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## Chamber criticises dredging decision

**Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has criticised Gosford Council for its refusal to fund dredging of the Ettalong Channel.**

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales has expressed his "bitter disappointment" at the council's decision, claiming council gave priority to other areas.

"Once again the Peninsula gets a raw deal with Mayor Chris Holstein using his casting vote to dump the dredging of the channel," Mr Wales said.

"Peninsula businesses and Palm Beach Ferries have right to feel betrayed by this decision which now places the State Government's \$250,000 grant in jeopardy.

"It seems that important infrastructure works on the Peninsula take a back seat whilst Mayor Chris Holstein is happy to use his casting vote on the same night to give Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club another \$127,000 for their club house.

"Try telling Ettalong Beach businesses and Peninsula residents that rugby at Terrigal is more important than the safety of passengers, school kids and workers trying to get across the sand bar at Ettalong Point."

At its meeting on November 11, council resolved to approve grant funding to the Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club of more than \$127,000 towards its club house and amenities block.

Council offered a lease of premises at Terrigal Haven and provided a loan of \$700,000 for the rugby club to build the premises which was completed in 2006.

The Trojan club claimed additional costs were incurred by following council's specific demands to construct the facility and requested they be reimbursed with \$200,000 to cover these additional costs.

The amount of \$200,000 was rejected and instead a grant of

\$127,185 was approved.

This is in addition to a council contribution of \$300,000 already granted to the club.

Greens councillors Terri Latella and Peter Freewater were joined by Labor councillors Jim Macfadyen and Vicki Scott in refusing another grant to the Terrigal Trojan Rugby Club.

Cr Scott said it was unfair to other communities in the Gosford LGA to approve the funds when other council facilities were below standard.

However, Liberal councillors Jeff Strickson, Chris Burke and Chris Holstein supported the funding along with independent councillor Craig Doyle.

Cr Holstein used his casting vote to approve the funds.

"The chamber is disappointed that the Liberal councillors have voted in a block to refuse funding for the dredging when clearly the council's senior engineering staff considered it vital for the council to contribute to the works," Mr Wales said.

"The fact of the matter is that Gosford Council has always in the past been prepared to come to a cost sharing arrangement with the NSW State Government on matters such as dredging, flood mitigation and road works where it is clear that the interests of the community are paramount."

Mr Wales said the chamber has called on Gosford Council to reconsider its decision particularly in light of the vital importance of the Brisbane Water waterways for commercial and recreational vessels.

"I hope those who voted against funding the works put politics aside and work in cooperation with the NSW State Government and get on with the job."

**Press release, 11 Nov 2008  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Council agenda  
SF.543, 11 Nov 2008**



## Della defends rehab closure

**Minister of Health and Minister for the Central Coast Mr Della Bosca has defended the decision to close Woy Woy Hospital's rehabilitation unit on the basis that it was made on advice from clinicians.**

He told Peninsula News last week that the consolidation of rehabilitation beds at Wyong Hospital was the recommendation of clinicians and was "in line with the recommendations of the 2008 Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Clinical Services Plan".

"The area health service has consulted with clinicians about the best way to provide in-patient rehabilitation services for the Central Coast," Mr Della Bosca said.

"Clinicians have told us that rehabilitation services would be best provided in an acute hospital setting.

"By having a rehabilitation ward located at Wyong Hospital, patients have direct access to clinicians in the emergency department and high quality health care facilities and diagnostic services – none of which is available on site at Woy Woy."

Mr Della Bosca said the 30-bed dedicated rehabilitation centre at an acute hospital would benefit patients by improving access to emergency and specialist medical services.

He said the centre would also improve patient care through additional general and after hours' medical coverage available at Wyong and improve the training and supervision opportunities for clinical staff.

"The main priority is the provision of the best possible patient care in the most appropriate setting to improve the recovery process," Mr Della Bosca said.

"I have asked the area health service to consult with the staff and the community about the new facilities."

However, the Minister did not attend a meeting held in Woy Woy to protest the closure.

More than 70 concerned residents, former staff and patients joined Cr Jeff Strickson and Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher to oppose the closure of Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit at a meeting at Woy Woy CWA Hall on November 19.

At the meeting, the Save

Woy Woy Rehabilitation Action Committee handed a 3500-signature petition opposing the rehabilitation unit closure for Mr Hartcher to present in State Parliament.

Action group coordinator Mr Bob Mudge said he feared the closure of the unit, planned for December 2, could be "the start of the end" for Woy Woy Hospital.

Both Cr Jeff Strickson and Mr Hartcher agreed the rehabilitation closure could be "the first step to closing the hospital".

"They have already told us they will be renaming the hospital to a medical centre or community centre but we believe this could be the start of the end," Mr Mudge said.

"The outpatient facility takes on about 90 people a day and we believe that this will close in 18 months.

"One of the issues for area health has been they want to change the name because they don't want people to think there is an emergency and accident department there and, as we all know, there never has been."

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The Peninsula Environment Group will host a free film screening at the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Tuesday, December 2.

The film Australia Pumping Empty explores the impact of peak oil in Australia.

The film will screen from 8pm to 9.30pm followed by a discussion.

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

Press release, 17 Nov 2008  
Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula Environment Group

Council works

Gosford Council is conducting works in seven locations on and around the Peninsula from November 24 to 30.

Construction work of Killcare Surf Club continues as well as road widening works at Maitland Bay Dr in Ettalong.

In Pearl Beach, drainage work will continue along Pearl Beach

Dr.

Drainage work will also continue in Pretty Beach.

Work will continue along Woy Woy foreshore for the cycleway.

The construction of a playground will commence in Pearl Ave, Pearl Beach.

Slip repair work will commence in Nagari Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 20 Nov 2008  
Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council

Stallholders wanted

Gosford Council's Peninsula Australia Day Committee is calling on Peninsula residents and businesses to apply for stalls at next year's Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy.

"Last year's celebrations were a huge success, with unprecedented numbers of people coming to enjoy the many and varied activities and events that have become part of the tradition of Australia Day on the Peninsula," committee member Mr Bob Willis said.

"The 2009 event will again

have the giant castle and lots of kids' activities including colouring-in competitions, cartooning and poetry workshops.

"There will also be a great afternoon of entertainment including concert bands, dance groups, drumming and Aboriginal performers leading up the lantern parade and fireworks finale."

Applications can be sent to Stall Holder Application, Peninsula Australia Day Committee, c/o Bob Willis, PO Box 370, Woy Woy 2256.

Letter, 20 Nov 2008  
Bob Willis, Gosford Council

Poor rain

Only 32.2mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula so far this month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Most of this (23.2mm) fell in just two days last week: Wednesday 9mm and Thursday 14.2mm.

The figures compare to a monthly average of 83.6mm.

More than 50mm of rain would have to fall this week for the month to reach average figures.

The poor rainfall this month has meant that the total rain for the year so far is only just above average 1146.9mm compared to the average of 1141.1mm.

Spreadsheet, 21 Nov 2008  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Flag pole won

The winner of the Peninsula News Aussie Flags and Flagpoles Competition has been announced.

Mr Laurie Rogers of Ettalong will receive a free 6.8 metre flagpole and full size Australian flag delivered and installed.

The prize comes courtesy of Aussie Flags and Flagpoles and is valued at more than \$460.

Clare Graham, 18 Nov 2008

Car boot sale

The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula will hold its next Car Boot Sale and Mini Market on Sunday, November 30.

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

The profits from the club's boot sales go to support local community groups.

Stalls cost \$10 per car. For more information, call 4341 4151.

Press release, 20 Nov 2008  
Elmo Caust, Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula

Wrong image

In the last edition of Peninsula News, an advertisement for the new Central Coast Clinic incorrectly showed an image of the Ettalong Beach Club.

Peninsula News would like to apologise for any inconvenience or embarrassment the error caused The Central Coast Clinic or Ettalong Beach Club.

Clare Graham, 20 Nov 2008

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Christmas fete

The Broken Bay Mission Support Group will hold its annual Christmas Fete at the Ettalong Uniting Church on Saturday, December 6.

Secretary Ms Sue Webster said the fete was in support of several local projects and also overseas.

"There will be lots of Christmas bargains plus the usual stalls including Trash and Treasure, books, plants, cakes, craft and

jams," Ms Webster said.

"Delicious Devonshire morning teas and a sausage sizzle will also be available, so come and make a morning of it."

The fete will take place from 8am to 1pm.

The Church is located in Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

Press release, 19 Nov 2008  
Sue Webster, Broken Bay Mission Support Group

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## Club reports \$2.9M loss

**The Ettalong Beach Club has reported a loss of more than \$2.9 million during the last financial year in its Concise Financial Report.**

According to the report, the implementation of no-smoking regulations caused a "significant impact" on the club's operation.

The report stated: "The company has considered and planned for the impact of the no-smoking regulations implemented in July 2007.

"The company will be incurring significant costs in relation to the regulations for a proposed alfresco gaming area."

The club experienced a 22.2 per cent drop in poker machine trading from the 2006-2007 financial year.

A loss was also seen in bar trading, with a 13.5 per cent drop compared to 2006-2007 financial year figures.

According to the report, the club's executive officer received an income of between \$400,000 to \$409,999 for the year ending June 30 this year.

"The company's bankers have provided financial support by way of a term loan and, since the end of the financial year, a further temporary overdraft facility based upon certain conditions being met by the company," the report stated.

"The directors are of the opinion that the conditions of the term loan will be met by the company if the proposed alfresco gaming installation meets expectations."

As stated in the report, the club's bankers have "provided financial support by way of a term loan and, since the end of the financial year, a temporary overdraft facility based upon certain conditions being met by the company".

"The directors are of the opinion that these conditions have been or will be met by the company including

the repayment of some of the company's debt via asset sales," the report stated.

"The bankers have not indicated that this support of the company will be continuing but are currently supporting the company on a restructure of the company's business which will be based upon a report that is currently being prepared by a firm of external consultants [Bracey and Associates Chartered Accountants].

"The report and the restructure will then be considered by the bankers and the company."

