pannowitz, Paul Tonkin and Paul Quinn.

"Our lawyers have a combined experience of more than 130 years in the legal field," Mr Tonkin said.

Over the years the firm has continued to operate from its main office at 77-79 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

In 1992 Tonkin Drysdale Partners opened a second office in Wyong.

Mr Tonkin said the firm had provided pro bono services and financial sponsorship to local not-for-profit and sporting organisations.

**Website, 14 Aug 2008
Tonkin Drysdale Partners**

No U-turn at Empire Bay

Gosford Council has resolved to install U-turn prohibition signs in Empire Bay Dr at the intersection with Wards Hill Rd, following concerns raised by the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association.

Council has also agreed to conduct a feasibility plan for providing a larger capacity storage lane in Empire Bay Dr for vehicles that exit towards Kincumber from Wards Hill Rd.

According to a council staff report, safety concerns were raised by the community association after its members witnessed "illegal U-turns by northbound motorists in

Empire Bay Dr, wanting to quickly enter the adjacent service station".

The report also stated the community association "also requested a larger holding lane for vehicles in Empire Bay Drafter they have exited towards Kincumber from Wards Hill Rd".

The council's decision was on the recommendation of the council's local traffic committee.

The report stated that the feasibility plan would be referred to council's development section for comment and referred back to a future traffic committee meeting.

Council agenda, TR.08.053, 5 Aug 2008

No stopping

Gosford Council has resolved to install No Stopping signs in Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, following the recommendation of its local traffic committee.

Busways requested the signs to assist bus turning movements.

A council report stated: "Buses going to the bus stop on Taylor St are coming down from Woy Woy Bay Rd.

"To return back into Woy Woy Bay Rd, the bus driver has to turn into Bassan St and then back out into Taylor Street to pull alongside the bus stop.

The size of the bus and the nature of the road intersection make this manoeuvre dangerous to other road users if a vehicle is parked on Taylor St directly opposite the intersection at Bassan St."

Council agenda, TR.08.060, 5 Aug 2008

Local charity Rainbow Love raised more than \$2000 towards educating a group of 460 Ugandan orphans at its Caring and Sharing Day in Umina, on August 10.

Event organiser Ms Annie Sobey will be travelling to Uganda next month, where she will distribute the funds through the Integrated Community Development Foundation (Incodefo).

The foundation's publicity officer Ms Sue McCarthy said more than 150 people attended the Caring and Sharing Day.

"People agreed that Annie Sobey's day of implementing change through friendship was

a wonderful and joyous day," Ms McCarthy said.

Plans are already under way to hold another day, and this time to raise funds for Rainbow Love, for

severely and chronically disabled children on the Coast.

**Press release, 12 Aug 2008
Sue McCarthy, Integrated Community Development Foundation**

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Cricket registration

Woy Woy Cricket Club will hold a registration day for its "In2Cricket" program at the end of August.

Registrations will take place on Saturday, August 23, and Sunday,

August 31, from 1pm to 4pm.

The club is looking for keen cricketers, both boys and girls, aged five to eight years old.

The club will be taking registrations at Rogers Park Oval

amenities building.

For more information, contact Kylie Cunningham on 4344 3574 or 0412 367 041.

Newsletter, August 1
Woy Woy Public School

Mini Olympics at Centre

The Peninsula Leisure Centre has held its own mini-Olympic event at Woy Woy on August 16.

The Woy Woy to Beijing Mini-Olympic event was aimed at encouraging learn-to-swim students from Gosford Pool and the Woy Woy centre to utilise the skills they had learnt in their swimming classes.

The event began with a flag

raising ceremony and national anthem, concluding with medal presentations.

Competitors participated in "the passion, glory and excitement of the Olympics", according to Gosford Council promotional material, as they competed in events such as "Dog Paddle on a Noodle, Biggest Bomb and Obstacle Course".

Press release, 6 Aug 2008
Gosford Council

Highest

Woy Woy basketballer Liesl Tesch was the highest point scorer at the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League finals at Marrickville PCYC on August 10.

Liesl scored a total of 38 points during the finals.

Liesl's team the Hills Hornets also took out the championship, defeating the Western Stars, 53-47.

This makes for the Hornets' third successive win in the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League.

Press release, 14 Aug 2008
Noel Rowsell, Parramatta Basketball Association

Charity day raises \$3000

Everglades Women's Golf Club has raised more than \$3000 for its annual charity day on June 29.

Publicity officer Ms Jan Binstead attributed the total to generous trophy donations, a successful raffle, a good field and kind weather.

