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Self-serve checkouts introduced at Woollies

Woy Woy Woolworths supermarket store manager Mr Luke Stubbs has assured staff that they will not lose their jobs, following the introduction of self-serve checkouts in the Peninsula Plaza store.

The Woy Woy supermarket store announced the arrival of five new self serve checkouts last week and "stressed that no store staff would lose their jobs and the actual number of checkouts would increase".

"Lots of customers still prefer the traditional checkouts so we're happy to say checkout assistants are here to stay," Mr Stubbs said.

"In the stores where this technology has been introduced, customers have really embraced it and its popularity has far exceeded our expectations with approximately one third of all transactions going through the self serve checkouts.

"Of course, they will never fully replace standard or express checkouts but they are certainly a handy alternative for the busy

shopper.

Mr Stubbs said the self serve checkout gives customers complete control over their shopping experience by letting them scan, weigh and pay for their own groceries "quickly and easily" using cash, credit or debit cards.

The new checkouts even allow customers to dispense mobile phone top up vouchers and take cash out from debit cards.

"Self serve checkouts are a really convenient option for customers and elsewhere we've had tremendously positive feedback from shoppers who have used them," Mr Stubbs said.

"The checkouts are very user friendly, featuring clear, animated instructions and voice prompts.

"At least one member of staff will always be stationed close by to talk customers through the technology or to help out if assistance is required.

"I'm delighted Woollies are able to bring them to Woy Woy."

Press release, 23 Sep 2008 Woolworths



The two adjoining vacant sites at Trafalgar Ave, Umina, recently purchased by major supermarket chain Aldi

Aldi buys Umina site

Two adjoining vacant sites in Trafalgar Ave, Umina Beach, have been purchased for \$4 million by supermarket chain Aldi.

Ettalong real estate agency Laing and Simmons was responsible for the sale of the adjoining sites.

The two sites cover approximately 4000 sq metres in total and the sale price reflects a rate of \$1000 per sq metre.

Laing and Simmons Central Coast director Mr Ray Dearlove said the sale represented one of the largest sales in the area in the last few years.

"There are limited opportunities to purchase vacant land in the Umina Beach area, or even across the Peninsula, particularly of this size," Mr Dearlove said.

"As a result we were able to achieve a price per square metre that compares very favourably with the rest of the greater Sydney

market.

"The Umina Beach and Ettalong Beach markets are quite buoyant at the moment, both from a commercial and residential perspective."

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has welcomed the news.

"This is further evidence that major players see a bright future for the Umina Beach retail centre," Mr Wales said.

"We understand that Aldi's have purchased the vacant land and adjoining shops in Trafalgar Ave opposite Sassy's Café.

"The site has had a long and colourful history with numerous mixed-use developments being approved in recent years.

"However, Aldi's decision is welcome in that it will bring vigorous competition on the back of Woolworths commitment build a new store on the G&B Mitre 10 site and the Coles planned upgrading

of the BiLo store in Oscar St."

Mr Wales said that while the new supermarket developments will put pressure on the overall retail market, they will also open up new opportunities including increased employment and more foot traffic in the town centre.

"The new supermarket developments will obviously increase pressure on the available dollars being spent in town but in the longer term, it will boost activity in Umina Beach and lead to more retail opportunities," Mr Wales said.

"The challenge for the Peninsula business community is to capitalise on the positive impacts and adapt to the new retail regime which will inevitably come."

Press release, 23 Sep 2008 Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Press release, 22 Sep 2008 Laing and Simmons Central Coast

Power line upgrade

Energy Australia will spend more than \$80,000 to upgrade a power line from its Woy Woy zone substation to Killcare, Killcare Heights, Empire Bay and Daley's Point.

Communications officer Ms Philippa Wheeler said: "The upgrade will focus on the overhead section of the power line, which runs through sections of dense bushland.

"Areas like this can cause problems for an electricity network from time to time.

"About 70 percent of interruptions to our electricity network are caused by environmental factors

such as trees coming into contact with powerlines.

"The upgrade includes replacing 800 metres of existing bare power line with a covered cable, to further protect the power line from environmental factors and help secure a more reliable power supply.

"The upgrade also includes installing a new cover for the connection between the underground and overhead sections of the power line and other associated electrical equipment, to further protect the power line."

Press release, 26 Sep 2008 Philippa Wheeler, Energy Australia

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Bremen wins another award

Bremen Patisserie in Umina has once again been recognised for its award winning pies, bringing the total to more than 140 awards.

The West St bakery has been named as making the "best Aussie meat pie" in NSW by That's Life magazine.

Bakery owner Mr Ron Bruns said he was very pleased to have received another award for his gourmet pies.

"We are very happy to know that we are continuing to provide great

tasting pies to the community."

Bremen Patisserie has received more than 140 meat pie awards since it first opened.

Great Aussie pie competition winners were determined by the number of votes it received by That's Life magazine readers from across the country.

Ettalong Beachside Pie Shop was also a finalist in the Great Aussie Pie Contest for That's Life magazine.

**Press release, 18 Sep 2008
Bremen Patisserie**

Council works



Council works being undertaken at Pearl Beach Dr (photo courtesy of Edward James)

Gosford Council is conducting works in seven locations in and around the Peninsula from September 29 to October 5.

Council works will take place in Ettalong, Pearl Beach, Pretty Beach, Woy Woy and Killcare.

Construction work of Killcare Surf Club continues.

Road widening will commence along Maitland Bay Dr and Memorial Dr, Ettalong.

In Pearl Beach, drainage work will commence along Pearl Beach Dr.

Drainage work will also take place in Pretty Beach.

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

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

**Press release, 24 Sep 2008
Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council**

Winners

Peninsula News has announced the winners of a recent competition.

They are Alan Dover of Umina Beach, Janine Guthrie of Woy Woy and Ken Martin of Umina.

Each winner will take home a "Ronnie Barker, the Definitive DVD Collection" prize pack.

Clare Graham, 26 Sep 2008

Resident wins second prize

A Umina resident has won second prize in the Gosford City Sub Branch of the National Servicemen's Association Fathers Day Raffle.

More than \$1000 was raised for Shirley's Shuttle, a local transport service which picks up and returns patients requiring cancer treatment at local facilities.

The raffle was held over the week leading up to Father's Day on September 7, at various Central Coast shopping centres, including Deepwater Plaza.

Mr Nicholls of Umina took home a large washing basket filled with "everyday goods for the family man".

**Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Greg Mawson, National Servicemen's Association**

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Holiday care for children

The Peninsula Community Centre is running a vacation care program for children throughout the October school holidays.

The vacation care program will run weekdays from September 29, to October 10.

Several "fun and exciting" activities have been planned to keep the children entertained throughout the school holidays.

During week one, children will have the opportunity to visit the Timezone gaming arcade at Tuggerah, meet with a local artist for arts and craft, ice-skating at Warner's Bay, visit the Forest of Tranquility at Ourimbah, Patonga Aboriginal caves and art and finish off the week with a ferry ride to Davistown RSL for lunch and bingo.

No activities will take place on the Labour Day public holiday of October 6.

During the second week of school holidays, children will be

treated to disco karaoke, bath-bomb making, a visit to Maitland Bay Goal, Mingara putt putt golf, barefoot lawn bowls and a High School Musical performance at Davistown.

Bookings are essential and must be made in-person between 9am and 5.30pm at the centre's front office.

No refunds or transferring days is permitted.

For more information, contact childcare director Emma Gilby on 4341 9333 or 0414 511 839.

A free brochure detailing each daily activity and booking requirements is available at www.pccinc.com.au

All families are entitled to childcare assistance and should contact Centrelink before booking and quote the programs reference number 555 010 867K.

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

**Brochure, 25 Sep 2008
Peninsula Community Centre**

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Rebuild Lone Pine Avenue, says Chamber

Lone Pine Ave in Umina Beach should be rebuilt and more funds injected into Peninsula road projects, according to Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

"Lone Pine Ave is a classic example where council has failed to put real dollars into important local roads," chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"This road is a major feeder road, which accommodates thousands of traffic movements a day to service local residential areas and transfer traffic to arterial roads.

"Yet, even in good weather, you can only describe the road as a glorified goat track.

"During periods of rain, the road becomes a potholed ocean of puddles looking for an accident to happen."

Mr Wales said that council has systematically failed to provide sufficient funds over the years to rebuild local roads, which has left "a huge backlog of works that need to be undertaken to restore the ailing road system".

"With less than \$1.5 million spent on roads across the city, it is no wonder that we have road



Lone Pine Ave in Umina Beach

collapses and serious ongoing maintenance issues," Mr Wales said.

"Some roads like Fitzroy Ave in Umina Beach, which is a busy school bus route, has more patched-potholes than original bitumen pavement.

"It is the Chamber's view that the new council needs to refocus on basic infrastructure and put

the 'would be nice' projects on the backburner until our roads are at least safe and stable."

Mr Wales said the chamber congratulated the newly elected councillors and was looking to working with them over the next four years.

"There were lots of promises during the election to get back to basics and the local business

community will be expecting this to happen," Mr Wales said.

"When you talk to small business on the Peninsula, the perception is that Council does not treat our town centres the same way as Terrigal or the Gosford CBD.

"We are sick and tired of being the poor cousins and we will be looking to the new council to demonstrate that they are serious

about delivering of services and infrastructure."

According to Mr Wales the chamber's main priorities are improving street cleaning, maintenance and security; implementing the new city wide planning controls; repairing and upgrading shopping centre footpaths; reducing rates and charges and improving roads.

"We see millions of dollars spent of the beautification of Terrigal and yet another upgrading of Kibble Park in Gosford, yet some of our busy commercial areas on the Peninsula look like a third world country," Mr Wales said.

"The chamber will be calling on the new council to undertake an audit of needs in the Peninsula town centres so that projects can be identified and funds targeted for infrastructure improvements.

"We all know money is tight, but we have to be wiser with the funds that we do have available. "We want to work constructively with council to achieve the best outcome for the Peninsula retail centres."

**Press release, 23 Sep 2008
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Hazard burn at Pearl Beach

The NSW Rural Fire Service carried out a bush fire hazard reduction burn in Pearl Beach on September 18.

According to the Rural Fire Service, the purpose of the controlled burn was to reduce bush fire fuel levels and reduce the potential risk of wild fires for the protection of the local community.

Nearby residents were asked to keep windows and doors closed to prevent smoke entering homes and to reduce outdoor activity if suffering from asthma or a lung condition, while the burn was conducted at Crommelin Arboretum, Pearl Beach.

