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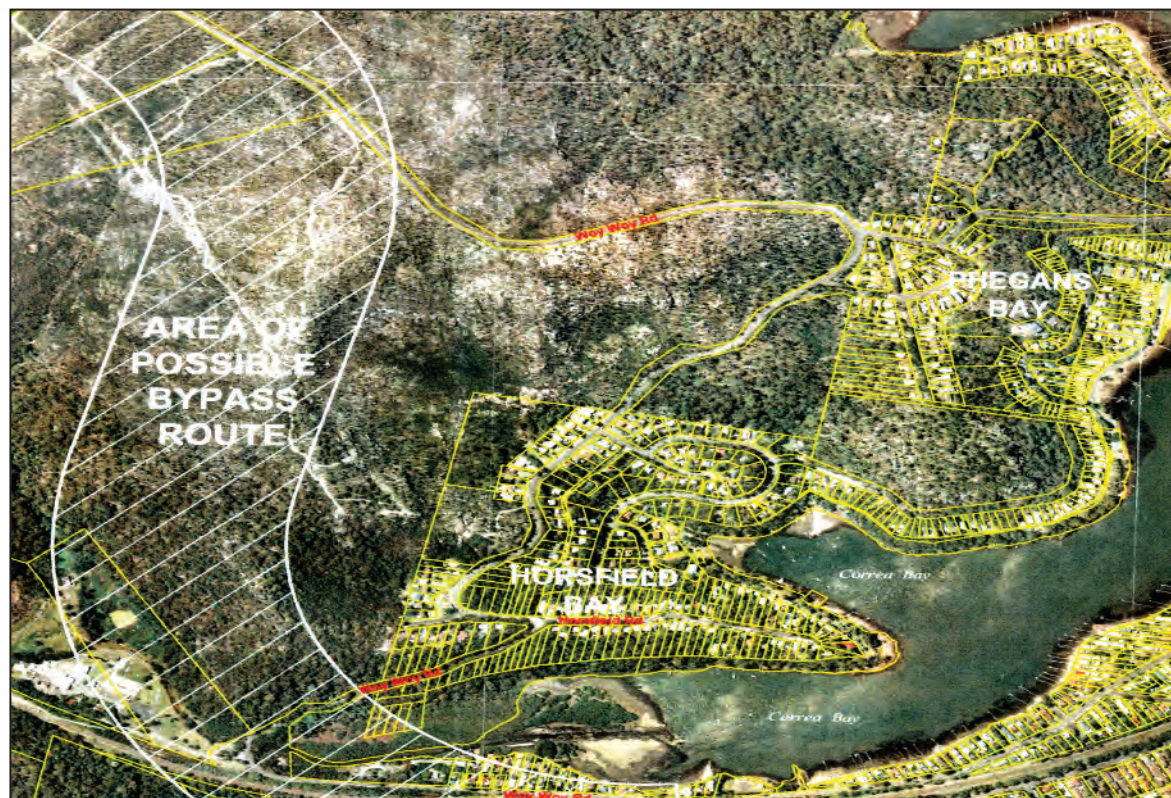
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Group calls for Bulls Hill bypass



Proposed Bulls Hill bypass route

The Bays Community Group has called for a bypass of Bulls Hill in Woy Woy Rd, after the road re-opened on August 22.

Group president Mr Bob Puffett said he had written to representatives at all levels of government for a feasibility study and construction of a bypass road.

Mr Puffett said the community had suffered from the "dangerous and problem-ridden" section of Woy Woy Rd at Bulls Hill for long enough and it demanded a long-term solution to ease traffic congestion in and out of the Peninsula.

"Woy Woy Rd was constructed some 100 years ago when traffic was non-existent and the need for a major roadway servicing the Coast, its people and our visitors was not envisaged," Mr Puffett wrote.

"Prior to the collapse, Woy Woy Rd carried more than 15,000 vehicles daily, including people going to and from work, school and extra-curricular activities, deliveries, servicing businesses and providing vital access for tourists to this beautiful part of the Coast.

"An alternate route that bypasses Bulls Hill on Woy Woy Rd would provide a number of benefits to the entire Peninsula community and its visitors."

Mr Puffett said The Bays Community Group committee had come up with a proposed route for consideration in the construction of a bypass road.

Newsletter, 20 Aug 2008
The Bays Community Group
Letter, 24 July 2008
The Bays Community Group

Council investigates tree removal

Gosford Council will investigate whether 14 cabbage tree palms were removed illegally from a reserve in Horsfield Bay.

Council's compliance manager Mr John Parkes told Peninsula News that council officers were continuing inquiries that would determine whether the trees were removed illegally.

The trees were removed in Gabagong Rd, Horsfield Bay, in February this year.

A local resident reported the incident to council shortly after the trees were removed and has now written to The Bays Community Group.

"The committee may wish to know that around Wednesday, February 27, and continuing even later, at least one home owner in

Gabagong Rd has been removing a number of cabbage palms and native trees from the reserve and creek banks," the resident wrote in a letter published in the group's newsletter.

"We had recently moved into our home in Gabagong Rd, when I was witness to the removal of three palms from the reserve directly below my home.

"This was done illegally and at a time of the day when no doubt the perpetrators expected the home owners of the area to be at work and none would have been any the wiser," the writer claimed.

"However, my husband spoke to the tree loppers contracted to remove these three trees, who provided him with the name of the customer and who informed him that there was no need to get permission to cut down

palms from the reserve.

"I am concerned that this really is setting a precedent and I know the committee will passionately agree that all members of these precious Bays should be aware of what is going on.

"I am most concerned about the rapidly declining number of trees around the Bays and the serious silting that is in part because of sediment washed into the bay as developments take place and there is blatant removal of trees without official permission."

The resident said a ranger and a council tree specialist had visited the reserve where the tree lopping took place "confirming the importance of the lopped trees".

"The offenders' reason for the removal of the trees and bush was that their intention was only to tidy

up the messy reserve and to remove rubbish which could house vermin (probably referring to our native fauna) and any bush fire danger," the resident stated.

"However, below our home are now only three tree stumps, which used to be gorgeous palms and through which we had a pleasant view.

"Further contact with council has revealed that the matter was being investigated, but that the probability was that only the tree loppers contracted to undertake the work would be prosecuted.

"Although, the council has apparently received a letter of apology from the home owners involved with an offer to replace the trees, we are still without the mature ones we loved."

The Bays Community Group

President Mr Bob Puffett said the incident in Horsfield Bay was a reminder to all local residents of complying with council's environment regulations.

"This is a very timely reminder that before removing any trees or bush of any type from near or around your home, you must seek advice from the local authorities first," Mr Puffett.

"There are severe penalties and even jail terms for those who do not.

"You can visit the following link for more information: www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees/index.html."

Newsletter, 20 Aug 2008
Greg McMullen, the Bays Community Group
Clare Graham, 26 Aug 2008
Interviewee: John Parkes, Gosford Council

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Ed James says see page 6 for details

Work continues at Bulls Hill

Storm water drainage upgrades and rock wall improvements will be made to Woy Woy Rd at Bulls Hill during off-peak traffic hours.

Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said the additional works had been deferred until two-way traffic flow was re-established.

"For this reason, a 40 kilometre per hour speed limit will be enforced until the works are completed," Mr Glen said.

He said council's construction crews had worked tirelessly to reconstruct and strengthen Woy Woy Rd as quickly as possible.

Woy Woy Rd was opened to two-way traffic from 3pm on August 22.

Mr Glen said construction activities associated with the additional works were not expected to cause significant traffic disruption to residents or motorists, and should any temporary road closures be required, they would occur only during off-peak hours.

"Council would like to thank all residents and motorists for their continued patience during these works," Mr Glen said.

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

Bulls Hill petition calls for solution

Gosford Council has received a petition with more than 520 signatures from Central Coast residents, requesting urgent action be taken in relation to the partial collapse of Woy Woy Rd at Bulls Hill.

In a report to council, the petition (containing 529 signatures) stated residents' request of Local, State and Federal Governments to reclassify Woy Woy Rd as a State road and "appropriate resources be made available to ensure the immediate and ongoing safety of

this road".

The report also stated for the petitions request of the construction of "a by-pass to the Bulls Hill section of Woy Woy Rd and funds be urgently made available so that work can commence".

The petition requested for the proposed plan to be considered "to ensure a long term solution for people of the Central Coast and the many thousands of visitors to the Woy Woy Peninsula".

The petition was noted by council.

Council agenda P.48, 26 Aug 2008

Patonga Dr narrowed for tests

A section of Patonga Dr has been reduced to one-lane with traffic control from August 25, while Gosford Council undertakes maintenance work.

The work is expected to take up to two weeks to complete.

The road works will take place from the Patonga Dr and Berrima Cres intersection at the southern end of Umina Beach to the hairpin turn, between 8.30am and 4pm each day.

According to council officers, the work will enable geotechnical assessment of the embankment along Patonga Dr and help to determine future required remediation works.

For further information, contact council on 4325 8222.

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Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

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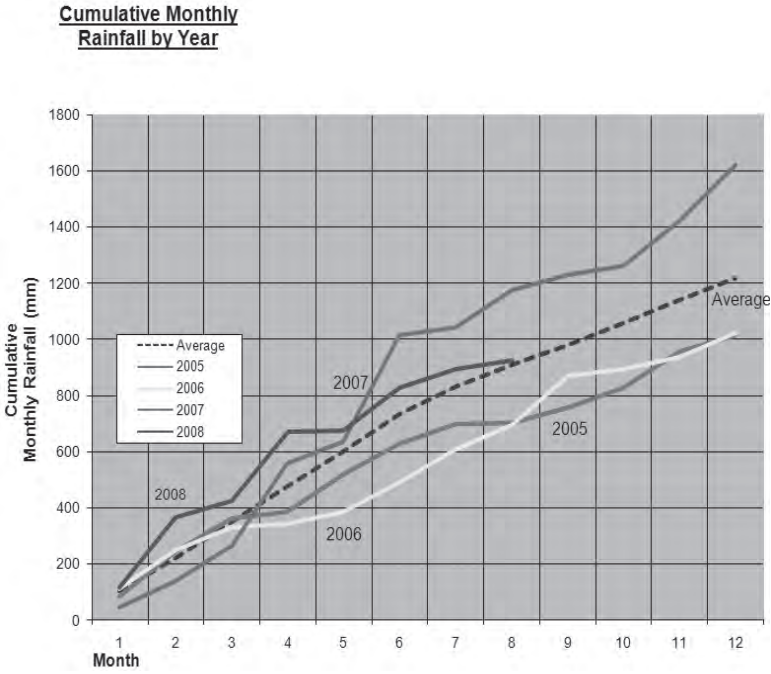
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Below average for second month

Rainfall on the Peninsula has been well below average for the second month in a row, according to figures supplied by Woy Woy resident Mr Jim Morrison.

A total of 30.9mm for the month, recorded on Friday, compares to an August average of 81.9mm.

July recorded a total of 65.4mm compared to an average of 97.6mm.

Another month with below average rainfall is likely to mean the year's rainfall will fall below average.

The total for the year of 925.2mm is only just above the average of 911.3mm.

Two thirds of the rain for the month fell on just two days, Friday and Saturday August 22 and 23, when a total of 20.9mm fell.

Spreadsheet, 29 Aug 2008
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Police, Fire, Ambulance	000
Gosford Hospital	4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital	4344 8444
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Woy Woy Police Station	4379 7399
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Crime statistics released

Brisbane Water Local Area Neighbourhood Watch has reported 49 incidents at properties in Umina and Pearl Beach for the months of June and July.

According to crime statistics released in the Umina and Pearl Beach Neighbourhood Watch monthly newsletter, there were two reports of stealing at properties in Diamond Rd and Tourmaline Ave, Pearl Beach, in June.

It was also revealed that 11 reported break and enters occurred in Sydney Ave, Umina, in June.

Other incidents including malicious damage, robbery and stolen vehicles occurred in Dora Rd, Korina Ave, Melbourne Ave, Monash Rd, Mt Ettalong Rd, Neera Rd, Stella Rd and Sylvania Rd, Umina.

In July, statistics showed two reported incidents of malicious damage and break and enter in Coral Cres and Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

It was also revealed that six letterboxes were vandalised from properties in Homan Close, Umina.