"Our club generously donated \$1000."

Ms Binstead said the club would

donate the money raised from the day to Wigwam.

"Wigwam is a volunteer charity which purchases wigs, style and maintain them for anyone on the Central Coast who requires wigs after cancer treatment or other health issues," Ms Binstead said.

"This year we have donated a total of \$4000 to the charity."

Publication, 7 Aug 2008
Everglades Country Club

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Vietnam Veterans Gosford Sub-branch president Mr Richard Gray accepts a grant offer from Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Ettalong

Grants for ex-service groups

Four local ex-services organisations have received grants for their operation.

The Gosford City Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia based at Ettalong Beach received a grant funding for \$8000 towards travel expenses and consumables.

The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-branch received a grant of \$7785 for travel expenses and a part-time administrative assistant's salary.

A total of \$903 was granted to the Brisbane Water Branch of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association Australia for travel and consumables.

The 32 JTRE Association also received a funding grant for consumables to the total of \$655.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal presented Vietnam Veterans sub-branch president Mr Richard Gray with a grant allocation at a hand-over ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the

Ettalong Beach foreshore.

Ms Neal said the funding for all four organisations in Robertson had been approved by the Minister for Veterans Affairs Mr Alan Griffin, as part of the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) program.

"Many veterans look to local ex-service organisations as a first point of contact for advice on getting government services and benefits and it's important for these organisations to have the tools and equipment they need to provide that service."

"This funding will help ex-service organisations employ trained advocates, pension and welfare officers and meet ongoing running costs.

"I am very pleased that four ex-service organisations in Robertson have been granted to help them continue their valuable community work," Ms Neal said.

Press release, 4 Aug 2008
Belinda Neal, Member
for Robertson

Native plant bush walk

Gosford Council's Recreation and Natural Resources Department organised a native plant identification bush walk near Patonga on August 17.

More than 10 community members met at the Warrah Trig carpark to begin their two-hour

walk through native bushland.

Bushcare officer Ms Kate Consterdine said the walk was a great way for the community to take advantage of the weather and learn about native plants.

Press release, 8 Aug 2008
Kate Consterdine,
Gosford Council

Ettalong foreshore inspected

Gosford Council will hold an onsite inspection of Ettalong Beach foreshore to consider the implementation of the Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan.

According to a council report, the onsite inspection will involve Cr Terri Latella, interested councillors and the director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

The onsite inspection follows Cr Latella's request for a report on "why the burnt vegetation and surrounding vegetation at the affected area was removed and why that decision was made and what environmental bush care methods were used".

Cr Latella's request for a report was made at a council meeting on July 22, during "questions without notice".

The report on the "burnt vegetation" at Ettalong Beach foreshore was presented to council at a meeting on August 5.

According to the report, the fire at Ettalong Beach foreshore occurred during March this year and burnt out the dune vegetation from the toilet block at the end of Picnic Parade for 30 metres to the west.

The report stated: "The vegetation in question was to be removed to allow reshaping of the dune between the toilet block and

northern most beach access.

"Replanting of advanced tertiary species is proposed to provide immediate tall vegetation at the rear of the dune.

"Inspection of the site revealed that a large section of the vegetation identified for removal under

Section 6.7 (of the Dune Management Plan) had been destroyed leaving a potentially dangerous site with a large number of broken bottles and used syringes littered throughout the exposed dune area.

"The fire significantly impacted on the visual amenity of the Ettalong Beach foreshore and it was considered that urgent work was required to clean up and stabilise the site.

"The contractor undertaking the demolition of the toilet block offered the use of the on-site excavator to assist in making the site safe for the public at no cost to council.

"Assistance was also offered with picking up bottles and syringes prior to the excavator commencing work.

"It was decided to accept the offer of assistance and use the excavator available on site to remove the remaining vegetation and undertake the dune reshaping works as identified in Section 6.7.

"The excavator was considered appropriate earth-moving equipment for the task at hand as

it was able to remove the burnt shrubs, fill the hollow and reshape the sand dune."

In response to Cr Latella's question on what environmental bush care methods were used in the removal of vegetation at Ettalong Beach foreshore, the report stated: "As the vegetation had been identified for removal under Section 6.7 and new vegetation was to be re-established it was not necessary to implement bush care methods for the removal of the vegetation.

