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Entries close on Friday, September 26, at 2pm.

Clare Graham 9 Sep 2008



Annual exhibition at Peninsula Village

The Peninsula Village Retirement Centre will hold its annual Art and Craft Exhibition from September 26 to 28.

The retirement centre will also host a country fair on Saturday, September 27, from 9am.

"The annual exhibition and Country Fair are wonderful opportunities for the community to raise money for the residents of Peninsula Village and to have a fun day out with the family," honorary fundraiser Ms Jayne Mote said.

"There will be a number of wonderful artwork on display at the art exhibition and fun activities on offer at the country fair."

The country fair will feature a car boot sale, vintage cars, a drumming display, the Peninsula Dance School, nursery farm, massages, Devonshire teas, sausage sizzle, cake decorating competition, lucky dips and games.

The official opening of the exhibition will take place on Friday, September 26, from 7pm.

The exhibition will continue over the last weekend in September from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday.

Entry to the exhibition on Saturday and Sunday is by gold coin donation and \$25 for the opening night.

Press release, 9 Sep 2008
Jayne Mote, Peninsula Village

In business for 32 years

A Peninsula business has recently celebrated 32 years' operation as one of the longest running businesses of its kind in the area.

Owners Jim and Anne Dixon first opened Woy Woy Automatics in 1976 at premises in Paton St, Woy Woy.

The business now runs out of a premise in Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

According to Mr Dixon, the family business has seen many changes take place in the industry.

"... from the basic two and three speed transmissions to the sophisticated modern computer controlled four and five speed transmissions of today," Mr Dixon said.

"Specialist diagnostic electronic testing equipment is needed to diagnose faults in the modern day motor vehicle."

Mr Dixon said regular servicing is still the key to maintaining a reliable automatic transmission.

Clare Graham, 10 Sep 2008

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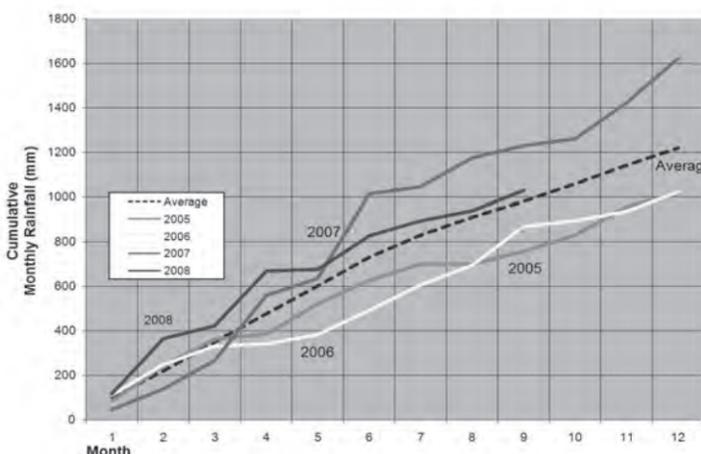
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Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



Month's rain falls in two days

Two days of heavy rainfall have taken this month's rainfall above average and have almost made up last month's shortfall.

Falls of 62.5mm and 25mm were recorded on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The total rainfall so far this month is 90mm, compared to an average rainfall for September is 69.2mm.

Last month's rainfall of 46.2mm was 35.7mm below the average of

81.9mm for August.

Only another 14.9mm is needed this month to bring the combined rainfall for August and September up to the combined average for the months of 151.1mm.

Even without further rain this month, rainfall will remain above average for the year to date.

A total of 1030.5mm has fallen this year compared to an average at the end of September of 980.5mm.

Spreadsheet, 12 Sep 2008
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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\$4.5 million for water upgrade

Gosford Council has been allocated \$4.5 million in Federal funding to upgrade water supplies on the Peninsula, according to Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal.

"This is a very welcome outcome and I'm sure it will be warmly received by the residents of the Peninsula," Ms Neal said.

"The upgrade will greatly enhance the quality of drinking water for thousands of families living on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"The Rudd Government is committed to delivering quality water supplies to the people of Woy Woy - something that is well overdue."

Mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen said council would use the Federal funding to dedicate extra resources to resolving water quality issues.

He said the \$4.5 million will be used for capital works projects undertaken as part of the program,

including treatment process enhancements, reservoir upgrades, water main refurbishment and modifications and monitoring equipment.

"Council understands that water quality, particularly on the Woy Woy Peninsula, has been an ongoing issue for many years," Cr Macfadyen said.

"A number of initiatives have been completed since Water Quality 2010 began last year, including a large scale mains cleaning program across the entire Gosford water service area.

"Since this program began the number of water quality complaints have significantly decreased.

"The funding support will allow council to further its efforts, providing significant water quality benefits to residents of the Peninsula."

**Press release, 8 Sep 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

**Press release, 8 Sep 2008
Jim Macfadyen, Gosford Council**



The new electricity plant at Woy Woy tip converts landfill gas into electricity

Power plant starts at tip

An electricity plant at Woy Woy tip has begun converting environmentally-damaging landfill gases.

Officially launched on September 10, it is expected to produce enough energy to power 1300 average households.

According to AGL Energy, each plant is capable of producing around 9000 MWh of electricity per annum through the extraction and combustion of landfill gas to generate electricity.

"This is an outstanding outcome

for the environment and for the City of Gosford," Mayor Cr Jim Macfadyen said.

"Through our long-standing relationship with AGL, Gosford Council has been able to deliver a win-win outcome that abates greenhouse gas emissions while generating renewable energy.

"Council is committed to ensuring it works with industry and the community in ensuring it meets its obligations in terms of environmental sustainability.

"The project will provide a major contribution to council's

greenhouse gas emission targets as it removes harmful greenhouse gases and produces usable green energy."

AGL general manager Mr Scott Thomas said the landfill gas generation plant would make a significant contribution to the environment.

A proposal to generate electricity from underground gas at Woy Woy tip was first considered by council in March 2003.

**Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council**



Mayor Jim Macfadyen and Member for Robertson Belinda Neal at Woy Woy council depot

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A model of the proposed seven-storey development on display at Gosford Council Chambers

Proposal for 'another Terrigal', say residents

A seven-storey development proposed for Araluen Dr, Hardy's Bay, would turn the area into "another Terrigal", according to the Wagstaffe-Killcare Progress Association.

It has called on Gosford Council to refuse the proposal.

"The design concept is totally out of character with what we know and love," said association vice-president Mr Richard Harper.

"We do not want another Terrigal."

Sydney-based design studio X.Pace has lodged a development application with Gosford Council proposing a mixed development consisting of four commercial units and nine residential units, with a 32-space car park underneath.

The proposed development would replace the fish shop, Yum Yum Restaurant and real estate agency if the DA is passed by council.

"If one such multi-level development were to be permitted, more will follow," said Mr Harper.

"It is diabolical that any architect who has visited the area and experienced the relaxed, low-density village atmosphere, could conjure up a scheme that removes the hundred or so treasured spotted gum and ironbark forest trees that form the back-drop to Killcare and Hardy's Bay and replace them with an all-white, seven storey façade

facing the Hardy's Bay foreshore.

"The impact will be unrelieved."

Mr Harper said the Wagstaffe-Killcare Progress Association wanted more than 300 objections from local residents and businesses opposing the application.

"The DA proposes an all-white tower with rendered walls and windows facing the water, very reminiscent of the Ettalong monstrosity which dominates the landscape and is so abhorrent to many of us," Mr Harper said.

"More than 100 major trees in the spotted gum and ironbark forest that has been defined as regionally significant will be lost.

"The token trees remaining will do little to alleviate the harshness

and will be unlikely to survive."

Mr Harper said Council would be accepting public submissions for the proposed development at Hardy's Bay until September 24.

He urged residents to write to the general manager, Gosford Council, PO Box 21, Gosford 2250 or email peter.wilson@gosford.nsw.gov.au or to make a submission via the council's website at www.ecouncil.gosford.nsw.gov.au/eservice/navigation.jsp

Newsletter, 11 Sep 2008
Wagstaffe-Killcare Progress Association
Clare Graham, 11 Sep 2008
Interviewee: Richard Harper, Wagstaffe-Killcare Progress Association

Council to proceed with carpark

Gosford Council has resolved to lodge a development application for the expansion of Woy Woy Commuter Carpark, following a \$10 million funding agreement between council and the Minister of Transport.

The Minister of Transport has allocated funding to progress the detailed design and development approval and will also fund the construction phase of the project.

Tenderers have been asked to provide revised submissions based on an updated tender brief.

Tenders were called by council in February this year to submit detailed designs of the carpark expansion.

It was later agreed by council and the Minister of Transport that option two of the four concept strategies put forward be adopted.

The preferred option involves the construction of two new parking decks, containing 292 extra parking spaces.

However, the Minister for Transport raised a number of issues for council to consider at a meeting in June this year, which further delayed the progression of the project.

The Minister requested council retain existing numbers of on-street and off-street commuter parking in Woy Woy CBD and that all raised decks in the multi-deck commuter carpark being permanently used for commuter parking.

Council has agreed to establish and retain a minimum "base number" of unrestricted on-street

and off-street parking spaces within a 600 metre radius of Woy Woy Railway Station for commuters.

According to council's report, council plans to enter into further negotiations with the Minister to update "the Deed of Agreement between council and the Minister for the use of the multi-deck carpark at Woy Woy ... with a view of increasing the term of the agreement".

The report stated: "Council would retain ownership of the completed asset."

Council also agreed for development application fees to be waived and be recorded on council records as a donation.