The Independent Audit Report prepared by Bracey and Associates Chartered Accountants states: "We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report which indicates that the company incurred a loss of \$2,953,717 during the year ended 30 June 2008".

"Whilst the company's bankers have provided financial support to date, they have not indicated that this support of the company will be continuing due to the company's inability to comply with the terms of the financing agreements; but the bankers are currently supporting the company on a restructure of the company's business which will be based upon a report that is currently being prepared by a firm of external consultants," the Independent Audit Report stated.

"The restructure is ongoing.

"These conditions, along with the matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern, and, therefore, whether the company will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and the amounts stated in the financial report."



The Ettalong Beach Club is located beneath the Mantra Resort in Ettalong Beach

In his Chairman's Report club, Mr Donald Young said it was "no news to any member that this year has been a great battle for the club, and in fact, all clubs in NSW, to survive".

"We are still here and with your help we are planning and working towards being so for many years to come.

"To the members, we also owe a debt to them for staying with us and putting up with the many changes that have occurred over the past 12 months.

"We hope you will continue that support as it is only with your support that we can continue. "Please remember that although you may not

like some of the changes that been made, they were very necessary for our continued survival and financial recovery from the position we were in.

"I know that in the 20-odd years I have been a member I did not have a clue what was going on behind the scenes.

"Now I do and I realise how much work is done by the dedicated people it takes to keep a club like ours going.

"So members, get involved and give us your support, we need it."

In the Acting General Manager's Report Ms Melissa Hamilton said her role as acting general manager

has been both "challenging and rewarding".

"To say that the six months to June 2008 have been interesting for the club and me personally would be a huge understatement," the Acting General Manager's Report stated.

"In December last year I was approached by Campbell Advisory to take on the role of acting general manager through the restructure of the club.

"Throughout the restructure process there have obviously been some very difficult decisions to make and implement, but they have been done fairly and equitably across all sections and departments of the club.

"The restructure process has been engineered by Campbell Advisory in cooperation with the club's bank, Suncorp Metway.

"The club is very appreciative of the assistance and support Suncorp has provided in working through the issues that the club has faced."

According to the report, as of June 30 this year, there were 17,489 members of the company.

The full report is available on the club's website at [www.ettalongbeachclub.com.au](http://www.ettalongbeachclub.com.au)

Report, 20 Nov 2008  
Ettalong Beach Club

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# Supermarket DA on exhibition

A development application for a Woolworths supermarket in West St, Umina, will be on public exhibition until December 3.

The application and plans relating to the development have been on public exhibition since November 19.

Throughout the exhibition period copies of the West St development application can be viewed at council fs customer service centre and branch libraries.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the chamber welcomed the public exhibition of the new Woolworths shopping centre.

"This is great news for the Umina Beach shopping centre," Mr Wales said.

"The Woolworths plans have now been placed on exhibition for public comment and the chamber is generally pretty happy with the proposed streetscape outcomes.

"The proposed development will enliven the West St frontage and

boost foot traffic along the main street.

"With basement car parking and loading docks to the rear, the proposed layout will also assist in reducing parking congestion on West St.

"The Chamber believes that the Woolworths commitment to Umina Beach is a sign of growing confidence by major retailers in the future of the Peninsula.

"With Woolworths coming into town, this will create better competition and new business opportunities in Umina Beach."

Press release, 20 Nov 2008  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## Della defends rehab closure (continued from page 1)

Northern Sydney Central Coast Health corporate communications manager Mr Terry Hayes said discussions about changing the name of Woy Woy Hospital had been around for a number of years and did not arise from the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit closure.

"The change in name is only in the discussion stages at present," Mr Hayes said.

"Woy Woy is not an acute facility which provides an emergency service unit.

"Therefore, it should not be classed as a hospital.

Former Woy Woy Hospital administration worker Ms Jean Hillman of Booker Bay said: "My feelings on this are that eventually we're going to lose the whole of that base hospital," Ms Hillman said.

"What I want to know is how is Gosford going to cope with an overload of Woy Woy outpatients, say 120 extra people a day, when now the wait can be anywhere from five to nine hours.

"They have closed Woy Woy rehab unit saying it is going to be used for ancillary services when the population here on the Peninsula is an elderly population.

"We've had that unit here for 30 years.

"Why are they taking it away?

"We need medical services here on the Peninsula."

Ms Hillman said to have a 30-bed unit closed when Gosford was "crying out for beds" made "no sense".

"I challenge Mr Della Bosca and Central Coast Area Health representatives to call a meeting for the community and explain first-hand what is going on with Woy Woy rehab and other areas of Woy

Woy Hospital," Ms Hillman said.

Cr Strickson said that Gosford Council had not received a response from Marie Andrews or John Della Bosca about the closure.

"Those letters were written and sent on October 14 and to date no official reply has come back from Mr Della Bosca or Ms Marie Andrews."

"The biggest problem we seem to have is in specialist treatment where specialists are on call at Wyong but not here in Woy Woy."

Cr Strickson said that he had been told by the department that the move was to protect "acute" patients undergoing daily rehabilitation: "If you take a nasty turn, you have to be taken from the Woy Woy Hospital to Gosford Hospital by ambulance and returned."

He said that the department was concerned about the risk patients' faced while being transported in between hospitals.

"I asked them, in the 30 years of Woy Woy Hospital, how many patients have died?

"Their answer was: Zero.

"I would put to Mr Della Bosca that the facilities here at Woy Woy are top notch and we do need specialists here and that would seem to be the only argument in this matter."

Mr Hartcher urged the Peninsula community to "continue to spread the message" in saving, not just the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit, but also the entire hospital.

"This is the first step to closing that hospital," Mr Hartcher said.

"You would think that an ageing population living on the Woy Woy Peninsula would have some form of health service and now it is to be cruelly taken away.

"The biggest loss that we have had in recent years was when the Central Coast lost its area health service and was forced to merge with the North Shore.

"All the money has inevitably been drained from the Central Coast into Royal North Shore."

Public meeting, 19 Nov 2008  
Save Woy Woy Rehabilitation Action Committee  
Clare Graham, 19/20 Nov 2008  
Interviewee: Jean Hillman, Booker Bay  
Interviewee: John Della Bosca, Minister for Health  
Interviewee: Terry Hayes, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health

## Annual sleigh ride

The Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula will hold its annual Santa Sleigh ride through the streets of the Peninsula from November 27.

The purpose of the annual Christmas event is to raise money for the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service through the sale of Christmas puddings and cakes.

Event organiser Ms Helen Anderson said the fundraising initiative also delighted young Peninsula residents with a visit from Santa.

"The two objects of this activity are to delight the children with a visit from Santa and to sell Lions Christmas cakes," Ms Anderson

said.

"The sleigh will commence its run on November 27 and continue through until December 19.

"The sleigh will start from approximately 6pm each night and finish up at 8.30pm.

"The Lions Club hopes to visit as many streets on the Woy Woy Peninsula area as possible.

"Peninsula Lions are grateful for the support of Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service's volunteers who tow the sleigh."

Christmas cakes will be available to purchase at \$10 for small and \$12 for large, while locally made Christmas puddings will sell for \$10 each.

Press release, 20 Nov 2008  
Helen Anderson, Woy Woy Lions

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## Forum

# Access promises not honoured

**Last Thursday a resident of Pearl Beach was seriously injured while riding his bike on the old road around Mt Ettalong.**

He fell from the side of the road to the rocks below, was unconscious, and a helicopter as well as two ambulances attended the evacuation.

The cyclist had to be taken to Sydney for medical treatment.

Every day walkers, joggers and cyclists travel up Mt Ettalong Rd.

They then have a choice as to whether they continue their travels up Patonga Dr and down Pearl Beach Dr, doing their best to avoid the significant dangers of oncoming and exiting traffic, or whether they risk travelling the less busy, but now badly eroded, pathway around the foot of Mt Ettalong.

Although Gosford Council promised the community of Pearl Beach (back in the late 1980s) that they would keep the road open around the mountain for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, they have left it to deteriorate to the point where it is now as hazardous to travel as

## Forum

the main road into Pearl Beach.

Their promises are a matter of public record but they have not been honoured.

Nor has council developed any plans to provide a cycleway along Patonga and Pearl Beach drives as part of their repairs to the dangerous state of these two roads.

Hence the community is being put at risk by council's continuing to ignore the safety of those residents, visitors and tourists trying to access Pearl Beach by foot or bicycle.

Pearl Beach is a bushfire-prone area and as such should have two methods of road access for safety and evacuation purposes.

The community cannot rely on evacuations by sea because of the difficult nature of the beach.

Although Gosford council was presented with plans by its own department to provide an elevated walkway-cycleway these have been shelved indefinitely, while the main road access has been

allowed to grow dangerous.

Council is at stage one of repairing the main roads into Pearl Beach, but these plans offer no safety to those who do not have car access.

The residents need the plan for a pedestrian egress around Mt Ettalong, as well as the repair of Patonga and Pearl Beach drives.

In the process of providing the necessary cliff pathway, a very valuable passive recreation facility would be established for the Central Coast community where some of the most magnificent vistas on the coast can be experienced.

The Mt Ettalong pedestrian walkway-cycleway also needs to be wide enough for a wheelchair or stretcher as well as pedestrian evacuation in times of emergency.

When will this plan be put back on the agenda?

What price does council place on the risk to life and limb posed by the current situation? What solutions do they have in mind?

**Kay Williams,  
Pearl Beach**

# Rates spent on extravagance

**I am astounded that my rates have been used to fund the luxury Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club, sandstone blocks and all, to the tune of what now totals \$427,000, while our roads are in disrepair and our beachfronts a disgrace.**

Mayor Chris Holstein and his Liberal mates used the mayoral

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casting vote to ensure that those who guaranteed the monies to construct such an extravagant club house don't get stuck with the bill.

They should be ashamed with themselves.

**Janice Kissane,  
Umina Beach**

# Boards should tell history

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**Harry Strong (Peninsula News, November 10) has come up with a wonderful idea to show recognition to the early settlers of Brisbane Water.**

The Peninsula has a fantastic maritime history that should be remembered.

I believe that we should go a step further.