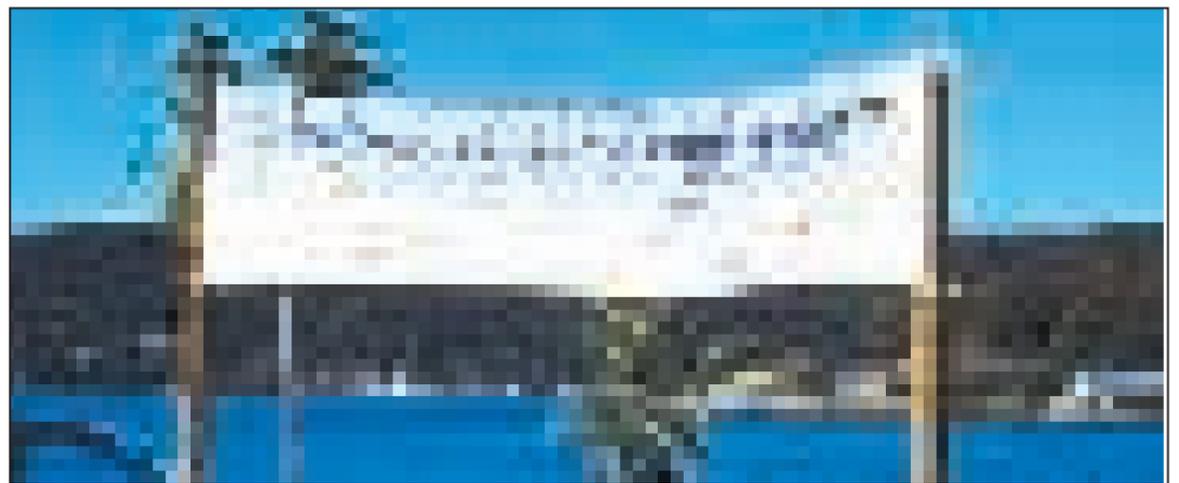
"Following the reshaping of the dune, the site was mulched as soon as possible to provide temporary stabilisation of the sand dune until vegetation could be re-established.

"A local bush care contractor, Warrigal Green Pty Ltd, was engaged to plant out the site and to instruct students from the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus in dune care methods while they assisted in planting species listed in the plan.

"A number of advanced Banksia trees have been planted at the rear of the dune to provide immediate tall vegetation to the site."

The information contained in the report on works undertaken on Ettalong Beach foreshore, following the vandalism by fire, was noted by council.

Council agenda,



Gosford Council's Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management banner before it was removed

Banner removed after Chamber request

Gosford Council has removed its Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management banner from Ettalong beachfront, following a request by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, according to its Mainstreet Coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

"There was no reason for the banner to be erected as there has been no damage to the trees recently planted by council," Ms Wales said.

"Council removed the banner after my contact with mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen.

Ms Wales said the mayor acted

straight away and agreed it was "just not necessary to detract from the beauty of the foreshore with ugly banners unnecessarily".

Ms Wales said the council then placed the banner further along the beachfront towards Umina in front of residential homes.

"We already have council signs posted along the length of The Esplanade in Ettalong.

"It isn't necessary to blight the landscape with three metre long banners placed in front of homes.

"Particularly when the problem is with vagrants drinking everyday and all day in the scrub at Ettalong and lighting fires to keep warm."

Council erected a banner at

Ettalong Beach foreshore in April, in a move to deter future vandalism following a fire in the area a month earlier.

The banner was displayed at the site for a period of 28 days as recommended by council.

Ms Wales said she questioned the need for council to erect the same banner more than five months after the fire at Ettalong Beach foreshore destroyed sand dune vegetation.

"Terrigal and Avoca beachfronts would not be treated as poorly as this," Ms Wales said.

Email, 13 Aug 2008
Clare Graham, 13 Aug 2008
Interviewee: Debra Wales,
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Education

Students build picnic shelter



The completed outdoor seating area
Inset : Lloyd Wood drawing the plans for the outdoor setting with
Left to Right: Natasha Greenhalgh, Stuart Morris, Brady Starkey and Daniel Ranson

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus spent two days building a picnic shelter recently.

"This experience was made possible by funding from the Brisbane Waters' Soroptimist Club, who made funds available to schools that suffered damage as a result of the severe storms on

the June long weekend last year," school teacher Ms Maxine O'Keefe said.

"With the assistance of local landscaper Mr Lloyd Wood, students utilised many practical maths skills to check angles and order quantities.

"They also learned skills in best practice in using garden tools and basic woodwork techniques.

"The students now have an

outdoor area over which they feel ownership and can enjoy for a range of activities."

The funds were donated to the school's Special Education Unit for students with emotional disturbances and behavioural disorders.