Council agenda CIT.28, 2 Sep 2008

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Access road is dangerous

Pearl Beach is a popular tourist destination and our local restaurant Pearls on the Beach was a very well-deserved winner of Restaurant of the Year this year.

Pearl Beach Dr, our only access road, first laid down in the Depression by manual labour, is dangerous and inadequate without proper widening and rebuilding.

This is attested to by council's advice that they cannot start work until the area above some sections of the road "has been made safe for the workmen to start working below".

All I can say is thank goodness the Peninsula News and the Express Advocate continue to air the situation regarding council's neglect of this and other road areas.

The problems are not limited to the Peninsula and Somersby-West Gosford: The Wiseman's Ferry Rd, through Popran National Park and through to Gunderman, is in a parlous state also.

And where is our self-styled

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"road warrior" Cr Doyle?

He has been decidedly silent in our local struggles over the last four years.

And Cr Drake advises Peninsula News on August 18, that he is "shocked to learn that council spend as little as \$1.5 million on roads for the whole of the Gosford region".

Where was Cr Drake when annual budgets were being submitted?

Or when we repeatedly sought on-site councillor inspections of our roads?

In the same edition of Peninsula News, John Cragg announced, in response to the article in the Peninsula News on Pearl Beach Dr, that necessary works would cost in excess of \$1million and "the priority list would allow council to begin work on Pearl Beach Dr towards the end of the year, once council finds a suitable tenderer for the project".

No doubt the belated but proper geotechnical assessments on our

roads and news of collapses at Somersby, Kendall's Rock, Staples Lookout, Gunderman and Bulls Hill, amongst others, has brought home these road issues at last to our councillors and to council's senior managers.

After more pictorial coverage in the recent Express Advocate on the state of Pearl Beach Dr, again identifying the extent of residents concerns at council's failure to act, we now find the progress association and the community is advised that road works will start in "two weeks time".

Funny that the starting date has been revised again, so close to council elections.

Or is it? When will the full project to properly rebuild the road come on schedule?

We are told proper management of Pearl Beach Dr will cost about \$3 million.

How is it to be funded?

We must ask, where has our money gone?

Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

Appointment limits new council

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In the light of this advice, and considering recent questions about council's financial and infrastructure management (including the potential for interest and capital losses of millions of dollars; a state-wide financial assessment that found Gosford council's existing policies to be financially "unsustainable"; a coronial inquiry into the collapse of part of the Pacific Hwy; the recent failure of Woy Woy Rd and major road maintenance issues along Patonga Dr), it would seem reasonable to ask if Gosford council would be better served by seeking to publicly advertise the general manager position to ensure that we get the best person for the job.

Rachel Lonie, Pearl Beach

One of the most important decisions that councillors make during their term of office is the appointment of a general manager.

Why then did Gosford councillors vote on August 12 to reappoint its general manager Peter Wilson for a further four-year period despite being in caretaker mode and without seeking to publicly advertise the position?

This means that, regardless of who our new councillors are, the same general manager will preside over council business until June 2013.

The Department of Local Government specifically advises councils that they are expected to assume a "caretaker" role during election periods to ensure that major decisions are not made which would limit the actions of an incoming council.

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How about an eco-efficient estuary?

Greens candidate Peter Freewater made some informed comments regarding the estuary in Peninsula News edition 198.

He commented that the constricted entrance means less tidal flushing, meaning that the volume of water flowing in the Ettalong channel has an influence on Brisbane Water.

This minor matter was overlooked at the council meetings on August 26, when discussion was limited to the ingress and egress of marine vessels in the Ettalong

channel.

As Peter Freewater indicated, there are other issues to consider apart from navigation in the channel.

The health of the estuary depends on a certain quantity of quality water flowing in the channel.

How much impact does an eco-efficient estuary have on health, tourism, recreation and administration?

Perhaps Peter Freewater can enlighten your readers.

Norman Harris, Umina

Laggardly letter shows art of semantics

I did eventually receive my copy of the letter to which I was entitled, which explained how the council enquiry arrived at its decision that Cr Drake was not guilty of a conflict of interests.

It has confirmed my view that bureaucrats today are well trained in the art of semantics.

It seems that Cr Drake's letter of intimidation to a member of the public was not relevant when he voted on and discussed five development applications proposed by Wales and Associates.

There was a distinction made between him acting as a solicitor for the individuals and for their business entity.

Most people would think that this is splitting hairs.

Instead of dealing with the

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issues, councils play semantics and in much the same way they also play with our vocabulary.

Vandalism is surely always an illegal act. It is the wanton or deliberate destruction caused by a vandal and a vandal is someone who deliberately causes damage or destruction to personal or public property.

Such damage is illegal whether it is the breaking of a shop window in Umina or the destruction of trees on the Ettalong Foreshore.

Council must be seen to act on both such illegal acts.

It would seem however that in the view of our council such acts are only vandalism when they are done by a down and out or by a bored youth.

When they are done by a person with power or influence, it is acceptable.

The cutting down of large banksias at Ettalong is against council's own tree preservation rules.

The banner was erected quite lawfully according to Council's own agenda, therefore the removal of this legitimate banner on the Ettalong Foreshore on the whim of the mayor is unacceptable.

Since the Department of Local Government appears to see its role as protecting councils from public scrutiny, where can members of the public go to get an open, honest opinion and advice, when they perceive that councils have not been completely transparent in facing the issues?

Where can we find people to represent us who can think independently, follow the rules and who above all demonstrate integrity when interpreting councils own code of conduct.

I can only hope that there are such candidates standing for election but I am fearful that money will win as it usually does.

We now live in an economy not a society.

Margaret Lund Woy Woy Bay

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Councillor found to have breached code

Gosford Council has found Cr Malcolm Brooks in breach of its Code of Conduct, after he issued a media release under council's crest informing the public of his intentions to seek re-election at the September 13 council elections.

Cr Brooks issued the media release in June this year, confirming he would seek re-election but not as Liberal number one candidate.

Section 9.18 of the council's Code of Conduct states: "The interest of a councillor in their re-election is considered to be a personal interest and as such the reimbursement of travel expenses incurred on election matters is not appropriate.

"Council letterhead, council crest and other information that could give the impression it is official

material must not be used for these purposes."

Following allegations of the breach, council's conduct committee found Cr Brooks to have breached the council's Code of Conduct.

The conduct committee members comprise the mayor, general manager and one independent to be chosen from a panel including Ms Jan McClelland and Mr Peter Reynolds.

As a result of the findings, council resolved to formally write to Cr Brooks advising of the findings of the investigation.

Council also resolved to counsel Cr Brooks in his responsibilities as a councillor and in particular the requirements for councillors to adhere to the adopted Code of Conduct.

Council agenda GEN.6, 9 Sep 2008

New role as Health Minister

Woy Woy Bay resident Mr John Della Bosca has been appointed Minister for Health and Minister for the Central Coast in the new cabinet of Premier Mr Nathan Rees.

Mr Della Bosca was sworn into his new position at Government House in Sydney on September 8.

The newly-appointed NSW State Cabinet followed the resignation of former NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma on September 5.

Mr Della Bosca returns to the front bench after being suspended as Education Minister more than three months ago, following allegations of abusing his position and influencing the content of witnesses' statutory declaration about the events at Gosford's Iguanas Waterfront Bar and Nightclub.

Staff at the Gosford restaurant and nightclub had claimed Mr



Della Bosca and his wife Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal abused and threatened them at an outing on June 6.

Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions announced earlier in the month that there was "insufficient evidence" to support any criminal charges against Mr Della Bosca and Ms Neal.

Now cleared, Mr Della Bosca said

it was a privilege to be appointed to the cabinet of the new Rees Labor Government.

"The Government was elected to deliver improved services to NSW families and that will be my focus," Mr Della Bosca said.

"Health is a very challenging portfolio and I will be getting a full briefing from NSW Health.

"I also want to get out and visit hospitals, ambulance stations and the full range of health facilities to talk with doctors, nurses, staff and the families who use our services.

"I am also very keen to get on with the job of working with my colleagues to secure greater investment for the Central Coast.

"I now look forward to a new era of government and a fresh start under Premier Nathan Rees."

Clare Graham, 11 Sep 2008

Press release, 8 Sep 2008

**John Della Bosca,
Minister for Health and
Minister for the Central Coast**

Library not subject to agreement

Umina library is not subject to any development agreements, according to Gosford Council.

The Peninsula Residents Association had raised concern at the prospect.

"Council has made no plans at this stage to move the Umina Library," Director of Community Services and Organisational Development Mr Terry Thirlwell has told Peninsula News.

"Council has not entered into any agreements or contracts with Woolworths regarding the relocation of Umina Library."

Residents Association secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan called on council to "reassure" the Peninsula community that the library would not be moved.

"A public statement from Gosford Council, reassuring us that Umina

Beach library is to remain intact, at its present user-friendly site, would be very much appreciated," Ms Noonan said.

"It is common knowledge that Umina Beach is to have a new, large Woolworths store in West St.

"Civic Video has already vacated the site and Mitre 10 is to be out by Christmas.

"What no-one seems to know is the future of our public library in West St, Umina.

"No news is not good news, and the silence leaves in limbo the thousands of library members on the Peninsula - the avid readers, the students, the parents, those using the library internet facility - and the excellent librarians."

Clare Graham, 11 Sep 2008

Email, 10 Sep 2008

**Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula
Residents Association**

The Community Environment Network will hold a free Wetland Education Field Day at the Everglades Lagoon Wetland on Saturday, September 27.

"Wetlands are places which become covered in fresh, salty or brackish shallow water for some period of time," wetlands project officer Ms Narelle Leite said.