All areas try to differentiate themselves in some way and perhaps this is how the Peninsula should do it.

I suggest that we install a series of information boards along the new bicycle track leading from the War Memorial in Woy Woy around

to Blackwall Mountain.

It would make a fantastic recreational activity for the young and not so young, and tell the story of our early history, especially the maritime and shipbuilding industry as well as timber-cutting and the extensive collection of shells shipped to Sydney to produce lime for construction.

A lot of country towns install these pictorial boards and I have often wondered what is stopping the Peninsula doing the same.

So Gosford Council, what is stopping you?

**Ross Cochrane,  
Woy Woy**

# Always called Woy Woy pool

**I do not doubt the original naming of the pool as a memorial to those brave Australians who served their country in war and I don't wish to be disrespectful to their memory.**

However, in all my 32 years of living at Umina, I have never heard the pool being called anything but "the Woy Woy pool".

My two daughters learned to swim at the old pool, went to many a school swimming carnival there and belonged to Woy Woy Swimming Club for many years.

In winter, we were forced to use the small heated indoor pool with the stifling smell of chlorine, claustrophobic atmosphere, wet floors and uncomfortable seating.

In spring we would adjourn to the outdoor pool no matter what weather conditions prevailed – rain, hail or gales.

The same applied to autumn.

Now there is an all-weather undercover pool inside a great new modern facility, not to mention a heated section for everyone to use that has disabled access.

There is a waterslide and kiddies

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splash pool for the toddlers.

In addition to all this, there is a spa, sauna and modern clean dressing rooms.

I take my grandson to swimming lessons every week and enjoy seeing all the parents socialising, enjoying a snack and coffee whilst the kids are in the pool.

What can be wrong with that?

As for selling Coca Cola and bottled water in a public place, weren't these products advertised and sold along with chips, ice-creams and lollies in the old kiosk at the entrance?

There are vending machines in just about every public place including hospitals, train stations

and surf clubs.

It's just a fact of life.

There is a very tasteful memorial incorporated in the wall of the foyer next to the southern entrance.

I have never seen a vending machine anywhere close to it.

I have nothing but praise for this centre, the many facilities and staff there is a very friendly and dedicated bunch.

**Kevin Martin,  
Umina Beach**

# Gosford took over in 1942

**I started school at Woy Woy Public School 72 years ago.**

At this time Mr Lemery was headmaster followed by Mr Ford, Mr Matthews and Mr Bachelor.

Woy Woy had its own council with Mr Frank Darcy as shire clerk.

It was around 1942 that Gosford Council took over.

Mr Darcy lived at Orange Grove.

**Bruce Richards,  
Woy Woy**

# Liberal confusion

**Member for Terrigal Chris Hartcher was stepping on the toes of local Member Marie Andrews by involving himself in the Ettalong Beach channel dredging debacle and taking responsibility of a 4000-signature petition to support the dredging.**

His own Liberal councillors voted against accepting the State Government's funding of \$250,000 to dredge the channel despite council's senior staff recommending it.

Cr Holstein went so far as to use the mayor's casting vote to delay the dredging once again.

Is this what we're going to have to put up with for the next four years?

Because of a lack of action we've seen disasters such as the collapse of the Pacific Hwy at Somersby with a whole family wiped out and the collapse of Woy Woy Rd.

And, here we go again.

The warning signs are there, so let's hope this councillor and his

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Liberal Party cohorts stop ignoring what the community wants.

**Jack Galway,  
Woy Woy**

## Contributions

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The Araluen Dr site where a seven-storey development is proposed for Hardy's Bay

## Trust objects to proposal

**The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has submitted a detailed objection to the seven-storey development proposed for Araluen Dr, Hardy's Bay.**

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust monthly newsletter stated more than 100 major trees would be removed if the development was approved by Gosford Council.

"A development application has been lodged with Gosford Council proposing to build four shops and nine housing units at Hardy's Bay, in Araluen Dr adjacent to the bottle shop," the newsletter stated.

"The structure would replace the present three shops and would

have seven levels terraced up the slope of the hill and two levels of underground parking.

"Like the massive Ettalong edifice, it will have white walls with large windows."

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust committee has submitted an objection to council highlighting its concerns for the development.

In the trust's November newsletter, the committee stated the massive scale of the proposed development is unsympathetic to the character of the area and the conspicuous high visibility location would dominate the landscape.

The newsletter also stated the seven-storey development

contradicts the Gosford DCP 159 guidelines for local "character", traffic congestion at the adjacent major intersection would increase, causing a hazard for vehicles entering the development's carpark and minimal commercial benefits to the community would be seen from three local businesses being removed.

It also stated the removal of mature spotted gum and ironbark trees would have a significant effect on the resident bird and mammal population as a result of the development being approved.

**Newsletter, 5 Nov 2008  
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust Inc**

## A visit to the Everglades Lagoon Wetland in Woy Woy will be part of a Wetland Crawl on November 29.

The Wetland Crawl will begin at Woy Woy station where participants will hop on a bus and travel to three wetland locations around the Central Coast.

The wetland trek is a part of the Community Environment Network's Wetland Education Project.

Wetlands project officer Ms Narelle Leite said the Community Environment Network selected three priority wetlands in consultation with local councils as a focus for its education program.

"All over the Central Coast, wetlands are being cleared, filled-in and built upon," Ms Leite said.

"They are often referred to as swamps, bogs or wastelands, however, wetlands are vitally important habitats, which play major roles in terms of the health of our environment.

"They are home to a variety of native plants which can only live in wet places.

"They provide a place for animals such as frogs, water birds and juvenile fish to feed, shelter and develop.

They also act as filtration systems and remove pollutants from runoff before it enters our major waterways and help to

stabilise shorelines.

"To find out more about these amazing places before they disappear come along on our wetland crawl."

Palm Springs Avenue Wetland in Glenning Valley, Dora Point Wetland in Dora Creek along with the Everglades site will be included in the excursion.

There will be activities at each wetland such as collecting water bugs, a survey of native wetland plants and water quality testing.

Guest speakers will also be on hand to give talks on topics such as the use of rushes in Aboriginal weaving, the effects of climate change on the Central Coast and what local councils are doing to protect wetland habitats.

The Wetland Crawl runs from 9am to 4.15pm.

Participants can join the bus at Tuggerah Shopping Centre at 8.10am or Woy Woy Train Station at 9am.

The cost of the Wetland Crawl is free for CEN members, \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The cost of the day includes transport, lunch and morning tea.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Marilyn on 4349 4756.

**Press release, 11 Nov 2008  
Marilyn Leidich, Community  
Environment Network**

## Water meters are being replaced

**Gosford Council is in the process of replacing water meters on properties in Woy Woy, Blackwall, Umina and Ettalong Beach.**

Replacements are expected to be completed by December this year.

According to council, water meters are required to be replaced in several Peninsula suburbs due to the age and performance of existing meters affecting the

accuracy of some water usage readings.

Communications officer Ms Alison Hood said the water meters were being replaced at no cost to residents.

In a notice to affected residents, council stated its contractor Mullane Infrastructure Pty Ltd would be visiting properties in the area to conduct works to replace existing meters.

"In some cases it may not be

possible to access or replace meters," the council notice stated.

"On a number of properties there is rusted galvanised pipe work that needs to be replaced prior to a new meter being installed.

"Property owners will be notified of this, following a visit from council's contractor.

"In these cases, property owners are required to contact a licensed plumber within 14 days of their notice to replace the rusted pipes.

"Property owners are urged to contact three different plumbers

to obtain quotes for this work to ensure that the cost charged accurately reflects the work carried out.

"If property owners would like to check the authenticity of their replacement notice, they are urged to contact Gosford council."

Property owners that have concerns regarding the replacement of their water meter are encouraged to contact council's project delivery engineer Mark Losurdo on 4304 4334 or 0418 698 772.

**Press release, 3 Nov 2008  
Alison Hood, Gosford Council**

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# Mayor defeats dredging

**Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein used his casting vote in favour of a motion which will defer dredging of Ettalong channel.**

The council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen recommended the work be carried out.

Mr Glen recommended council contribute the one-off sum of \$250,000 to the Department of Lands on the understanding the design and management of the project would be the department's responsibility.

A council report stated that, despite the advice provided to council that the responsibility to maintain safe navigable waterways rested with the Minister for Lands via an agreement with the Minister for Ports and Waterways, "there is an expectation in the community that council has the responsibility to contribute towards the cost of the proposed dredging".

Liberal councillors Chris Holstein, Jeff Strickson and Chris Burke were joined by independent Cr Craig Doyle at council's meeting on November 11 to defer the dredging, claiming the cost was not council's responsibility.

Cr Holstein said, if the channel were to be closed, ratepayers would not see council workers "in their fluoro vests and holding a go-stop sign" on a boat to close down the channel.

"It would be the State Government which would be the one responsible for closing down the channel, not council," Cr Holstein said.

"This is another example of the cost-shifting that continues to come from the State Government.

"If we go ahead and spend \$250,000 on the dredging which council responsibility will we have to sacrifice?

"We must first spend adequate funds on our own responsibilities then go ahead and spend \$250,000 to dredge.

"If we had adequate funds for dredging there would be no



*Ettalong Beach foreshore overlooking the entrance to Brisbane Water*

problem, but we don't.

"Spending \$250,000 on a State Government responsibility will have a major impact on a range of council's programs and activities."

Cr Doyle said he refused to "pick up the tab" for the State Government.

"I support dredging but not for our ratepayers to pay for it.

"Other council's around the state do not have to contribute anything to dredging so why are we being targeted?"

Council resolved to continue to monitor the channel's width and depth alongside the NSW Waterways Authority and be advised of any changes immediately.

In addition, council will seek Waterways' support in monitoring vessels fishing and mooring within the channel and request for them to be moved on.

It was also resolved that council reiterate its position to the State Government that council is not responsible for the funding of the dredging.

Cr Peter Freewater, who opposed the motion, said council was "flogging a dead horse

by persisting with full State Government funding".

Greens councillors Peter Freewater and Terri Latella voted with Labor councillors Jim Macfadyen and Vicki Scott against the motion.