Other incidents for July were recorded in Burdett Place, McLaurin Rd, Melbourne Ave, Mt Ettalong Rd, Neera Rd, Sydney Ave and Sylvania Rd, Umina.

"If you hear any strange noises at night (like the letterbox vandals)

please check it out and if you see anything strange going on at your place or your neighbour's places ring Woy Woy Police," area coordinator Ms Michelle Hinwood said.

"We could take a lesson from the permanent residents of Pearl Beach.

"Prior to 2004, Pearl Beach had many more incidents in their crime statistics than they do today. "The residents there believe this improvement is assisted by our police being more mobile now and also partly because there is only one road in and out of Pearl Beach.

"Outside of holiday periods there are a significant number of vacant properties, and the community has developed a strong culture of permanent residents watching over vacant properties for absent owners.

"When strangers do appear, many residents note the fact as well as the details of the cars the strangers may drive.

"In October last year, Gosford Police area command inspector Garry Groves stated the importance of getting to know your neighbours, even if they are only there occasionally and particularly so if they are elderly, living alone and without much local support."

Newsletter, 23 Aug 2008
Michelle Hinwood, Neighbourhood Watch



Ceremony for Vietnam vets

A special ceremony was held at the Ettalong Beach waterfront Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on August 16, to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day and the 42nd Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal joined president of the Gosford Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veteran's Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia Mr Richard Gray and other members of the public to mark the event.

Ms Neal said celebration of Vietnam Veteran's Day and the 42nd Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan at Ettalong waterfront was a fitting recognition of the

service provided by local residents to the nation.

"The Battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966, was one of the defining engagements of Australian forces in Vietnam," Ms Neal said.

"The men of D Company 6RAR performed distinguished service, showing tremendous courage and professionalism under great pressure from superior forces."

Ms Neal said the anniversary day coincided with the Rudd Government's announcement to confer higher military awards on three soldiers who fought at Long Tan and the whole of the D Company.

"An independent review of service recognition of the Battle of Long Tan found that the new awards will properly recognise the

individuals and collective gallantry of the men at Long Tan," Ms Neal said.

A special march at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club were also held on the day to commemorate the anniversary.

Mr Gray said Long Tan was the first major battle between Australian troops and North Vietnamese Regular Army forces and remains a battle of great significance to all Vietnam Veterans.

"Long Tan Day is the one day of the year when Vietnam Veterans can remember the fallen and we can reflect on those members who did return," Mr Gray said.

Press release, 14 Aug 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

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There are 10 Councillors on the current Gosford City Council – but not one of them lives on the Peninsula.



Craig loves the Peninsula and wouldn't have raised his family anywhere else.

Craig Munnings a strong voice for the Peninsula

Craig Munnings is a long-term Peninsula resident. He grew up in Woy Woy and attended Woy Woy South Primary School and Woy Woy High School. Craig lives in Booker Bay with his wife Kylie and two teenage children.



Woy Woy local Katie Smith has been fighting for Peninsula residents for over 25 years.

Katie Smith a tireless community representative

Katie Smith has lived on the Peninsula for almost 25 years and raised her family here. Katie is the Chairperson of the Peninsula Community Centre, former Secretary of Umina Junior Rugby League Club and a board member of Business Central Coast.

That's why long-time Peninsula residents – Craig Munnings and Katie Smith – are standing as part of Mayor Jim Macfadyen's team. We need and deserve Peninsula residents on Gosford City Council.

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Camera locations are agreed

Preferred locations for security cameras have been agreed by a steering committee for the Peninsula CCTV project.

"Of the 27 cameras, 11 are recommended in the Woy Woy CBD, eight in Umina Beach town centre and eight in Ettalong Beach town centre, covering each of the most critical crime locations," said Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales.

"At Umina Beach, one will be located at the Umina Beach Surf Club car park and one at the Ocean Beach Surf Club car park in order to curb anti-social behaviour.

"Council will now ensure that each of the agreed camera locations are assessed by an independent security consultant to maximise the effectiveness of the equipment.

Mr Wales said that Gosford Council and the steering committee members have been "extremely thorough" in the review of the camera locations.

"The new security camera system will be an important tool for the NSW Police force in their efforts to improve safety in our town centres and to combat anti-social behaviour," Mr Wales said.

"While it won't stop crime, we expect the CCTV cameras will help to reduce crime rates and improve the overall perception of our retail centres.

"Gosford Council and the committee members should be congratulated on their efforts.

"We were very fortunate that Member

for Robertson Belinda Neal was able to secure the \$680,000 in Federal funding to make this security system possible."

Ms Neal said the \$680,000 funding provided by the Federal Government was part of its \$15 million Safer Suburbs Plan.

"I am delighted that this project has been provided for the residents, shoppers and business owners of the Peninsula by the Rudd Labor Government's 2008/09 Budget," Ms Neal said.

"CCTV camera security for the

Peninsula was one of my major election commitments to the people of Robertson.

"The Government's promise of \$680,000 for this initiative will make the shopping hubs of Woy Woy, Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach safer communities in which to live, shop and work."

**Press release, 27 Aug 2008
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Help save waratahs, says parks service

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has warned that waratahs are close to extinction on Patonga Dr near Warrah Trig and has called for community assistance.

It is encouraging Peninsula residents to report waratah thieves, following a string of thefts in Brisbane Water National Park.

Acting NPWS regional manager Ms Jenni Farrell said that the waratah bloom's "beautiful appearance meant that some people would go to extraordinary lengths to pick them, even resorting to poaching the blooms from National Parks".

"Picking flowers in a National Park is illegal and can be detrimental to the long-term survival of a species, not to mention the removal of an important food source for birds and small mammals," Ms Farrell said.

"Waratah blooms in the Brisbane Water National Park have long been targeted by flower thieves.

"Unfortunately, this practice seems to be increasing and could lead to the complete loss of the species from the area."

In an effort to save the waratahs, NPWS are encouraging locals to report any suspicious behaviour, particularly near the well-known waratah patch on Patonga Dr.

Local businesses will also be

asked to display posters in an effort to curb the thefts.

"We want would-be thieves to know that we take the theft of waratah blooms seriously and fines of \$300 per bloom apply," Ms Farrell said.

"Past monitoring programs have revealed that over one quarter of the flowers was illegally picked and that only 35 per cent of the flowers remaining produced seed.

"There are serious concerns about the long-term viability of the waratahs at Warrah Trig, located in Brisbane Water National Park, due to illegal flower picking."

Ms Farrell said the seeds of the waratah plant form at the flower



head, after the bloom has died. "By picking the bloom, people are removing the seeds and the reproductive material of the plant," Ms Farrell said.

"No reproduction means no more plants, no more blooms for people to view, no more nectar for

honeyeaters to feed on." People are encouraged to report any suspicious activity regarding the waratahs to the local NPWS office on 4320 4200.

**Press release, 22 Aug 2008
Susan Davis, National Parks and Wildlife Service**

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September 13th, 2008

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Torch relay attracts 100

More than 100 Peninsula residents and school children participated in the Getup National Climate Torch Relay on August 21.

The Climate Torch Relay passed through Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong, highlighting to participants and onlookers the need for action on climate change.

Gosford City Climate Torch coordinator Mr Mark Ellis said it was great to see so much interest in the important environmental issue.

"So many people came up to us during the relay to ask what the torch was all about," Mr Ellis said.

"When they found out it was for the promotion of climate change, they were extremely happy to see something was being done to highlight the important issue.

"It was also great to see the local schools get involved in the relay, which signified the handing over of environmental concerns for climate change to future generations.

"The children at Woy Woy Public School were able to hold a relay run around their oval, involving students from the school."

Mr Ellis said the Climate Change forum at Woy Woy Environment Centre was also well attended on August 20, with Cr Chris Holstein there to discuss what local governments can do to combat climate change.

Clare Graham, 28 Aug 2008



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Craig Doyle and Lulette Enriquez

TRUE INDEPENDENT WITH A YOUNG FRESH TEAM

Craig Doyle's team are all true independents. Their voice represents local Peninsular residents not a political party. The Peninsular needs representation and Craig Doyle's G Group provides this in a balanced way with candidates from all points of the compass, from the Peninsular to the mountains and the valley to the sea every area will be represented by the G Group. "It is vital The Peninsular has true Independents on Council to ensure it is not controlled by Party Politics or party bias," Said Cr Doyle.

The youngest member of the team is Lulette Enriquez. Lulette wears many hats, she is a mother to a 10 year old daughter with multiple disabilities and a new mum to a 6 month old baby. Lulette and her partner are long term residents of Umina and Lulette is adamant that the voice of the Peninsular will be heard loud and clear on Council. Lulette commented, "I'm proud to be representing the Peninsular and I'm committed to a common sense approach to ensure the Peninsular's needs are on the agenda."

CRAIG DOYLE - OUR ROAD WARRIOR

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THIS LOCAL ELECTION IS A LOT MORE THAN A \$74m QUESTION

by staying with the same losers we may lose much much more



Eight years is an unacceptably long time for one person to be calling publicly outside the State Parliament and Gosford City Council and elsewhere for our elected representatives to respect and serve us!

Seven councillors have resigned, one of whom, Debra Wales, is trying to slip back in. Politics can be very personal, particularly when you are being damaged both physically and fiscally, because good people, some of whom you have elected to represent you in the past, behave badly or do nothing. Just ask the surviving family of those who died in a ditch at the bottom of Piles Creek on the 8th of June 2007. Gosford City Council, as an elected corporate entity, is bringing our community into disrepute nationally, making us look bad. Mr Munnings this was always going to be a negative political campaign and the negativity will continue until the rat's nest of incompetence is cleaned out. We may do that ourselves as thinking and voting ratepayers, by directing our preferences to those we wish to represent us.

Below the line you only need to number five boxes to make a valid vote. For example, place the following numbers in the box alongside the following names: 1 Helen Ryan, 2 for Allan Lotfizadeh, 3 for Terri Latella, 4 for Peter Freewater, 5 for Phocion Vouros. If you wish, continue numbering other individuals of your own personal choice but certainly nobody connected with the two parties not much preferred. Continue in this fashion numbering each box below the line until you finish with those politicians whom you least want taking your money. I personally would put Debra Wales 38, Craig Munnings 39, Chris Holstein 40, Malcolm Brooks as 41 and Craig "The Road Warrior" Doyle as 42. If you really want a change you will make sure all long serving councillors are in the high double numbers. Be proactive or the State may step in and do it for us.

I have witnessed and photographed the destruction at Piles Creek, Leask Creek, Bulls Hill and north of Staples Lookout on the Woy Woy Road, The Central Coast Highway at Kariong Hill and Pearl Beach Drive. All of these are the result of lazy, inept government. Many of which, these remaining long serving councillors Holstein, Brooks and Doyle have presided over while perceived to be personally struggling to understand the guidance laid out for them in the seven dot points in Section 232 of the Local Government Act 1993 as follows;

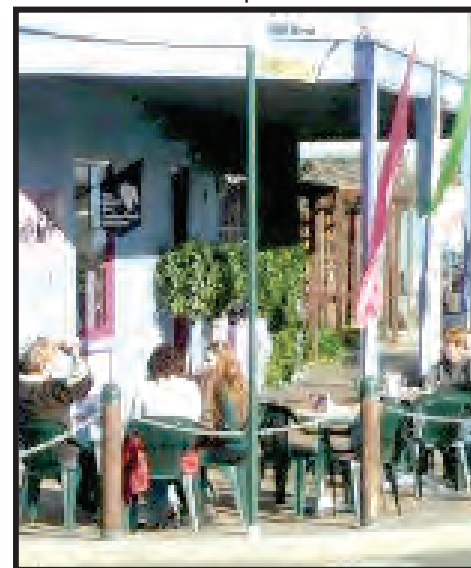
What is the role of a councillor?

(1) The role of a councillor is, as a member of the governing body of the council:

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- to play a key role in the creation and review of the council's policies and objectives and criteria relating to the exercise of the council's regulatory functions
- to review the performance of the council and its delivery of services, and the management plans and revenue policies of the council.

(2) The role of a councillor is, as an elected person:

- to represent the interests of the residents and ratepayers
- to provide leadership and guidance to the community
- to facilitate communication between the community and the council.