Press release, 13 Aug 2008
Maxine O'Keefe, Brisbane Water Secondary College

School warned on bike lane parking

Gosford Council has resolved to provide bike lane regulatory signs in Veron Rd, Umina Beach, outside Brisbane Water Secondary College, following the safety concerns of a local cycle commuter.

A council report stated: "A local cycle commuter has complained of the safety concerns as a result of vehicles being parked inappropriately over a bicycle route.

"To ensure that the appropriate enforcement occurs to prevent the practice of vehicles parking over a designated bicycle route

(1986 Gosford City Bike Plan) it is required that an on road cycleway has two lines, a bike lane sign and a pavement symbol."

Council's local traffic committee has recommended Brisbane Water Secondary College "be advised of parking restrictions to be applied and request they notify the school community".

The report also stated: "that the bike lane regulatory signs and lines be provided in Veron Rd for a distance of 168 metres outside Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Council agenda, TR.08.057, 5 Aug 2008

Musical postponed

Brisbane Water Secondary College has postponed its college musical production Jesus Christ Superstar, following an injury to musical director Mr Roger Macey.

The musical was to take place on August 6 to 8 in the senior campus' auditorium, but will now take place in November after the exams.

Mr Macey said the students were disappointed to postpone the event but were glad it would continue at the end of the year.

"Students are still excited and

are continuing their rehearsals in preparation for November," Mr Macey said.

"It will be a fantastic production that the Peninsula community should support and be a part of.

"The students have worked really hard to get to this final stage and we all can't wait to see the end result.

"We will let everyone know of a confirmed time in November once we work out a suitable date."

Clare Graham, 15 Aug 2008

Interviewee: Roger Macey, Brisbane water Secondary College

Numeracy sponsored

A volunteer numeracy program at Pretty Beach Public School has received sponsorship of \$6500.

The Central Coast Leagues Club has provided the money for the program, which is aimed at

helping students who struggle with mathematics and works by marrying a school with volunteers from the community.

The volunteers help students on a weekly basis for 15 weeks to improve their maths skills and lift their self esteem and confidence.

The program is expected to start at the beginning of next year.

Volunteers are now being recruited and trained.

Newsletter, 14 Aug 2008
Pretty Beach Public School

Natural garden project launched

Woy Woy South Public School will launch its Natural Community Garden project on Wednesday, August 20.

The project will involve the local community with gardening workshops for local residents at the Woy Woy Environment Centre and the school

Project coordinator Mr Steve Collins said the school will establish a bush tucker, native plant, fruit and vegetable garden on school grounds that will eventually use

little or no water.

"Teachers, parents, grandparents and local residents will be invited to attend and share their environmental knowledge with students," Mr Collins said.

"The project is a collaborative effort between the school's teachers and students, Equilibrium Eco-Services, Peninsula Environment Group and local community groups."

Press release, 12 Aug 2008

Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group

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Malibu club braves cold

Eighteen members of the Ocean Beach Malibu Club "braved cold conditions" at its monthly contest at Umina Beach, on Sunday, August 10.

Club member Mr Craig Coulton said it was a strong westerly wind blowing that saw only 18 members participating in the August contest.

The August competition involved two rounds, with four heats in both the first and second rounds.

In round one, Brett Wakelin, Mark Williams, Glen Wakelin and Kai Ellice-Flint came first in each of their respective heats.

Garry Halliday, Craig Coulton, Darrin Fleming and Dave Moulton came out with second place in round one of competition.

Round two heat winners were Mark Williams, Garry Halliday, Brian Cook and Mark Rylands.

Second place in each heat for round two went to Glen Wakelin, Darrin Fleming, Bill Burke and Tony Irwin.

At the end of round two, Mark Williams came out on top with another first place finish.

The next contest for the club will be held on September 14.

Press release, 11 Aug 2008
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club

Emergency workers in fundraising match

Emergency service units from across the State will take to the footy field in Woy Woy this week in support of the burns unit at Gosford and Westmead Children's Hospitals.

The Central Coast Triple 0 Cup will be held at Woy Woy Oval from 9am on Friday, August 22.

The Cup has attracted 30 teams from Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle Fire Brigades as well as from the Ambulance Service, NSW Police and Broken Bay Water Police.

A raffle and sports memorabilia auction will be held from 12pm to

raise money for the burns unit.

The auction will feature a number of rugby league and union jerseys including South Sydney Sydney Rabbits, Parramatta Eels, West's Tigers, Cronulla Sharks and the Wallabies.