"I don't believe we should fork out the money to the State Government but what is important here are people's lives," Cr Latella said.

"I cannot see how we can put money over people's safety.

"We have taken three steps forward in being offered to contribute 50 per cent and taken another four steps back in refusing to pay.

"We need to make a commitment to the community and ensure people's lives are not in danger."

Cr Macfadyen said he feared the State Government would withdraw its \$250,000 funding contribution if they continued to reject the offer.

Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said he was disappointed at council's decision.

"Doing nothing is not a good option," Mr Cole said.



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Queen of the festival Ms Tyler Matterson and Miss Charity Queen Ms Karen Austin meet and greet visitors to the festival



Tyler Matterson and Karen Austin



The Bendigo Bank Piggy enjoying the festival with visitors to Ettalong



Queen of the festival entrants with Wizzy the Gosford Wyong Water Authority mascot



The team from Campbells Building Materials



The oyster eating competition



Campbells Building Materials Wood Chopping Spectacular

## Festival raises \$41,000

**More than 20,000 Peninsula residents and visitors attended this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival at Ettalong foreshore on November 9.**

Festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales said the event was a "great success" raising more than \$41,000 for the Cancer Council NSW.

Ms Wales said: "There were 10 entrants in the Queen of the Festival competition and each sponsored by a local business or organisation.

"The girls had worked so hard in such a short time and raised a total of \$41,340.05 which was an outstanding effort and we are very proud of them."

Ms Wales said Ms Tyler Matterson was crowned Queen of the Oyster Festival while Ms Karen Austin was crowned Miss Charity Queen at the Oyster Festival Ball.

Both women raised more than \$8000 each as part of their

fundraising efforts for the Cancer Council NSW and received a five-night holiday for two to the Gold Coast, plus a \$250 gift voucher.

Cancer Council NSW community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart said the funds raised would be used for local breast cancer services, research and information services.

"Equally as important as the funds raised is the message of cancer awareness delivered by the 10 exceptional participants in the event.

"These local young women have given up their time and directed their energies to fund raising in the months leading up to the event and done themselves and their business sponsors proud.

"With one in two people in NSW receiving a diagnosis of cancer by the age of 85, continuing research, information and cancer support services is vital.

Ms Wales said the Woodchopping Spectacular, held for the first time

at the festival, drew crowds to watch the famous wood choppers in action throughout the day.

"The sand modelling competition was also a first for the festival and created great excitement on the beach with a number of entrants taking away prizes on the day.

"Over 4000 dozens of oysters were consumed at the festival with the Brisbane Water-Hawkesbury farmers and local sellers having a great day."

The 'How many oysters can you eat in 30 seconds' competition drew four contestants, with a tie in the first round, with two leading contenders both consuming 19 oysters each.

"In the second round the winner consumed another 23 oysters in just 30 seconds to win the oyster trophy."

**Press release, 17 Nov 2008  
Debra Wales, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival**

**Press release, 17 Nov 2008  
Lesley Chart, Cancer Council NSW**



# The Central Coast Clinic



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## Fifth relay is planned

**A fifth Peninsula Relay for Life has been planned for next March to help raise money for The Cancer Council.**

The event will run from 4pm on March 14 to 10am on March 15, at Woy Woy Oval.

"It's on again and we want you to be a part of this motivating community fundraiser for the Cancer Council NSW," chair for Peninsula Relay for Life Ms Viv Corcoran said.

"Relay for Life is an overnight teams event, where participants take it in turns to walk, skip or run their way around an oval, having fun, meeting other members of their community and raising funds to defeat cancer.

"We are also looking for community-minded people with a passion for making things happen to help with organising and running this event.

"No event experience is necessary – all you need is good connections to the community, ability to connect with and motivate others, good time management skills and a passion for getting involved.

"It's a great way to meet new people who share your love of the local community and to make a real difference to those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

"It's a great teambuilding and fun event."

Money raised from the event has funded ground-breaking research, patient and carer support and cancer prevention programs that benefit every community in the state, said Ms Corcoran.

**Newsletter, 5 Nov 2008  
BWSC Umina Campus  
Pamphlet, 5 Nov 2008  
Cancer Council NSW  
Relay for Life**



*The clinic was officially opened by community representatives in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the hospital*

## Hospital clinic is officially opened

**Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has officially opened the Central Coast's first private mental health facility in conjunction with its 30th Anniversary.**

More than 50 hospital staff, community and government

representatives attended the anniversary celebration and opening of The Central Coast Clinic at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital on November 19.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, Aboriginal representative Ms Anita Selwyn and Cr Jeff Strickson attended the event along with a number of representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ms Marie Andrews, who officially opened the clinic, said it was a great delight and honour to celebrate the dual occasion for the hospital.

"I've had the occasion to visit someone at the clinic and I must say they do a great job," Ms Andrews said.

"Health experts have said that our challenge for the future will be mental health issues".

"This is predicted to be one of the leading health issue facing Australia in the future and I am very pleased that Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has acknowledged this and taken the time and the care to open up the Central Coast Clinic."

The Central Coast Clinic has eight private rooms and two twin-share rooms, totalling 12 beds, which occupy their own separate section in the hospital.

Clinical director Dr Larissa Grund said the clinic was "a real step forward".

"Resilience is a key word when we think about mental health because that is what we want to enhance and promote in all our patients," Ms Grund said.

"I think it is going to be really important for us all to work together to continue to break down the barriers and promote excellence in mental health care."

General manager Ms Annette Czerkesow said the new mental

health clinic was opened to patients on October 22.

"We are already at 100 per cent occupancy and have a waiting list of patients to be admitted to the clinic.

"We have been approved for 12 beds by the Department of Health and have made application for this to be expanded to 16 beds."

The clinic offers inpatient care for patients suffering from psychiatric disorders such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, mood disorders, psychoses and bi-polar disorder.

"This occasion is a huge milestone for both the community and the hospital," Ms Czerkesow said.

"The services we offer are unique as we have a high acuity case mix.

"Some of our milestones at the hospital include in excess of 17,000 interventional procedures and more than 1355 heart bypass operations."

**Press release, 19 Nov 2008  
Ella Li, Healthscope**

## Chiropractic Plus

*Real clinical cases and your questions answered each month  
by Peter Grieve and Simon Morgan of the Umina Chiropractic Centre*

Kevin Rudd's Speech to the Health Summit in June of 2007 brought about some alarming figures with regard to the cost in dollars of disease control, e.g. Cardiovascular disease 94 billion dollars, Obesity 21 Billion dollars and so on. These figures allow for productivity loss as well. (Figures relate to 2005)  
You may well ask what does this have to do with a Chiropractor, surely he only 'cracks backs'.

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## A case history

12.20 was on the clock and I was getting somewhat peckish, in the door a tanned and tattooed Aussie presented with a healthy if somewhat distorted facial expression, that indicative of anguish, he said little but rather gasped as he positioned himself for a seat. His partner a female came to the desk and asked my assistant, Cathy, if someone could assist her man as he was in agony.

You guessed right, my lunch was delayed and I was able to render assistance. Mr Q's pulse was rapid, blood pressure marginally high and a film of perspiration covered his body, his breathing was a little laboured. Mr Q complained of severe testicular pain that had gone on for some 5 months.

This was associated with low back pain that was steadily worsening. He had extensive investigations to rule out pathology affecting his genitalia and X ray of his spine demonstrated typical 'wear and tear' of a male of 38yrs of age. He had been admitted to hospital on 2 occasions for this problem. No definite cause for the pain had been identified by other health care practitioners. I could not evoke the pain by spinal movement and there were no clinical indicators to suggest spinal dysfunction.

I then approached the issue by laying him on his back and palpating into the mid to left abdominal region just adjacent to the umbilicus and to my delight a large pulsatile mass was noted.

Correct! It was an abdominal aortic aneurysm (a 'blown out tyre' in an artery), in fact two aneurysms were detected.

Yes, after medical confirmation, surgery was performed and the outcome was positive. As the young medical attendant at GDH stated to me "I thought you were completely bonkers, aneurysms don't occur in young males." No they don't, nor do meteorites fall from the sky, but they do, and yes, it is rare. As practitioners of any persuasion there is no time for averages and norms because the non-average and abnormal must always be considered, my mandate is to assist individuals in their plight for better health. Of all the factors that must be taken into account when assessing an individual, one must keep in mind genetical predispositions.



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## Peninsula charity celebrates first year

**Local charity Rainbow Love will celebrate its first birthday with a special celebration at Umina on Sunday, December 7.**

Event manager Ms Susie O'Donnell said all Peninsula residents and supporters of Rainbow Love were welcome to attend the event and bring along a picnic lunch.

"Twelve months ago Rainbow Love was formed to help Levi Ransfield, an eight-year-old boy with multiple disabilities," Ms O'Donnell said.

"Sadly, Levi passed away last June.

"Rainbow Love is his legacy for the friends he left behind who are possibly destined to encounter similar problems and it is our aim to increase general awareness of the disabled and their carers in our community and the problems they face."

Rainbow Love is a registered Peninsula charity raising funds for children with chronic and complex conditions in need of high care on the Central Coast and their struggling families.

"In the last year the Rainbow Love committee has endeavoured to develop a space for people to come together and develop their creativity and at the same time develop an ongoing method of fundraising for Rainbow Love," Ms O'Donnell said.

"This is done by the exhibition and sale of works by local artists and craft persons on a daily basis.

"We also offer alternate therapies such as massage, Reiki, Kinaesthetics and more, all of which are offered by local therapists.

"This has been happening at Rainbow Gate in Umina since April last year."

Rainbow Gate is the charity's main headquarters and is located at 204 West St, Umina.

Ms O'Donnell said its Umina location was testament to the amount of support the charity continued to receive from the local community.

"It seems Rainbow Gate has taken on a life of its own in the last few months and is now operating on the multifunctional level we had hoped it would," Ms O'Donnell said.

"The power of healing through art, craft and music is becoming more evident as workshops are

being put into motion.