I have made complaints in a public forum at Gosford Council that Councillor Holstein has himself in past years and more recently his close family, enjoyed the benefits of a differential application of Gosford Council policies relating to the use of our public property.

There is also a published allegation here <http://sydney.indymedia.org.au/node/51278> that Councillor Doyle "The road warrior" insisted in email to me, after being sent instructive photos of the confronting neglect and damage which is the Piles Creek tragedy. His exact words were these emailed in reply on **June 27 at 4.06 PM ED, AS I STATED THE PILES CREEK PIPES ARE PLASTIC CALLED BLACK BRUTES. I HAVE NO INFO ON THE OTHER. CD.**

His shouted insistence in writing is a betrayal of the community's trust, and will remain forever an offence to the sensibilities of honest people.

Additionally our councillors resolved to use council resources to pursue all issues of defamation including well over ten thousand dollars of ratepayers money to silence political dissent, that is certainly bad politics and may prove to have been an improper use of our community resources.

THESE ISSUES ALONE ARE ENOUGH TO SHOW THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT FIT TO SERVE ANYONE

Authorised by Edward James, PO Box 3024 Umina Beach 2257 PH: 02 4341 9140 <http://gosfordcouncil.tripod.com/>

Look lower down the list

It's absolutely amazing to see so many candidates standing for the Local Government elections on September 13.

One can only wonder what exactly they expect to get out of it.

After all, it demands a great deal of time and work with no pay.

Some of these candidates have been councillors already, so why would we presume that anything is going to change if they are re-elected?

Although they have held public meetings and asked for submissions from the public regarding such things as building heights and other development issues, they seemingly ignore the findings simply following developers' wishes blindly and telling us that it will be ultimately to our benefit.

Some of that \$74 million now lost in the USA investment fiasco would have been better spent on our roads.

There is great consternation too about the dredging of the channel but it is a pity that the then councillors, who agreed to allow the resort to place their excavated sand on the beach to avoid dumping fees, didn't first of all hold an enquiry about the possible effects of doing such a thing.

No one can change the natural currents coming through the heads.

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That is what currents do; they move sand around from place to place and they will continue to do so no matter who is in power.

Anyway weren't we supposed to be getting a Brisbane Waters Estuary Study in 2006?

Why has that been buried?

What other information is kept from us?

Although these candidates are presented in groups, they are in reality individuals each with their own conscience and so it behoves us to try to find out what makes each one of them tick and how they would each interpret council's own code of conduct.

Would they be open and transparent in their dealings?

Would they inevitably be affected by their own business or property interests?

I have been looking at some of those lesser known candidates lower down the lists and looking at their credentials.

There are a few who just could make a difference if we would give them the chance.

Taking time now, in an effort to select the best people for the job, just might save us a lot of heart ache and even money later on.

**Margaret Lund,
Woy Woy**

If the Central Coast doesn't need more ambulance staff, then why did the Health Services Union go on national television (four weeks ago) and call for 300 more staff and for the sacking of the CEO.

The CEO of the ambulance services has known for five years that this area needs more staff, but as usual he has done nothing to fix the problem.

That's why he needs to be removed from this position and someone put in place that is prepared to do something.

It's just not good enough that someone has to wait 40 minutes for an ambulance.

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As the wife of an ambo, I know how the poor ambos feel knowing that, if there were more staff, the patient might have had a better chance of survival?

They have to have that pressure put on them time and time again.

It's not sustainable.

The Health Minister has known there are problems on the Central Coast, and Mr Morris lemma knew too years ago when he was Health Minister.

I feel sorry for the ambos who are put under far too much pressure to provide a service to the public, with no support from the very people who are running the State.

Yes Marie Andrews this includes

you too.

I went to see you four years ago about this very problem and what did you do? Nothing!

We have the same amount of cars and staff here on the Central Coast for the past 20 years, yet the population has grown 10-fold in that time.

If you need to wait more than 10 minutes for an ambulance (which is the maximum the government says you have to wait) then ring or write to your local member.

Don't take it out on the poor ambo.

Their hands are tied with a government who don't care about the public's well being, only the bottom line dollars.

**Kerrie Stirling,
Umina Beach**

More Forum on page 24

lemma raises revenue, but fails to pay

The Palm Beach/Ettalong/Wagstaff ferry-people indicate that they will have to cease operations by next Christmas.

This is because of the narrowing of the only entrance to Brisbane Water at Ettalong. With a 10 metre wide vessel coming at you in a 12 metre wide channel you would not want to be there.

This is yet another failure of the lemma Government and its local state member Marie Andrews.

The dredging of the channel has been imperative for years yet still the responsible body, the lemma Government, continues to drag its feet.

As with situations like the Pacific Highway washaway at Piles Creek, they continue to attempt to shift the

financial responsibility to Gosford Council, at least in substantial part.

Clearly the lemma Government is happy to take all the revenue generated on Brisbane Water from boat registration and licence fees, mooring fees and jetty PO fees, yet will not accept its full responsibility for the dredging.

Gosford Council on the other hand derive little revenue from the waterways, but have the responsibility to provide and maintain the shoreline, public jetties and boat ramps (of which there are over 50).

Get to work Ms Andrews and convince your government to accept their responsibility.

**Ron Jackson,
Ettalong Beach**

Redress the balance

We need to rid ourselves of the brown Indian Myna.

Our forebears brought them here along with rabbits, cats, dogs, goats, pigs, camels, cane toads, rats, mice, a variety of destructive insects and foreign fish species - all of which have become problematic

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since turning feral.

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**Sandy Forsyth,
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Ettalong dredging is delayed again

Gosford Council has again delayed dredging Ettalong channel.

It has resolved to talk with the operator of the Palm Beach Ferry and NSW Maritime about how long it will be before the channel becomes unnavigable.

It will also seek legal advice on what action it should take.

Council resolved to contribute to the cost of dredging the channel if necessary, but to seek recompense from the NSW Government.

It would also investigate the possibility of private enterprise removing excess sand from the channel on a commercial basis.

Palm Beach Ferry general manager Mr Matthew Lloyd addressed the council meeting on August 26.

Mr Lloyd told the council that more than 400,000 people, including residents, school children and tourists, had used the Palm Beach Ferry service in the past year.

He also said he feared a tragedy could occur if the work was not undertaken before summer.

"I have seen increasing numbers of vessels stranded on the sand bar and I'm afraid a death could occur if nothing is done before the peak summer season," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd said he had already had to cancel a service on August 23.

He said cancellations would continue until the dredging was complete.

"The siltation of the Ettalong Beach channel has been an ongoing problem for decades," said Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Mainstreet coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

"The current problems are nothing new," she said.

"What is needed is regular dredging which should be put into place every five years.

"This will ensure that the current problem with vessel groundings on the sandbars does not re-occur.

"There is a moral obligation on all parties to allocate the funds and get on with the work."

Ms Wales said it was her understanding that NSW Maritime "do not have a problem" with the current navigable state of the channel and had no intention to close down any commercial

operators currently using these waterways, including the Palm Beach Ferry.

"Further, it is my understanding that the onus is on the commercial operator to monitor and maintain safety while it uses the waterways," Ms Wales said.

"It is not the State Government's or the council's responsibility.

Ms Wales has called on Gosford Council to match the State Government's funding and undertake the dredging works as quickly as possible with the view to finding a long-term solution for the funding of future dredging works.

"All the environmental studies have been completed to allow the dredging to commence, so let's not waste any more time.

"Put the funds in place and get the job out to tender so the works can commence," Ms Wales said.

Deputy Mayor Cr Trevor Drake said he was disappointed that Councillors failed to support his urgency motion to commence the dredging.

"We should be getting on with the job and worry about who pays at a later date," Cr Drake said.

"We already have a commitment of \$250,000 from the NSW State Government which we should match immediately and stop the delay on dredging the channel.

"Ferry operations aside, the channel should always have been dredged on a regular five year cycle.

"Successive councils have put this problem in the too hard basket for too long, which has created the current situation.

"The Palm Beach Ferry operation is just a symptom of the problem that should have been fixed by council 10 years ago.

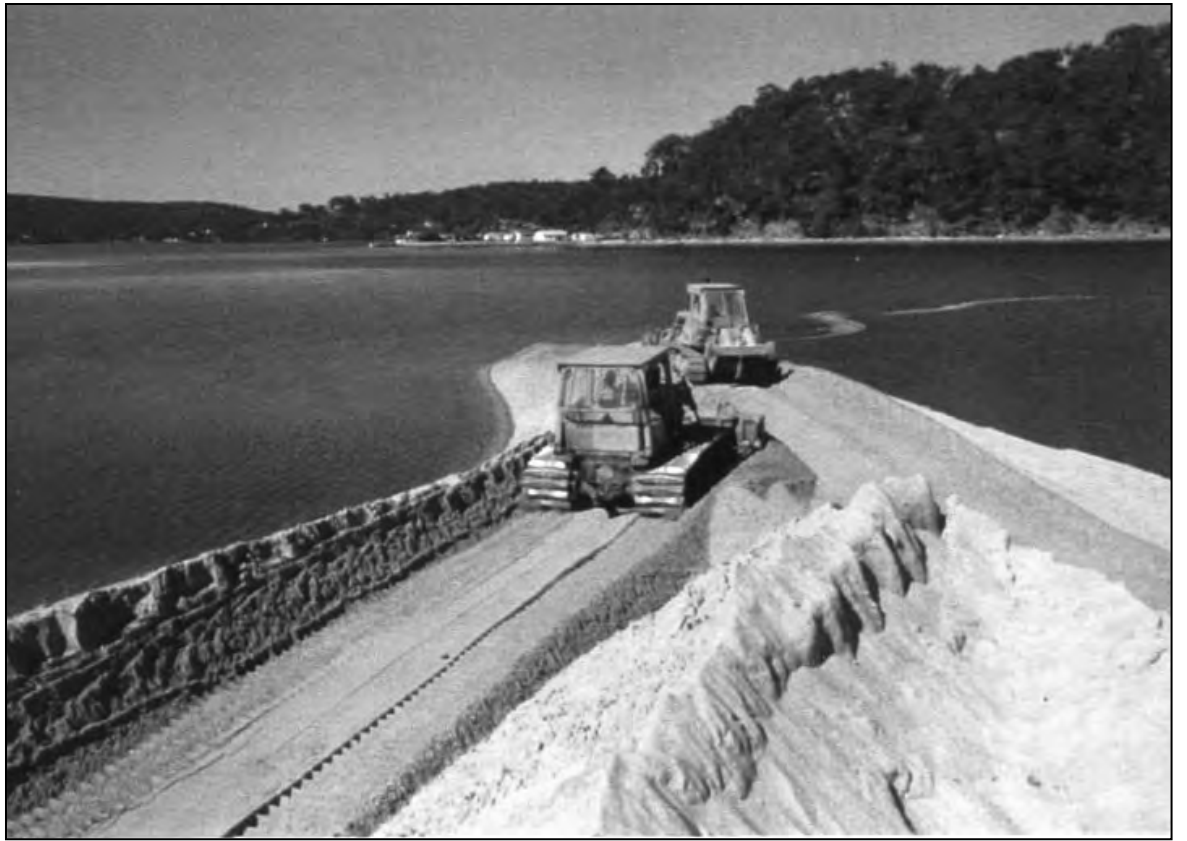
"It's not as if they weren't aware of the issue."

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said Gosford Council had undertaken major dredging works in Ettalong channel in the 1980s.

"Much of this could have been solved by ensuring that recurrent funding was made available for a regular dredging program."

Mr Wales dismissed a proposal made by Cr Laurie Maher to "sell-off" sand dredged from Ettalong channel.

"It would be a complete disaster to rob the natural system of sand," Mr Wales said.



Bulldozers pushing out groynes at Ettalong channel in 1980

"Taking sand from the channel and selling it off elsewhere would create a deficiency in the natural system."

Mr Wales said the sand should be recycled back into the system at Ettalong foreshore to renourish and maintain it.

Greens candidate Mr Peter Freewater said the Ettalong channel dredging was essential in maintaining safe navigation, tourism, fishing and boating access, and the environment.

Mr Freewater is a former member of the council's Coastal Estuary Management Committee that initiated plans to dredge Ettalong channel last year.