Other sports memorabilia to be auctioned off include a signed and framed Adam Gilchrist keepers glove, Star Wars cast photo and a signed and framed Sir Donald Bradman mini bat and card.

Umina Fire Station officer Mr Bill MacLean said the auction would be a great opportunity for sports memorabilia collectors to come and make a bid.

"The station is hoping to raise as much money as possible on the day, with all proceeds going to the burns unit at Westmead Children's Hospital and Gosford Hospital," Mr MacLean said.

"This will be the sixth year that firefighters from the NSW Fire Brigade have run this event on the Central Coast in its commitment to the treatment and rehabilitation of sick children.

"We are looking forward to a fun day and encourage everybody to come along and support a good cause."

Press Release, 2 Aug 2008
Bill MacLean, NSW Fire Brigade

Woy Woy left scoreless

Round 17 of the Central Coast Rugby Union saw Woy Woy Rugby Club defeated by Gosford 45-0 at fulltime.

"Woy Woy played excellent rugby in the opening 20 minutes, but once Gosford posted that first try they were never to be headed," said Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"Best for Gosford was John Jackson who never stopped for the entire 80 minutes.

"The second last round of the Central Coast Rugby Union season saw no upsets and left the last round to decide which teams will

precede to the 2008 semi-finals.

"All teams that were expected to win did win and so the last round will see some exciting clashes to determine the semi-finalists for 2008."

Woy Woy's first grade team continues to remain in eighth place on the ladder with 16 points, ahead of Warnervale's one point.

In other games, Woy Woy Rugby Club's second grades were defeated by Gosford 26-12, while third grade saw Gosford win against Woy Woy 24-10.

Press release, 10 Aug 2008
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

League clubs given drug accreditation

Two Peninsula rugby league clubs have been awarded level one accreditation in an Australian Drug Foundation program, implementing practices to help with the better management of alcohol issues in sporting clubs.

Umina Rugby League Football Club and Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club have joined other sporting groups in the Foundation's Good Sports program.

Good Sports is a nationwide program that helps break the link

between alcohol and the traditional operations of community sports clubs.

"It's great that community sporting clubs are accepting a leadership role and are committed to the responsible management of alcohol," Good Sports Central Coast project officer Mr Shane Alvisio said.

To achieve level one accreditation of the three-step program, a sporting club has to adhere to the Liquor Licensing laws and train their bar staff in the Responsible Service of Alcohol.

"As a football club with a youthful player base, we believe the Good Sports program is a great idea for our club to be involved in," Umina Rugby League president Mr Graeme Newcombe said.

"This has given our club the opportunity to provide some ground rules for accepted players and supporter behaviours and give a positive view of the club from a community perspective."

Press release, 5 Aug 2008
John Reid, Australian Drug Foundation

Close games in rugby league

Both Peninsula rugby league football clubs, the Woy Woy Roosters won and Umina Beach Bunnies were defeated in close games on Sunday, August 10.

The wet weather catch-up round for the HSU Cup was played locally for the Roosters at Woy Woy Oval, who defeated the Kincumber Colts 20-16.

The Rooster's Jared Smith, Ryan Varley, Stephen Breese and Jarred Flack scored four points each, while Glenn McLellan converted two tries.

The Umina Beach Bunnies only just came out second best after Berkeley Vale defeated the Bunnies 17-16, at Berkeley Vale Oval.

A field goal for Berkeley Vale saw them secure their lead in the second half.

Bunnies' players Tim Bovis, Bennett Leslie and Stephen Yates scored a try each, while Tim Bovis continued his efforts by converting two tries for the team.

After the catch-up round, Umina now sit in fourth place on the ladder with 24 points, while Woy Woy maintain sixth place with 18 points.

Website, 12 Aug 2008
Central Coast Sports



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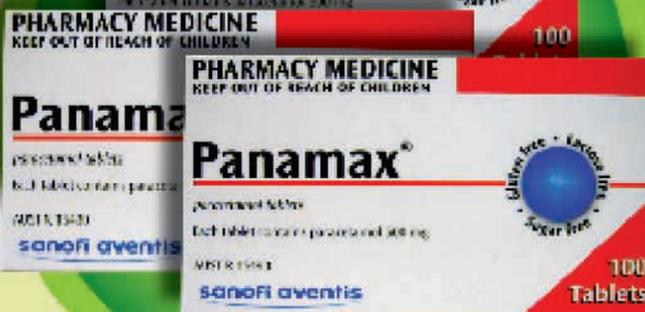
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