**Press release, 16 Sep 2008
NSW Rural Fire Service**

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Get on with dredging, says Chamber

The new Gosford Council should get on with dredging the Ettalong channel, according to Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales.

Mr Wales has called on the new Gosford Councillors to "act quickly" on the dredging of the Ettalong Beach channel.

"We're all hearing about the new spirit of cooperation from the politicians in the press," Mr Wales said.

"The Chamber wants to see that cooperation in action with the dredging of the Ettalong Beach channel.

"We already have a firm commitment from State Member

for Gosford Marie Andrews to contribute \$250,000 to the cost of the dredging works.

"The business community feels that council needs to come to the party and fund their share of the work.

Mr Wales said he believed there was "little prospect" of the dredging being done by Christmas.

"We need to get on with the tender process without further delay so that we don't lose another six months procrastinating over who pays for the work," Mr Wales said.

"While the chamber has been assured by NSW Maritime that the channel is safe and navigatable, the business community is still

concerned that further delays will affect both commercial and private boating operators over the summer months.

"What is really important in the chamber's view is that council and the State Government implement a rolling program of periodic dredging based on recurrence funding so that the community can be assured that the channel will be regularly maintained.

"Both the council and State Government should immediately look at ways of ensuring that adequate funds are available for the dredging work every five years."

Press release, 26 Sep 2008
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Flown to hospital

A 38-year-old woman from Umina was flown by the NRMA Careflight helicopter to Royal North Shore Hospital after she was seriously injured in a car accident on the F3 at Ourimbah on September 12.

Southbound traffic on the F3 was blocked to allow emergency services to remove the roof of the car to access the woman, whose car overturned at the Ourimbah interchange.

The woman was trapped in the wreckage of her car for more than an hour before being rescued by

emergency services.

An ambulance supervisor blocked southbound traffic to allow the helicopter to land on the road surface.

An NRMA Careflight doctor said the woman suffered multiple leg, arm and rib fractures and chest injuries in the accident.

The Umina woman underwent emergency orthopedic surgery after being flown to the Sydney hospital where she remains in a serious yet stable condition.

Press release, 12 Sep 2008
Ian Badham, NRMA Careflight

Umina man charged

A 21-year-old Umina man was arrested by police at Kurnell on September 15, on charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

According to police, a man was standing in front of a fast food restaurant in Oxford St, Surry Hills, on September 14, when another man in a Hyundai Getz allegedly made an offensive comment to him.

Police said the men exchanged verbal insults before the man in the car left the vehicle, approached the other man and allegedly punched him in the head.

The alleged victim fell to the ground and struck his head on the footpath, causing him to be

knocked unconscious.

The man then re-entered the car and fled the scene west along Oxford St.

The victim was taken by ambulance to St Vincents Hospital where he was placed in an induced coma.

He remains in a stable condition.

Following police inquiries, the Umina man was arrested and taken to Miranda Police Station and charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

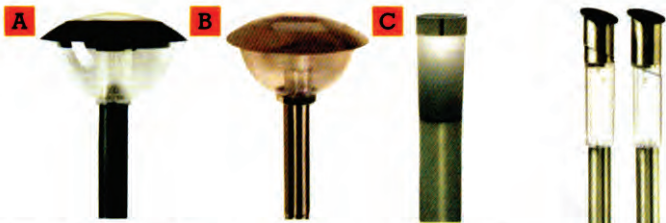
The man was refused bail and was due to appear at Sutherland Local Court on September 16.

Press release, 16 Sep 2008
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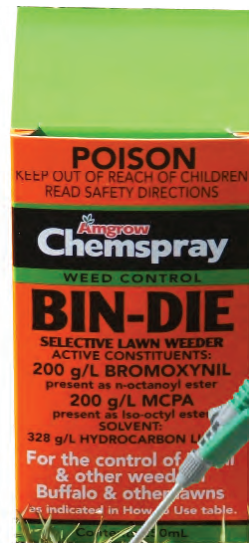
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More money for Woy Woy Rd

The State Government has announced it will provide an additional \$87,300 for rehabilitation works on Woy Woy Rd.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said the additional funding was on top of the \$250,000 contribution already made by the State Government.

The current rehabilitation work along a 750 metre stretch of Woy Woy Rd is being funded under the

RTA's Repair Program on a "dollar-for-dollar" basis with Gosford Council.

"The rehabilitation work involves road reconstruction which will improve safety for motorists, provide a smoother surface and reduce maintenance costs," Ms Andrews said.

The work is expected to be completed by mid-October.

**Press release, 17 Sep 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

The Peninsula votes evenly

An analysis of Gosford Council election results has shown even voting on the Peninsula for Labor and Liberals.

Both parties picked up close to 25 per cent of the vote.

This contrasts with Gosford as a whole, where Liberals out-poll Labor more than two to one, with the Liberal Party picking up almost 40 per cent of the vote.

A total of 16,902 votes were counted at Peninsula polling booths for the September 13 election.

Of these, 3991 above-the-line votes (23.6 per cent) went to the Liberal Party, only marginally ahead of the Labor Party with 3807 votes (22.5 per cent).

Next, with 2167 votes (13.1 per cent), was the Greens Party, followed by 1851 votes (11.0 per cent) to Central Coast First and 698 (4.1 per cent) to independent Craig Doyle.

The only Peninsula resident elected to Gosford Council was Greens candidate Peter Freewater of Horsfield Bay.

However, three other councillors - Jeff Strickson, Terri Latella and Jim Macfadyen - come from surrounding areas of St Hubert's Island and Pretty Beach.

A total of eight Peninsula residents stood for Gosford council at the recent September 13 local government elections.

Craig Munnings from Booker



Bay and Katie Smith from Woy Woy stood as Labor Party candidates.

Munnings gained a total of 249 individual votes from Peninsula polling booths and Smith a total of 120 individual votes.

Debra Wales and Janice Hawkins both from Umina Beach were candidates under sitting councillor Trevor Drake's ticket.

Wales took out a total of 138 individual votes and Hawkins gained 47 individual votes from the 12 polling booths on the Peninsula.

A total of 126 individual votes went to Peter Freewater.

The Central Coast First Party was represented by Tina Addison from Umina, who gained 43 individual votes from Peninsula voting locations.

Enriquez Lulette of Umina stood

as a candidate on Craig Doyle's ticket, gaining 14 individual votes, while Aaron Henry (six votes) also of Umina stood as a Liberal Party candidate.

The new council is comprised of four Liberal councillors (Chris Holstein, Chris Burke, Amy Housten and Jeff Strickson), two Labor (Jim Macfadyen and Vicki Scott), two Greens (Terri Latella and Peter Freewater), one Central Coast First (Laurie Maher) and one independent (Craig Doyle).

Former Liberal councillors Malcolm Brooks and Trevor Drake, who both stood as independents, and Central Coast First's Peter Hale were not re-elected.

Cr Robert Bell did not seek re-election.

**Website, 26 Sep 2008
NSW Electoral Commission
Clare Graham, 26 Sep 2008**

Crime reports decline

Brisbane Water Local Area Neighbourhood Watch has reported 15 incidents at properties in Umina and Pearl Beach for the month of August, revealing a decline in reported incidents since June and July.

According to statistics released in the Umina and Pearl Beach Neighbourhood Watch monthly newsletter, 49 incidents were recorded over the months of June and July, while only 15 incidents were recorded for August.

The average number of incidents reported each month over June and July was 24.5.

This makes the number of incidents in the area for August down by an average of 9.5 since June and July.

The newsletter revealed that

there were six separate incidents of stealing in West St, Umina.

Also in West St, one incident of assault and three incidents of malicious damage were reported.

Other incidents including malicious damage, stealing and break and enter occurred in Airly Rd, Elanora Rd, Myola Rd and Yarrabin Rd, Umina, over the month of August.

In Pearl Beach, one incident of malicious damage was reported in Beryl Boulevard.

Area coordinator Ms Michelle Hinwood said the Pearl Beach General Store was also broken into recently and a motor scooter stolen from the basement of the property.

**Newsletter, 23 Sep 2008
Michelle Hinwood,
Neighbourhood Watch**

Rotary donates photocopier

The Rotary Club of Umina has donated more than \$4000 to the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre to purchase a new photocopier.

Centre vice-president Ms Dorothy Mulholland said the committee would like to thank the Rotary club for its generous donation.

"We are very pleased and overwhelmed by the donation," Ms Mulholland said.

"It will save committee members trips to Gosford to print our quarterly newsletter and other brochure required for the centre."

**Newsletter, 24 Sep 2008
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre**

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Time to build a bridge

Margaret Lund of Woy Woy Bay made a complaint about me, alleging a breach of Council's Code of Conduct.

An investigation was carried out with a conclusion that there was no breach.

She seems unable to accept the decision of the tribunal that ruled on my conduct, because she is firmly of the view that they were wrong.

Nothing other than acceptance of her view will apparently suffice.

It is now time for her to build a bridge and get over it.

She asserts that she was sent a letter of intimidation.

I have reviewed this letter, and such assertion is without basis.

The letter was polite and respectful, and pointed out that in the public domain; free speech was not restricted, provided it was factual.

It also pointed out that individuals are entitled to protect their reputation and take civil action, if in the public forum unfounded

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allegations which could have an adverse impact on that reputation were made.

Far from intimidating, this letter merely requested she consider carefully comments she might make in future in regard to Debra Wales.

In her letter of complaint about this finding, she refers to Ms Wales and then Ms Lund makes a quantum leap, to suggest the removal of two banksias was performed as an act of vandalism by "a person of power or influence".

She does not allege who this person is, but the inference could be drawn that she is referring to Debra Wales.

She then has the temerity to allege council plays with semantics and vocabulary.

However, it does demonstrate the importance of getting your facts right.

The removal of the banksias was not undertaken by a vandal or

a person of power or influence.

It is a part of the work which has commenced under an approved Management Plan to improve the Ettalong Beach foreshore under control of Gosford Council and the Department of Lands.

And, what an improvement it will be for the community!

Eventually, we will have a safe and beautiful beach for families and all the community to enjoy.

On matters of public importance, many of us have a different view, which is necessary, for a healthy democracy.

We won't always agree with someone else's views, either.

However, I hope it won't be construed that if any person has a different view from Ms Lund, that they will be vilified in the press.