"It has always been a council responsibility to maintain navigation channels and the legislation is quite clear," Mr Freewater said.

"There is a State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP 35) that provides 50:50 funding for any maintenance dredging.

"I believe that \$250,000 is a small price to pay for the safety of ferry commuters and the boating public in general.

"I am particularly concerned with the environmental impacts of stalling dredging because the constricted entrance means less

tidal flushing.

"Because less water enters and leaves the estuary, the quality of water is generally lower as pollutants entering from storm water and sewage overflows are not diluted as much.

"This will impact on every aspect of the ecology of the estuary, resulting in less fish, contaminated oysters and toxic algal blooms.

"It means that swimming will be more dangerous, sediments will accumulate faster and navigation will be diminished.

"This will flow on to affect our lifestyles and the local economy as tourists go elsewhere.

"Importantly, the dredging will not impact on habitat because the material to be dredged is clean sand that has moved off the existing sand bar into the channel.

"There is no seagrass in the channel, the sand does not contain acid sulfate soils and can be moved to the far side of the shoal, towards the beach to improve the shape of the shoal for surfing."

Mr Freewater, a former council officer, said he "had everything in place" to begin the dredging in October last year.

"Council stalling and duck-shoving may mean that the work

has to be reassessed because of the mobile nature of the sand.

"This will cause further delays and additional costs."

Council agenda CIT.24, 26 Aug 2008

Press release, 27 Aug 2008

Trevor Drake, Gosford Council

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Getting back to basics



Rescue off Little Box Head

The Central Coast Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol assisted a stricken aluminium vessel at Little Box Head sand bar on August 17.

According to public relations officer Mr Ron Cole, "the surf was up" at the sand bar at Little Box Head, with "confused heavy seas, waves on the running at three to four metres, and occasional breaking wave on the bar".

Mr Cole said the Central Coast Division of Coastal Patrol was "lucky" to be near the distressed boat, after patrol crews performed a number of training exercises in the area.

"Just after 2pm, the training officers of the Central Coast Division of Coastal Patrol had both the Division's lifeboats at the bar, one for the safety of the patrol crews being trained and the other in use training crews in the techniques of safely crossing the bar in bad conditions," Mr Cole said.

"Ken Sharp, senior coxswain and trainer was in control of the exercise and the safety lifeboat.

"He noticed a 3.95 metre aluminium boat entering the bar behind the second lifeboat and crew being trained.

"Ken radioed the lifeboat crew to alert them of the vessel that was behind them on the bar.

"As the crew turned to watch, the tinny's engine stopped and one of those on board frantically tried

to restart its engine, and the others began to row.

Mr Cole said the distressed vessel was headed for "certain disaster" in the rough conditions, had the coastal patrol not been there to assist them.

"The crew on the lifeboat on the bar immediately made an emergency turn (good seamanship in the conditions) and sped to the tinny," Mr Cole said.

"They learned that the fuel line on the boat had broken and those on board were literally rowing for safety.

"The three men were surfers who had come from Pittwater to enjoy the big surf on the Box Head Bar.

"They gratefully accepted assistance and the lifeboat quickly took them in tow and to safety just off Lobster Beach.

"After a discussion, they asked that they be taken to Ettalong ramp where a car could come from the northern beaches to collect them, their boat and surf boards.

"In the conditions prevailing, these men were very lucky that the patrol vessels were training at the time they attempted to cross the bar with their broken down boat, as disaster could have overtaken them at any moment," said Mr Cole.

Press release, 17 Aug 2008
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

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Health

Clinical study

Peninsula Medical Centre will take part in a global clinical study on an investigational medication for seasonal influenza.

The clinical study is being conducted throughout 22 study centres across Australia and New Zealand.

Peninsula Medical Centre's principal investigator Dr Michael Crookes said local residents are being called upon to participate in the clinical research.

"It is hoped that the research will help shed light on new ways to minimise the impact of the disease on Australian communities," Dr Crookes said.

"Last year's outbreaks highlighted that influenza can be a very serious disease.

The multi-country study will test a new type of neuraminidase inhibitor.

Neuraminidase inhibitors treat influenza by preventing the release of viral particles to infect new host cells.

By blocking the neuraminidase molecule, which is essential in the virus spreading around the body and is found on the surface of the viruses, neuraminidase inhibitors not only stop the influenza virus from spreading within the infected person's body, but also from person to person.

This can help minimise the spread of influenza within the community.

Dr Crookes said in order to be eligible to participate in the study, people must be 18 years and over and have been experiencing influenza-like symptoms for less

than 36 hours.

All qualified participants receive study-related care and study treatments at no cost and participants will receive compensation for travel time associated with their participation.

"Influenza symptoms resemble those of a cold- but are much more sudden and severe.

"Influenza is usually characterised by a sudden onset of debilitating symptoms, which include fever, head and body aches, fatigue, sore throat and cough.

"Influenza can be a serious disease, but it can often be treated if diagnosed in time.

"This is really a complete mind shift from how influenza has traditionally been treated.

"Conventionally, we recommended that patients with influenza rested in bed, kept well hydrated and potentially took some paracetamol to bring down the fever."

Annually, influenza causes 2500 deaths, 15,000 hospitalisations and 80,000 GP visits in Australia every year, he said.

The majority of influenza infections occur between July and September, however, in the far north of Australia influenza outbreaks can occur earlier in the year.

For more information, contact the Peninsula Medical Centre on 4341 1844.

Press release, August 19 2008
Hayley Dowling, Burson-Marsteller



Fr John Hill and Everglades secretary Mr Laurie Powell with Robyn Schacht and Mary Mac's Place volunteers

Donation for hungry

Everglades Country Club has donated \$10,000 to local charity Mary Mac's Place through its Community Development Support Expenditure scheme.

Mary Mac's Place held a morning tea to acknowledge Everglades Country Club's "generous contribution" on August 25.

"St John the Baptist parish priest Fr John Hill presented Everglades treasurer Mr Laurie Powell with a certificate of appreciation for the donation.

"This most welcome funding from the Everglades Country Club will assist Mary Mac's in providing nutritious meals for the homeless and disadvantaged families and individuals on the Peninsula," project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said.

"As the cost of living continues to climb, Mary Mac's Place struggles to keep pace with the escalating need for our service.

"Since December last year, Mary Mac's has experienced a 52 per cent increase in people seeking our assistance.

"Our truly fantastic volunteer team of 60 predominantly older and retired women and men from the Peninsula now prepare and serve up to 80 hot, nourishing meals each week between 11am and 1pm."

Ms Schacht said Mary Mac's Place is always looking for new volunteers to join the team.

For more information please phone Robyn on 4341 0584 or 0417 671 973.

Press release, 28 Aug 2008
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

Workshop on Super Foods

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will host a workshop on Super Foods on Tuesday, September 9.

"Recent research is showing that many of our foods have potent healing and medicinal qualities and can be used to positively influence our health," said community development officer Ms Kate Bradfield.

"Find out what foods you should be eating to prevent hypertension, heart disease, bowel cancer, arthritis and more.

"This short informative talk by qualified naturopath Jill Meredith will give you ideas on how to change your diet so that you may live a healthier and longer life."

The workshop will begin from 10am to 12pm at the centre located at 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The cost of the workshop is by gold coin donation and bookings are essential by phoning 4342 5905.

Press release, 27 Aug 2008
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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Father's Day raffle for animals

The Animal Welfare League Central Coast branch located in Woy Woy will be holding a Father's Day raffle to raise money for animal welfare on the Central Coast.

First prize is a tool kit; second prize is a selection of men's toiletries; and third prize is lottery ticket money tree.

Tickets are available at three for \$2 from the Animal Welfare League's Thrift Shop located in the Woy Woy regional centre, between Oval Ave and Blackwall Rd, Woy

Woy.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday, September 5.

The Thrift Shop sells second-hand furniture, books and clothing, with all funds going to animal welfare on the Central Coast.

Publicity officer Ms Kay Lehmann said the funds raised from the raffle and shop will assist in the veterinary care of sick and injured animals and help financially disadvantaged people to have their animals desexed.

There are currently 20 local volunteers at the Woy Woy based

Animal Welfare League Central Coast branch who volunteer their time to promote and fundraise for animals in need.

The Woy Woy based branch is one of 14 branches located across NSW, managed and operated by volunteers.

For more information please contact the Animal Welfare League Central Coast branch on 4344 6650.

Press release, 20 Aug 2008
Kay Lehmann, Animal Welfare League
Central Coast



Roslyn Consoli and partner Russell Osborne continue their trek from Darwin to Melbourne

Celebrations for spring

The Anglican Parish of Woy Woy will be celebrating the Season of Creation from September 1 to October 5, with a Spring Fair and a number of special spring services.

"We will be celebrating Creation and God the Creator with services focusing on forest, land, outback, river and animals," publicity officer Ms Kathy Martin said.

The season will begin for the Anglican parish with a Spring Fair on Saturday, September 6, at St Andrews Anglican Church in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

She said the fair would have "the normal stalls, and contributions from Mingaletta Aboriginal Women's Group and the the Central Coast Reconciliation Group".

"We will have the Woy Woy Environmental Centre and Kariong Community Eco-Garden sharing information about how to care for the environment," Ms Martin said.

"Throughout the season, colourful displays will enhance our worship spaces.

"These will be added to from week to week as each new element is introduced.

"One of our toddler groups is particularly busy at present making painted butterflies for the purpose."

The parish will celebrate with special Land Sunday services on September 14.

"Lisa Wriley from Kariong Eco-Garden will speak at St Luke's from 9am and Dr Miriam Pepper from Project Green Church will

speak at St Andrew's from 7.30am and 9.30am," Ms Martin said.

"We celebrate St Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals on October 5.

"At noon, we will go to Umina Recreation Ground with our pets and the Reverend Penny Jones will lead some brief prayers of thanks for these special animals and bless each one individually.

"We will also have a Bring your own LOAF (Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly, Fair traded food) picnic.

"For more details of the program and of our environment-centered Bible studies during this period, please contact the clergy through our parish office on 4344 1347."

Press release, 26 Aug 2008
Kathy Martin, Anglican Parish of Woy
Woy

Father's Day barbecue

The Empire Bay Progress Association will hold a Father's Day barbecue breakfast.

It will be held from 9am to 11am on Sunday, September 7, at the Empire Bay Reserve, near the ferry wharf, to raise money for the Children First Foundation..

The event is being held in support of the 6000km Darwin to Melbourne Camel Trek being undertaken by former Empire Bay resident Ms Roslyn Consoli and her partner Mr Russell Osborne.

A raffle will also be held at the Father's Day breakfast, with prizes of petrol and food vouchers, an angle grinder and watches being donated to the cause.

Ms Consoli and Mr Osborne have been trekking across Australia with their seven camels since March 23.

Ms Consoli's parents Jan and Santo Consoli, with the help of the Empire Bay Progress Association, have been fundraising since March this year and will continue over the next 13 months to support their daughter's charity work.

"The trek is well under way and Ros and Russ, with their eight camels, are now travelling down the Canning Stock Route in Western Australia," Ms Jan Consoli said.

"It was hard work travelling from Katherine to Kununurra, along the Victoria Highway because the humidity and the inhospitable terrain for the camels.

"From Kununurra they crossed

the Diversion Dam, and headed to the former gold mining town of Halls Creek.

"This was the gateway to the Canning Stock Route and they are making good progress towards the Aboriginal Community of Kunawarritji.

Ms Consoli said the pair's biggest worry is the feral camels that roam around the desert, causing havoc to the camel train.

"Also the weather is getting hotter and the strong wind makes things difficult," Ms Consoli said.

"From here they will proceed along Gary Junction Road, heading to Tanamai, passing through the Kiwirrkurra community and then back to the Northern Territory.

"They plan to arrive in Alice Springs in early December before the summer heat.

"They plan to stay there for a few months before setting off on the second half of the expedition, pressing towards South Australia and then on to Victoria where they will travel through rural towns.

"They hope to arrive at the Melbourne Children's Hospital in November next year."

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

Donations can be made through any branch of the Bendigo Bank or online at www.dundecamels.spaces.live.com.