"They are found all along the NSW coast as well as in inland areas, and are vitally important habitats for countless native plant and animal species.

"However, the need for land all along our coastline and the public perception of wetlands as nothing more than mosquito ridden bogs has meant that they have traditionally been cleared of vegetation, filled in and then built upon.

"As a result, NSW has lost 60 per cent of its coastal wetlands in the last 200 years."

Ms Leite said CEN's Wetland Education Project is aimed to educate local residents about the value and importance of wetland habitats.

"The Network hopes to increase public awareness and understanding of the important roles wetlands play within our environment, as breeding sites and nurseries for fish, as feeding areas for migratory shorebirds, as habitats for waterbirds, frogs and crustaceans, and as water purification systems," Ms Leite

said.

"In its bid to halt the endless destruction of these fascinating natural areas, CEN's Wetland Education Project has an ultimate goal of encouraging the community to become involved in protecting wetlands into the future.

"Local residents can get involved by joining a bushcare group, becoming a water quality monitor or getting involved in CEN's Adopt-a-Wetland program.

"The Everglades Lagoon Wetland is a beautiful example of a rare type of freshwater wetland that contains an endangered ecological community of wetland plants, and is in immediate danger of extinction.

"It is located alongside the Everglades Golf Course within a Melaleuca Wetland Reserve, and is managed by Gosford Council."

Ms Leite said the field day will include a talk about mosquitoes in wetlands from Dr Cameron Webb from the University of Sydney, a wetland talk and tour by the local bush care group and a water quality testing demonstration.

The day will begin from 10am at the Everglades Country Club star room.

A free lunch will also be provided following the completion of the day at 12.30pm.

Reservations are essential and must be made before Thursday, September 24.

To make a booking or for more information please phone 4349

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Press release, 5 Sep 2008

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Picnic in the park

The Peninsula Environment Group will hold a Picnic in the Park at Lions Park in Woy Woy on Sunday, September 21.

The Picnic in the Park was a relaxed, family-friendly Sunday picnic, said publicity officer Ms Sheelagh Noonan.

"There is no agenda, just a chance to meet, chat and make friends with others who share an interest in the environment and sustainable living.

"Lions Park is a lovely spot with nice play facilities for the kids."

The picnic will run from 11am to 2.30pm and those attending are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

Lions Park is located at Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

The Peninsula Environment Group is a voluntary organisation based at the Woy Woy Environment Centre.

The group is open to anyone on or around the Woy Woy Peninsula who wants to help promote sustainable living and build a local green network.

**Website, 11 Sep 2008
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Environment Group**



Local residents join the Ettalong Beach Business Group in handing over the Ettalong channel dredging petition to Member for Terrigal Chris Hartcher

Patonga traffic surveyed

Speed and traffic counts will be conducted in Patonga, following a request by the Patonga Progress Association to extend a 40 km/h speed zone throughout the entire township.

The Local Traffic Committee has recommended the speed and traffic counts will be conducted for a minimum two-week period at Bay St, between Meroo Ave and Brisk St.

According to a council report, the speed and traffic counts will occur during the September 27, to October 12, school holiday break.

The report stated: "RTA and Police believe speed and traffic counts will be able to identify if there are any issues and what action, if any, is most appropriate to address the issues."

The Patonga Progress Association also called for the \$20,000 "developer's contribution" paid by the developers of the

Patonga Hotel to Gosford Council to go towards providing a marked pedestrian crossing.

According to council's report, the \$20,000 contribution could only be used for the purpose identified at the time, and not for a marked pedestrian crossing.

In March this year, council adopted a Local Traffic Committee recommendation that a 40 km/h speed zone be installed along the section of Patonga Dr, commencing at the northern end of Eve Williams Memorial Oval and finishing at Bay St.

The decision came after a local business proprietor requested the reduced speed zone to improve pedestrian safety.

The Local Traffic Committee has also recommended the NSW Police Force be requested to monitor traffic conditions during holiday periods and report to the traffic committee.

Council agenda TR.07.066, 2 Sep 2008

Group presents dredging petition

Ettalong Beach Business Group has organised a petition with more than 4000 signatures calling for immediate action over the dredging of Ettalong channel.

The petition was handed to Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher on September 1, with the promise of tabling it in State Parliament when it resumed on September 23.

Group representative Ms Lindy Wilson said: "Following the alarming news that the channel had become unsafe for commercial and leisure craft, the petition was circulated among businesses in Ettalong, Umina, Hardy's Bay and Davistown in an effort to gauge public opinion on the issue.

"The response was overwhelming with over 4000 signatures collected to date.

"The group's aim is to foster the best interests of Ettalong, so the loss of boating access is seen as a vital lifeline for the community."

A letter was sent by the Ettalong Beach Business Group on August 7 to Gosford councillors, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, former NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma and Minister for Lands Mr Tony Kelly "urging a resolution to the issue and advising them of the petition".

"As the Ettalong Beach Business Group is non-political, the intention was to give the petition to whoever could use it to get the dredging done," Ms Wilson said.

"The signatures were submitted to council on August 14, for

inclusion in the minutes of the next council meeting.

"Chris Hartcher contacted us and asked for a copy so he could take it to the New South Wales Government and possibly expedite a speedy solution.

"That has now been done and the group awaits a reply from the new front bench of the NSW Government."

"This issue has been on the agenda for the last 18 months," Ms Wilson said.

"While all levels of government procrastinate and shift blame the channel is not getting any safer.

"We support negotiations to accept the \$250,000 offered by the State Government to at least make a start on the dredging process with a view to a long-term maintenance program."

**Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Lindy Wilson, Ettalong Beach Business Group**

Bush foods workshop is planned

A Bush Foods Workshop will be held at Umina Library on Wednesday, September 24.

Gosford Council bushcare officer Ms Kate Consterdine said the workshop was sure to be an interesting day to learn how native plants could be used as bush foods.

She said there was a "cornucopia" of Australian bush foods - fruits, nuts, vegetables and spices.

"While not quite what we are accustomed to, these fruits - plums, limes, bush cherries, grapes, passionfruit, figs, tomatoes, tamarinds and pomegranates - will make some delicious jams and desserts.

"Fruits and seeds can be dried to make spices, whose flavours enhance your favourite dish.

"Oils and fragrances can be produced for medicines and perfumes."

The workshop will begin at 10am to 2.30pm and lunch will be provided.

Participants are advised to bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

Umina Library is located at the corner of West St and Bullion St, Umina.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 4304 4564 or 0434 329 829.

**Press release, 12 Sep 2008
Kate Consterdine, Gosford Council**

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Group launches food network

The Peninsula Environment Group has launched a food network aimed to help local people to buy bulk organic dry goods at affordable prices.

The group held its first food network meeting on September 8.

"Our first meeting proved to be a great success with orders placed for goods such as rice, lentils, flour, and dried fruits," said organiser Ms Zainem Ibrahim.

"The order totaled just over \$1000, which isn't bad for nine people ordering.

"The next order will be in December, but we'll be doing it all by email next time."

Ms Ibrahim said the group would be sending out a price list to members who had signed up for the food network.

"Each member will place their order and prepay for it into the group's account," Ms Ibrahim said.

"We put the order in and it gets delivered the next week.

"Pick-up will be from the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Blackwall Rd.

"Details will be posted closer to December on the group's website at www.peg.org.au.

"Each member is encouraged to network with their friends and family to make up the minimum quantity.

"For example, lentils come in five kilogram lots.

"So if you only wanted two kilograms, you would need to find a friend to order the other three kilograms.

"We also encourage everyone to support local organic food suppliers.

For more information or to join the food network, email zainem@bigpond.com

**Press release, 10 Aug 2008
Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula Environment Group**

Money raised for children's wards

The Central Coast Triple-0 Cup raised more than \$20,000 for children's wards at Gosford and Westmead Hospitals, after emergency service units from across the state took to the footy field at Woy Woy Oval on August 22.

Umina Fire Station officer Mr Bob MacLean said the emergency service units from across Sydney, Newcastle and the Central Coast should be congratulated for its

fundraising efforts.

"All 30 teams who participated in the Triple-0 Cup have done a wonderful job in raising money for the children's hospitals," Mr MacLean said.

"The bad weather did not stop the majority of emergency service workers from coming out to Woy Woy for a fun day.

"The charity event is not only a great way to raise money for a worthwhile cause, but also a great way for the hardworking

and dedicated emergency service workers to let their hair down and have a good time."

According to Mr MacLean, the charity event had the potential to raise a further \$5000 had the weather been better.

"We were expecting at least 100 more people on the day, but I guess the rain deterred them," Mr MacLean said.

Clare Graham, 11 Sep 2008

Diabetes support is wanted

Diabetes NSW is calling on Peninsula residents and businesses to get involved in Diabetes Buzz Day on Friday, September 19, by buying and selling merchandise.

Buzz Day merchandise is available to buy at various locations

on the Peninsula, which will help to raise funds for diabetes awareness, education, research and advocacy programs in Australia.

Merchandise will be available to buy at Umina Beach Soul Pattinson Chemist, Blooms the Chemist in Umina, Best and Less at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy,

Woy Woy Medicare Australia and Priceline Pharmacy at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy.

Merchandise includes Buzz Day flashing pens, torch keyrings, magnetic badges and buzz bees.

Bee dogs, peeper's bee and the new bee bear will be available to buy online at www.buzzday.com.au

Diabetes NSW Australia is a non-profit, non-government organisation, which relies heavily on community support to continue its programs that help thousands of people with diabetes every year.

Public relations officer Mr Trevor Tye said more than three million Australians have diabetes or pre-diabetes.