I truly hope that people will feel that can have their say without fearing an unprovoked personal attack, from any other member of the community.

Trevor Drake,
Long Jetty

Replace Gosford Council

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or footpaths and our rate monies lost I overseas investments – the list goes on.

I am calling on the Minister for Local Government to replace Gosford Council with an administrator.

This is little comfort to the family who lost their son and daughter and three grandchildren, but maybe it will prevent another tragedy in the future.

Terry Abbott,
Umina Beach

Right now I am ashamed to be a Gosford City ratepayer after reading the findings of the Coroner into the deaths of a young family in the Somersby road collapse.

No one should be surprised at the negligence of Gosford Council. Despite our pleas for years to make roads their priority, the condition of our roads is still neglected.

Woy Woy Rd collapses and our residential roads are little more than Third World with crumbling road surface, little kerb and gutter

Support for party not the person

With reference to your editorial on the front page of your newspaper dated September 15, in which you stated "Voters endorse Holstein's Liberals".

I wish to take the opportunity to advise that Mr Holstein is a member of the Liberal Party and he stood as an endorsed candidate for the party, not the other way around as

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your editorial suggests.

There is no doubt whatsoever in my opinion that the majority of voters who cast their ballot did so for the Liberal Party as a whole and not specifically for the individual candidate.

Robert Adams,
Woy Woy

Value in their vote

Everyone who helped achieve the results in first preferences for Helen Ryan in the local government elections for Gosford should be congratulated for understanding that the value they put on their vote is the value they put on themselves and their community.

Every person entitled to vote needs to consider well the direction in which they wish to take our community, as the process of voting allows all of us to have an

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input into how we would like to be represented by our local council.

I am sure Helen Ryan will be pleased with the number of first preferences votes she has polled and proud to have stood before her community because it takes a particular strength of character to go into any community and ask for the support of our peers.

Edward James,
Umina

Surfers jump ship

Why on earth does the Palm Beach Ferry operator stop his vessel in the middle of the channel to let surfers jump off the back of the boat to go surfing?

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How concerned is the operator about safety if he thinks it is okay to stop his vessel in mid-channel to let passengers jump off the back?

Jill Donald,
Umina Beach

Out of character

I am totally against the proposed development for Araluen Dr in Hardy's Bay.

The design is completely out of character for what already exists at Hardy's Bay.

I feel any new development should enhance and reflect the relaxed village atmosphere.

Yvonne McDonald,
Hardy's Bay

Forum

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Ferry resumes for holidays

Central Coast Ferries has announced the Cockatoo Ferry service between Woy Woy and Ettalong will return during the school holidays.

The service will run from September 29, to October 12, on a seven-day timetable.

The first service of the day will leave Woy Woy at 9.40am, while the last service of the day will finish at Woy Woy at 3.30pm.

An adult fare for the Woy Woy to Ettalong service is \$6 one way and \$12 return.

A concession fare for the same

service is \$5 one way and \$10 return.

Fares for the Ettalong to Wagstaffe service start from \$2 per child and \$4 per adult for a one-way ticket.

The timetable has also been planned for passengers travelling between Ettalong or Wagstaffe and Palm Beach on the Palm Beach Ferry service.

For more information visit www.centralcoastferries.com.au or phone 4363 1311.

Press release, 22 Sep 2008
Central Coast Ferries

Neal believes she will stay on

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal has told the ABC television program Australian Story that she believes she will remain the Labor candidate for Robertson at the next Federal election.

Talking about her future, Ms Neal, who was once a front bench senator, said: "I'm 45 and I've come to politics to sort of change events.

"If something comes to pass in the future, good, but at the moment my focus is on working hard for the seat and people of the Central Coast and I'm very happy with that.

"No future for anyone, let alone people in politics, is certain, but I think that at the next election I will be the candidate for the seat of Robertson."

Ms Neal was joined by husband and NSW Minister for Health Mr John Della Bosca in the exclusive



interview.

Ms Neal and Mr Della Bosca's Woy Woy Bay home and surrounding area were featured in the half-hour program, A Piece of Her Mind, aired on September 22.

Ms Neal was asked whether she felt hurt by media coverage of "Iguana-gate", when she and her husband were accused of abusing

and threatening staff at Iguana Joes Waterfront Bar on June 6.

"I think that you know, obviously human beings are complex and I think the way they've tried to portray me, it really does not do justice to the person that I am," Ms Neal said.

"I feel sort of hurt by things, particularly when they're unreasonable or unfair.

"But I suppose I've always not wanted to show that because I think that's sort of letting the people doing the wrong thing win."

The couple was alleged to have abused their positions of power and to have attempted to influence the content of statutory declarations about the incident.

After a police investigation, the Director of Public Prosecution decided that Ms Neal and Mr Della Bosca would not be charged due to "insufficient evidence".

Transcript, 26 Sep 2008
ABC Australian Story

Green Corps project starts

A new Green Corps project will visit sites around Daleys Point, Killcare, Hardys Bay and Empire Bay over its 26-week duration.

The native plant regeneration project involving 10 young volunteers will restore and maintain the various sites.

The project was launched at a special ceremony at the Strom Centre in Killcare Heights on September 12.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said the youth environmental training program gave young people the opportunity to gain work experience while participating in projects that benefited the environment.

"The participants will show their commitment to the environment by rejuvenating native bushland as part of the new Green Corps project," Ms Neal said.

"The team will reduce weed mass by using bush regeneration techniques, protect habitat for native fauna, preserve endangered ecological communities, collect and propagate seeds and design

and construct garden beds.

"Community and government partnerships have enabled this Green Corps project to commence and I know that it will bring direct and immediate benefits to the local community and enrich the ecology of our local environment."

Ms Neal said team members will be awarded a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management, as well as OH&S and First Aid training as part of the project.

The project was funded through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Green Corps is an Australian Government program which provides environmental training and work experience for young people aged 17 to 20.

Press release, 12 Sep 2008
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Help for yacht at Little Box Head

The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol was called to assist a 34-foot yacht to safely pass through the entrance of Brisbane Water at Little Box Head on September 14.

Public relations officer Mr Ron Cole said the bar at Little Box Head was very dangerous and in urgent need of dredging to enable safe entry and egress from Brisbane Water.

Volunteers from Coastal Patrol were called to assist the yacht that had just completed two offshore races from Gosford to Sydney over the weekend.

"The 34-foot yacht had reached the finish line and then discovered a mechanical failure as the crew

started the engine to cross the bar at Little Box Head at the entrance to Brisbane

Water," Mr Cole said.

"The water pump impeller on the yacht's engine had failed.

"For safe entry, the yacht needed assistance to cross the bar and then required a tow to its berth at Gosford Sailing Club.

"The yacht race ended in fashion quite different to that anticipated by the yacht's crew.

"Duty coxswain Ian Brown and his crew of Norm Smith, Kevin Sullivan and John Randall on Gosford Lifeboat were quickly on the job and Central Coast Lifeboat took the stricken vessel for its two-hour tow to Gosford."

Mr Cole said the Coastal Patrol's

rescue operations in and around the Peninsula over the past few months reflected a need for the recreational boating community to "brush up" on safety.

He said Coastal Patrol's Point Clare base will hold a forum on Safety of Life at Sea on October 3.

The forum will begin at 11am and entry will be by note or gold coin donation.

Bookings are recommended and can be made by calling 4325 7929.

The Point Clare base is located at the end of Kurrawa Ave, Point Clare.

Press release, 15 Sep 2008
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

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Teachers stop work

More than 200 local teachers gathered at Woy Woy Leagues Club for a statewide stop work meeting on September 2.

Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers Association secretary Ms Julie Loany-Brown said the meeting was an opportunity for local teachers to express their frustration and highlight the issues that need to be addressed by the State Government in ensuring a successful education system.

"There were venues all over the state for Teachers Federation members to attend," Ms Loany-

Brown said.

"This Stop Work meeting was part of an ongoing campaign that is concerned with staffing, standards and salaries.

"The longstanding agreement for staffing was taken away at the end of the second term of school this year.

"Dismantling the statewide school staffing system based on transfers is of major concern.

"The other major concerns are the lowering the standards of teacher qualifications.

"Most notably in TAFE and undermining the status of the

teaching profession by budgeting for 2.5 per cent per annum salary increases and demanding cuts to teaching/learning conditions for increases beyond this rate.

"The Teachers Federation hopes that these issues can be satisfactorily negotiated with the new NSW Minister for Education and Training Verity Firth in the near future.

"Otherwise further industrial action deemed necessary will result."

**Press release, 25 Sep 2008
Julie Loaney-Brown, Ettalong
Woy Woy Teachers Association**



David Singleton presents Phil Westlake with life membership of the Crommelin Native Arboretum

Parks service plans three walks

The National Parks and Wildlife Service have three walks near the Peninsula planned for October and November, as part of the National Parks Discovery

Walks, Talks and Tours program.

The walks cover the areas of Killcare, Putty Beach, the Bouddi National Park and above Woy Woy Bay.

Day three of the Coastal Walk Series will take place on Sunday, October 12, at Killcare.

Day three continues on from day one and two of the Coastal Walk Series which began in September from Patonga to Blackwall and Blackwall to Killcare.

Day three will begin at 7.30pm for an eight-and-a-half hour walk to Terrigal.

The cost is \$20 per person and is recommended for fit and experienced walkers.

The Monday Meanderers Walk to Waterfall will begin from 10.30am on Monday, October 13.

Participants will meet at Staples Lookout on Woy Woy Rd, for a five-hour trek through Brisbane Water

National Park overlooking the Peninsula and Brisbane Water.

The cost is \$7 per adult and \$5 for seniors.

The Thursday Trailblazers walk will take place on Thursday, November 20, from 3pm.

The four-hour walk is for all levels of fitness and will take participants along the rock platforms between Putty Beach and Bullimah Beach in the Bouddi National Park to reveal a variety of geological formations.

Participants are encouraged to bring comfortable footwear, sunscreen, water, hat and snacks to all walks.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 4320 4205 by 12noon Friday before the walk takes place.

Details of each walk will be given at time of booking.

**Newsletter, 24 Sep 2008
National Parks and Wildlife
Service**

Life membership at arboretum

The committee of the Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach has awarded long serving member Mr Phil Westlake life membership at a special presentation on September 21.

Mr Westlake has been a member of the Crommelin Native Arboretum for more than 24 years and president for 15 years.