Press release, 20 Aug 2008
Jan and Santo Consoli

Council gets \$8.3M grant

Gosford Council will receive more than \$8.3 million in financial assistance grants from the Federal Government, according to Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal.

Ms Neal said the Federal Government was providing \$6,444,540 to the council in general purpose grants and \$1,882,069 in roads grants.

"This is an increase of \$264,285 on the level of total financial assistance grants allocated to Gosford City in the 2007/08

financial year," Ms Neal said.

"Gosford Council is in the top 20 councils in New South Wales in terms of highest general purpose grants and highest total grants overall, coming in at 11th and 13th respectively."

Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government Mr Anthony Albanese said: "Residents in Robertson expect good local roads, decent libraries, well-maintained parks and pools, regular garbage pick-ups and high quality child care and other services.

"That's why the Government's grants are untied so that councils can spend the funds on local priorities.

"It's important to remember that the \$8,326,609 is on top of the money available to councils this year from our Roads to Recovery program."

Council grants were recommended by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission, a body established under NSW legislation.

Press release, 25 Aug 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Concerts raise \$1000 for research

Three Central Coast venues, including Woy Woy Sporties, took part in hosting Jamm for Genes concerts on August 1, to raise more than \$1000 for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Woy Woy Sporties joined Erina Youth Centre and The Beachcomber Hotel in Toukley to host the charity concerts which featured a line-up of local bands as

part of Jeans for Genes Day.

The over-18s' show at Woy Woy Sporties featured the bands Niksta and Bad Obsession

"There are children out there with leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, genetic defects and many other disorders," publicity officer Mr Rusty Wallis said.

"The scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent these diseases before they occur in

our children, or where that is not possible to develop better treatments.

"The money raised from Jeans for Genes Day shows on the Central Coast will go towards the work of these scientists."

Press release, 27 Aug 2008
Rusty Wallis, Music Media

Japanese students stay

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus hosted exchange students from Fujimi Junior High School in Japan from August 8 to 16.

Students from the college opened their homes to 20 students and three teachers from Japan as

they experienced school and home life in Australia.

The Japanese students became involved in several academic, cultural and recreational activities over their eight-day visit.

Newsletter, 28 Aug 2008
Brisbane Water Secondary College
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New cleaning business starts

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The Colman's made the decision to enter the cleaning franchise business after Lois and her daughter Christina moved to the Peninsula from the Northern Territory to be closer to her son Mark and his family.

"We were all looking in the paper one day and noticed a classified for a franchise opportunity with United Home Services," Ms Colman said.

"We sat down and discussed the opportunity and made the decision to buy the franchise.

"Our franchise is now family-owned and operated by myself, my daughter Christina, son Mark and daughter-in-law Rachel."

Ms Colman said the cleaning service was different to others.

"We are professionally trained by United Home Services and we don't rely on other people's equipment to carry out our work," Ms Colman said.

"We also don't charge by the hour like other businesses, instead

we charge according to the size of the job.

"Everybody needs a clean home or office and most families and businesses simply don't have the time to do housework.

"We take the stress and hassle out of cleaning by providing a comprehensive, friendly and reliable service to the community.

"Our service is great for people who do not have the time or energy to clean, or for the elderly and disabled who have no way of doing it themselves.

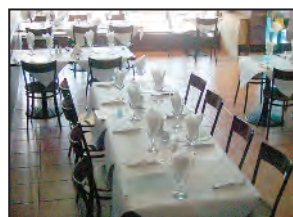
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Clare Graham, 27 Aug 2008



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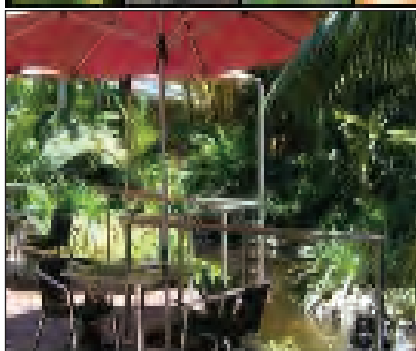
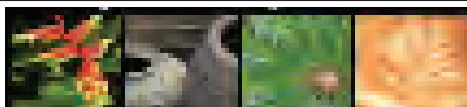
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, ESCC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabeties Support Group, 10am, ECC

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, BFC

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Silk craft 10am

Mums & bubs playgroup 1pm

Pastel classes for kids 4pm 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, ESCC

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

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

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

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

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

Sahaja yoga meditation, 10:30am only, enq: 4368 2847, CWA

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

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

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

Coffee Morning, social get-

together, 10am, PWHC

Second Wednesday of every Month

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

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 9.30am, ECC

Fourth Wednesday of every month

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

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

Empire Bay Tennis, 9am-12am, Shelley Beach Rd, Empire Bay, enq: 4341 4125

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

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

Rotary Club of Umina, 6pm, ECC

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

Empire Bay Tennis, 9am-12am, Shelley Beach Rd, Empire Bay, enq: 4341 4125

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm, EBWMC

Second Thursday of every month

Women's Health Clinic, enq: 4320 3741, PWHC

Australiana Bus Trips, PCC

Third Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; EBWMC

Fourth Thursday of every month

Free immunization clinic, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, 9am BFC

Umina Probus, 10am, ECC

Women's Health Clinic, enq:

4320 3741, 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, ESCC

Social Tennis, 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195

Adult tap dancing, 10am, enq: 4342 3925, EPH

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

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

Pilates, 9:30am, enq: 4384 5005; Mah-jong, 2pm, enq: 4360 2178;

Yoga, 5:30pm, enq: 4323 1859, WH

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC

Second Friday of every month

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

RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, EBWMC

Third Friday of every month Legacy Ladies, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, EBWMC

Fourth Friday of every month

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

Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC

School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

Every Friday

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

Bingo, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664, UCH

Lollipop Music Playgroup,

9.15am, enq: 4343 1929, BFC

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, EBACC

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

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

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

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

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

Occasional Care, 9am;

Kindy Gym, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; Weight Watchers, 9.30am; Smart Recovery, 10am;

Samaritans Support Group, 10.30am; Bridge Club, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; Judo, 7.15pm; Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses, PCC

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

Fishing Club, EBWM

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

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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**

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Proms evening

A "Pearl Beach Proms" evening has been organised for Saturday, September 20, to help raise money for the Umina PCYC.

Pearl Beach resident Mr John Walklate said the evening "promised to be a wonderful occasion".

"This is a fundraising event to support the work of two skilled young police officers who have been seconded to the Umina PCYC to work with troubled youngsters," Mr Walklate said.

"Senior constables Paul Hanna and Renee Jackson's work involve a close and caring association with young people in pre and early teenage years, who need understanding to help them alter their anti-social behavior, which can lead to much heartbreak and damage to property here on the Peninsula.

"This is one of the main reasons for having a PCYC: to save young people from descending into a life of crime and reducing offences in our local area.

"Recent reports of the program being run by these two officers have shown that there has been a marked reduction in offending amongst the youngsters on their caseloads."

Pearl Beach and Patonga Chamber of Commerce Public Relations Officer Ms Rosemary Ruthven said a recent report to the Chamber stated the program has resulted in a 98 per cent rehabilitation success rate, well above the State average of 70 per cent.

"Local businesses like Woolworths in Woy Woy and Flemings and Bi-Lo in Umina are showing their support for the fundraiser by supplying coffee, milk, sugar, paper cups and plastic wineglasses for the occasion," Ms Ruthven said.

"The Ocean Beach Hotel Bottle Shop donated a magnum of red for one of the lucky door prizes and Hungerford Hill is very generously providing the majority of the wine for the evening."

Event organiser Ms Margaret Walklate said all profits received from the evening would be going to support a very worthwhile cause.

"We've kept the price low, so that more people can come along.

"It promises to be an evening of good music, song and laughter."

Dr John Irvine will be the MC for the event and director of the Gosford Philharmonic Choir Mr Phillip Rees will be the musical director.

Coffee will be served and wine will be available for a gold coin donation.

Tickets are available for \$10 per person.

The evening will be held from 7pm at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

To purchase tickets please contact Margaret Walklate on 4342 1306.

Press release, 25 Aug 2008
Rosemary Ruthven, Pearl Beach
and Patonga Chamber of Commerce
Letter, 20 Aug 2008
John Walklate, Pearl Beach



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Gosford statistics

The Gosford Local Government Area contains 96 individual localities, 27 of which are on the Peninsula, according to the NSW Australian Electoral Commission.

It covers an area of 1028 square kilometres.

The area stretches from the Hawkesbury River in the south, west to Wisemans Ferry, and north to Bucketty.

The boundary then extends south east to Kulnura, south through to Central Mangrove and Somersby, then east to include part of Bateau Bay.

The main centres include Gosford, Terrigal, Erina and Woy

Woy.

Surrounding councils include Baulkham Hills Cessnock, Hawkesbury, Hornsby, Pittwater and Wyong.

All 10 councillors are seeking re-election at the September 13 council elections, with the exception of Cr Robert Bell who will be retiring.

According to the 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics census data, the population of the area is 158,158.

The largest age group is 0-17 year olds, with a total of 37,948 (24 per cent).

The second largest age group is 45-59 year olds, with 20.6 per cent of the total population.

The 2006 ABS census also

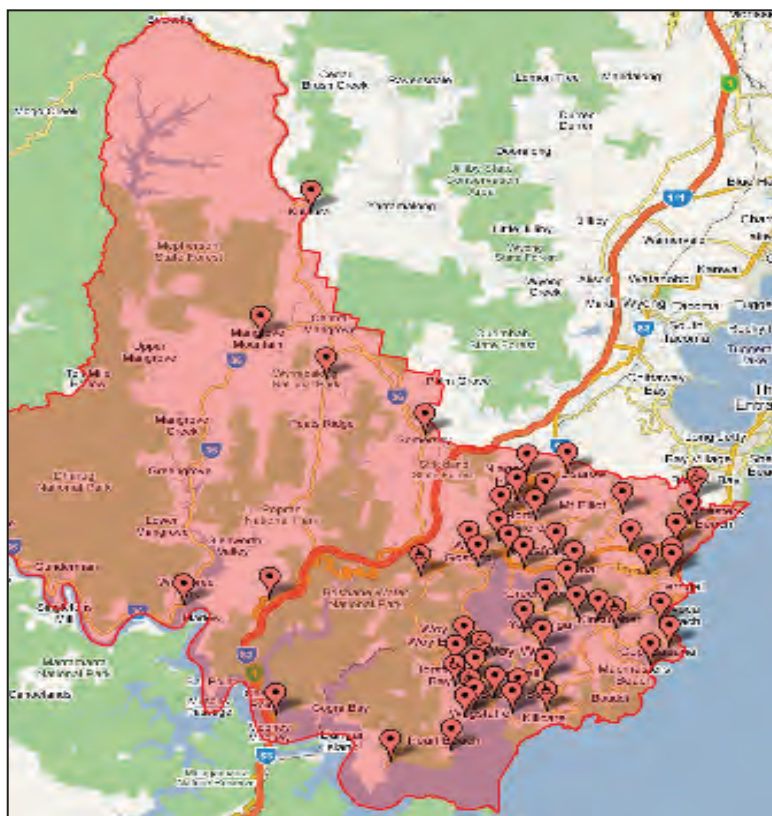
shows that 40 per cent of the population earns between \$1 and \$399 per week, 26.6 per cent has an individual income between \$400 and \$799, and 15.9 per cent between \$800 and \$1299.

Only three per cent of the population receives an individual income of \$2000 or more per week.

Of the total, 84.3 per cent were born in Australia.

Thirty-two per cent of population is Anglican, 28.8 per cent is Catholic and 17.3 per cent has no religion.

Website, 29 Aug 2008
NSW Electoral Commission



Booths at 15 locations

Fifteen different polling locations on and around the Peninsula will be available for residents to vote in the Gosford Council elections on September 13.

All polling places on the Peninsula will be open between 8am and 6pm on Election Day.

Polling locations in the Woy Woy area will be Woy Woy South Primary School, the South Woy Woy Progress Association Hall, the Bays Community Hall and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus.

Umina Beach Public School, Umina Beach Branch Library, Umina Uniting Church and Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus will also be available for

voters on the day.