**Press release, 9 Sep 2008
Trevor Tye, Diabetes NSW Australia**



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Roundabout for Killcare Heights?

A roundabout and warning signs may be installed at the intersection of Wards Hill Rd and The Scenic Rd at Killcare Heights.

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that a low profile roundabout be investigated for the intersection, that speed limits be revised and that advanced warning signage be improved.

According to a council report, residents advised council "that during the past three years there have been several vehicle accidents at the intersection of Wards Hill Rd and The Scenic Rd, including three serious accidents".

The report stated that residents called for "some form of traffic calming device" to reduce vehicle accidents at the intersection.

The report stated: "A site inspection reveals that there could be a warrant for a roundabout at the intersection of The Scenic Rd and Wards Hill Rd, but due to the narrow width of the

roads and the difficult topography at this location a roundabout may not be practical.

"An investigation based upon a survey of the site is required to determine the feasibility of this option.

"There is a proposal to establish improved safety at the intersection of Wards Hill Rd and The

Scenic Rd by the installation of a painted median and raised pavement markers.

"This project is programmed for construction in 2008-2009.

"The RTA has proposed for an extension of the current 50 km/h zone by extending it in The Scenic Rd to the vicinity of Manly View Rd intersection and in Wards Hill Rd."

At its meeting on September 2, council noted the traffic committee recommendations and resolved for the traffic committee to "consider the installation of short term traffic control devices prior to Christmas to assist in the safety of this intersection".

Council agenda TR.08.086, 2 Sep 2008

Nature tours in program

The National Parks and Wildlife Service have two nature tours planned for the end of September, as part of its National Parks Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours program.

The Discovery tours involve walks covering the areas of Pearl Beach, Blackwall, Killcare and Patonga.

Day one of the Coastal Walk Series will begin on Sunday, September 21, at Patonga, near the point where the Hawkesbury River meets Broken Bay, finishing at Blackwall.

In total, the 120 kilometre walk will take approximately six days to complete and finishes up at Catherine Hill Bay.

Day one, Patonga to Blackwall, begins from 7.30am and will take

approximately eight-and-a-half hours to complete.

On Sunday, September 28, day two of the Coastal Walk Series will begin from Blackwall to Killcare.

The eight-and-a-half hour walk will commence at 7.30am.

The grade assessment for the day one and two of the Coastal Walk Series is "difficult" and the cost is \$20 per adult.

All meeting places for walks and tours are given on booking.

Participants in all walks are asked to bring along walking shoes, snacks/lunch, water and sun and weather protection.

Bookings for all tours are essential and can be made by phoning 4320 4205 by 12pm the Friday before the event takes place.

Newsletter, 18 Aug 2008
National Parks and Wildlife Service

Residents' association annual meeting

The Peninsula Residents Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, September 20, at the Woy Woy Environment Centre.

Secretary Ms Sheelagh Noonan said the annual meeting would elect a president, secretary, other office bearers and committee members.

It would receive and consider the Association's income and expenditure account for last

financial year; and receive reports from the president and secretary.

There may be other business items.

The meeting will begin from 2pm.

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is located on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

For more information, contact 0419 609 942.

Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Sheelagh Noonan, Peninsula Residents Association

Peninsula received \$1.4M in grants

Grants funding of around \$1.4 million has been provided for Gosford Council projects on the Peninsula, with another \$280,000 being provided for projects at Wagstaffe and Pretty Beach.

Gosford Council's grants officer has presented a report detailing the progress of a number of grant applications, including 18 projects from the Peninsula area.

The report was an update on the number of grant applications submitted and the current status of those applications.

The report identified the results of grant submissions for the 2007-08 financial year.

The report identified \$400,000 in funding from the Attorney General's Department under the Safer Suburbs Program for the Peninsula CCTV project.

According to the report, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre received \$20,242 under the Federal Government's Community Water Grant.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre also received funding under the Community Water Grant for a total of \$34,555, as did Patonga Camping Grounds for \$37,425 in funding.

Woy Woy Dementia Day Care received \$75,000 as a contribution by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care for a facility upgrade.

The Department of Community Services granted Umina Child Care

Centre \$48,845 for Department of Community Services operational support.

Umina Child Care Centre's Family Assistance Office also received a contribution of \$201,401.

The Department of Local Government provided a financial assistance grant of \$100,000 for the slope stability works at Patonga Dr.

Under the Flood Mitigation Program, Pearl Beach Middle Creek received \$4015 from the Department of Natural Resources.

Also under this Department of Natural Resources program, Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Foreshore Risk Management Study received a \$64,600 grant.

Wagstaffe Catchment received a similar grant for \$91,827, as did Pretty Beach Area Drainage for \$189,337.

Under the NSW Cycleway Program, the Peninsula Cycleway project was granted \$346,536.

Patonga Creek was granted a \$22,270 contribution from the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority for remedial work.

The Council was awaiting advice from the Australian Government Envirofund's Natural Heritage Trust after receiving an application for a \$15,000 funding grant from the Peninsula Dunecare Group.

The total cost of the coastal and marine project is more than \$33,000.

The Department of Local

Government has received a grant application for \$20,000 for the construction of a playground at Pearl Beach.

The department was awaiting advice for the approval of the funding for the playground, which is expected to cost a total of \$40,000.

Council agenda COR.85, 9 Sep 2008

Car boot sale

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its next monthly Car Boot Sale and Mini Market on Sunday, September 28.

The regular event will take place at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, between 8am and 1pm.

All profits from the club's boot sales will go towards supporting local community groups.

Stall holders will be charged \$10 per stall.

The Lions Club will also be selling drinks, plants, a barbecue lunch and tea and coffee.

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Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, **ECC**

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, **UCH**

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, **WVEC**

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, **BFC**

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Silk craft 10am

Mums & bubs playgroup 1pm

Pastel classes for kids 4pm **RBG**

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

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

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

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

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

Motivation & Empowerment classes, **PCC**, **Rotary Club of Woy Woy**, 6pm, **ECC**

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

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, **ESCC**

School for Seniors Bushwalking, **PCC**

Every Friday

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

Bingo, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664, **UCH**

Lollipop Music Playgroup,

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, **EBACC**

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

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

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

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

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

Occasional Care, 9am;

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

Samaritans Support Group, 10.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm;

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

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

Fishing Club, **EBWM**

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

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

Second Saturday of every month

Book Club, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482 **Alliance Française**, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412 25

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Last Saturday every month

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

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

Chess Club, 1pm, **EBWMC**

Gym Sessions, 9am; **Drama & Discovery**, 9am, **PCYC**

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721, **WWLC**

Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital, 2pm, enq: 4344 6939

Woy Woy Environment Centre, 10am, enq: 4342 6589, **WVEC**

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

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

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

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare, 9am, cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave, enq: 4342 6995

Second Sunday of every month

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am; **Vietnam Vets**, 11am, **EBWMC**

Umina P&C **Bushcare**, 9am, enq: 4341 9301, **BWSC**

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486
Ettymalong Creek Landcare, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251

EBWM Fishing Club competition, Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.
EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers meeting, enq: 4344 4760

Last Sunday of every month

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

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy, enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

Fijian Cultural Group, 11am-4pm, **PCC** Coast Community **Church Services**, 9am & 5pm, enq: 4360 1448

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, 11am, enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

RSL Womens' Aux, 9:30am, **EBWMC**

Endeavour View Club Luncheon,

enq: 4342 1722, **ECC**

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

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

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

Second Monday of every month

Book Club, 7pm, enq: Mandy 4342 2482

Women 50+ Group Chat, **PWHC**

RSL Women's Auxiliary, 9am; **RSL Sub Branch**, 2.30pm; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

Pretty Beach to Killcare Community Association, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1546, **WH**

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

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

Labor Party Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library

Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

Third Monday of every month

War Widows, 1pm, 43410286, **EBWMC**

Fourth Monday of every month

Toastmasters Speechcraft Classes, 6pm, **EBWMC**

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

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

Last Monday of every Month

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

Every Monday

Kidz Drumming . 4-5pm, **Rainbow Gate**, 207 West St,

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

Walking with other Mums enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741

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

Yoga, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH**

Mums Meditation 10am, **Drumming classes** 4pm **RBG**

Computers, 1pm; **Dancing**, 9am; **Indoor Bowls**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 1pm; **Fitness**, 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners, 2.30pm, **ESCC**

Gym Sessions, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing** (Women), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

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

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

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333

Patchwork & Quilting, 10am; **Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC**

Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am

Occasional Childcare, 9am; **Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am;

Over 55's Gentle Fitness, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday** Craft & Cooking, 11am;

Bridge Club, 12pm;

Hysical Culture Club, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**

Craft group, 1pm, **BFC**

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie,

7.30pm, **EMBC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Street stall

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will hold a street stall outside Flemings in West St, Umina, on Thursday, September 18.

The stall will operate from 9am to 2.30pm.

Proceeds raised from the stall will go to Woy Woy Hospital.

Press release, 10 Sep 2008

Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Whale watching returns

Whale watching cruises will return to Ettalong in October, following successful cruises in June and July.

"There were quite a few disappointed callers who missed out on the cruises in June and July, as they became fully booked very quickly," said Central Coast Tourism sales supervisor Ms

Jacqui Greaves.

"Now there is a second chance to go out and watch the whales on their return journey south." Cruises depart from Palm Beach Wharf, with a pick up and drop off at Ettalong Beach Wharf, during the month of October.

The cruise will depart Palm Beach at 8.30am, pick up at Ettalong Beach at 9am, returning for drop off at Ettalong Beach at 12pm and finishing at Palm Beach at 12.30pm.