Publicity officer Mr David Singleton said Mr Westlake was involved with many projects and issues including the incorporation of an additional hectare of land into the Arboretum to form a wildlife corridor between Brisbane Water National Park and the original Arboretum.

"He also instigated and assisted in the erection of Crommelin

Cottage and a shade house to propagate indigenous trees and shrubs for the local community, as well as generally overseeing the development and maintenance of this unique area of native vegetation," Mr Singleton said.

"The arboretum has areas of rare sandplain forest with banksias, grass trees, geebung and Sydney Red Gums, open grassed areas, creeks and wetlands, natural bushland, as well as "The Pleasance", a small, enclosed amphitheatre.

"Phil will continue to be involved with the Arboretum, but has said it was time for someone else to have a go."

**Press release, 22 Sep 2008
David Singleton, Crommelin
Native Arboretum**

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Film about GE foods

The Peninsula Environment Group will host a film night at the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Tuesday, September 29.

The Deborah Koons Garcia documentary *The Future of Food* will be screening from 8pm.

The film offers an investigation into unlabelled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have filled US supermarkets for the past decade.

It was shot in location in the US, Canada and Mexico.

The film also explores alternatives to large-scale industrial agriculture, placing organic and sustainable agriculture as solutions to the farm crisis today.

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is located at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

**Press release, 22 Sep 2008
Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula
Environment Group
Website, 23 Sep 2008
The Future of Food**

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Parliamentary tribute to Olive

Tribute has been paid in State Parliament to the late Olive Riley of Woy Woy.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews told Parliament that Ms Riley was "known around the globe as the world's oldest internet blogger".

The 108-year-old passed away in her Woy Woy Community Aged Care home on July 12.

"In 2005, Olive was the subject of a documentary entitled *All About Olive*, by Central Coast filmmaker Mike Rubbo," Ms Andrews said.

"It was from this that she was encouraged to start recording her stories on the internet and this

opened a new chapter in Olive's long and interesting life.

"Olive started her blog or 'blob', as she referred to it, in February last year, sharing more than 70 entries about her life and experiences.

"Through her blog, Olive was in contact with people from all over the world, striking up online conversations with people from as far away as Russia and America.

"Through these blogs, Olive's memories will long live on."

Ms Riley's blog can still be viewed at www.allaboutolive.com.au

**Press release, 24 Sep 2008
Marie Andrews, Member for
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Last newsreel cameraman dies

Australia's last fully-employed newsreel cinema cameraman Kevin Roche, a former Pearl Beach resident, has died.

The 79 year-old passed away at Wyong Hospital on August 13 after a long illness.

Family friend Ms Diana Johnston from Umina said old-time cinema lovers would be saddened by the passing of Mr Roche.

"If the name Kevin Roche is not known, many would have his work etched into their memories," Ms Johnston said.

"Before we all had television, everyone loved Saturday night at the picture theatre.

"There as you were seated, the lights were dimmed and the music heralded the Cinesound and Movie Tone News.

"Kevin was the cameraman who shot the scenes that we all would have viewed.

"Many of the events he filmed were to become a part of history."

Ms Johnston said that with the

advent of television, newsreels in cinemas were becoming a thing of the past.

"This was seen when Cinesound and Movietone merged in 1972," Ms Johnston said.

"Kevin went to the Movietone production side where he shot news as well as short magazine stories.

"Some events that he covered in the early years were games of Rugby League.

"He was very happy to cover Rugby League, as it was his great love.

"He also covered Australian Rules Football grand finals, the Bathurst car race, the Melbourne Cup."

Ms Johnston said Mr Roche then went on to documentary work.

"One of his documentaries was Roche Chemicals."

Another, His Own Kind of Dignity was shot for theatre and television release.

"Two documentaries for Phillips Industries followed."

He then worked on "500 Miles in the Saddle, about a horse endurance race from Berrima to Melbourne.

"Then Kevin and Sid Woods, also a documentary maker, made two Army films - A Man and his Dog and another one about explosives."

When Movietone ceased production, Kevin was the last fully-employed cameraman.

"As Kevin became known for his outstanding cinematography work and with the event of television, it was Channels 7's good fortune to secure his services in 1981.

"He covered many major world events.

"His coverage of the Gulf War on the evening news all would remember.

"His work was outstanding and he set the benchmark for future cameramen.

"Arriving home from the Gulf War zone, ill health started to plague him and he retired in 1994. "His work is held in the film archives



Kevin Roche at work as newsreel cinema cameraman (photo courtesy of the Australian Cinematographers Society)

in Canberra.

"He may be gone, but his work will live on for all to see."

Email, 19 Aug 2008

Diana Johnston, Umina
www.cinematographer.org.au

Nominated for enterprise

The Ettalong Beach Business Group has been nominated for the NSW State and Regional Development Business Enterprise Category in this year's Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

The group was selected to join nine other business network groups in the semi-finals for the awards.

"Awards such as these create an opportunity to say thank you to businesses, community groups and individuals who work tirelessly in developing their chosen fields of endeavour," Ettalong Beach Business group media liason Ms Lindy Wilson said.

"The Ettalong Beach Business Group is striving to assist businesses, improve the image of the community, attract tourists to the area and to make Ettalong a proud precinct in which to work and live.

"The group is currently conducting monthly Community Clean Ups on the last Sunday of the month, has commissioned a \$20,000 two-year Community Marketing Plan and is one of the

presenters at the next Community and Economic Development Forum on September 22."

Awards director Ms Teesha Cupples said: "The Ettalong Beach Business Group is a network of businesses working together to benefit the community through a willingness to work together towards a positive future for Ettalong Beach.

"The aim of the group is to act as a forum for issues and concerns of the businesses and business people in Ettalong, to provide a communication point for regulatory bodies and individuals allowing free-flowing and accurate information.

"The members offer a wide range of qualifications and years of experience in an extensive range of businesses, including real estate, financial services, retail services, hospitality, education and personal services."

Press release, 10 Sep 2008
Teesha Cupples, Awards Australia
Press release, 7 Sep 2008
Lindy Wilson, Ettalong Beach Business Group

Umina musician at Bayview

Umina Beach musician Dan Granero will perform at the Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, on Saturday, October 4.

The performance will be Dan's first concert back in Australia following the success of his European tour.

The performance will begin from 8pm.

Dan will continue his tour of the east coast of Australia to as far north as Cairns, before returning to Woy Woy for a performance at the Old Pub on October 11.

He will complete his east coast tour at Hardys Bay RSL on December 6.

The blues and rock musician has been living on the Peninsula for more than eight years in between his busy performance schedule.

Website, 24 Sep 2008
Dan Granero



Umina Beach musician Dan Granero

Belinda Neal MP

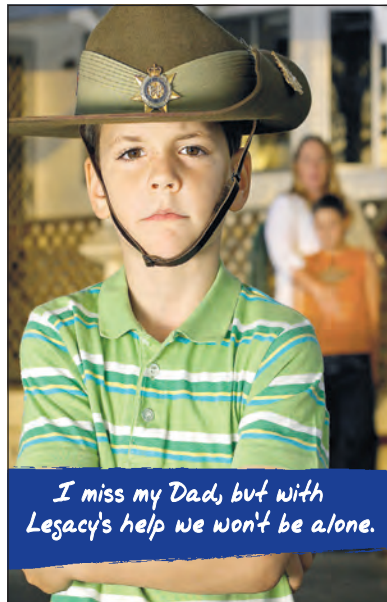


Federal Member for Robertson

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The Macular Degeneration Foundation's Vision Van stops at Umina for free sight testing to people aged 50 years and over

Free sight screening

The Macular Degeneration Foundation's Vision Van visited Club Umina on September 24, offering free screening for age-related macular degeneration to people aged 50 years and over.

The mobile screening unit began its 14,000 kilometre journey in Sydney on September 22.

Over its 90-day journey, the Vision Van will visit more than 35 towns across NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

A qualified optometrist is travelling with the van to perform 15-minute macula checks to an estimated 2000 people across Australia.

"Alarmingly, too many Australians readily accept blindness as simply a part of the ageing process," the Foundation's director Dr Paul

Beaumont said.

"This is really unacceptable, as early detection of diseases such as age-related macular degeneration can prevent someone from going blind.

"It's our hope that this initiative will go some way in helping save the sight of potentially thousands of Australians living in regional areas who are at risk."

Terry Izzard from Izzard Optometrists in Woy Woy and Umina said macular degeneration was an eye disease that caused loss of central vision, leaving only peripheral vision intact.

"It is the leading cause of legal blindness for people over 50 in the western world," Mr Izzard said.

"Macular degeneration is most commonly related to ageing and it is divided into two types known simply as wet or dry.

"Dry macular degeneration is the more common form (with

around 90 per cent) and has no real treatment available.

"The wet type occurs about 10 per cent of the time, but the chance of severe sight loss is much greater."

Co-owner of Izzard Optometrists Mr Greg Izzard said early detection of any form of macular degeneration was crucial because lost vision could not be regained.

"Early diagnosis, through regular eye exams approximately every two years, offers eye care practitioners opportunity to provide counselling about appropriate options for treatment, rehabilitation and support services," Mr Izzard said.

**Press release, 17 Sep 2008
Macular Degeneration Foundation
Clare Graham, 24 Sep 2008
Interviewee:
Greg and Terry Izzard,
Izzard Optometrists**

Therapists lease space at health centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has announced it will host new low cost alternative therapy services including acupuncture, herbal medicine and massage therapy.

"The Central Coast Community Women's Health Centres are committed to providing a low cost quality holistic care service," community development worker Ms Katherine Bradfield said.

"We have therefore leased rooms at our centres, including on the Peninsula, to qualified alternative therapists at a minimal charge, so that they can provide a low cost service to the community.

"The therapists have signed a contract with the centre and are responsible for their own bookings, cancellations and collection and receipting of fees.

"Appointments must be made with the therapist."

Ms Bradfield said fees and charges would be kept at a low cost for the Peninsula community.

Massage therapy with Yvonne Jones is available on Monday and Saturday by appointment.

Yvonne has more than 17 years experience as a massage practitioner and specialises in Shiatsu and Remedial massage.

She said regular massage treatments help the client feel better physically, by relaxing and easing body aches, relieving restricted movement and calming the mind.

Another qualified massage therapist is available for bookings on Tuesday and Friday.

"Debbie understands the pressures and demands on women in society and has a great passion for women's health," Ms Bradfield

said.