Other locations around the Peninsula area include Booker Bay Pre School, Ettalong Public School, Pearl Beach Community Centre, Killcare Bushfire Brigade, Wagstaffe Community Hall, Empire Bay Public School and the Patonga Progress Hall.

Those voters who cannot make their vote on September 13, can visit the three Gosford Council pre-polling centres at Gosford, Erina and Woy Woy.

The Woy Woy pre-polling centre is located at shop three in Deepwater Plaza, Cnr George St and Railway St, Woy Woy.

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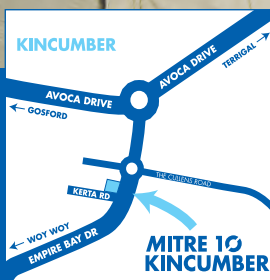
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Community coalition rates three groups

A coalition of community and environment groups has rated three groups of council candidates, based on their answers to a questionnaire.

Community Council Watch gave the highest rating to Cr Terri Latella of The Greens with 93 per cent.

Next was Cr Malcolm Brooks, heading an independent group, with 64 per cent.

He was followed by the Liberal Party's Cr Chris Holstein with 53 per cent.

Other candidate groups did not respond to the questionnaire.

The questionnaire included a number of questions about the Peninsula.

These included questions about building heights in Woy Woy and Ettalong town centres, and voting on matters such as the Tesrol

development at Ettalong, the Ettalong Beach foreshore plan, and the Hillview St development.

Cr Brooks and Latella said they did not support an increase of building heights in Woy Woy or Ettalong, which was proposed in the new draft LEP, while Cr Holstein did.

All three said they voted against the Tesrol development.

Cr Holstein voted for the Ettalong foreshore plan, while Cr Latella voted against.

Cr Holstein conditionally supported the Hillview St proposal, while Cr Latella voted against.

Cr Brooks said he could not recall how he voted on the foreshore plan and was absent for the vote on the Hillview St development.

The questionnaire also asked whether the candidates would

support the reinstatement of the council's environment directorate.

Cr Latella said she would. Cr Brooks said he supported some kind of restructure. Cr Holstein said that he would only support it if he believed it was deficient, but did not say whether he believed it was deficient.

Community Council Watch stated it supported reinstatement of an Environment Department, increased environmental protection in Gosford's draft Local Environmental Plan, and ethical, transparent and accountable councillors who would not place development interests above community and environmental issues.

**Media release, 29 Aug 2008
Peter Rea, Community Council Watch**

Groups 'believe' in climate change

Three council candidate groups have declared themselves climate change "believers", while another has questioned the extent of predicted change.

Groups headed by Cr Jim MacFadyen (Labor), Cr Terri Latella (Greens) and Cr Malcolm Brooks have all described themselves as climate change believers in answer to a questionnaire.

The questionnaire was circulated to council candidates by the Peninsula Residents' Association.

The group headed by Cr Chris Holstein (Liberal) questioned the extent of the change and conflict between experts.

Asked whether they would accept donations from developers, The Greens said no. Labor said the issue was under consideration, while Liberals said they would follow the Local Government Act.

On the question of whether Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong should be population growth centres, The Greens did not support this, while the other three did to varying degrees.

The Greens, Liberals and Brooks groups did not support an increase in building heights in Umina and Ettalong above four storeys, while Labor did, in line with the draft Gosford LEP.

Neither The Greens nor Brooks group supported another 100,000 people on the Central Coast as proposed in the regional strategy.

The Liberals did not support it

without infrastructure, while Labor supported it.

Asked whether they would support the removal of further foreshore vegetation at Ettalong and Umina for a cycle path, The Greens said no.

Both Liberal and Labor suggested that a cycle path would be possible without removing all vegetation.

The Brooks group was unsure whether they would support the removal of further vegetation.

Residents' association secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan said the survey results would help guide local residents to making an informed decision when placing their vote.

She said she hoped residents of the Peninsula would find the survey results useful.

The Association was formed in 2005 to give residents a voice for the Peninsula.

"It supports good building design and promotes the low-rise village scale character of the Peninsula, as agreed at the vision forums held by Gosford Council," said Ms Noonan.

"It wants better infrastructure for the Peninsula before any major population growth and it supports preservation of our magnificent natural environment.

"It does not support business views that Umina should be developed as a mini Erina Fair and Ettalong as another Cockle Bay."

Ms Noonan said the association did not receive responses from Central Coast First and Independent candidates Cr Craig Doyle and Cr Trevor Drake.

**Media release, 28 Aug 2008
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association**

Council transfers lane to school

Gosford Council has finalised the transfer of a laneway from its control to the Department of Education and Training.

The unnamed laneway is located between Hobart Ave and Umina Public School.

A council report states: "There is no proposal to acquire a new road to replace the road to be closed, nor is there a need to construct a road to replace the road to be acquired".

In February, a proposed acquisition notice was given to council by the Crown solicitor's office on behalf of the Department

of Education and Training.

The report stated: "The laneway is occupied by the Department of Education and is enclosed by a fence.

"Prior to occupation, the laneway contained a track that allowed access to adjoining properties. "Council has not spent funds on the construction of the track, but may have carried out periodic maintenance work."

The report stated that no public utilities owned by council such as water, sewerage or drainage work, have been placed within the land.

"Pursuant to Section 206 of

the Roads Act 1993, council is not entitled to compensation," the council report stated.

In August, the Crown solicitor's office notified council that the laneway was compulsorily acquired by the Minister for Education and Training.

Council resolved to execute a Deed of Release and Indemnity between council and the Minister of Education and Training.

Council agenda COR.81, 26 Aug 2008

Afternoon tea

The Broken Bay Uniting Church Mission Support Group will hold an afternoon tea on Tuesday, September 16.

The event will be held from 2pm at Ettalong Uniting Church Hall in Picnic Parade.

Ms Sue Cable from the Woy Woy Women's Refuge will be the guest speaker.

Publicity officer Ms Sue Webster said all members of the community

were welcome to attend.

"Our group has donated many handmade rugs, kitchen and household goods and pamper packs, as well as cash to the Woy Woy Women's Refuge."

For more information, phone Gwen on 4344 6188 or Sue on 4341 8635.

**Press release, 25 Aug 2008
Sue Webster, Broken Bay Mission Support Group**

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CENTRAL COAST FIRST:

Laurie Maher

Central Coast First, the coalition of independents, believes Gosford's environment could make it the leading regional city in Australia.

Our team provides succession and plans for tomorrow.

We are true to the full sustainability principal that delivers personal achievements for the community and social inclusion.

Two new young candidates Tina Addison and Andrew Tregent, long-standing Peninsula residents, and current councillors Laurie Maher and Peter Hale, with extensive social and business experience, provide a direction for the future.

Previous councils were noted for political bickering and meetings long into the night for no results.

The last election was a battleground.

This election has been focused with a few exceptions on advertisements proclaiming fixing roads, drainage and potholes, knowing they can't produce the extra funds, or alluding to imaginary "failed coalitions".

The current council, influenced by Central Coast First, delivered:

A Cohesive Council

A Long Term Plan, Vision 2020

\$4.5 million federal funding to correct the dirty water

Finance committee chaired by Peter Hale advancing \$20 million in works

Guaranteed process of community input into the new planning rules

New robust planning department with senior staff representing environmental, economic and social disciplines

Affordable housing policy and trust

Finance strategy for capital works including roads, drainage and filled potholes - something a major party voted against

Appointment of a Director for Gosford CBD, a City protocol and outcome specialist

We are about planning and making the hard decisions for the benefit of the whole community.

Laurie Maher,
Central Coast First



LABOR: Craig Munnings

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

We should and we must.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Craig Munnings,
Labor



GREENS: Terri Latella

My commitment in 2004 stands and is even stronger: I will work hard for the community of the Peninsula not just in the decision-making process, but as your voice toward a healthier community.

State and Federal funding cuts have worn away at council budgets for maintenance and management of public infrastructure.

This is no excuse and is not what the Peninsula deserves.

You need councillors with progressive ideas that are prepared to speak up and pressure whatever tier of government necessary to obtain vital funding for community services, a public transport system with car parking facilities and more trains and real management of roads and drains whilst protecting our unique bushland and beach environment.

I will not only be a voice for the public, and a watchdog against developer interests but I will work hard to make sure the vital changes are made.

Dr Peter Freewater, second candidate on The Greens ticket is a Peninsula resident.

With his experience, having worked at Gosford Council and as a professional marine ecologist, we have the guts and experience to put an end to buck-passing and to look at responsible environmental and economic management for the Peninsula.

"Think Global, Act Local" on September 13.

The Peninsula is in dire need of people on council who will work hard to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

The people that you vote in at the next local government election can make a real difference in delivering the necessary vital services and not caving into the interests of developers.

Vote one, The Greens.

Terri Latella,
The Greens



LIBERAL: Chris Holstein

Are you a Peninsula resident who is sick of being ignored?

The Liberal Party is providing its strongest team to contest the Gosford City Council elections, led by experienced councillor, Chris Holstein.

Our team is supported by three Peninsula based candidates: Jeff Strickson, Deanna Bocking and Aaron Henry.

The youth of the Peninsula also have a real opportunity with the Liberals to put one of their own, 22-year-old, Amy Houston, onto council.

This will give the youth of the Peninsula real representation and a voice, rather than just consultation.

The lemma Labor Government controls this State, and the residents of the Peninsula have suffered as the government shifts costs to our council.

As a result our roads have suffered, our community facilities have suffered and we now have a backlog of infrastructure projects.

The Liberals will hold the lemma Government accountable and deliver for the Peninsula.

Chris Holstein has already delivered on the Peninsula with the Peninsula Leisure Centre, and started the surf club re-build programs, with more to come.

The resident's of the Peninsula have a clear choice on election day, to have a change for the better by voting one Group A - Liberal.

Chris Holstein,
Liberal

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INDEPENDENT: Malcolm Brooks

Malcolm Brooks' team is committed to putting people number one for proper Independent representation of the broader community, rather than being dictated by powerful groups, political parties and developers.

Malcolm's team is advocating a better deal for seniors, by striving for better facilities and services and a crack down on anti-social behaviour and street crime within the Peninsula CBDs.

Malcolm supports a policy on minimum population growth to preserve and protect our sensitive environment to enhance our quality of life.

We cannot let the pressure of misguided governments, developers and bloated bureaucracies dictate the future of our region - that would be a disaster.

The Peninsula area should remain a collection of low-rise suburbs complementing the superb waterways and bushland.

Brisbane Water, a natural recreational waterway, needs to be nurtured and accessible to all, with improved boating access.

Our village communities such as Killcare, Pearl Beach, Woy Woy Bay and Patonga are unique and their low-rise character needs to be obtained.

The "Central of the Central Coast", the Gosford CBD is about building a city that complements Erina Fair, Terrigal, The Peninsula and our villages- it's not about competing.

The Gosford CBD should be a vibrant commercial/residential city with a mix of open areas, parks and building not exceeding seven to 10 storeys.

Future development must complement our natural setting, beaches, waterfront, bushland, mountains and valleys.

Tourism is a vital element of our local economy, but it must be managed in a way so as not to degrade or destroy our natural assets because it is those natural assets which lure the tourists to our area.

It's more than just economic factors that drive a successful community.

It's about what binds a community together and that's why the Malcolm Brooks Independent team is putting people number one.

Malcolm Brooks,
Independent



INDEPENDENT: Helen Ryan

My name is Helen Ryan and I have been a Central Coast resident and ratepayer since 1981.

I have nominated as an independent candidate in the forthcoming Gosford City Council Elections.

Our currently elected councillors have lost touch with the ever-increasing needs of our expanding area and they have aligned themselves with the various major political parties, which have caused infighting within the council.

I believe this situation has hampered the development and vision for our future.

The expansion of Gosford and the Peninsula over the past years has put an enormous strain on our essential infrastructure.

Unfortunately, we have now reached a stage where our roads and drainage systems are inadequate to sustain current needs, let alone the future.

More funding needs to be allocated to roads to ensure we do not see repeats of the problems that occurred with the collapse of The Pacific Highway at Piles Creek causing five deaths and more recently the Bulls Hill landslide which isolated our entire Peninsula community.

Ratepayers need to know the true losses they face through the council's gambling with ratepayers money in speculative investments.

Why weren't these funds used for the purpose that they were collected to maintain and improve infrastructure?