Music sessions, pamper days, spiritual healing days, art exhibitions, drum circles, belly dancing Haflas have all contributed to a colourful and joyful few months of community events at Rainbow Gate."

In an effort to continue to support local children with chronic and complex high care physical needs, Rainbow Love has compiled a wish list for the birthday celebration.

The list includes a wide range of items that will assist with Rainbow Love's efforts to raise funds and to enhance the lives of children with disabilities.

"Whether you are an individual or a large organisation, we have something for every budget," Ms O'Donnell said.

"Miscellaneous items would also be gratefully accepted.

Some of the items on the charity's wish list includes: good signage, assistance in setting up a webpage, laser printer, data projector, good quality bric-a-brac for the market day sales, sponsors for art space, items suitable for raffle prizes, potters clay, as well as grocery and cleaning items.

The Rainbow Gate Shop and Gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

Rainbow Love's first birthday party celebration will take place at Rainbow Gate from 2pm.

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**Press release, 14 Nov 2008**  
Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love

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## In practice for 30 years

**Local chiropractor Mr Peter Grieve is celebrating 30 years of practice on the Peninsula.**

"My desire to become a chiropractor began as a kid living on a farm in Central Mangrove," he said.

He said he was in a car when the brakes failed on the way to school.

"Thank goodness for a sizeable gum tree that brought the vehicle and its six occupants to a sudden halt.

"Following this accident, I suffered severe headaches that were relentless and after exhausting the then orthodox medical treatments, I was privy to visiting a chiropractor who assessed and corrected a neck based dysfunction.

"This rendered enormous relief.

"Thus the dream was born and, at the age of 15, I knew my calling was to be a chiropractor."

Mr Grieve said after several years of study, he graduated as

a chiropractor on November 28, 1978, at the age of 21 and began practicing in Umina that same day.

"What a privilege it is to go to the work place each day and look forward to caring for those in need," Mr Grieve said.

"Most of the families I look after are residents on the Peninsula and I see three and sometimes four generations of these folk.

"I am probably biased, but I reckon the Peninsula people are a great lot who are very open to ways and means of helping themselves.

"I commonly integrate treatment and utilise the expertise of other health care practitioners to assist in finding the best possible way of managing an individual's health.

"Commonly disorders such as diabetes, obesity and psychological stress present as back and neck pain.

"Occasionally more sinister pathologies are causative."

"Although chiropractors are known for treating the spine and

influencing the nervous system, I am always on the lookout for the underlying factors that are causative of problems other than the obvious," Mr Grieve said.

Mr Grieve said he was "keen" to continue on for many years and was excited to introduce his new associate, Simon Morgan, to the clinic.

"Simon comes with excellent credentials as a chiropractor and equally importantly, a belief that all humans have a right to cost-effective and high-quality health care," Mr Grieve said.

"He is here for the long haul and now Simon is on board, we can serve the people of the Peninsula region even more effectively.

"Simon is enthusiastic and is currently able to do preliminary spinal assessments for no fee."

**Press release, 31 Oct 2008**  
Peter Grieve, Umina  
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# Peninsula Food Guide

## Preparation for fire season

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has encouraged Umina residents to become NSW Fire Brigade's Community Fire Unit members and to work with local firefighters to prepare and protect their homes during the summer fire season.

Ms Andrews said the Community Fire Unit program aimed to build

community resilience by providing residents who live near the bush the skills they need to prepare and protect their homes from the threat of fire.

"Everyone has a role to play when it comes to protecting their homes during the summer fire season which started on October 1," Ms Andrews said.

"Community Fire Unit members support local firefighters by putting out spot fires and flying embers

in their street before and after the main fire fronts have passed.

This allows NSW Fire Brigade and Rural Fire Service firefighters to get on with the job of fighting the intense fire fronts.

Ms Andrews said an information session was held by NSW Fire Brigade was to recruit residents in Umina who would like to form a Community Fire Unit in their street.

According to Ms Andrews, there are currently units in the Umina and Horsfield Bay areas who worked hard to prepare and protect their homes and their neighbours' homes from the threat of fire and help raise awareness in the local community.

Unit members undergo initial

training and recurrent skills maintenance training every year with firefighters from the NSW Fire Brigade Bushland Urban Interface Unit and local fire stations.

Residents learn about fire behaviour, first aid, test their skills pumping water from static water supplies using a portable pump, and practice using fire hoses and hydrants.

Each Community Fire Unit is provided with equipment valued at \$15,000, including fire fighting hoses, portable pumps, hydrant standpipes, safety helmets, gloves, smoke masks, goggles, tools, first aid kits, boots and protective clothing.

For more information about the Community Fire Unit program visit the NSW Fire Brigade website at [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

Press release, 17 Nov 2008  
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford



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## Most complaints against Gosford

Gosford Council had the highest number of complaints against a local government in the state, according to the NSW Ombudsman 2007-2008 annual report.

The NSW Ombudsman Mr Bruce Barbour received a total of 37 formal complaints last financial year against Gosford council.

That compares to 34 complaints at Sydney City Council and 23 at Wollongong City Council.

A combined total of 788 formal complaints against NSW councils were received by the State Ombudsman in the last financial year.

Complaints received by the Ombudsman that were either outside of Gosford council's

jurisdiction or of a trivial nature numbered 19, accounting for 51 per cent of all complaints.

An additional 12 of the cases found no or insufficient evidence of wrong conduct, four were resolved to the Ombudsman's satisfaction and two were resolved by council prior to Ombudsman intervention.

None of the complaints required a formal investigation.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said council "takes all complaints very seriously".

"Our city is a large and unique area with approximately 162,388 residents," Cr Holstein said.

"With its widespread network of distinctive towns and with significant development works underway, there will always be

instances where residents have objections or complaints. "However, I see this as a sign of a community that is passionate about its city and it demonstrates that individuals take an active interest in council's affairs.

"That said, council takes all complaints very seriously and will be contacting the Ombudsman's office to further evaluate the complaints and identify opportunities for improvement."

Press release, 30 Oct 2008

Chris Holstein, Mayor of Gosford  
Annual report, 22 Oct 2008

Bruce Barbour, NSW Ombudsman



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# What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

**BFC**, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

**EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RBG**, 207 West Street Umina - 0409774467

**UCH**, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4343 1664

**WH**, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St, Wagstaffe

**WWAC**, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St, enq: 4353 4224

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

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

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

## DAILY EVENTS

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

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym PCYC

## TUESDAY

### First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, UCH.

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

### Second Tuesday of every month

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

Get Together afternoon tea, ESCC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am,

## ECC

### CC Animal Welfare League

Woy Woy-based group monthly meetings from 11am at CC Leagues Club, enq 4344 6650.

### Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

### Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, BFC

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

### Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Silk craft 10am

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

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

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

U3ADiscussion Groups, 11am; Cards, 1pm-3pm; Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge, 1pm; Stroke Recovery, 2pm; Playgroup, 9am; Occasional Care, 9am-3pm; The Web, From 2pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; Brophy Circus Academy, beginners 5pm; Kids Belly Dancing, 4.30pm; Physical Culture Ladies, 7.15pm-9pm; Pre/Post Natal Yoga, 9.30am; Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC,

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, ECC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of

## every month

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

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

Coffee Morning, social get-together, 10am, PWHC

### Second Wednesday of every Month

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1.30pm.

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 9.30am, ECC

### Fourth Wednesday of every month

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

Drumballa Drum circle 7.30 RBG

### Every Wednesday

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

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

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

Craft for love & Garden club 10am RBG

Free Tax Help by appt; Occasional Care, 9am; School for Seniors Oil Painting, 9am-12;

Multicraft Needlework, 10am-12; Playgroup, 10am - 12;

Bridge Club, 9.30am & 7.30pm, The Web, 2pm;

Physical Culture Club, 4pm; Coast Care Counselling; Judo, 5pm; Weight Watchers, 6pm; Belly Dancing, 7.30pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC

Peninsula Choir rehearsal, 7.30pm, St Andrews Hall, Umina.

Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, 6pm, enq: 4341 9929,

MOW -Seniors fitness, 9am, enq: 4332 8550, EPH

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

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

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

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

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

Rotary Club of Umina, 6pm, ECC

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

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

THURSDAY

### First Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm, EBWMC

### Second Thursday of every month

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

Australiana Bus Trips, PCC

### Third Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens,

## 1pm; EBWMC

### Fourth Thursday of every month

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

Umina Probus, 10am, ECC

Women's Health Clinic, enq: 4320 3741, Craft and creativity group - women in stiches 1pm PWHC

Women's Friendship Group, women with disabilities, 10am-12pm, St Lukes Church, Woy Woy

### Every Thursday

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

Creative Writing, enq: 4369 1187, CWA

Occasional Care, 9am; Yoga, 10am; School for Seniors, Australiana, 10.30am; Tai Chi, 11.30am & 7.30pm; Bridge, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 4pm; Yoga, 10am; Belly Dancing, 7.30pm; Coast Care Counselling, Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; Motivation & Empowerment Classes, PCC

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

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

Scrabble, 12.30pm, WWPH

Children's art classes, 4.30pm, EBACC

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

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

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

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

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

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

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

FRIDAY

### First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC

### Second Friday of every month

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

RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, EBWMC

Third Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, EBWMC

### Fourth Friday of every month

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

Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC

School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

### Every Friday

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

Bingo, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664, UCH

Lollipop Music Playgroup,

9.15am, enq: 4343 1929, BFC

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, EBACC

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

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

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

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

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

Occasional Care, 9am; Kindy Gym, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; Weight Watchers, 9.30am; Smart Recovery, 10am; Samaritans Support Group, 10.30am; Bridge Club, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; Judo, 7.15pm; Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses, PCC

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

Fishing Club, EBWM

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

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

SATURDAY

### First Saturday of every month

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

### Second Saturday of every month

Book Club, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482

Alliance Française, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412 252 709

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

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

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

Scrapbooking, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712, PCC

### Third Saturday of every month

Umina P&C Bushcare, 9am, Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd, Umina, enq: 4341 9301