"She deeply acknowledges and believes in the benefits of massage for women and making time to nurture themselves in their busy and demanding lifestyles.

"Women have a right to expect to be treated in a holistic way in the area of health and Debbie feels massage is an important approach.

"Ongoing massage therapy has a cumulative effect, which can improve energy levels, circulation, body posturing, general health, stress management and overall confidence."

Mei Lan has practised acupuncture in Australia since 1980.

She is an accredited member of the Australian Traditional Chinese Medicine Association.

"Acupuncture treats the body as an integrated whole," Ms Bradfield said.

"The goal of treatment is to restore the body's balance, allowing natural healing and repair to take place.

"Acupuncture can assist in a wide range of health problems, including headaches, dental pain, back, neck and shoulder pain ache, arthritis, pregnancy, gastrointestinal disorders and gynaecological conditions, to name a few."

Mei Lan's acupuncture therapy is available on Friday and Saturday between 10am and 3pm.

Herbalist Julie Ivision will also be providing her services to the Peninsula Women's Health Centre later in the year.

For more information contact the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on 43425905.

**Press release, 29 Aug 2008
Katherine Bradfield, Peninsula
Women's Health Centre**

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Health packs given to students

Students from four Peninsula Primary Schools have been given a health promotion pack to encourage exercise and healthy eating in young children.

Pretty Beach Public School, Ettalong Public School, St John the Baptist Primary School and Umina Public School have joined more than 60 Central Coast primary schools in the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health initiative.

The Coast in Motion Family Activation Packs were given to

Year 1 and 2 students to take home to enjoy with their families.

The pack contains a number of quick and easy games and activities to play at home or in the park.

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**Press release, 25 Sep 2008
Justine Gowland-Ella, Northern
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Lois Westlake

Lois Westlake has made a significant contribution to the community over many years.

Her lifetime of service to the community in so many ways has been marked by her ability to initiate ideas and projects, and to encourage others to participate and to work easily with others in all walks of life.

Lois was the second daughter of six children of Cliff and Adelaide Mazlin, who were pioneer settlers of Pearl Beach in about 1936, before the vehicular bridge was built over the Hawkesbury River, and the crossing was by punt.

The family moved back to Sydney around 1957, but continued their association with Pearl Beach.

Lois and her husband Phil Westlake, purchased land in Green Point Road in 1962.

From 1953-1955, Lois ran a free "Learn to Swim" school for three years at Pearl Beach baths during

January.

From 1950-1952, she was involved in organising activities for the Pearl Beach Younger Set and also became a member of the Pearl Beach Progress Association and has continued as a member since.

She was made a Life Member in 2004.

In 1965-67 she formed a sub committee to enhance the reserve in front of the Post Office Store and became Chairperson of this committee which raised money and, with Council's permission, built the first fence to protect and stabilize the dune (Council now looks after these fences).

The Committee planted trees on the Reserve including the now large Ficus Hilli outside the restaurant.

The Committee then decided to focus on the streets and planted pink Callistemons, some of which remain today in Diamond Road, Tourmaline Avenue, Amethyst

Avenue and Emerald Avenue.

In 1986-1987, Lois worked on the establishment of the Paul Landa Reserve at the end of Green Point Road.

In 1987 she was a member of the committee formed to investigate the feasibility of a retirement village on the old school site in Amethyst Avenue.

Lois was a member of a committee formed in 1990 to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Pearl Beach Community Hall, a well used community asset, and \$40,000 was raised and spent.

From 1990-1996, she was a member of the Events Committee that started the annual Australia Day celebrations, Jazz in the Arboretum, Carols at the Tennis Courts, the June music weekends and the party to unveil the village Tapestry.

The tapestry was a community project coordinated by Pim Sarti, Lois' sister. It now hangs in the Community Hall.

Significant Women of the Peninsula

A second edition of "Significant Women of the Central Coast 2007" was published as an International Women's Day project.

The first edition was published in 2006.

It was collated by Ms Margaret Hardy, Gosford Council's Citizen of the Year, on behalf of the Multi Arts Confederation and Friends of Caroline Bay Inc and printed by Gosford Council in March.

Women included in the publication have been nominated by their friends and admirers of their work, according to Ms Hardy.

"Most have a social conscience which drives them to make a difference, correct injustices, create works of art, or are creative in their approach to people and life," Ms Hardy said.

Peninsula News has been given permission to feature the profiles of women of the Peninsula in further recognition of their contribution to the community.

Cec Bucello, 13 Apr 2007

In 1993-2002, Lois revived the Street Trees Committee to focus on completing and maintaining street plantings.

An Art Exhibition, "Celebrate the Tree" was organised by Lois in 1996 with 109 entries displayed and judged.

In 2002 the Street Tree Committee became the Pearl Beach Bush Care Group under the auspices of Gosford City Council and the Pearl Beach Progress Association Inc.

From 2000-2002 Lois was a member of the Executive Committee of this Association.

Also in 2000, Lois was a member of the Communications Committee that researched, wrote, printed and sold "Celebration" the story of the Pearl Beach Hall.

In 2001 she completed the Bushland Management course at Ourimbah TAFE.

The Pearl Beach Plan of Management Steering Committee was set up in 1988 with Lois as a founding member.

From 1992-1996 she helped organise special education events, e.g Dunes, Reserve, Lagoon, Parks and in 1993/2002 was a member of the Communications Committee that put together the Pearl Beach Information Folder for new residents to Pearl Beach.

The Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach is a unique area set aside to protect the native vegetation of beautiful Pearl Beach.

Lois was a member of the Arboretum Management Committee from 1985 to 2005 and organised the 20th Anniversary Celebrations in 1996.

As well as her community work, Lois spent her working life as a teacher, starting as a physical education teacher, later as a high school art teacher with her last posting at Umina High School.

Lois died in February 2007 after a long illness spending the last couple of years in a nursing home.

Kay Williams

Kay Williams was born in Bathurst in 1944.

She spent the war years in Forbes and Grenfell, and post-war, grew up in Lithgow where she attended Coerwull Public School and Lithgow High School before training as a teacher at Bathurst Teachers' College.

While teaching at seven Hills High, Riverside Girls High and Leichhardt Girls Junior High, she completed a BA at the University of Sydney, majoring in English, government and psychology, and was actively involved in student politics.

In 1967 she began training as a school counsellor.

Further academic studies included an MA in Australian Management (1984-5) where she gained the Institute of Management Consultants Prize for studies in human resource management.

Kay worked as a school counsellor, senior and regional guidance officer, assistant director of guidance and special education and staff inspector policy, and then industrial relations within the NSW Department of Education.

She was elected community sector representative on a tripartite Committee with representatives of Sydney City Council and the Eastern Sydney Area Health Service to explore means of retaining a viable hospital service at Sydney Hospital (then under threat of closure by the NSW Health Department).

This was successful and involved the amalgamation of Sydney's first hospital, including the Florence Nightingale Nursing Complex, with Sydney Eye Hospital and the development of a new suite of buildings on the site.

Having built on the land she bought at Pearl Beach in 1973, Kay relocated permanently to the Central Coast in 1993 and currently works for the Department of Education as a district guidance officer for Brisbane Water, managing School

counselling services from Mooney Mooney and Spencer to Gosford, and Kulnura to Pretty Beach. In 1999 she spent a year working as an educational psychologist on exchange in Glasgow, Scotland.

Her other interests include craftwork (sewing, papercrafts and jewellery making), genealogy, community heritage and local history, community services and public policy and equity issues.

In 2005 as President of the Pearl Beach Progress Association, she established the Pearl Beach Heritage Committee and its inaugural Heritage Festival, and she continues to pursue an active interest in community education and the protection of our environment and cultural heritage, including campaigning for the preservation and public acquisition of George Frost House, the last intact relic of Brisbane Water shipbuilding history.

Kay is currently a Life Member of the National Council for Women of Australia (NSW) and the Goulburn & District Historical

Society, a member of the Brisbane Water Historical Society, of the Gosford Crookwell and Forbes Family History Societies, and of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Women in Educational Leadership and Priority Public Education. She lives with her husband Ivan Kinny and has two children, a daughter Sarah living and working in England and a son Nicholas in Sydney.

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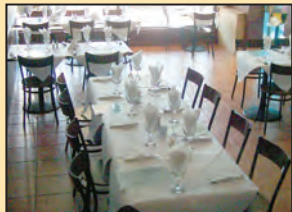
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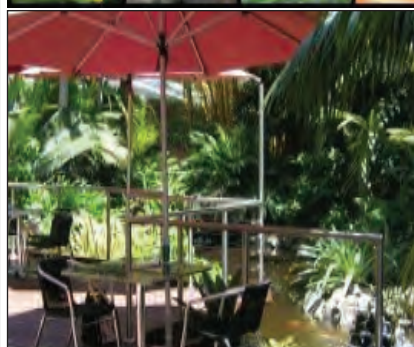
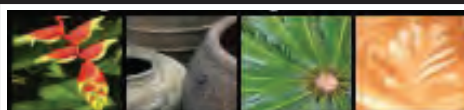


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Bushcare Wagstaffe group, meet Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy 8am

Every Saturday

Vision Impaired Woy Walkers Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, 7.15am, enq: 4325 3686
Chess Club, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC**
Silvercraft Classe's 1pm EBACC 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**

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

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

Coastal Cronos (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, Nth Burge Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 0437 590 354

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

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

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Pair presents at Patonga

Local artists Graham and Krysten Cox will be exhibiting their most recent collection of works at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery during October.

"Graham Cox, through his paintings, has taken delight in reordering the Australian landscape into a vision of perfected creation," artist and gallery owner Ms Jocelyn Maughan said.

"His ability to catch the spirit of place, to render the moment of intersections of time with the timeless, has made him one of Australia's most sought-after landscape artists.

"Graham can turn paint into equivalents of rock and mists, foliage and shadow and he can create 'air' in his paintings.

"Not only does he have great descriptive faculties, but he can control the picture-plane in a manner that Poussin or Cezanne would recognise as familiar.

"Graham Cox is an artistic promethean in his powers."

Ms Maughan said Krysten Cox has been creating figurative sculptures for more than 30 years.

"Krysten delights in the human figure and brings out the soul in the medium of ceramic and bronze," Ms Maughan said.

"Her works are small and intimate and suitable for the domestic environment.

"Despite their scale they appear monumental due to their inherent power and simplicity.

"Krysten is represented in many private and public collections including Christchurch Cathedral, Newcastle Fox Studio's, Coca Cola USA and the Archbishop of Canterbury in the UK.