The Gosford CBD has become an embarrassment, a place for people to avoid, a collection of derelict buildings line Mann Street.

People are deterred from the town centre because of anti-social behaviour, and this was impacted on businesses causing relocating to other areas.

A new vision for our CBD is needed and not just a shallow facelift and upgrade of Kibble Park.

Council needs to address the real problems and serve the ratepayers who elected them into office.

Helen Ryan,
Independent



INDEPENDENT: Craig Doyle

Better known as "Our Road Warrior", Craig Doyle has assembled a true team of non-party affiliated Independents.

This allows the hard questions to be asked, without fear or favour.

Sometimes the positive influence of being Independent allows areas such as the Peninsula to have a real voice in negotiations.

Certainly the various groups will be claiming to be a voice for the Peninsula; however the difference between groups will be that "the Group G is committed to not pulling any punches and ensuring the following are high on the council agenda":

Improving the roads, particularly Blackwall Rd, Ocean Beach Rd, Patonga Drive, and the fight for the Bulls Hill by-pass on Woy Woy Rd

Introducing a program to ensure the footpaths, kerbing and drainage issues are brought to a conclusion, allowing each street to have a say in the various options

A commitment to the Peninsula Urban Design Strategy, and the Ettalong Plan of Management, to ensure that the development and enhancement of the Peninsula is in line with residents expectations.

Increased funding for recreational areas and facilities beyond the fantastic Peninsula Leisure Centre, including sporting fields and playground upgrades.

A common sense, straight talking and community consultation will form the centrepiece of the "Go forward" for the Peninsula.

A commitment to the environment, both natural and built.

Development will happen, however it has to be balanced.

The questions will be asked by Group G: does it stack up environmentally, socially and economically?

If the "Go Forward" for the Peninsula sounds like this, vote one for "Group G- Craig Doyle, the True Independent" on September 13.

Craig Doyle,
Independent



INDEPENDENT: Trevor Drake

Deputy Mayor Cr Trevor Drake has assembled a team of independent, like-minded, experienced people for the upcoming Local Government elections.

Cr Drake was elected at the last election and during his first term on council, came to realise that party politics in council results in party line, political point scoring which does not always achieve the best outcome for the community.

He has resigned from his political party and is standing as an Independent.

If re-elected, Cr Drake will not be influenced by party politics.

His team have a common purpose if elected.

It is about getting back to basics.

The Drake team is committed to changing council's priorities and increasing capital expenditure to ensure proper maintenance of our roads, the construction of footpaths, drainage, kerb and guttering in all of the suburbs of the city over a period of 10 years.

Council has no long-term strategy in this regard, and it is well overdue.

The Drake team support the re-vitalisation of the Gosford City Centre as part of a broader coordinated upgrading of our towns and villages.

The Drake team are committed to the protection of the environment and development of the city that is sustainable and environmentally friendly.

It is the scenic beauty of the area and the layback lifestyle that has attracted many of our residents to live in our city.

It is these qualities that the Drake team will seek to preserve into the future.

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Spelling and writing results

Students from Woy Woy South Public School achieved "outstanding results" when they participated in the NSW International Spelling and Writing Competition recently, according to principal Mr Mick Tattam.

In the spelling competition, Helen Krucler and Leslie Gagau from Year 6 and Lauren Hayes from Year 5 were awarded distinction certificates for their efforts.

Other students achieved six credits and 10 participation certificates for their efforts.

In the writing competition, Luke Reilly from Year 6 and Lauren Hayes from Year 5 were awarded with distinction certificates.

Other students gained eight credits and nine participation certificates for their writing.

Newsletter, 19 Aug 2008
Woy Woy South Public School

Storytime attracts 300 to Lions Park

More than 300 children and parents came together at Lions Park in Woy Woy on August 19, to take part in Storytime in the Park.

"The children had trouble deciding which storytelling station to go to first," said organiser Ms Debbie Notara from Beachside Family Centre.

Story-telling themes included Spanish rhymes, indigenous dreaming stories, Ten in the Den puppets, the hungry caterpillar felt board and others involving action and song.

"Some children didn't want to leave some stations staying for a repeat performance."

Ms Notara said each child was given a reading passport that was stamped at each storytelling station, giving them the chance to win book vouchers.

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Ms Frances Giunta from Umina said the day was an "incredibly successful and enjoyable event".

"It shows how much babies and children love to hear stories, rhymes and songs and what fun it can be for parents and carers to share stories with their children."

Press release, 28 Aug 2008
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

Breakfast club starts at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School has joined the Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club, which serves more than 424,000 breakfasts in NSW each year.

Red Cross regional manager Mr Peter McCloskey said that between five and eight per cent of families experience times when they have no food and no money to purchase food, with children vulnerable.

"Red Cross Breakfast Club makes sure kids who would otherwise go hungry get a nutritious start to the day," Mr McCloskey said.

"The kids learn about healthy eating and develop important

social skills.

"The clubs also have a positive impact on their schooling, where students' behaviour and concentration levels improve dramatically on the days they're involved in the breakfast club.

"Research shows that not eating a nutritious breakfast can adversely affect a child's ability to concentrate, their social behaviour and early physical development.

"It's very exciting to have three new clubs up and running over the next few months."

The club will operate at the school three mornings per week.

Press release, 20 Aug 2008
Elaine Rees, Red Cross

My fair ladies and gentlemen

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus have begun to take part in an "acceptable standards initiative" that aims to set and maintain the acceptable behaviour of young people in today's society.

Commencing in term three, the students have embarked on the first stage of the initiative, the "Dare Not Swear" program, which focuses on the way students speak to each other in the playground, in class and to teachers and adults.

"In term three, we will focus on some of the community standards

we see as important for a young person to acquire as they progress through our college to adulthood," principal Mr Frank Gasper said.

"We will embark on setting and maintaining these standards in a series of focus areas for the rest of the year."

Mr Gasper said the college was running a range of projects to promote the special initiative including focus groups, a poster design competition, assemblies and newsletter articles to inform students and parents, and a student-based behaviour monitoring system.

Newsletter, 28 Aug 2008
Brisbane Water Secondary College
Umina campus

Creative arts camp

Students from three local primary schools attended a Creative Arts Camp at Myuna Bay recently.

Six students from Pretty Beach, Woy Woy and Woy Woy South public schools attended the five-day camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp from August 18 to 22.

Camp coordinator Ms Lyn Cook said the camp was attended by almost 200 primary school students around the Central Coast and Hunter region.

"Students from Year 4 to 6 took part in music, visual arts, dance and drama workshops," Ms Cook said.

"The camp gave students the

opportunity to learn from each other and make the most of concentrated learning opportunities in their specialism that would not necessarily be available to them in their own schools.

"Each day of the camp finished with sport and recreation activities for the students to enjoy.

"Parents were also invited to attend the final day's concert and art exhibition which allowed them to see what their children had learnt and created during the week."

Ms Cook said the camp's theme, "One and All", gave a framework for the appreciation of solo, group and multicultural arts.

Press release, 26 Aug 2008
Lyn Cook, Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp

Grant for writing

St John the Baptist Primary School, Woy Woy, has been successful in applying for a \$1000 National Literacy and Numeracy Week grant.

The school was the only school in the Broken Bay Diocese that was successful in gaining a grant for National Literacy and Numeracy Week.

The purpose of the grant is to develop gifted writers in Years 5

and 6.

St John's school teacher Ms Katreena Fernandes said the school will use the \$1000 grant to purchase resources to develop the skills of children who have a flair for writing.

Children will attend special writing classes for two hours a week throughout term three.

Newsletter, 22 Aug 2008
St John the Baptist Primary School

Native fauna group starts at Umina campus

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus has formed a native fauna group called Kids Who Are Carers, aimed at providing students with information about animals.

"Being an animal lover myself and after having some cases of animal cruelty in my school, I thought it would be a great idea to promote animal care and respect," group coordinator Ms Nerrida Lewis said.

"Our aim for the group is to provide useful information to the students of the school and hope that this information makes students more aware of our native wildlife and more appreciative of it too.

"We have already provided the school with some interesting animal facts which get publicised every day in our daily notices.

"We have also extended some of this information into our newsletter."

Ms Lewis said the students in the group meet for one hour per week during normal class hours.

"The school has also obtained a diamond python named Frog, so that the group can have some



Students from the Kids Who Are Carers native fauna group with Frog the diamond python

experience in handling and caring for a non-releasable animal and educate others at the same time.

"Frog has never been in the wild and was rescued as a hatchling who was in a bad care situation."

Ms Lewis said the group was planning on caring for some injured and non-releasable animals at school and attending excursions to animal parks and centres.

"Most of these students have a desire to work with animals whether it be vet nursing or zoo keeping or voluntary work," Ms Lewis said.

"So far we have written to the RSPCA and some local vets in hope that we can get some work experience with them."

Press release, 16 Aug 2008
Nerrida Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Party was torture

My wife and I live in a villa in Blackwall Rd, Blackwall.

An 18th birthday party was held next door in a marquee in the backyard across the driveway outside our bedroom, on Friday, August 22.

The party started at 5.30pm and we were subjected to nine hours of mind-numbing "music", plus a strobe lamp flashing directly on our windows.

If police used this treatment on suspects, there would be a public enquiry.

At 9.30pm, used drink containers and glass were being thrown at our villa and landing on our driveway.

We asked one of the guests to get the volume of the music turned down but we were refused, so my wife rang the police.

A female officer stated that the police were extremely busy, but would attend when available.

We believed that the new regulations on noise control were brought in on March 1 this year, with 10pm the limit Sunday to Thursday and 11pm on Friday and Saturdays.

Loud music after these hours was an offence.

Is there a fine for this offence? If not, why not?

The police arrived about midnight (we were informed later) and asked for the music to be shut down, which it was for some

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minutes, but resumed as loud as ever after the officers left.

It was impossible to sleep with the "music" and the strobe lamp flashing on our bedroom, so my wife again rang the police at 3am.

As she finished the call the light was extinguished and the "music" also.

My wife placed another call to the station to advise them this had happened and to recall the officers who were going to attend.

Another lady from our villas also rang the police to report a prowler who was using the garbage bins to climb over the fence into the party and to ask that something be done about the offensive music and the screaming females.

It is futile calling police when it takes two-and-a-half hours to respond to a call.

What became of the promises for more police for the Peninsula?

Maybe another election will produce another swag of promises but no action.

The same anti-social behavior happened last New Year's Eve, so I suppose we had better be prepared for more of the same next year, unless another birthday happens before then.

Harry Strong, Blackwall

Who pays? The ferryman?

With all the debate over the Palm Beach Ferry and the dredging of the channel, has anyone thought who ultimately pays for all of this?

That's right, us ratepayers! So let me get this straight.

Palm Beach Ferries operates 10 services a day, 365 days per year, and presumably makes a lot of money doing so.

Now that they say they have trouble with grounding of the

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vessel on the sand bars, they want the Council and the NSW State Government to pay for the dredging.

Is Palm Beach Ferries contributing to this?

After all, they are the ones making a profit from their service.

Assuming that the channel should be dredged every five years at a cost of \$300,000, if Palm

Beach Ferries were to be charged a lousy \$10 each time they berthed at the "public" wharf at Ettalong, then over five years Council would have \$182,500 in their dredging fund.

And that's just one commercial user of the waterways.

I'm not real happy about my rates subsidising their business.

We all have to pay our way and so should they.

Jill Donald Umina Beach

Dredging hype is election ruse

All this hype about the Palm Beach Ferry ceasing their operation is nothing more than a smoke screen for Peter Hale's election campaign for Gosford Council.

All very well to put the boot into the local member Marie Andrews but what has he done on council

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for the past four years when it is council's responsibility to dredge the channel?

Absolutely nothing.

All you need to do is rev up the businesses and the media with threats of ferry service closure

and Bob's your uncle, Peter Hale comes to the rescue just in the nick of time, as the chairman of Central Coast Tourism.

Mr Hale failed the Ettalong Memorial Club and now he wants us to elect him to Gosford Council ... not for me thanks.

Sven Hoyland, Umina Beach

Dredging – who benefits?

The clumsy attempts by the Ettalong Business Group and Palm Beach Ferries to highlight the dredging problem in the Ettalong channel have at least raised one very important question.