Press release, 2 Sep 2008

Ginnie Thompson, Central Coast Tourism

Council works

Gosford Council will be conducting works in Ettalong, Killcare, Pearl Beach, Pretty Beach and Woy Woy from September 15 to 21.

Works will continue in Killcare for the construction of the Killcare Surf Club and in Pretty Beach where drainage will be built.

Council works will also continue at Bulls Hill and Staples Lookout, as well as on the construction of a cycleway along Woy Woy foreshore.

Road widening work will commence in Ettalong at Maitland Bay Dr and Memorial Ave.

Work to establish and commence drainage along Pearl Beach Dr in Pearl Beach will also begin.

Press release, 11 Sep 2008

Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council

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5pm-8pm

Pool Comp From 5.00pm
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Wednesdays

BANQUET NIGHT
(3 Courses)

\$12.50

Play Free Pool from 6pm



Thursdays

SURF N TURF RAFFLE

tickets on sale from
5.00pm drawn at 7.00pm

- members badge draw
between 6 & 7pm followed
by Kazza's Karaoke

PASTA AND STEAK NIGHT
(2 COURSES) only \$12.50



Fridays

APL Poker from 7pm

KAZZA'S KARAOKE TALENT QUEST

Heat 6 Friday 8th August from 7pm

- **Courtesy Bus available from 5pm Thursday to Saturday**
 - **Child Flight Charity Bowls Day - 3rd Sunday each month**
- Great day with Entertainment and Raffles**

Arts & Entertainment

A kaleidoscope of colour

Four local artists will be presenting "a kaleidoscope of colour" at the Pearl Beach Biennial Art Exhibition over the October long weekend.

Local artists Pim Sarti, Marijke Greenway, Peter Baka and Robyn Bellamy will be showcasing their artwork at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from Saturday, October 4, to Monday, October 6.

Exhibition organiser Ms Marijke Greenway said there would be a "unique collection of eclectic art work that promises to excite and amaze visitors to the exhibition".

"Pim Sarti paints fruit and vegetables in all their sumptuous richness of colour and texture in a rapid application of oil paint before the subject wilts," Ms Greenway said.

"With subjects mainly from the Central Coast, she carries on traditions of still life and plein (outdoors) air painting.

"Peter Baka has been working as an artist in Pearl Beach for the past 20 years.

"He transforms found objects such as flotsam and jetsman into whimsical works of art, both paintings and free standing sculptures.

"Robyn Bellamy says Pearl Beach is the source of her interest in the natural environment. "Annual sojourns in France and travels in outback Australia have drawn her to styles seen in early 20th Century painting."

Ms Greenway has lived in Pearl



Robyn Bellamy, Peter Baka, Pim Sarti and Marijke Greenway with their artworks

Beach for 10 years and says she "is happiest when she is painting trees".

Ms Greenway is a plein air painter and lends her Australian landscapes strong colour and design.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm daily.

Entry is free and art work will be available to buy.

Press release, 2 Sep 2008
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Displayed at gallery

The work of more than 15 local artists will be displayed at a Woy Woy gallery over the next two months.

Creative Courtyards is currently running its Spring Awakening Exhibition.

The exhibition opened on September 7, and will run until the end of November.

ABC Radio's Gianni Johns opened the exhibition, while Peninsula artist Greg Coates appeared as guest artist with his award-winning painting, The Progress of Silence.

"We have over 15 local artists displaying their works and every artist has been chosen by the public in the People's Choice Award, showing that the variety of

works displayed appeals to many tastes and home decor," gallery owner Ms Janice Rutherford said.

"At Creative Courtyards Art Gallery and Garden Centre there are four exhibitions a year coinciding with the seasons.

"The gallery invites new and local artists, sculptures and handcraft persons to exhibit.

"The Garden Centre displays outdoor sculptures and outdoor art - we have found a way to hide the fence with attractive art.

"This method makes a great backdrop to a feature pot plant, statue, water-feature or around a pool."

Press release, 8 Sep 2008
Janice Rutherford, Creative Courtyards

Eight artists display work

The work of eight local artists will be on display at the Wagstaffe Art Fair during the long weekend of October 4 to 6.

The artists displaying their work at the fair are Alice Haigh, Annie Reid, Dorothy Hurrell, Jean Melvin, Jean Scott, John Woulfe, Gabriele Richter and Michael Bennett-Williams.

"The fair will display diverse styles that vary from traditional to contemporary and from oils to mixed media and sculpture - something for everyone," event coordinator Ms Jean Scott said.

"Everyone is welcome to call

in to view and buy works by these talented artists."

The art fair will begin from 10am to 5pm each day and will be held at the Wagstaffe Hall.

Entry is free, with all art sales benefiting the Wagstaffe Hall and the Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade.

The formal opening of the Wagstaffe Art Fair will take place on Saturday, October 4, from 2pm.

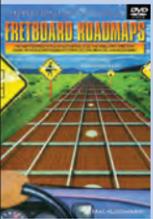
Entertainment will be provided by the Killcare Trio and drinks will be served.

For more information email Jean Scott at scotties@bigpond.net.au

Press release, 6 Sep 2008
Jean Scott, Wagstaffe

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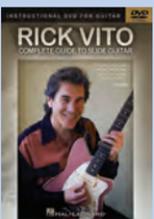


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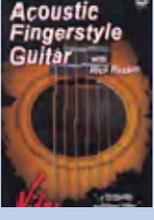
RICK VITO - COMPLETE GUIDE TO SLIDE GUITAR
Artist: Rick Vito

In this DVD session, Rick gives his personal insights on achieving effective and powerful results in your slide playing. He covers a wide range of topics, which include his invaluable tips on: setting up your guitar correctly to achieve great slide tone; simple phrasing that produces dramatic results; changing your sound using different types of slides and amps; expanding your playing using the slide in standard tuning; transferring blues foundations to rock and beyond; G/A tuning, plus D/E tuning essentials; developing your personal approach and feel; and more! 66 minutes.
TN826 - \$40.00 P&H \$2



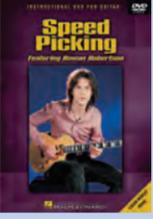
50 LICKS BLUES STYLE
Artist: Mat Gurman

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TN825 - \$24.00 P&H \$2



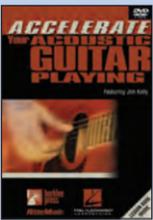
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Author: Rick Ruskin

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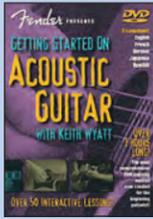
SPEED PICKING
Artist: Rowan Robertson

At the tender age of 16, English-born Rowan Robertson submitted his demo tape to Ronnie James Dio to audition for lead guitarist for the heavy metal rock group Dio. From the very first note, it proved to be the ultimate sound that Ronnie was looking for. Rowan toured and recorded with the American band until Dio disbanded in 1991, when its leader re-joined Black Sabbath. Shortly thereafter as an experienced hard rock guitarist, Rowan recorded this guitar instructional video, which has now been transformed into a DVD. In this Speed Picking DVD, Rowan captures the essence of solid lead guitar with a fresh and modern approach. He presents an in-depth study of speed picking, taking you step-by-step through alternate picking, sweep picking and economy picking. He slows it down, lays it out, and gives a detailed explanation of each technique. He demonstrates legato, hammer-ons, pull-offs, and more. Rowan covers exercises that build speed and coordinate your left and right hands. He demonstrates burning licks with unbelievable speed, but slows them down and explains each part. The accompanying booklet shows each example in notation and tablature. 31 minutes.
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Poet launches first book

Pearl Beach resident Ms Gillian Telford will launch her first collection of poems "Moments of Perfect Poise" at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 27.

The collection of poems includes Ms Telford's own work and previously published work from literary journals and anthologies.

Ms Telford was born in England and moved to Australia, after completing her secondary education, where she worked as a speech pathologist, teacher and administrator.

"My childhood in England has definitely influenced my poetry," Ms Telford said.

"The way a poem sounds is very important to me and I think there are many unconscious rhythms in my head from those early influences.

"I was fortunate too, in that I had wonderful teachers and parents who loved books and music."

Ms Telford has been writing poetry since 1991, shortly after moving from Sydney to Pearl Beach.

"I've now lived in Pearl Beach for 10 years - I drove in one day and fell in love with it and just sold up in Sydney and moved here, even

though I then had to commute for six years," Ms Telford said.

"It was the best decision I've ever made and the combination of sea, beach and forest definitely inspired me to start writing poetry, both regularly and seriously."

"That might not have continued if I hadn't been fortunate enough to be welcomed into Central Coast Poets Inc, who meet at Gosford."

Ms Telford said she has been able to extend and develop her work through the poetry group's regular monthly workshops and introductions to other senior poets and tutors.

"There are many talented writers on the Peninsula and I also work with a small local group - we all have very busy lives with other commitments, so we keep each other going," Ms Telford said.

"One of my favourite poems in the book is called "Winter Solstice" and I like it because it's about contentment, about living with forest all around you and it encapsulates one of those 'moments of perfect poise' that you find living here."

Ms Telford's youngest daughter Simone and Pearl Beach artist Robyn Bellamy designed the cover images and design of the book.

"Moments of Perfect Poise" is published by Adelaide publisher

Ginninderra Press.

The book launch will take place from 2pm.

For further information about attending the book launch or purchasing the book, phone 4342 0476.