"She is also a member of the Sculpture Society."

Ms Maughan said the exhibition will be available for viewing 24 hours a day during October since the gallery window is lit-up at night.

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery is located at 24 Bay St, Patonga.

Press release, 22 Sep 2008

Jocelyn Maughan,

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

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Arts & Entertainment



Mural painted at child care centre

Local artist Mr Anda Peterapsch has been working with a small group of young people from the Web Youth Service over the last three months to create a mural on the outside walls of the before and after school care centre in Woy Woy.

"I just love to paint and it was rewarding to work with the next generation of potential artists," Mr Peterapsch said.

"The Web youth involved were great to work with."

Mr Devine said the group of young people who carried out the artwork were very pleased with the final outcome.

"The visual impact is astounding," Mr Devine said.

"One thousand words could not describe it."

The Web Youth Service Paint Project has been "a great success", according to project manager Mr Aidan Devine.

According to Mr Devine, the idea of the project was to support young people to build better relationships within their community and to provide them with a sense of belonging.

Mr Devine and before and after school care supervisor Ms Katie Brown both said that forming and creating projects such as the Web Youth Service Paint Project can only benefit the community as a

whole.

"It was great to be able to work with a professional artist and paint something like this and learn the proper techniques of painting," said Web youth worker Ms Julie Bird.

"It was a really enjoyable experience and it got everyone off their computers."

The Web Youth Service is a "drop-in" service for young people aged between 12 and 18 years of age who are attending high school.

The Web Youth Service is located at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 23 Sep 2008
Aidan Devine, Web Youth Service

Ukelele 'nonsense' at folk club

The Minglewood Mudcats jug band will play for the Troubadour Central Coast folk club in Woy Woy on Saturday, October 18.

"Kenneth Smith on ukelele joins forces with Lol Osborne on fiddle and Russell Grant on slide and resonator guitar to bring you an evening of ukelele-inspired nonsense," club president Mr Bill Bekric said.

"Don your Hawaiian shirt and luau and join us for a springtime

beach party at the Troubadour on Saturday night."

General admission is \$10 per person, concession \$8, members \$7 and children free.

Supper will be provided on the night.

The evening will begin from 7pm at the CWA Hall (opposite Fisherman's Wharf), Woy Woy.

For more information contact 4341 4060 or 0417 159 540.

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

Three awards were short and sweet

Woy Woy Little Theatre member Mr Mike Jefferies received three major awards at the Short and Sweet awards night recently.

Mr Jefferies won Best Script of the Season, Best Production of the Season and the Best Actor award for his play A Really Useful Person.

President Ms Barbara Hickey congratulated Mr Jefferies for his wonderful play and performance at this year's Short and Sweet festival.

Ms Hickey said Mr Jefferies

would now take his play to the Sydney Theatre Festival next year.

Other awards on the night went to Terry Collins for Best Direction and Sierra Phillips for Best Actress.

The Short and Sweet festival showcased the best 10 works, each of 10 minutes, entered by Central Coast playwrights.

They featured many local actors and directors, along with a few visiting guest performers.

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Author appears at bookshop

Metaphysicist Ms Stacey Demarco will promote her new book at a shop in Woy Woy from 10am on October 8.

She will appear at Gnostic Forest to promote her new book *The Coffee Oracle*.

Publicity officer Ms Verusha Singh said *The Coffee Oracle* reveals how "the ancient art of coffee reading can provide you with answers to your questions and predict your future".

"The book also provides practical advice to interpret the symbols in your coffee and gain insight and direction from them, develop your intuition and become more creative and understand the special role the barista plays in your reading," Ms Singh said.

The *Coffee Oracle* is published by Hay House.

**Press release, 23 Sep 2008
Verusha Singh, Hay House Australia**



Ms Annette Strong

Australian play at theatre

David Williamson's production *Travelling North* will be performed at Peninsula Theatre from October 8 to 11.

Terence Donovan and Sandy Gore will be joined by "a brilliant cast" consisting of Lewis Fiander, Ross Thompson, Kate Cole, Shelley Lauman and Elizabeth Slattery.

The play is a tribute to the generation that fought for change in Australia from the 1930s to the 70s.

It tells the story of Frank, a crotchety old political activist and retiree in his 70s and Frances, a 50-something divorcee, find new life in a twilight love affair, to the consternation of their conventional children.

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For bookings, phone 4323 3233.

Newsletter, 24 Sep 2008
Centre Stage, Gosford Council

Exhibition shows painted porcelain

Woy Woy artist Ms Annette Strong will showcase her work at the Regional Exhibition of Hand Painted Porcelain at The Entrance from October 10 to 12.

Proceeds raised from the event will go towards the Cancer Council for cancer research and awareness.

Ms Strong said the "combined talents" of the NSW branch of Australasian Porcelain Art Teachers

would be on show throughout the three-day exhibition.

"The regional exhibition has been held each two years since 1987 and this is the first time it has been held north of Sydney.

"A program of one hour demonstrations will be held throughout the event including practical experience at either porcelain painting or watercolour to test your creative talent.

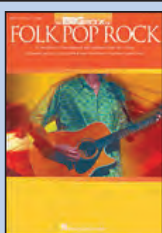
"All artworks will be for sale at

the exhibition in the ballroom and at a gallery outlet in the resort arcade."

Many forms of porcelain art and mixed media art using silk, watercolour, silverwork, pastels and other paper mediums will be on display.

For more information contact Margaret Towler on 4390 8439 or Annette Strong on 4341 0803.

**Press release, 23 Sep 2008
Annette Strong**

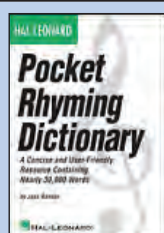


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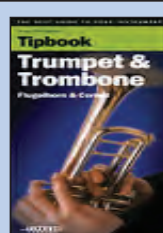


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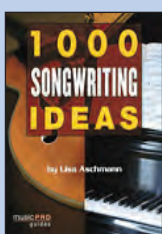


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Businesses support Oyster Queen entrants

Entrants for this year's Queen of Brisbane Water Oyster Festival have been well supported by Peninsula businesses, according to festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales.

Ms Wales said she was amazed by the response from local businesses wanting to get involved in the festival which will be held at the Ettalong Beach waterfront on Sunday, November 9.

Ms Wales said the Queen of the Oyster Festival Competition would help raise funds for the NSW Cancer Council's Breast Cancer Challenge.

"The 10 Queen of the Oyster Festival entrants have been busy

with their fundraising events.

"Woy Woy Hotel's entrant Jillian Lynch has hosted a cocktail party and a Girls Night In.

"Another entrant Karen Austin, sponsored by Gosford Council, has a quirky raffle with 200 lottery scratchies framed in the shape of a bra.

"Julianne Holmes, sponsored by Peninsula Village, is hosting a dancathon at the village on October 11.

"Subway of Woy Woy and Umina Beach are right behind their girls, Tyler Matterson and Kristie Williamson, with raffles, chocolates and lucky dips.

"Sarah Halloran is sponsored by Priceline; and Rebecca Cartwright by Central Coast Express Advocate.

"Passion Hair and Beauty of Deepwater Plaza is sponsoring Dianne Henneberry; Radio Star FM is sponsoring Mandy Coolen and Tegan Drake is sponsored by T&H Drake & Associates."

Ms Wales said the winners of

the Queen of the Oyster Festival and Miss Charity Queen would win a holiday for two to the Gold Coast.

Each entrant will also receive a gift basket in appreciation of their hard work.

A Fashion Parade cocktail evening will be held at the Ettalong Beach Bowling Club on Friday, October 10, from 7pm.

Ms Wales said the evening would showcase several local fashion outlets such as Bella Shoetique of Ettalong, Just Jeans, Crossroads, Fashion Fair, Eleganze Deepwater Surf Co., Suzanne Grae of Deepwater Plaza, Candy Girl of Umina Beach and Millies Gone Blond of Woy Woy.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased through each store.

Press release, 24 Sep 2008
Debra Wales,
Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

Parenting teens group

A Living With Teens parenting group will be held at Pretty Beach Public School starting on Tuesday, October 28.

The group runs for six weeks throughout term four from 7pm to 9pm.

"If you are interested in attending please contact the school office on

4360 1012," school principal Ms Vicki Redrup said.

"At the moment we only have five interested parents and we need a minimum of eight to run the course."

Newsletter, 11 Sep 2008
Pretty Beach Public School

League memories at Rotary club

Former professional rugby league captain Ray Price and leading sports writer Neil Cadigan will appear as special guests at the Rotary Club of Umina's next meeting on Wednesday, October 8.

Mr Cadigan, former editor of Big League and author of Andrew John's biography The Two of Me, will be there to speak about his latest book Rugby League Yarns.

Mr Cadigan will relay some of the book's 100 stories at the Rotary club's meeting next month.

Part of the proceeds from

the book's sale will go to the Men of League Foundation, an organisation helping league players in need of assistance.

Mr Price, the only player to have appeared in Parramatta's six grand finals in the 70s and 80s, will also be there to share his memories and experiences of the game.

The open meeting will take place at the Everglades Country Club from 6.15pm.

For bookings, call Peter Doherty on 4344 2662.

Press release, 16 Sep 2008
Peter Doherty, Rotary Club of Umina

Girl Guides seek leaders

Brisbane Water Girl Guides is looking for leaders to support its increased membership on the Peninsula.

Brisbane Water division leader Ms Cynthia Murphy said it was "very exciting" to see the popularity of Girl Guides emerge in the community once again.

"Now that we have Girl Guides again on the Peninsula, we will move onto the next step," Ms Murphy said.

"We need more leaders.

"The Peninsula has had very strong Guiding in the past and it looks promising for the future."

Ms Murphy said a new Girl Guide District was started in Blackwall in July this year due to the area's demand.

"It was a slow process in the beginning for the Blackwall District," Ms Murphy said.

"Three girls came along on the first afternoon to check out what Girl Guides do.

"Of those, three only two continued and our numbers built by a few girls each week.

Then Edith South, a membership

development officer from Guide House in Sydney, came to speak at Umina Public School and St John the Baptist School.

"During her school visits, girls were invited to a Come and Try afternoon in early September.

"The response since then has been fantastic.

"Our numbers have been as high as 20 since that afternoon and enquiries are still coming."

Girl Guides is a social group involving girls aged five to 18 years that meets regularly to enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities."