Who pays for it?

The State Government has agreed to pay for part of the dredging but Gosford Council seems to want to stick its head in the proverbial sand.

But isn't the question really about who benefits?

Its seems to me that Palm Beach Ferries makes a lot on

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money operating a successful service using Gosford council's wharves (ie: ratepayers property) at Wagstaffe and Ettalong Beach, but doesn't contribute a cent to their maintenance and upgrade.

It wants the channel dredged but hasn't offered to use some of the profits from the use of the channel to fund the work.

I think it is high time that the issue of user pays is addressed.

Mark Kissane, Umina Beach

It's only natural the political parties run for local government because it is a training ground for aspiring politicians and it's a good one, for they have close contact with the people.

Great politicians such as Ben Chifley, who became Prime

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Minister, Harry Jensen and Lionel Bowen are some examples of politicians who made their start in local government.

So, in principle, there is nothing wrong in having party representatives in local government, as long as they put

the people first and not the party.

I was part of a successful Labor team in three council elections and our slogan was Residents First.

These days that slogan seems to clash with the aspirations of the current State Labor Government.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Where are the Untouchables?

The extent of corruption revealed in NSW reminds me, many years ago, of a prominent northern politician who called Sydney the Chicago of the South Seas.

The only difference is that the crooks carry laptops in their briefcases now, instead of Tommy

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guns.

What we need now is an Australian Elliot Ness and his Untouchables to clean up this mess.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Contributions

The Forum page/s presents an opportunity for Peninsula Residents to have their say. Any opinions expressed on the forum page/s are not necessarily those of the editor or management of Peninsula News. Contributions can be emailed, sent on disks or by handwritten letter. Include the date, your name, address and phone numbers. Name and Suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in edited form. All accepted contributions also appear on our website:

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Committed to local jobs?

I find it very disappointing when eager candidates standing for the local council elections make broad statements of how much they care for the Central Coast and how hard they work for the prosperity of the Coast when their own actions say quite the opposite.

Laurie Maher and Peter Hale obviously couldn't find a printing

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company on the Central Coast to print their thousands of campaign brochures so they had them printed in Western Australia, as stated on their Central Coast First party brochure.

That says it all for their commitment for creating jobs on the Central Coast doesn't it?

Jack Galway, Woy Woy

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Award for ensemble

Daley's Point resident Mr Keith Mannix has received an award in the open ensemble section of the Hunter Regional Band Association Championships.

Mr Mannix won third place on August 3 in the open ensemble section along with band quartet members Norm Austen, Col Laybutt and Larry Powers.

Mr Mannix is a member of the Brisbane Water Brass Band which practices at 8pm every Tuesday at Phillip House at 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Kariong.

For more information, contact Ken Townsend on 4341 6765 or Richard Collins 4368 1042 or visit www.brisbanewaterbrass.org.au

Press release, 20 Aug 2008
Larry Powers, Brisbane Water Brass

Exhibiting at cafe

A Woy Woy café will exhibit paintings by two local artists from September 6 to October 4.

Local artists Maxine Johnston and Peter Moore will showcase their paintings in both acrylic and oils at the Gnostic Mana Café in

Chambers Place.

The paintings will be a mixture of modern and traditional artwork.

For more information please contact Maxine Johnston on 4388 1956.

Press release, 15 Aug 2008
Maxine Johnston

Outdoor painting

The Central Coast Art Society will hold outdoor painting sessions at two Peninsula locations during September.

The group will meet at Brisk St, Patonga, on September 16, to paint the natural landscape of the area.

Then, on September 30, the group will hold a painting session at Mt Ettalong lookout.

Other locations being visited by

the group throughout September include McMasters Beach, Davistown, Point Frederick and Norah Head.

All artists are welcome to attend.

Participants are asked to bring along their own morning tea and lunch.

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Newsletter, 28 Aug 2008
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Three workshops in clay are planned

Three clay workshops are planned for next year following the success of a Modelling the Head in Clay workshop at Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre recently.

Publicity Officer Ms Anniss Seymour said "There were 11 participants all from the Central

Coast area and the feedback we received was very good.

"Some of the comments were: fantastic, excellent, would like another one and learnt lots of new techniques.

"Every head was different.

"The tutor Izette Felthun is not only a very experienced potter, but is exceptional at imparting her knowledge to the students.

"The fact that most people were reluctant to stop for lunch was an indication of the interest she created."

Ms Seymour said the dates for next year's clay workshops would be announced by the end of the year.

Press release, 26 Aug 2008
Annis Seymour, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

Music session at Rainbow Gate

Peninsula charity Rainbow Love will hold a music session on Friday, September 12, at its headquarters Rainbow Gate in Umina.

"All ages and abilities are welcome," publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"You can just join in, lead or just listen.

"Beginners are welcome and we would love to have kids join in as well.

"Any sort of music is welcomed

as long as it's not too hard so everyone can participate and if you chose you can do a solo as well.

"It's a great way to learn to play and for the more experienced to learn different styles.

"It will be a very relaxed evening."

Ms Desborough said the charity was trying to make the music session a regular event at Rainbow Gate.

The evening music session will begin from 7.30pm.

Entry is by gold coin donation,

and snacks and coffee will be available on the night.

Other events being planned for September at Rainbow Gate include a sculpture workshop with Luis Monteiro on September 6, the continuation of a sculpture exhibition until September 8, and its regular car boot sale market day every Saturday from 8am.

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Press release, 25 Aug 2008
Leila Desborough, Rainbow Love

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Woy Woy hosts rugby semi-finals

Woy Woy Oval hosted the minor semi-finals of the Central Coast Rugby Union on Saturday, August 23.

In first grade, Kariong defeated Gosford 22-14, while again defeating Terrigal 8-3 in second grade results.

Third grade saw Avoca defeat The Entrance 19-3 at fulltime, while Woy Woy was defeated 28-17 by Terrigal in the Under-19 competition.

"The Under-19 game was a very even affair for much of the game,"

said Central Coast Rugby Union representative Mr Larry Thomson.

"Woy Woy got away to a great start and had posted two tries very early on.

"However, Terrigal finished the stronger and scored their fourth try right on fulltime to record the win."

Woy Woy's Nick Garnett, Tipene Baker and Joel Frazer were successful in scoring tries, as was Jordan Nikora with a conversion.

Press release, 24 Aug 2008

Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

The Peninsula Leisure Centre has celebrated its one millionth visitor.

Woy Woy resident Ms Carolyn Emery, a long-time regular of the leisure centre, was named the centre's one millionth visitor.

She was presented with a swim pack by the centre's leisure and lifestyle coordinator Mr Simon

Clarke.

"The Peninsula Leisure Centre is the best thing that has happened to the Peninsula," Ms Emery said.

"A great thing about the centre is that it caters for everyone, with wonderful programs for us seniors."

Ms Emery has been a member of the centre for more than two years

and visits the centre up to five times per week for tai chi, swimming, aqua classes and meditation.

The centre is located at 243 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, and is open Monday to Friday from 5am to 9pm, Saturday 7am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 5pm.

Press release, 25 Aug 2008

Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

Cycling for the blind

Gosford Council will launch a new tandem cycling program at Woy Woy Library on Saturday, September 6.

The program was developed by Vision Australia, in partnership with council, and will benefit people with vision impairment.

It will allow people with vision impairment and other disabilities to exercise on a regular basis.

Tandem cycles will be available for hire through the program from Woy Woy Library.

Council agenda DA.008, 5 Aug 2008

Chance to get involved

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will hold two registration days in September to give Peninsula residents the opportunity to get involved in the club.

Registration days have been announced for September 14 and 21, at the Umina clubhouse, end of Ocean Beach Rd, from 9am to 12pm.

The season is expected to kick off on October 12.

"Umina Surf Club is gearing up for a new season ahead," publicity officer Mr Carl Krucler said.

"During the off season, the members have been busy working on the new clubhouse preparing for summer.

"The Sea Lion Café is in full swing and Bob is working hard with a growing band of loyal patrons enjoying his food and

the spectacular outlook over the beach.

"The function centre upstairs continues to receive strong bookings.

"We have already hosted several weddings, engagements, birthday parties and corporate functions.

"The venue is proving very popular with brides looking for the perfect setting overlooking the sand, waves and 180 degree coastline views.

"There is a full commercial kitchen, a bar with the most up-to-date equipment, plus a high-quality sound system available."

For more information, visit the club's website at www.umina-slsc.com or phone 0418 684 293 (after 3.30pm daily or weekends).

Press release, 15 Aug 2008

Carl Krucler, Umina SLSC

Ettalong bowler in State side

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club member Lindsay Adamson has been selected to play in the NSW State senior side at Tweed Heads from October 7 to 9.

Mr Adamson will join two other Central Coast Zone 15 players Davis Arnoult and Phil Flippance from Halekulani Bowling Club to compete at the round robin

Interstate Series.

Mr Adamson has been selected to play with Richie Clutterbuck from Armidale, Mr Flippance from Halekulani and John O'Neill from Port Macquarie.

The teams were selected by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.

Publication, 28 Aug 2008

Coast Bowls News

Athletics carnival

Students from St John the Baptist Primary School participated in the Central Coast Catholic Athletics Carnival at Mingara on August 8.

Students from the school selected for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen on September 2 were Sarah Pollard, Lachlan Derrig, Liam Swan, Emily Newcombe, Lachlan Corda, Kaitlin Jarvis, Joe Williams, Grace Bowyer and Nathalia Jones.

Newsletter, 22 Aug 2008

St John the Baptist Primary School

in two State grand finals," college representative Mr Pat Crouch said.

"Once again we were beaten in a State semi-final, thus bringing to an end an enjoyable and busy schoolboy footy season.

"This is a young team with loads of talent and potential, ensuring that our Rugby League teams over the next few years will compete with the best teams around."

Newsletter, 28 Aug 2008

Brisbane Water Secondary College

League team comes fourth

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus' Under-13 Rugby League team has ended its season in fourth position in the NSW All Schools Country Championship and in the NSW CHS State Championship competition.

"The Under-13 Rugby League team has enjoyed a successful season this year, becoming three-time Central Coast champions and going within a whisker of playing

Surf club rego days

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will hold a number of registration days during September.

Registrations will take place from 9.30am to 11.30am on the last three Sundays in September (14, 21 and 28) in the clubhouse function room.

Board coach Mr Mark Arahill said

training had already commenced and new members were welcome to join.

For more information, contact 4344 2800 or visit www.oceanbeachslsc.com

Press release, 20 Aug 2008

Kristene Murphy, Ocean Beach SLSC

Umina SLSC - Sydney Ave

With a new committee formed comes the start of a busy season again on our beaches. We welcome an previous members and any new families to join this community based club. We would also like to take this opportunity in thanking our sponsors who will be with us again this year.

- **President - Bill Cook**
- **Vice President - Kerry Armstrong Smith**
- **Club Captain - Peter Dell**
- **Treasurer - Wendy Cook**
- **Secretary - Christine Layers**
- **Junior Team Manager Co-ordinator - Ian "Big Jim" Evans**
- **Junior Registrar - Anne Doyle**
- **Senior Registrar - Christine Layers**

Registration dates are 14th & 21st September from 9am till 12 midday in the club house. Nippers to resume Sunday 12 October Patrols start Saturday 27th September.

Visit our web site: www.umina-slsc.com

Next year sees us celebrating our 50th Anniversary and this will be held on 30th October 2009. We will keep you all informed of what is planned as time gets closer to the date.

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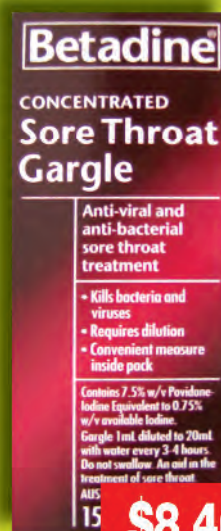
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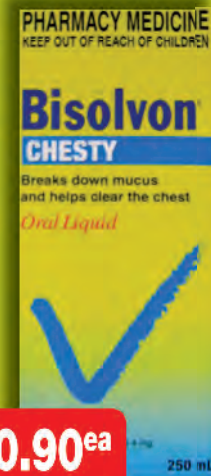
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