Clare Graham, 11 Sep 2008
Press release, 28 Aug 2008
Gillian Telford, Pearl Beach

At the Barre

as if a visiting ballet-mistress
had rapped her cane
the tree ferns lift
their feathered skirts
arch and sway
then touch the forest floor

cabbage tree palms
rustle and shiver
throw wayang shadows
on the sandstone walls

from the undergrowth
comes a great commotion
the tips of bracken ferns
wave and bend
as a trio of wrens emerge
fluffed and plumped up

the lyre-bird
follows the wind

Gillian Telford,
Pearl Beach



Gillian Telford

Annual concert

The Peninsula Choir and Gosford City Brass Band will hold their annual concert, Spring Song in Ettalong, on Sunday, September 28.

The program will range from Elizabethan times to the present day, with items by Handel, George Gershwin, Leroy Anderson and John Rutter.

"There will be music of grace and beauty as well as music for fun."

The annual concert will be held at Ettalong Baptist Church, in Barrenjoey Rd, from 2pm.

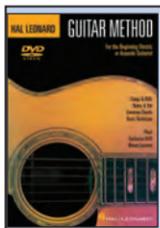
Admission is \$10 per person, with all proceeds going to Religious Education Ministries in local schools.

Tickets are available from Fisherman's Nook, in Blackwall Rd, choir members, or at the door.

Afternoon tea will be served after the concert.

The choir is conducted by Ivan Kinny and the Gosford City Brass Band is directed by Mark Downy.

Press release, 7 Sep 2008
Barbara Firth, The Peninsula Choir



HAL LEONARD GUITAR METHOD DVD
Author: Tom Kolb

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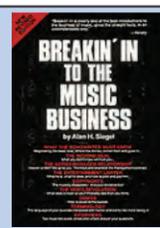
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Artist: Bob Dylan
Author: Nate LaPointe

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TN836 - \$33.00 P&H \$2



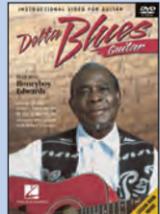
BREAKIN' IN TO THE MUSIC BUSINESS
Author: Siegel, Alan H

At last, a concise, complete and well documented guide to the music business! Written by one of the industry's top entertainment lawyers, this text explains the intricacies of the music industry. Includes separate section on terminology, 'buzz words,' and acronyms, plus interviews with top performers, executives, managers and artists. 276 pages
TN837 - \$30.00 P&H \$6



ERIC CLAPTON - ACOUSTIC CLASSICS
Author: Doug Boduch
Artist: Eric Clapton

Learn to play eight of Clapton's best acoustic songs and solos note-for-note with this DVD: Change the World • Circus • Layla • Malted Milk • Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out • Signe • Tears in Heaven • Walkin' Blues. Exclusive DVD features include: guitar techniques section, jam-along songs, and practice tips. 79 minutes.
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Artist: David Honeyboy Edwards

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Composer: Tom Kolb

In this info-packed DVD, parts of the acoustic and electric guitar are described. Viewers will also learn: how to tune up, how to get good tone with an amplifier, how to hold the pick, left- and right-hand positioning, open chords, power chords, strumming patterns, string muting, soloing and more. Features rock, blues and country rock styles, a jam session with a live band, and a detailed booklet. 44 minutes.
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Earthbound at folk club

The Troubadour Central Coast Folk Club will be holding its next meeting on September 27, at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy.

The band Earthbound will be performing for the Troubadour Folk Club, when it meets from 7pm on September 27.

"Earthbound is a wedding band, pub band, club band and is a pair of original musicians that reside and perform in Newcastle, the Hunter Valley and NSW Central Coast," club president Mr Bill Bekric said.

"Earthbound provide a professional, personalised, and experienced service that is arguably the best in the region."

"Their love of music is what drives this duo."

"Based at Lake Macquarie, they have consistently played venues in the Newcastle-Hunter area for over 10 years."

"Both have degrees in music and have been professional musicians for longer than their age would suggest."

"I would like to add that they are two of the nicest genuine people it has been my pleasure to meet."

For more information contact 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Press release, 21 Aug 2008
Bill Bekric, Troubadours Central Coast

Open mike at Umina

Umina charity Rainbow Love will be holding its second Open Acoustic Mike Night on Saturday, September 20, following the success of last month's inaugural event.

"Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy or share their talents for a great cause," publicity officer Ms Leila Desborough said.

"All proceeds will go towards children in need of our help."

"The event will feature acoustic only performances and a PA system will be available."

"No drum kits or backing tracks will be accepted."

Rainbow Love is a registered charity supporting children on the Central Coast with complex chronic physical disabilities requiring high levels of care.

A gold coin donation is welcome on the night and food will be available for performers and guests.

For more information and bookings contact Susie O'Donnell on 0409 774 467 or Leila Desborough on 4344 1810.

The evening will take place from 7pm at Rainbow Gate, located at 207 West St, Umina, formerly the Sacred Heart Community Church.

Press release, 4 Sep 2008
Leila Desborough, Rainbow Love

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Why must some comply?

After years of formal complaints to council, ICAC and the ombudsman, small business people are still being hammered with compliance, while those perceived as "friends of the council" are getting a free ride.

Gosford Council compliance officers must regularly drive past The Bayview Hotel.

And surely the chair of the Council Traffic Committee Cr Chris Holstien must notice his family business is perceived not to comply with the council policy regulating the use of public footpaths.

I have yet to see a notice displayed in the business premises front window.

The closest I come is the metal sign on the front wall of Duttons Tavern, which enjoys a special blind eye where his use overlaps the bus stop.

This conflict has resulted in my people at Umina being told to remove their tables and chairs. Mann St, perhaps the busiest

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bust stop in the Gosford Local Government Area, has no such problem.

This is a political issue as both past and sitting councillors have some involvement in the lack of compliance which exposes all ratepayers to fiduciary penalties, which we do not welcome.

I am certain Statewide Mutual won't be impressed to read this is still going on almost five years after it was first raised.

Edward James,
Umina

Watch out for Rotters

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police the shire, but support from the local Fat Control Association (FCA) and subsidies from the State Government will offset the cost.

They will be known as Rotters (Random Obesity Testing Rangers).

The State Government is actively supporting the trial of this new initiative as they are increasingly concerned that if the obesity problem is not overcome state-wide, it will eventually lead to the widening of all roads, larger trains and buses, and the seats in theatres and sporting venues to be increased in size at tax payers' expense, just to mention a few possible repercussions.

"But what will be the penalties?" is the question asked by many concerned citizens.

When the committee reports back from their fact finding trip

to Bali, that matter will be under consideration.

Possibilities are a fat free diet, low cal bread and water and no beer!

The last may cause some revolt from the public.

The reason Bali is the control testing area because obesity is not a problem there.

Actually, getting enough to eat is more of a problem for them resulting in lankiness, although Bali Hilton seems to have access to all the food necessary to keep visiting foreign government fact-finding committees well taken care of.

Additional study trips are contemplated for the Bahamas and Las Vegas.

Further information is available from the GosWong Shire Council, Department of Obesity Control Unit (DOC-U).

Roy Spence,
Woy Woy

Where's the consistency?

Earlier this month Council contractors were busy with their chainsaws, cutting down mature trees in the reserve opposite the Ettalong Beach Club to obtain better water views for commercial interests.

A few hundred metres further down the Ettalong Foreshore, a large council banner proclaimed

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that vandals had illegally destroyed mature banksia trees in the reserve, contrary to council's tree preservation policy), and culprits were liable for fines up to \$1.3 million.

Why is it acceptable for council to cut down mature trees to provide water views, but not acceptable for residents to cut down a few trees blocking their views?

Surely there is a bit of inconsistency here?

Michael Gillian,
Ettalong Beach

An editorial in a major NSW daily recently argued that local government should be abolished in Australia.

Some important pertinent and correct facts about troubles in local government were produced, but the author demonstrated no understanding that local government problems are the result of its vulnerable position in a dysfunctional federal system.

Therefore the conclusion that local government should now be abolished is bizarre and illogical to say the least.

The solution surely is to abolish the failing states instead and start to finance local government properly, give it a direct accountability link to the national government, increase its powers and professionalism and bring government back to the people.

The growing fiscal imbalance between the federal government

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and the states is an impost on the states that affects local government adversely everywhere.

The new "cooperative federalism" clearly is not going to fix that either.

The states have to be replaced with a strengthened local government tier combined with the constitutional recognition of the Regional Organisation of Council structures as regional adjuncts to clusters of local government.

Many people in Australia do not understand what the essence of federal government is: a quite rigid

constitutional division of sovereign powers between the federal government and the states. This is not working anymore and hasn't for a long time.

We cannot turn the clock back.

Local government, a subsidiary of state government, already weak in powers, is a major casualty of this situation.

The deadening impact of the centralisation at the state level, combined with its financial incapacity, has made "cooperative federalism" a most inappropriate and dangerous remedy.

Klaas Woldring,
Pearl Beach

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Student of the month
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Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics Centre

provides a wide range of athletic activities that include running, jumping and throwing for children between the ages of 5 and 16 on the Peninsula. The primary aim of Little Athletics is the development of athletic skills, to make new friends and to enjoy and healthy lifestyle through athletic activities.

The Little Athletics Motto is "Family, Fun and Fitness".
Registrations for the upcoming season will be held on Friday 19th September 2008 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at McEvoy Oval, Umina. Registrations will also be accepted on any Friday night of Competition or Online at www.littleathletics.com.au.
Cost is \$85.00 for 1 Child, \$150.00 for 2 Children and \$185.00 for 3 or more Children.