Any woman aged 18 years and over can become a Girl Guide leader.

Girl Guides meet every Monday during school term from 4pm to 5.30pm at the Guide Hall on the Cnr Memorial Ave and Lurline St, Ettalong Beach.

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Press release, 24 Sep 2008
Cynthia Murphy, Girl Guides NSW

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Craft show aids charity

The Empire Bay Progress Association will hold a Craft Show on October 4 and 5, with part of the proceeds from the event being donated to the Children First Foundation.

"There will be a wide variety of craft for all the family to enjoy including jewellery, ceramics, lead lighting, mirror craft, embroidery, fishing gear, Christmas decorations, baby wear, face painting, sand painting and knick knacks," said event coordinator Ms Jan Consoli.

"A special feature will be two plate painting sessions conducted by Gail Steele of Abfab Ceramics on the Saturday at 1pm and 2.30pm and we are sure this will prove to be very popular."

Ms Consoli said the October long weekend was a great opportunity for families to get out and enjoy

themselves while helping a good cause such as the Children First Foundation.

The Children First Foundation is a Melbourne charity which provides life-saving surgery to underprivileged children from around the world.

Ms Consoli's daughter Roslyn and partner Russell are currently undertaking a 6000km camel trek from Darwin to Melbourne in support of the Melbourne charity.

A barbecue lunch, tea and coffee will be available both days of the show.

The Craft Show will be held at the Empire Bay Community Hall located on the Cnr Gordon Rd and Sorrento Rd.

Press release, 17 Sep 2008
Empire Bay Progress Association

Variety night at Umina campus

More than 500 students took part in the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus Variety Night on September 11 and 12.

This event is getting bigger and bigger every year," event coordinator Ms Nerida Lewis said.

"Students came from Woy Woy, Woy Woy South, Empire Bay, Umina and Ettalong Public Schools to participate.

"We had a fire twirler, Kalina

Knight, who joined with several drumming students Sam Morrison, Tony Humphries, Seth Johnson and Daniel Scarratt.

"Mr Ivatt worked tirelessly during lunchtimes in order to get drummers collaborating with Kalina and designing the rhythm that was required for the item.

"Tom Hodgson entertained us with some card tricks and what a list of talented singers we had this year.

"Eden Hook and Joshua Keane performed, while some new talent from Year 7 Shahntrell Tevi-Fuomoana and Jessica Beazley revealed themselves.

"All of the Central Coast Dance Festival items were performed, including Torigh Mortimer and Lyndsay Reece's duet 'One Last Time'."

Newsletter, 25 Sep 2008
Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Rebicycle course offered again

The Rebicycle course will be offered for a second time this year at Umina, following the success of the first nine-week program in March.

The course will begin in term four at the Umina Police and Community Youth Centre.

Program coordinator Mr Joe Schumacher said the course was a great opportunity for young people to get involved in.

"Local kids at risk of leaving school early have been given the opportunity to stay connected with

education thanks to the Rebicycle program being offered for a second time in 2008," Mr Schumacher said.

"Rebicycle enables young people to complete a TAFE accredited course in bike building and maintenance and can help them obtain employment.

"Participants who successfully complete the course will also be eligible to pursue other TAFE courses.

"Rebicycle uses recycled bikes to teach youth new skills,

while at the same time helping them to gain life skills and another environmentally-friendly transport option."

Rebicycle is a collective project between Gosford TAFE Outreach, Gosford Council, Umina PCYC, Regional Youth Support Services and the UnitingCare Burnside Reconnecting Adolescents and Parents Team.

For more information, contact 4325 9623.

Press release, 19 Sep 2008
Kelly Jones, UnitingCare Burnside

Little Theatre presents Doubt

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present its next production "Doubt" at the Peninsula Theatre during October and November.

The production will run from Friday, October 17, to Sunday, November 2.

"Doubt" is an award-winning drama by playwright John Patrick Shanley, who is also famous for writing "Moonstruck" and "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea".

"This is a thinking person's play in which the audience will also experience their own doubt as to whether guilt is at play or not," said publicity manager Ms Patrice Home.

"A movie version of this play is also in production starring Meryl Streep.

"Doubt" tells the story of a nun in a Bronx Catholic school in the 1960s who suspects a popular priest of inappropriate behaviour with a student.

"Armed with nothing more than a resolute belief in her suspicion and a few circumstantial details, she instigates a relentless campaign to remove the priest enlisting the help of a subordinate nun and the child's tormented mother."

According to Ms Home, "this

highly thought provoking drama" creates a scenario "where little is certain, setting the stage for a story of suspicion and moral certainty".

"The simple, yet ever shifting plot leaves all four characters and the audience wondering whether they were justified in their thoughts, motives and actions," Ms Home said.

"Is she being overly protective, or not protective enough?"

The play is directed by John Hickey with a cast of Joan Dalglish, Brendon Flynn, Sierra Phillips and Christine Vale."

Evening performances of "Doubt" will be staged on Fridays and Saturdays from 8pm, with afternoon performances staged on Sundays from 2pm.

A special Saturday afternoon performance has also been announced for November 1, from 2pm.

Tickets are available at \$20 for adults, \$17 concession and \$6 for Under 15 years.

Bookings can be made by contacting 4344 4737, Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm, from October 7.

Press release, 9 Aug 2008
Patrice Home, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Proms concert helps PCYC

The inaugural Pearl Beach Proms Concert raised more than \$2000 for Umina PCYC to assist with its ongoing work with young people.

Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lilloco said the night was an "outstanding success" with a sell-out audience.

"A capacity audience filled the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on September 20, enjoying a night of fun-filled music, with stirring audience participation," Ms Lilloco said.

"Organised by Margaret and John Walklate, the evening concert was a fundraising event for the Umina Branch of the PCYC support group.

"We raised over \$2000, which will help with the Umina PCYC's ongoing work to assist young people on the Central Coast who are at risk.

"Margaret Walklate said she was overwhelmed by the support and generosity of the local community."

Dr John Irvine officiated the evening as Master of Ceremonies, while director of band programs at Northholm School Mr Philip Rees was musical director.

"Philip, as musical director, led the audience in rousing renditions of well known traditional and Australian songs, as well as showcasing his own virtuosity on

the piano," Ms Lilloco said.

"The evening of song and fun was further enhanced with duet performances by two Year 8 students from Kincumber High School performing The Hobbits' Lord of the Rings with emotional flair.

"Flautist Elissa Copper performed a solo piece, Dance of the Blessed Spirits, by Gluk and Naomi Jones, a spirited violin rendition of Gypsy Bess Arabian Girl.


"The Peninsula Choir, led by choir director Ivan Kinny, inspired

the audience in spirited singing with flair and humour reminiscence of the London Proms.

"Choir members Alan Edwards and Andrew Birt performed with gusto The Gendarmes Duet by Offenbach.

"Streamers filled the air as moving rendition of the traditional Land of Hope and Glory climaxed a wonderful evening."

Press release, 25 Sep 2008
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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Aboriginal homework centre expands



Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus' Aboriginal Homework Centre is calling for more students to participate in its after-school homework program.

"Monday afternoon's Homework Centre has already provided an opportunity for 16 students to improve their school results and finish assessment tasks," deputy principal Mr Nick Dent said.

"But there is still plenty of room for others to take advantage of this facility.

"There are places for up to 30 students and if there is a greater demand we may offer another afternoon session."

Mr Dent is encouraging both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students to participate in the program.

The Aboriginal Homework Centre is open Monday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm in the school library.

Healthy afternoon refreshments are also provided for the students by various church groups around the Peninsula.

"Ms Evans and Mr Wade are our tutors and they provide the curriculum and the instruction for students who want to improve their literacy and numeracy, as well as assistance for those students who simply want to complete an assignment," Mr Dent said.

"Jo Wright is overseeing the program and Jade Williams, our new Aboriginal in-class tutor is there to assist our students.

"Although the Homework Centre is essentially an opportunity for Aboriginal students to improve their academic results, we have invited non-Aboriginal students as well so that all those who want to take advantage of this opportunity may."

Funding for the Homework Centre is provided by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the Whole of School Intervention Strategy.

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Brisbane Water Secondary College
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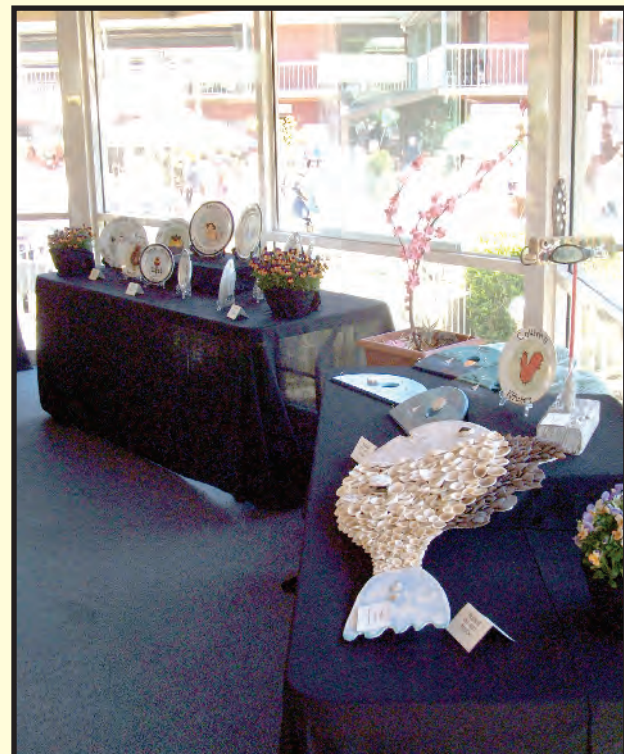
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Computers at Pretty Beach

The Pretty Beach Public School P&C has donated \$3000 towards computers for the school's new classrooms.

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup thanked the group for the kind and generous donation.

"This displays the fantastic support our school receives from our P&C," Ms Redrup said.

"I am sure the children will get so much out of the new computers."

Newsletter, 11 Sep 2008
Pretty Beach Public School



Awards for contribution

More than 20 people have been recognised for their dedication and contribution to local public schools recently.

Twenty-one staff, parents and community members from public schools around the Peninsula each received a Central Coast Public Education Award of Appreciation.

The awards recognise the special effort that many students, staff, parents and community members make to Central Coast schools and public education.

The recipients were presented with their awards at a special ceremony at Wadalba Community Centre on September 16.