Peninsula Residents Association (PRA), 3PM WVEC

Market Day, 9am, Sydney 2000 Park, UCH

### Fourth Saturday of every month

Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, 7pm, enq: 4341 406, CWA



## What's On in and around the Peninsula

### Last Saturday every month

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

### Every Saturday

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

#### 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

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**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 Crones (over 50's)**, Friendship group **PWHC Labor Party** Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

**Third Monday of every month**  
**War Widows**, 1pm, 43410286, **EBWMC**

#### Fourth Monday of every month

**Toastmasters Speechcraft Classes**, 6pm, **EBWMC**  
**Labor Party** Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, **CWA**  
**Carers support group**, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, enq: 4344 8427

#### Last Monday of every Month

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

#### Every Monday

**Kidz Drumming . 4-5pm, Rainbow Gate**, 207 West St,  
**Umina Cash Housie**, 7:30pm, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**  
**Walking with other Mums** enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741  
**3Cs**—Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm, enq: 43 431929, **BFC**  
**Yoga**, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH**  
**Mums Meditation** 10am, Drummimg classes 4pm **RBG**  
**Computers**, 1pm; **Dancing**, 9am; **Indoor Bowls**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 1pm; **Fitness**, 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners, 2.30pm, **ESCC**  
**Gym Sessions**, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing** (Women), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**  
**Carpet Bowls**, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**  
**Fairhaven Cash Housie**, 7.30pm; **Bingo**, 11am, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**  
**Arts and Crafts** for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333  
**Patchwork & Quilting**, 10am; **Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC**  
**Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am  
**Occasional Childcare**, 9am; **Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am; **Over 55's Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday Craft & Cooking**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Hysical Culture Club**, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**  
**Craft group**, 1pm, **BFC**

**Fairhaven Services Cash Housie**, 7.30pm, **EMBC**  
**Yoga**, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**  
**Pilates**, (except 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## Poet will attend launch

**Ettalong Beach poet Ms Jill Neville will join other local poets to launch the Central Coast Poet's Anthology on Saturday, December 13.**

Ms Neville said writing poetry was a compulsion for her.

"I have a minimalist attitude to writing and enjoy the challenge of expressing myself in few words," Ms Neville said.

"What I like about poetry is unusual imagery, poems that make me sit up and realise I have seen something in a different way.

"I also like the form and symmetry of good poetry."

Ms Neville said being a member of Central Coast Poets has been an enlightening process.

"Looking back over my earlier poems, I can see the progress I've made since joining the group.

"The early poems now look simplistic, and I think I've gained a greater understanding of how poetry works.

"People who attend the launch may get a different view of poetry by hearing it read well, and find out there are many different sorts of poetry."

The launch will be held at the Gosford Regional Art Gallery at 1.30pm and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

For catering purposes, please phone 4322 9110.

Letter, 13 Nov 2008

Jill Neville, Ettalong Beach

## Musicians at party

**The Integrated Community Development Foundation held an Akabaga fundraising party to raise money for Ugandan orphans in Umina on November 22.**

The event featured Drumbala, Les Dupont, Slightly Off, Too Late

To Be Great, a magician and members of the Bouddi Voice Choir.

Ugandan art and crafts and raffle tickets were also sold to raise funds for the Ugandan orphan foundation.

Press release, 14 Nov 2008  
Sue McCarthy, Incodefo



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### Big Wheel at theatre

Peninsula Theatre will host "a night of great music" featuring Jim Conway's Big Wheel on Saturday, November 29.

"Jim Conway has assembled an astonishing array of talent to galvanise the ranks of his new dream band," said Laycock St

Theatre marketing coordinator Ms Terri Graham said.

"Big Wheel boasts a line up of musicians who share Conway's passion for blues, jump and swing.

The Big Wheel will feature Mr New Orleans Donny Hopkins on piano and vocals, Arne Hanna on guitar and vocals, RP White on

horns, Stan Valacos on double bass and Andrew Byrnes on drums.

"The concert is presented by local bluesman Earlwood Greg."

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by phoning 4323 3233.

Press release, 12 Nov 2008  
Terri Graham, Laycock St Theatre

### Local works are chosen

A selection of works by local artists Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling has been chosen to accompany the launch of the new Baz Luhrmann film Australia at Avoca Beach Picture Theatre.

The exhibition will be held in the foyer of the Avoca Beach Picture Theatre from November 25 and

throughout December while the film is screened.

A number of oil and watercolour pieces will be showcased by Maughan and Norling which feature landscapes from the Kimberley region and Kakadu National Park.

Press release, 18 Nov 2008  
Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

### Singing at Wagstaffe

The Bouddi Voice Choir and The Women's Choir will perform its Summer Song concert at Wagstaffe Hall on Thursday, December 4.

Proceeds raised from the end-of-year performance will go towards the Integrated Community Development Foundation in helping Ugandan orphans.

Choir leader Ms Christina

Sainsbury said two teenagers from the foundation and a representative will be attending the performance.

The concert begins from 7.30pm.

Entry is \$15 per adult and \$10 concession with supper included.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Press release, 4 Nov 2008  
Christina Sainsbury, Bouddi Voice Choir

### Exhibition at community centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will host its Christmas Exhibition and Sale at the Peninsula Community Centre on November 29 and 30.

"A range of arts and crafts will be for sale including pottery, jewellery, paintings, hand dyed silk, embroidery, folk art, patchwork, woodwork, hand crafted cards, and rare and unusual plants," said publicity officer Ms Sharon Horder.

"The exhibition also includes a display of handmade patchwork

quilts.

"A raffle will also be held with prizes including a painting, quilt, Christmas hamper, pottery and a hand-painted framed mirror.

"Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is a non-profit organisation and the help we receive from our supporters and the commission received on sales from our annual Christmas Exhibition allows us to continue providing the community with the many creative arts and craft courses available at our

centre."

The exhibition and sale will run from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, November 29, and from 10am to 3pm on Sunday, November 30.

The Peninsula Community Centre is located on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Entry is free.

Press Release, 15 Nov 2008  
Sharon Horder, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

### Mr Jones retires

Pretty Beach Public School teacher Mr Lawrie Jones has announced his retirement after 20 years at the local primary school.

Mr Jones began at Pretty Beach Public School in 1988 and his last day of teaching was on October 19.

"I have immensely enjoyed the past 20 years with my Pretty Beach friends - children, parents and staff," Mr Jones said.

"All have played a major part in my life and I will miss the friendship.

"Pretty Beach being a small school and set in an idyllic location makes it a unique school.

"It has been personally rewarding to watch and be a part of the development of the children from when they start in Kindergarten to when they complete Year 6.

"I will miss our playground chats and hearing about what is going on in their lives."

The school's cleaner Ms Fay Shelley has also announced her retirement after 18 years of employment.

Principal Ms Vicki Redrup said she wished Mr Jones and Ms Shelley all the best in their retirement years.

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Pretty Beach Public School

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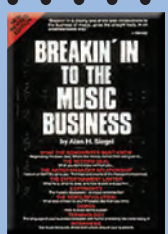
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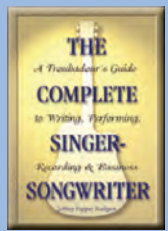
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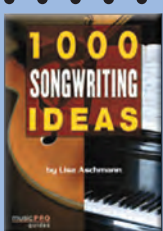
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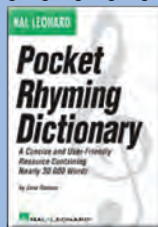
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# Teachers treated to breakfast

Teachers from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy campuses were treated to a special breakfast organised by students and members of the P&C to celebrate World Teacher's Day on October 30.

College principal Mr Stephen Harris said teachers were delighted at the efforts shown by both the students and P&C.

"World Teachers Day is celebrated worldwide and pays tribute to vital role that teachers play in shaping the youth of today," Mr Harris said.

"Umina P&C president Mr Bruce Graff organised a barbecue breakfast whilst the Woy Woy P&C president Mr Bruce Donaldson coordinated a breakfast prepared by the senior hospitality students.

"Teaching is a very rewarding profession but it is particular special to contribute to a community that places some high level of value on education."

Press release, 18 Nov 2008  
Stephen Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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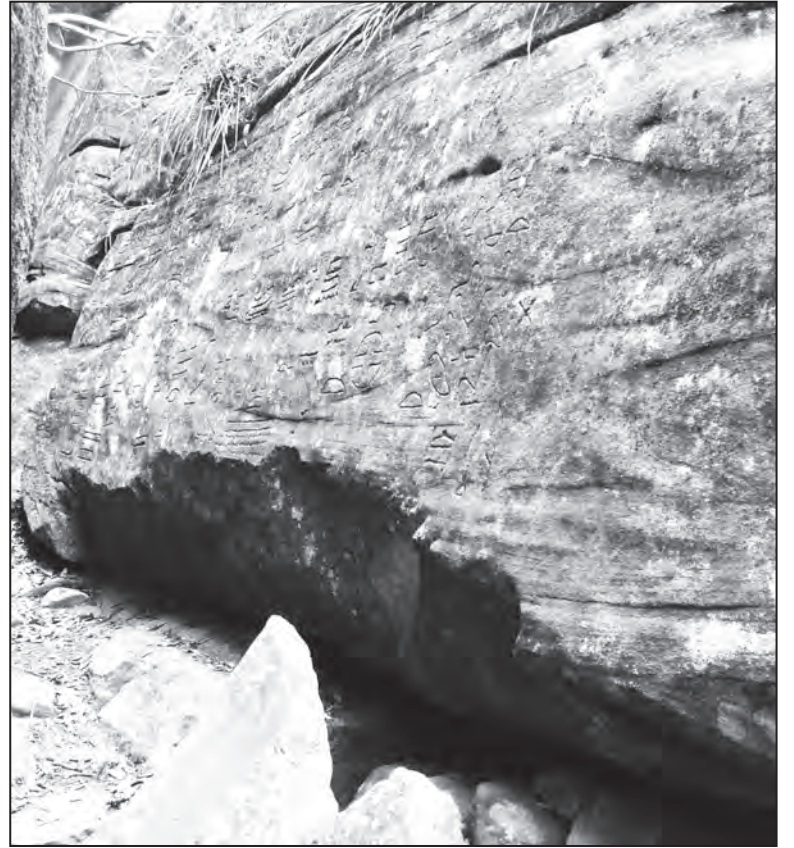
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## The Woy Woy Rd hieroglyphs

In the bush just off Woy Woy Rd, there are some very unusual rock carvings of what appear to be Egyptian inscriptions carved into a narrow crevice.