Competition takes place every Friday night from 6pm at McEvoy Oval, Umina and will commence on Friday 26th September 2008. Trial nights are also available for children new to Little Athletics.
Little Athletics; Give it a go!

For Further information please contact:
Gerri Wolfe on 0416 238 061



Science upgrade at Woy Woy

Tenders have been called to upgrade science laboratories at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"State-wide, 800 science labs are being upgraded as part of the State Government's Building Better Schools program, which will deliver \$2 billion worth of infrastructure improvements over four years," Ms Andrews said.

"Almost half of all Year 12 students now undertake a science course.

"With improved laboratory facilities, even more students will be encouraged to undertake these disciplines.

"Given there is a predicted shortage of future scientists, it is important we do all we can to encourage students to pursue studies in these subjects.

**Press release, 1 Sep 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

Students wrote to Olympians

Pretty Beach Public School took part in a letter-writing program which encouraged students to write to their favourite Australian Olympic athlete during the Olympic Games.

Students from Years 3 to 6 at Pretty Beach Public School joined more than 1300 schools nationally to participate in the Letter Link program.

"The students wrote to their athlete," said Pretty Beach Public School teacher Ms Sarah Ghantous.

"The students had just finished competing in their own athletics carnival and wrote about their personal experiences.

"It was good for the students as they are using pen and paper to write rather than email and spell check and they have included wonderful drawings and poems in their letters."

Ms Ghantous said she decided to enter the school after hearing about the program while researching the Olympic Games on the internet.

"I entered my Year 4 and 5 students in the program because they are serious sport fanatics," Ms Ghantous said.

"The Year 4 and 5 students were extremely excited when I told them we were writing to their role models.

"We read through a few newspapers we have been collecting and keeping our own medal tally record up to date daily.

"Reading the newspaper during silent reading time in class has become a common occurrence in our class.

"They had so many inspiring athletes to choose from.

"One student Celia decided to take a different road and choose an athlete that wasn't well known in the media, she researched the

internet for an Australian athlete that had common interests with her and wrote to her."

Ms Ghantous said: "Pretty Beach Public School had its very own Olympics last Thursday where the students competed in 10 events.

"These events included weightlifting, shot put, relays, shooting, volleyball and ping pong.

"It started with an opening ceremony and the students were in teams that represented a particular country and had an Olympic torch relay as well.

"Years 3 to 6 are also involved in the Premiers Sporting Challenge, where the students record the amount of physical activity they complete each day.

"The students are on track in reaching their targets of winning gold."

**Press release, 21 Aug 2008
Sarah Ghantous, Pretty Beach Public School**

Ettalong wins JRock awards

Ettalong Public School received awards for costuming character, drama and choreography when it delivered "a brilliant performance" at the Junior Rock Eisteddfod Challenge in Sydney, according to P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana.

"Once again, the students did our school proud," she said.

"The performance 'Dare to...' was based on the theme of mental health and delivered an inspiring message about following your dreams.

"It was a visually spectacular performance and received wonderful feedback from the judges.

Ms Pathirana said the entire

school community worked "tirelessly" to put the performance together.

"Teachers and students have worked since the beginning of the year to choreograph and learn the dances and parents were involved in set design, costumes, hair and make-up," Ms Pathirana said.

"To see it all come together so well on the night was extremely satisfying.

"The students are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers and we thank them for giving our children the opportunity to participate in JRock.

"The memories gained from this wonderful experience will remain with them for a life-time."

**Press release, 9 Sep 2008
Michelle Pathirana,
Ettalong Public School**

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Fresh start to Headstart

Ettalong Public School welcomed pre-school children to the school as part of its Headstart program on September 3.

"This is an innovative program established to help pre-school students transition to school," P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said.

"It gives students the opportunity to experience what school will be like during a number of afternoon sessions.

"The new students are therefore able to familiarise themselves with the school environment and teachers before making the big jump into Kindergarten."

The school also provided an information session, school tour and afternoon tea for new parents as part of the program.

"The children were also treated to a showcase performance of school talent, including the school choir, indigenous choir, solo singers, recorder group, didgeridoo soloist and JRock dancers," Ms Pathirana said.

"Anybody wishing to obtain information regarding the Headstart program can contact the Ettalong school office on 4341 3550."

**Press release, 9 Sep 2008
Michelle Pathirana,
Ettalong Public School**

Learning electrical safety

Students from primary schools across the Peninsula participated in the EnergyAustralia Electricity Safety Week from September 1 to 5, learning the importance of electrical safety.

Pretty Beach Public School, Woy Woy Public School, St John the Baptist Primary School, Ettalong Public School and Woy Woy South Public School joined more than 800 primary schools across NSW to learn about electricity safety in the home and outdoors.

"Electricity Safety Week is a hands-on program that shows young people how electricity works, how to use it and how to stay safe

around it - hopefully for the rest of their lives," EnergyAustralia managing director Mr George Maltabarow said.

"By taking part in experiments, competitions and classroom discussions, students will learn about a wide range of electrical equipment, from substations that power whole suburbs to everyday household appliances.

"Our research shows that one in two people gain their knowledge of electrical safety at primary school, so it's important we connect with students early on to reduce the risk of electrical accidents."

**Press release, 1 Sep 2008
Marci Mosher-Mandel,
EnergyAustralia**

Call for boats to log on

The Central Coast Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol is calling on local recreational boat owners to "log-on" with a marine radio when planning a boating trip, following a number of rescues in and around the Peninsula over the last two months.

"As we approach the boating season and the weather warms up, more people will be using their boats," public relations officer Mr Ron Cole said.

"Only a small percentage of recreational boaters log-on when they go out boating.

"The ones that don't log-on are invariably the ones that the marine rescue volunteers have to assist.

"Often we get calls from wives or partners concerned that a loved one has not returned on time.

"The folks at home know they went out in the boat, but they often don't have details of the boat or where the fishing spot is.

"Trying to find a missing vessel is a difficult task, especially if the last known position was the launch ramp or mooring."

Mr Cole said as a result of boat owners failing to log-in, the search area for the coastal patrol becomes 144 sq nautical miles, plus increased allowances for the time elapsed and weather conditions.

"If we can encourage more boats to log-on for the safety of all on board, then we have a better chance of providing help in an emergency or even just communicating with them and providing peace of mind to those anxiously awaiting their return," Mr Cole said.

"The majority of recreational boats are fitted with a marine radio, especially those boats that operate offshore."

Mr Cole said NSW Maritime regulations required that vessels operating more than two nautical miles offshore be fitted with a marine radio.

"It is a good practice to keep the radio on listening watch at all times.

"That way you will hear any safety messages from shore stations or any call for help from vessels in your vicinity," Mr Cole said.

Press release, 4 Sep 2008
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

Woy Woy High 30-year reunion

Woy Woy Bowling Club will host a 30-year school reunion for former Woy Woy High School students on Saturday, November 8.

Event organiser and former Woy Woy High School student Ms Sharon Kissick (nee Robertson) said all former teachers, former students and their partners are welcome to attend.

"Part of the fun of organising the reunion is the opportunity to catch up, while also tracking down people that we have lost contact with over the years," Ms Kissick said.

"This same group organised our very successful 20 year reunion in 1998 and we are hoping to achieve the same result this year too.

"We have wonderful memories of high school and most, if not all, of our teachers.

"So the reunion is an opportunity to take a trip down memory lane and maybe even forget that we have all aged."

The evening will take place from



Class of 78

6.30pm at a cost of \$20 per person, which will include finger food and music.

Anyone who would like to attend, provide photos or still has contact with ex-students should contact Sharon at sharon_bruce@aapt.net.au or 0414 889 770, Debbie

Ritchie at debbie.r@bigpond.net.au or 0418 296 584, or Linda Mathew at lindamathew@optusnet.com.au or 0403 997 478, before October 1.

Email, 10 Sep 2008
Sharon Kissick

Sponsors wanted for wood-chopping

The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival organisers are calling on sponsors for its wood-chopping exhibition, which will be held at the centre of the event at Ettalong Beach on Sunday, November 9.

"This year we have been able to secure this fun and exciting exhibition" said festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales.

"As a kid, I've always loved the wood choppers at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and now we can bring them to Ettalong for the Oyster Festival."

Ms Wales said the festival committee had four sponsorship packages of \$500 each to offer to any business or organisation who would like to take up advertising at the festival.

Two \$1000 sponsorship packages and one \$2000 sponsorship package was also available to businesses and organisations.

"It's a great opportunity to promote your business in front of thousands of visitors to festival throughout the whole day," Ms Wales said.

Anyone interested in taking sponsorship for the wood chopping

exhibition can contact Sue at Peninsula Promotions and Events on 0408 208 550.

Press release, 27 Aug 2008
Debra Wales, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival



Collecting old mobiles

National mobile phone recycling program MobileMuster is continuing its campaign to save the environment by offering local residents six mobile phone collection locations on the Peninsula.

Collection centres are at Woy Woy Cartridge World, the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy Library, Woy Woy Leading Edge, Woy Woy Network Communications and Peninsula Office Supplies in

Umina.

MobileMuster is the official national recycling program of the mobile phone industry in Australia, with an overall aim of preventing mobile phones ending up in landfill.

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Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Eileen Lorenzo, Professional Public Relations

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Selected for country squad

Former Umina District Cricket Club member Matt Jones has been selected for the Country Origin under-19 squad to contest the Michael Slater Cup in Coffs Harbour from September 28 to 30.

"Matthew's selection comes on the back of a fine debut season for Gordon in the Sydney grade cricket competition during season 2007-08," Umina cricket club publicity officer Mr Gary Blake said.