Staff and volunteers from Pretty Beach Public School, Woy Woy Public School, Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Public School, Empire Bay Public School, Woy Woy South Public School and Ettalong Public School were recognised.

Pretty Beach Public School recognised David Abrahams for an appreciation award, while John Tily and Debbie Ritchie were shown appreciation from Ettalong Public School.

Woy Woy South Public School

nominated Carl and Michelle Krucler and Empire Bay Public School recognised Louise Dent, Julie Bruce and Pam Whitty.

Umina Public School recommended Therese Findley, Robyn McKeown, Wendy Guthrie and Geoff Turner for their contribution to the school.

Brisbane Water Secondary College awarded 11 staff and volunteers with certificates of appreciation for their commitment to the school over the past year.

Volunteers from the secondary school's Religious Education Ministries including Roz McGee, Vivienne Corcoran and Kristine Shepherd received awards of appreciation.

At the school's Umina campus Jenny Wilson, Margaret Christiansen, Janelle Holliday and Julie Hannah were nominated for their commitment to the school.

Community members from Woy Woy campus Katrina Dillon, Ava Bourke, Alan Touzel and Narelle Marker were also recognised for their contribution to the school.

Press release, 26 Sep 2008

Frank Potter,
Department of Education and Training

Woy Woy wins water competition

Woy Woy Public School has been named as the winner of the Shop for Your School and Save Water Promotion on September 25.

Woy Woy P&C fundraising coordinator Mr Mark Ellis said the school community was "very excited" to have won the competition.

As part of their prize, Woy Woy Public School will receive a 5000 litre rainwater tank fully

installed and a 12 month tutoring subscription for Mathematics, English and Grammar from Future School.

"The competition was open to all schools on the Peninsula and surrounding suburbs and we were amazed at the support we received for this promotion," Mr Ellis said.

"We collected a total of \$87,764.40 of shopping docketts.

"The nearest school in second place was Ettalong primary with

\$28,375.80 worth of shopping docketts.

"This win for the students is another example of the great community spirit we have at Woy Woy Public School.

"We would like to thank all those who assisted the school in winning these great prizes."

The promotion was organised by Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy.

Press release, 25 Sep 2008
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy Public School P&C

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Alicia at festival

Ettalong Public School student Alicia Brock was among many students across the region who performed at the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Music Festival in Newcastle on September 1.

Alicia joined more than 100 students from Hunter and Central Coast primary and secondary schools to perform a variety of music.

"Alicia featured as a soloist on

the night, fresh from a performance at the Sydney Opera House with the state-wide Primary Choral Series," regional arts coordinator Ms Lyn Cook said.

"A huge variety of music from classical, jazz, rock, contemporary, solo, ensemble, vocal and percussion was presented by students."

Press release, 4 Sep 2008

Lyn Cook,
NSW Department of Education and Training

College sells Legacy badges

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus raised more than \$3800 for Legacy Badge Day on September 5.

Campus principal Mr Frank Gasper said the students showed wonderful initiative in going out into the community and collecting donations.

"Several students from the campus spent the morning from 5.30am at Woy Woy train station selling Legacy badges," Mr Gasper

said. Proceeds from Legacy Week and Legacy Badge Day assist 120,000 widows and 1800 children and people with disabilities Australia-wide.

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Malibu day raises \$1000

The annual Malibu Club Charity Day between Ocean Beach and Shelly Beach raised more than \$1000 for prostate cancer research on September 21.

"It was a perfect spring day to get together and raise money for charity, but not for surfing it seemed with only small waves

on hand," publicity officer Craig Coulton said.

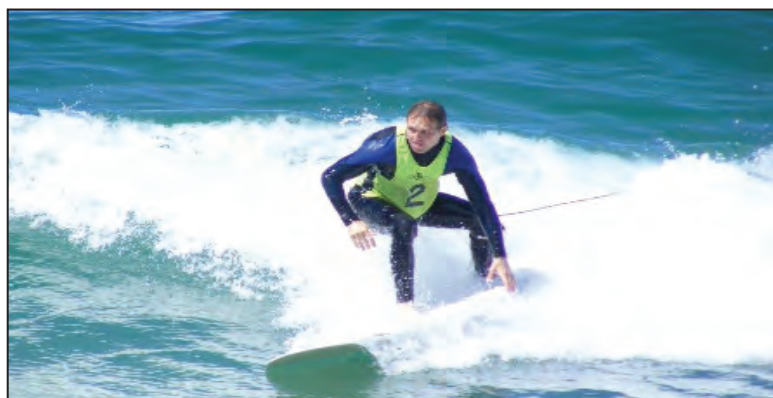
"After 11 heats of surfing the scores were locked at 66 each, the decider being the two bonus points the winner of the champions heat received.

"Unfortunately for Ocean Beach, Sooty from Shelly Beach edged out Hayden Emery for first place to

receive the bonus points and win the trophy for Shelly Beach for the second consecutive year.

"Heat winners on the day for Ocean Beach included Madison Cook in the women's division, Brett Wakelin, Hayden Emery, Glen Wakelin, Michael Baker and Brian Cook.

Press release, 24 Sep 2008
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club



Three teams in grand final

Umina Bunnies Junior and Senior Rugby League Clubs have seen three of its teams compete in the grand finals of the Central Coast Rugby League competition at Bluetongue Stadium in Gosford.

Umina's Under 19's team defeated Erina Eagles 22-20 at Sohier Park on September 14 to secure themselves a spot in the Grand Final.

Unfortunately, the Bunnies could not back up its win and went down to The Entrance Tigers 34-16

at the September 21, Grand Final.

Umina's Reece Paget, Brett Sonter and Bennett Leslie each scored a try, while Ben Brooks converted two tries for the team.

On September 7, Umina's Under-13's Division One team managed to defeat The Entrance 14-12 in the Grand Final at Bluetongue Stadium.

Umina continued its good form taking out the Premiership in the Under-10's Division Two competition, defeating Terrigal Wamberal 20-18 at fulltime.

Website, 24 Sep 2008
Sporting Pulse

Playing in State tournament

St Hubert's Island resident Kady Pinchbeck has been selected to compete in the age championships tennis tournament in Sydney.

The tournament began on September 28, with the finals expected to be played out on October 3.

Kady is currently competing in the girls' Under-14's Doubles and Singles competitions at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre.

According to publicity officer Ms Zannie Abbott, the event is the "largest and most prestigious"

tennis tournament for juniors in NSW.

"This event will showcase some of the best Australian talent," Ms Abbott said.

"Staged across two venues in metropolitan Sydney, this year's championships have attracted over 500 participants who will compete for valuable Australian Rankings points and the chance to be crowned NSW champions."

Press release, 19 Sep 2008
Zannie Abbott,
2008 Medibank Age Championships

Under-19s lose rugby union final

Woy Woy Rugby Union's Under-19's team has lost this year's grand final to Avoca Beach 19-12.

The game was played out at Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford, on September 13.

Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said goal kicking once again made all the difference in the game.

"Woy Woy did score two tries to one but lost the game based on goals," Mr Thomson said.

"Avoca Beach five eight Tom Russel proved the difference when he kicked five goals and his general play earned him player of the match honours."

Woy Woy's Jason Vass and Bennett Leslie scored a try each, while Jordon Nikora converted one try.

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Larry Thomson,
Central Coast Rugby Union

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Awards for rugby two

Two members from the Woy Woy Rugby Union Club have each received an award at the Central Coast Rugby Union Awards presentation evening on September 10.

Brendan Dwyer received the Club Person of the Year Award, while Mitch Hyde took home the Under-19's Most Improved Player Award.

Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said the presentation evening was a successful night for all clubs and members.

"Brendan received one of the major awards for his great work with Woy Woy Rugby Club," Mr Thomson said.

"He runs the water for all the club teams, works in the canteen and plays in the Under-19's who made it into the grand final.

"Mitch performed a great season this year as Woy Woy's halfback in the Under-19's competition.

The presentation evening took part at the Bays Sports Club in Bateau Bay.

**Press release, 23 Sep 2008
Larry Thomson,
Central Coast Rugby Union**



Woy Woy Football Club's over-35's

Her sights on sixth Olympics

Five-time Paralympian Liesl Tesch of Woy Woy will continue playing wheelchair basketball through to the London Paralympics in 2012, after winning a bronze medal in Beijing on September 15.

The 39-year-old said she wants a complete set of medals and that will drive her for the next four years.

"It means I can't retire because I've got two silvers and a bronze and I need one of that other colour still," Liesl said.

"So, back in the wheelchair this old horse will go."

Liesl was captain of the Australian women's basketball team The Gliders who defeated Japan 53-47 for the bronze medal.

The win against Japan came 16 years after making her Paralympic debut in Barcelona in 1992.

Liesl was the top point scorer for the bronze medal play-off with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

The Gliders skipper praised her teammates for turning themselves around after their 60-47 loss against the US.

The loss against the US meant The Gliders had missed out on the gold medal match for the first time in eight years.

**Press release, 16 Sep 2008
Tim Mannion,
Australian Paralympic Committee**



Carnival fills greens

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club hosted its second Waterview Carnival on September 3 and 4.

"We were delighted to be able to fill both greens with bowlers, with 28 teams in all," publicity officer Ms Brenda Smith said.

"All eyes were on the weather as it was quite overcast.

"Two games were played each

day and the weather held, apart from a slight shower at the end of the last game."

Ms Smith said bowlers came from Umina, Ettalong, Everglades, Avoca, Terrigal, Woy Woy and Lake Cattie clubs.

Umina took out first and third places and Terrigal second place.

**Press release, 11 Sep 2008
Brenda Smith, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club**

Over-35s take soccer flag

Woy Woy Football Club's over-35's soccer team has been successful in taking out this year's Premiership played out at Plum Park on September 20.

The 35C2 Division team defeated Terrigal 2-1.

"No wonder the team and manager Carol Savidis are all smiles," publicity officer Mr Denis Appel said.

"Both teams had met three times during the year and there was never more than one goal difference between them.

"In a see-sawing match, Terrigal opened the scoring with a well-deserved goal mid-way through the first half.

"Woy Woy's George Savidis equalised 15 minutes into the second half following some accurate passing that started well back in their own half.

"With about five minutes to go, Woy Woy was awarded a penalty.

"Leigh Martin's shot was slotted under the Terrigal goal keeper to give them a 2-1 win."

**Press release, 26 Sep 2008
Denis Appel, Woy Woy Football Club**

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