The crevice lies below Lyre Trig and is near the Bulgandry aboriginal carvings site.

No one seems to know who did these carvings and when they were made.

They were first documented in 1975, but are thought to have been in existence since the 1920s.

Recent tests comparing the age of nearby aboriginal carvings (200 to 250 years old) to the glyphs suggest they could be almost 100 years old.

Alan Dash, a surveyor for Gosford Council, first noticed them in 1975 and also noticed more additions on each of his return visits.

Neil Martin, a ranger for the National Parks and Wildlife Service, may have discovered the author in 1984 when he came across an old mentally handicapped Yugoslavian man chiseling away at the rock.

His chisel was confiscated and he was let off with a warning.

These later incidents were merely people adding to the original carvings.

With the age of the Internet, the story of the carvings reached a new audience.

Theories abounded involving shipwrecked Egyptian sailors, Phoenician settlers adding to the carvings and even some visiting aliens having a bit of a carve as well.

On some websites, the carvings were deciphered by a couple of "so called" experts on Egyptology.

They were supposed to tell a story of how the crew of an Egyptian vessel had become shipwrecked in Broken Bay and the gradual death of its crew from snakebite, starvation and entanglements with

Steve Spillard was born at Gosford in 1965 and has lived most of his life on the Peninsula. He has taken an interest in the history of the area, particularly the physical remains of earlier activity. He runs the website [woy-woy.com](http://woy-woy.com) "for those who love Woy Woy". The website features a blog, "virtual tours" of the area and a collection of articles on "the more mysterious and untold tales of the Peninsula". In this article, written for Peninsula News, Steve tells the story of the Trafalgar Ave airstrip.

the local aboriginal population.

In fact, in 1983 the whole site was photographed and the pictures were sent to the Head of Egyptology at Macquarie University in Sydney.

Professor Nageeb Kanawati concluded that the carvings were very good fakes, some were carved back to front as if from a transfer, some of the carvings did not make sense as they represented different kings hundreds of years apart.

He thought they may have been done by someone copying a postcard or an old National Geographic photograph – a fan perhaps inspired by his wartime memories serving in Egypt in World War I.

In the 1920s, there was a passion for all things Egyptian.

Egyptomania it was called, inspiring fashion and design, and flapper girls were inspired by the Cleopatra look.

Art deco has a very strong Egyptian influence and this can often be seen in buildings from this era.

Possibly the carvings were

influenced by the well documented construction of a small sphinx in the Ku Ring Gai National Park in the 1920s.

A man named Private Shirley and a group of returned diggers carved a small sphinx out of a solid boulder as a tribute to their fallen comrades in Egypt.

There was uproar at the time because it was seen as vandalism in a national park by stiff-collared bureaucrats.

I decided to take a look at the whole site for myself.

Firstly, I tracked down some

old Northumberland parish maps dating back to 1910.

The area in question was divided up into several blocks and two of these were owned by the Pollan and Gilford families.

There are streets named after both families in Kariong today.

On the maps, there are marked locations of aboriginal carvings in two areas but no mention of the hieroglyphs.

The glyphs lay just over the boundary in the national park adjacent to the Gilford property.

Before the construction of Woy Woy Rd, the road running past the Gilford property was one of the only ways into town.

Once you descended the hill into Koolewong, you could then cross the Woy Woy Bay inlet via boat or later on walk across the railway bridge (before the construction of Brisbane Water Dr).

The farmhouse on this property was on that road and is three minutes walk from the glyph site.

While on site I found a boulder

on the boundary with the initials DG carved into it, almost certainly a member of the Gilford clan and a good chance of being one of the original authors of the glyphs – a quirky roadside attraction for passing trade perhaps or a good old Woy Woy style practical joke to spring on visiting friends.

Someone knows who really did them and could well be chuckling away to themselves to this day.

Steve Spillard, 19 Nov 2008

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# Film wins Yarnup award

Students from the Brisbane Water Secondary College Local Management Group were joint winners in the aboriginal education outreach program Yarnup for their short film about a local dreamtime story.

The local group received equal first place in the program with Mudgee High School.

Yarnup encourages Australian students to engage with their local Indigenous community through friendship.

The Yarnup program is based upon students watching the Australian documentary film Kanyini before participating in an outdoors excursion with local Aboriginals to learn more about the local area and culture.

To conclude the program students were then asked to submit a visual document which showed the growing friendship between the community and the school.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Local Management Group submitted the short film about the local dreamtime story Tedagilcupo as part of the project.

The film explored the importance of working together as a community in reflection of what the Peninsula schools did as part of the Yarnup program.

Brisbane Water Secondary College principal Mr Stephen Harris said the focus behind Yarnup was to get the local Aboriginal



community involved with educating all Australians about Aboriginal Australia.

"The Aboriginal students from all of the Brisbane Water learning community were invited to attend an exploration excursion as part of the program," Mr Harris said.

"The students were shown Aboriginal sites dating back 9000 years.

"Local elders also provided information on the flora and fauna.

"Each school also held special Aboriginal events.

"These events culminated in the making of a film which tells the story of Tedagilcupo – The Toad, who unites his community through cooperation.

"The film features our students attending excursions, creating artworks and interacting with local elders and community members."

Mr Harris said the film premiered at Brisbane Water Secondary

College to a packed audience and was "extremely well received".

"At the conclusion Steve Collins of Woy Woy South Public School informed the audience that the Brisbane Water entry had been awarded equal first place in New South Wales for the film," Mr Harris said.

"This is a fabulous achievement for all people of the Peninsula."

Press release, 18 Nov 2008  
Stephen Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Touch footy

Ettalong Public School's Girls Touch Football team competed in the NSW Touch Football Knockout Finals at Rooty Hill recently.

Ettalong P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said the girls placed seventh in the competition.

"They are an enthusiastic team and have shown great sportsmanship throughout the competition," Ms Pathirana said.

Press release 18 Nov 2008  
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Public School P&C

## Award performance

The Pretty Beach Public School Choir was selected to perform at the Gosford Council Environment Awards on November 21.

The event was held at Laycock St Theatre.

Five students from the school received prizes for their environment projects including Sunniva Abrahams, Alex Fraser, Halle Osborne, Connor O'Heir and Emma Krebs.

Student Meg Richardson was also asked to present her speech on the environment.

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup congratulated the students on their participation at the ceremony.

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Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School



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## Volunteers wanted for numeracy skills

**Specialist learning organisation Learning Links is calling on members of the Peninsula community to volunteer for the Counting for Life numeracy skills program at Pretty Beach Public School.**

Learning Links is seeking 15 volunteers in total to help students from Pretty Beach Public School enhance their numeracy skills.

"Counting for Life is a volunteer community numeracy program that gives one-to-one assistance to children aged 7 to 10 years for 45 minutes every week for 15 weeks," program coordinator Ms Michelle Button said.

"Sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so we are seeking people who can attend on Tuesday or Thursday.

"Volunteers from the community become buddies to children and visit them at Pretty Beach Public School to help enhance their numeracy skills, self-esteem and motivation.

"They will be trained and supported by education professionals from children's charity Learning Links.

Ms Button said funding for the program has been provided by the Central Coast Leagues Club.

"Counting for Life contains activities to engage and interest

children," Ms Button said.

"It also offers them encouragement to do their best and have a go in a supportive environment.

"Being a number buddy is a very satisfying experience for both volunteer and the child.

"All volunteers will be subject to working with children checks and need to be available for 45 minutes one day each week for 15 weeks, with a two-week break during school holidays.

"Sessions will run from 11.20am to 12.05pm on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. "There is also an initial training session (three hours), an orientation session and an after-program celebration party.

"The program is at Pretty Beach Public School, so volunteers will need to be able to make their way to and from the school."

The Counting for Life program will commence with the orientation session on February 9, next year and will end with a celebration party on June 15.

A three-hour training session will be held on February 4, next year.

If you are interested in volunteering on either Tuesdays or Thursdays and can commit to attend all activities, contact Michelle Button on 9570 3266 before December 5.

**Media release, 18 Nov 2008**

**Michelle Button, Pretty Beach Public School**



## College completes its own production

**Brisbane Water Secondary College recently completed its "highly successful" production of The Enchanted Forest.**

The production was written, directed and produced by Umina Campus teacher Ms Emma Bancroft.

College principal Mr Stephen Harris said he attended the performance along with Year 4 students from Umina Public School.

"The performance has a very strong theme of good against evil and is cleverly constructed to reach audiences on a variety of levels," Mr Harris said.

"Princess Sienna has just three days to save the kingdom from 1000 years of darkness and is

required to enlist help from those of pure heart.

"The central stage was conducted in an elongated 'I' shape with the audience seated on both sides which made audience feel that the events were happening around them.

"Ms Bancroft described this using a theatrical phrase, 'Breaking down the fourth wall'.

"It was extremely effective with the Year 4 students' reactions clearly indicating their involvement with characters good and evil.

"The use of musicians located within the audience further extenuated the feeling of being a part of the show.

"The haunting sounds of Ellisa Koppen's flute provided the perfect atmosphere for the mystical performance.

"The quality of the performers was truly outstanding.

"Bianca Toriosian as Princess Sienna shone and her interaction with Daniel Scarratt (son of the prince of darkness) and Jessica Beazely (fairy queen) was a highlight.

"I am sure that all that attended the many performances would have gone away with very high regard for the talented students of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"A performance of this caliber does not occur without many hours of work and I congratulate Ms Bancroft, Mr Philips, Mr Laffin and all of the students involved," said Mr Harris.

**Press release, 18 Nov 2008**

**Stephen Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

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Dave Frazer at Ettalong

## Pair each take a hat trick

**Teammates Gary Manuel and John Fogarty each took a hat trick for Umina's fourth grade cricket team to see the side win outright over Wyong.**

"Gary achieved his in their first innings, just an hour after being dismissed for 87 in Umina's innings," said club publicity officer Mr Gary Blake.