"His rise is a tribute to his dedication, having achieved numerous representative honours throughout the District and Country age programs, including representing Country under-17s against the Sydney High Performance squad in 2006/07.

After making his First Grade debut for Umina in the Central Coast Cricket Association competition at 15, Matthew chose to follow in the footsteps of some of Umina's finest cricketers and try his luck in Sydney.

"His teammates in that Umina team included his captain Mark Cattley, who as an Umina junior, went to Northern Districts and was later selected in the NSW Colts team.

"Also in Matthew's team was Simon Blake, who had previously returned to Umina after 15 years with Northern Districts and captained the NSW Country team at the Australian country Cricket Championships in consecutive 2005 and 2006 seasons.

"Another Umina teammate, wicketkeeper batsman Ben Smith, had a successful debut season playing for Northern Districts in



Matt Jones Batting

2007-08.

"Another former Umina junior playing grade cricket in Sydney is fast bowler Mark Baker who joined the Balmain Tigers in the late 90s, and continues to this day with the Tigers who are now known as the Sydney Cricket Club."

Mr Blake said the club would be holding registration days during September to give Peninsula residents the opportunity to get involved in the club.

"The Umina District Cricket Club is a small club always on the lookout for cricketers of all ages and abilities who want to play the

game," Mr Blake said.

"Anyone interested in playing cricket this season in either the two-day or one-day competitions, starting October 4, can join us at our training and registration days."

Registration days will take place on September 20 and 27, from 9am to 12pm at Rogers Park in Woy Woy.

Visit www.uminacricket.org.au for further information.

Press release, 3 Sep 2008
Gary Blake, Umina District Cricket Club

Fishing club formed at Everglades

The Everglades Country Club Sharks fishing club has been officially launched and is now calling for members.

Membership of the fishing club is open to all full sporting and social members of Everglades Country Club.

Annual membership fees are \$10 per adult and \$20 per family.

Competitions will be held on the third weekend of the month, from 6am on Saturdays and closing at 3pm on Sundays.

Fishing club weigh-ins will take place at 3pm at Everglades Country Club underneath the covered area

outside the golf shop.

All entered fish are to be gilled and gutted before being brought to the weigh-in with each member's catch in separate eskies, not plastic bags.

Thursday night seafood tray raffles will take place at the club to raise money for the fishing club.

Tickets for the raffle go on sale from 5pm in the front lounge area of the club and will be drawn at 6pm.

For more information contact Everglades Country Club on 4341 1866.

Newsletter, 8 Sep 2008
Everglades Country Club

Sand Slog fun run planned

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club will host a Sand Slog Fun Run on Sunday, September 28, to raise money for surf life saving equipment.

"The sand slog will be a fun way to bring in the new surf season," publicity officer Mr Greg Brown said.

"The run is open for all Peninsula residents and will raise money for surf life saving equipment for the upcoming season."

According to Mr Brown, the fun run will extend from one end of Umina Beach to the other, with conditions permitting.

"One lap is five kilometres and two laps for the more serious 10 kilometres," Mr Brown said.

"The two runs will be started at the same time at Umina Beach

surf club, going south on the soft sand and then turning around and heading north onto the hard sand for the two-and-a-half kilometre run to the point.

"Then participants will turn to return to Umina Beach surf club on the soft sand.

"There will be medals for the first three places in each age group and also lucky door prizes." The run will start from 10am and presentation of awards at 12pm.

Entry is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children.

To enter, visit www.uminas-lscl.com and download an entry form or enter on the day when a \$5 surcharge applies.

Press release, 12 Aug 2008
Greg Brown, Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Bunnies miss out in finals

The major semi-finals for the Central Coast Rugby League Cup were held at Umina Oval on Sunday, September 7.

The first game was played between the Umina Bunnies and Northern Lakes for a spot in the finals.

Umina's Blake Mattei scored one try and a field goal at the club's home game, while Tim Bovis and Adam Love each kicked a goal, taking the Bunnies final score to

nine points.

Unfortunately, this wasn't enough to stop Northern Lakes from defeating the Umina Bunnies 10-9 at fulltime.

Umina's loss meant the team did not qualify for a spot in the grand final.

The second game of the day at Umina Oval was between The Entrance Tigers and Ourimbah Wyoming.

The Entrance defeated

Ourimbah 30-20 at fulltime, allowing them a spot in the grand final at the end of the month.

Ourimbah were set to take on Northern Lakes at Sohier Park on September 14, as Peninsula News went to print.

The winner of this game will take on The Entrance for the Grand Final at Blue Tongue Stadium in Gosford on Sunday, September 21.

Website, 11 Sep 2008
Central Coast Rugby League

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Mariners host holiday clinics

The Central Coast Mariners will host two school holiday soccer clinics in Woy Woy and Umina during the October school holidays.

The three-day clinics will run from October 8 to 10, at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus and the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy.

"These holiday camps are an excellent way to promote a healthy and active lifestyle through football and also give all Central Coast youngsters a chance to rub shoulders with their heroes," said Mariners executive chairman Mr Lyall Gorman.

"The holiday clinics will be supervised by foundation Mariner and recently-appointed youth development co-ordinator Damien Brown."

Participants will be supervised by qualified coaches and treated to a visit from members of the Mariners' playing squad.

"Our camps will introduce these young footballers to some of the training drills that the Mariners themselves are put through, all within a fun and interactive environment," Mr Brown said.

The Central Coast Mariners holiday clinics were first staged in July this year and will include both indoor and outdoor venues this October.

The outdoor clinics will begin at 9am each morning and conclude at 12pm, with the indoor clinics starting at 1pm and finishing at 4pm.

New to the outdoor clinics will be a special program exclusive to goalkeepers, with limited positions available

The clinic is available to boys and girls aged eight to 14 years.

The cost of the three-day clinic is \$150 for the first child, \$140 for the second child and \$130 for the third child.

All participants receive nine hours coaching, indoor centre entry, a Mariners t-shirt, football, fully signed poster and participation certificate.

Morning tea and drinks will be supplied over the three days.

For more information or to reserve a place at the holiday clinic visit www.ccm Mariners.com.au or phone 4353 7200.

**Press release, 25 Aug 2008
Benjamin Coonan,
Central Coast Mariners**



Malibu results

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club held its postponed May contest on Sunday, August 31, at Umina Beach.

Round one consisted of four heats, while round two of competition consisted of six heats.

In round one, Garry Halliday, Michael Baker, Kai Ellice-Flint and Dave Wakelin, came first in each of their respective heats.

Round one also saw Madison

Cook, Brian Cook, Craig Coultan and Glen Wakelin take out second place in each of their heats.

The second round saw Kai Ellice-Flint take out another first place for the day.

Other first place-getters for round two were Glen Wakelin, Mark Williams, Chris Irwin, Bill Burke and Mark Rylands.

Brian Cook managed to come out in round two with another second place.

Round two also saw Michael Baker, Brett Wakelin, Mick Day, Nick Somogyi and Darrin Fleming take out second place in each of their heats.

Ocean Beach Malibu Club's next meeting will be for its annual charity day contest against Shelly Beach Malibu Club on Sunday, September 21.

**Press release, 1 Sep 2008
Craig Coultan,
Ocean Beach Malibu Club**

Money raised for children's wards

The Central Coast Triple-0 Cup raised more than \$20,000 for children's wards at Gosford and Westmead Hospitals, after emergency service units from across the state took to the footy field at Woy Woy Oval on August 22.

Umina Fire Station officer Mr Bob MacLean said the emergency service units from across Sydney, Newcastle and the Central Coast should be congratulated for its fundraising efforts.

"All 30 teams who participated in the Triple-0 Cup have done a wonderful job in raising money for the children's hospitals," Mr MacLean said.

"The bad weather did not stop the majority of emergency service workers from coming out to Woy Woy for a fun day.

"The charity event is not only a great way to raise money for a worthwhile cause, but also a great way for the hardworking and dedicated emergency service workers to let their hair down and have a good time."

According to Mr MacLean, the charity event had the potential to raise a further \$5000 had the weather been better.

"We were expecting at least 100 more people on the day, but I guess the rain deterred them," Mr MacLean said.

Clare Graham, 11 Sep 2008

Woy Woy hosts union finals

The preliminary finals of the Central Coast Rugby Union was contested at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, September 6, with Kariong victorious in first and second grades.

In first grade, Kariong defeated Terrigal 22-15 and second grade saw Kariong beating Ourimbah 10-6.

Ourimbah third grade managed to come out with a win for the club against Avoca Beach 20-5.

In the Under 19s, Woy Woy defeated Terrigal 8-5, securing the team a place in the Grand Final.

Central Coast Rugby Union's Mr Larry Thomson said: "Woy Woy caused a minor upset when they defeated Terrigal by eight points to

five.

"At the end of the match the scores were locked at five-all and the game was forced into extra time.

"Woy Woy kicked penalty goal midway through the extra period to secure a very tight win.

"Woy Woy go through to the grand final and take on Avoca Beach in what should be enthralling encounter."

The Central Coast Rugby Union Grand Finals took place at Blue Tongue Stadium in Gosford on September 13, as this paper went to print.

**Press release, 7 Sep 2008
Larry Thomson,
Central Coast Rugby Union**



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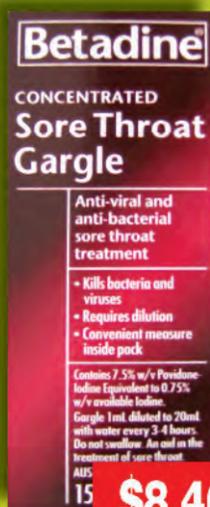
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