"Then on day two, John repeated the feat.

"A hat trick is a fairly rare achievement on the cricket field and for two teammates to each take one in the same match is something that no one in the club can recall happening," Mr Blake said.

"Our first grade had their first win of the season when we tallied a competitive score of 263 set up with an excellent partnership between Brad Jones (86) and Craig Brown (55), then a 40-run last wicket partnership between skipper Mitchell Smith and opening bowler Ryan Clement.

"This rearguard action combined with Mitchell's heroics with the ball taking 5/35 enabled us to defeat Wyong by 17 runs.

"Second grade defeated Wyong on the back of a mighty all round performance by Jamie Doran who backed up his 3/18 with a match winning innings of 87.

"Medium pacer Scott King's 5/36 from 21 overs helped restrict Wyong to a moderate total and then skipper Cameron Dunn (43)

combined with Jamie to ensure a relatively comfortable win.

"Third grade again took first innings points before collapsing in the second innings to lose outright.

"Solid bowling from Luke Egan (4/27) and Josh Wakem (3/17) put Umina in a strong position and Geoff Byrnes carried the team home with an inspiring 68.

"Unfortunately, our second innings effort undid a lot of the good work.

"Fourth grade's outright win was highlighted by the hat trick double, but solid contributions by Michael Cowan (30 runs and 3/34), Brendan Jones 31, John Carroll 42 not out, added to Gary Manuel's 87 and 3/19 and John Fogarty's 4/18 have seen the fourth grade move into a share of the competition lead.

Mr Blake said the club saw some mixed results in the One Day Limited Overs competition.

"Our A grade team are currently on top of the table after successive wins over the past two Saturdays against Gosford and Kincumber.

"Stand-in captain Ryan Mathews has led the way with the bat scoring 47 and 62 not out.

"Solid all-round contributions from popular local school teacher Steve Collins (35 runs and 2/32), and James Archibald with 53 runs and 3/31 against Kincumber after his 4/23 against Gosford have been instrumental in these wins.

"The B grade team have been

struggling to score runs recently and as a result suffered two defeats, but it is a long season and the boys are confident that they can turn things around in the next couple of weeks."

The C grade had a win against Wyong and a close loss to Narara.

"Peter Jones with 6/53 and Scott Aitchison scoring 70 got the team home against Wyong, while Brendan Egan (52 runs) helped set a reasonable target, but despite wickets being shared around we were unable to prevent Narara getting the points.

"Our D grade is an interesting collection of mostly fathers and their sons, we had a good win over Wyong Gold with strong batting by Lachlan O'Donnell (51 not out) and Jacob Clement (40) setting up a total that was too much for Wyong, while we had a narrow loss to Doyalson Blue despite a magnificent 80 from former first grader (and life member) Dave Frazer.

"Gordon Ives and John Fogarty have been selected on their selection to play for an Australian Over 60's team to play against their English counterparts in Melbourne before representing NSW in the interstate carnival.

"Gordon and John are two of the most respected cricketers in Central Coast cricket."

**Press release, 12 Nov 2008**

**Gary Blake, Umina District Cricket Club**

## Surfing program for Aboriginal youth

**A surfing program for Aboriginal youth will be held at Umina Beach during summer.**

The Central Coast Deadly, Young and Aboriginal Surfing Program is a collaborative project between the Mingaletta Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy, Gosford Council and the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

The program is aimed at Aboriginal children aged seven to 17 years of age.

The surf skills program will

run over three days including December 13, January 14 and a March date to be advised.

A competition will be held at the end of the program to give participants the chance to win a fibreglass surf board.

All participants must be able to swim.

Entry forms to the program must be received by December 9 and are available by contacting 4342 7515 or via email at [mingalettaatsic@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mingalettaatsic@yahoo.com.au)

**Press release, 20 Nov 2008**

**Mark Hayward, Mingaletta ATSIC**

## Kady competes in tennis final

**Kady Pinchbeck of St Hubert's Island has competed in the state tennis final of the Junior Development Series held in Woy Woy and Gosford from October 25 to 27.**

Kady joined more than 200 junior tennis players over the three-day event played at Woy Woy Tennis Club and Gosford Tennis Centre.

Tournament director Mr Brad Cross said the three-day event brought together talented children from across the state.

"Over 200 of the best junior players in NSW competed in the 2008 State Final and the standard of play was excellent," Mr Cross said.

"Finals in eight separate age divisions were held on October 27, with talented juniors from all corners of the state participating."

Kady competed in the Girl's Under 14 Singles competition, winning her first match against Allison Corfield from Jamberoo, 6-1, 6-4.

However, Kady did not manage to progress to the quarterfinals after being defeated by the Girl's Under 14 state singles champion from Grafton, Brittany Huxley, 6-2, 6-0.

In the consolation matches, Kady defeated Emily Mccoll 6-2, 6-3, and Richelle Van Ryswyk, 6-3, 4-1, but was defeated by Rochelle Morris in the semifinal.

The Junior Development Series is a series of round robin tournaments played in all corners of the state throughout the year.

**Media release, 28 Oct 2008**

**Zannie Abbott, Tennis NSW**

## Beach carnival attracts 650

**More than 650 people competed in the Umina Surf Life Saving Club Beach Carnival on November 16.**

Club secretary Ms Christine Lavers said competitors came from as far as the Hunter and Sydney Northern Beaches to participate in the carnival.

"This was the first carnival of its type held here and carnival referee Don Van Keimpina complimented and thanked Umina Surf Life Saving Club members for their efforts in making this a success," Ms Lavers said.

Umina placed first in the senior's competition, second in the juniors and second in the combined club with 201 points, just three behind Avoca on 204 points.

"This result is a carry-over from recent carnivals where Umina placed third at the junior carnival held at Copacabana and second overall at the Foster carnival," Ms Lavers said.

"The club's individual results in the carnival would not have been

possible without the dedication of the team managers, coaches and parents and most of all the competitors.

"Umina also had three female competitors Jessica Mensforth, Helen Krucler and Teigan Miller participate in the NSW Surf premiership.

"This is a series of three carnivals.

"The first one was held in cold wet weather down the south coast at Towradgi Beach and the other two are to be held at Wanda and Redhead beaches.

"The three girls did very well in all areas and placed in the top six places for most events.

"Umina, Ocean Beach and Killcare nippers plan to have a twilight carnival between the three clubs with the emphasis being on fitness, fun and collaboration."

The carnival will be held on Sunday, November 30."

**Press release, 18 Nov 2008**

**Christine Lavers, Umina Surf Life Saving Club**



## Selected for development squad

Several Peninsula residents who are members of the Gosford City Aboriginal Netball Club have been selected for a NSW development squad after competing in the Newcastle Aboriginal Netball Tournament held on October 24 and 25.

Three teams represented the club to compete in the competition held at various locations across the state.

Club manager Ms Denise Markham said all three teams played hard-fought games over two days of competition resulting in the

juniors and mixed teams making it through to the finals

Ms Markham said the juniors and mixed teams placed third overall while the seniors placed seventh.

"Netball NSW was in attendance over the two days and had the tough decision of selecting the NSW Indigenous Schoolgirls Team and a NSW Indigenous Development Squad," Ms Markham said.

"We had six girls selected into the Development Squad and three of these girls are from the Peninsula.

"They are Sarah Hatch, Leeann Hemmings and Elise Cansdale."

The junior's team consisted of

Mikahli Clune, Kellie McDermott, Sarah Hatch, Katie Markwort, Katie Jones, Allara South, Leeann Hemmings, Amy McDermott and Taylor Pearce.

The seniors and mixed team was made up of Brooke Clarke, Stacey Markham, Arlion Kissick, Kiara Maza, Teagan Hookey, Shelley Hardcastle, Hayley Hardcastle, Emma Hardcastle, Elise Cansdale, Dani Beresford, Paul Hardcastle, Justin McDermott, Joel Weeks, Ryhs Leslie, Benny Guzmanyi and Matt Goodwin

Press release, 16 Nov 2008  
Denise Markham, Gosford City  
Aboriginal Netball Club



Junior Squad



Senior Squad

## Mini-budget brings special teachers

Six Peninsula schools will receive special education teachers as part of the State Government's mini-Budget.

Brisbane Water Secondary College's Woy Woy and Umina campus will receive special education teachers, as will Ettalong Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, Umina Public School and Woy Woy Public School.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said she welcomed the extra investment in public

education.

"The Rees Government has injected funds into improving school facilities and providing extra support for needy schools," Ms Andrews said.

"The mini-Budget allocates \$9 million to fund the equivalent of 80 new full time specialist teacher positions in 265 schools.

"Classroom teachers at these Peninsula schools will have access to specialist advice and additional assistance in working with students

who need extra support in their learning.

"The specialist teachers will work with classroom teachers to respond to the specific learning needs of students who are experiencing difficulties in learning.

"This extra help will assist students with dyslexia, autism, language delay, behavioural disorders and mental health issues."

Press release, 12 Nov 2008  
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

## Interview panel wanted

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus is seeking volunteers from the community to take part in its School to Work Interview Day from December 8 to 10.

The campus requires community members to volunteer their time to interview students in a simulated work environment.

The School to Work Interview Day aims to prepare students for when they leave school to find employment in the wider community.

Students will be asked to prepare an employment portfolio which is based on a mock job advertisement for a part-time/casual position.

The interviews will provide students with an opportunity to experience and receive constructive feedback on the interview process.

Volunteers can give up a full day, half day or a number of days to help the school and students.

"It would be appreciated if you are able to volunteer your time and expertise to be an interviewer on a

panel."

Careers advisor Ms Sara Cutting said volunteers were needed to conduct interviews for approximately 20 minutes per student.

A brief daily information session will be held at 8am prior to interviews, which will start 8.30am and finish around 3pm.

For more information, contact Sara Cutting on 4341 9066 or email [sara.cutting@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sara.cutting@det.nsw.edu.au)

Letter, 18 Nov 2008  
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