

## Local real estate sales 'unaffected'

**A Woy Woy real estate agency has claimed that the Peninsula property market has been relatively unaffected by the global economic crisis**

Wilson's Estate Agency has claimed it has been "business as usual" with 54 local property sales valued at \$19 million over four months from July.

The highest number of sales over the four-month period was 17 in July, valued at more than \$6 million.

Agent Mr Troy Howe said: "In what most are describing as a tough market, our team is consistently selling properties at a price that our owners are very happy with."

Mr Howe said now was the time for residents interested in selling their property to make preparations before the busy festive season.

"With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching now is the time to prepare your home for sale if you plan to make the move early in 2009," Mr Howe said.

"With solicitors, conveyances and the print advertising media closing on December 19 and reopening on January 12, it is an advantage to have your property on the market whilst many of the competition will be waiting until January or February."

**Newsletter, 24 Nov 2008  
Troy Howe, Wilson's Estate Agency**

## Help wanted with car crash

**Police are appealing for a driver of a car involved in a fatal accident on Pearl Beach Dr, Umina, to come forward and assist with inquiries.**

According to duty officer Inspector Bruce McGregor, a stolen Holden Commodore travelling west along Pearl Beach Dr left the road before colliding with a rock face and guard rail, at 5.15pm on Friday, December 5.

Inspector McGregor said a male passenger was ejected from the vehicle and suffered fatal injuries.

He said police believed the young man was not wearing a seat belt.

"The driver of the stolen vehicle escaped the scene and was seen by witnesses running through the yards of local residents," inspector McGregor said.

"Reports from witnesses also state that the vehicle was seen driving in a dangerous manner prior to the crash.

"The driver has been described by witnesses as being 20 to 25 years of age, 175cm in height, medium build with short reddish sandy coloured hair and wearing a dark, navy blue top and light coloured shorts.

"Police are appealing for the

young driver to surrender himself to assist police with their inquiries.

"Police are also calling on members of the public with information to call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000."

Inspector McGregor said the deceased passenger was not carrying identification on him at the time of the accident and had not yet been formally identified.

He said the car is believed to

be stolen from Wyongah and was bearing number plates stolen from another vehicle.

As a result of the accident, the road was closed to traffic for several hours before reopening at 11.45pm.

**Clare Graham, 6 Dec 2008  
Interviewee: Bruce McGregor, Brisbane Water Local Area Command**



Police attend the scene of an accident on Pearl Beach Dr while residents and visitors to the area remain stranded for several hours

## Outbreak of tick poisoning

**The Peninsula has suffered an outbreak of tick poisoning in dogs and cats this year, according to local vets.**

Umina veterinarian Dr Peter Howe said: "The vets at Leslie St Veterinary Clinic have experienced a very high incidence of tick poisoning this season."

He said that early detection was vital.

"When the tick bites, it secretes saliva which contains deadly toxins, so it is important to look for symptoms of paralysis tick daily.

"Some symptoms to look out for are difficulty in breathing or rapid breathing, loss of appetite, change of barking sound, difficulty standing or getting up, coughing, vomiting or retching.

"If your pet shows any of these signs, seek veterinary help immediately and keep your pet cool, calm and in a dark place.

"Do not offer water or food

as pneumonia and breathing difficulties may occur."

Dr Howe said more than 75,000 dogs and cats are poisoned in Australia each year and the paralysis tick is "quiet common" in the area.

"Once diagnosed, the vet will give your pet anti-toxin serum and sedation for respiratory complications," Dr Howe said.

"To protect your pet, try and keep your pet away from bushy areas.

"Check your pet's skin and coat every day by examining the nose, face, ears, lips and eyes first.

"Check the forehead and chest area, front legs, between the toes and under the armpits."

Dr Howe said preventative medications were available to reduce the risk of tick paralysis.

**Letter, 29 Nov 2008  
Helen Howe, Leslie St Veterinary Clinic**

## Umina hall to be refurbished

**Umina Public Hall is to be refurbished.**

"The existing stage will be removed to provide more space and better accessibility," according to a staff report to the Gosford Council.

The work will also include providing office space, space for computer training, meeting rooms, space for a playgroup, a small kitchen, storage facilities and parking for a bus."

The toilet block at the rear of the building would be demolished and new toilets installed inside the building.

The Umina Community Hall is currently vacant and insurance repair work was completed following a fire in January last year.

According to the report, the refurbishment would make the hall "universally accessible and improve the general amenity of

the building to provide for the additional community needs with the expanding population in the area".

The council resolved to lodge a development application for the work.

It also resolved to waive the development application fees and have it recorded as a donation in council's accounts.

**Council agenda  
COM.45, 25 Nov 2008**

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## Gift donations wanted

**The Salvation Army and the Smith Family are calling on Peninsula residents to donate a gift in Woy Woy to help support families in need this Christmas.**

According to publicity officer Mr Roger Christie, more than 154 gifts have been placed under the Woy Woy Kmart wishing tree following the second week of donations.

The Woy Woy store is hoping to receive more than 2000 gifts by Christmas.

With record numbers of Australians expected to seek welfare assistance this Christmas following the economic downturn, charities such as The Salvation Army and The Smith Family are preparing ahead of the festive season to support the thousands of people in need.

Executive director of The Smith Family Mr Paul Henderson said

even the smallest gift can make an enormous difference to someone without the means to enjoy Christmas.

"We're all starting to think of Christmas presents for our loved ones but it's important that we also remember those who may be struggling at this time of year," Mr Henderson said.

Mr Henderson said young teenage boys are often forgotten about in the appeal and encouraged residents to consider this demographic when donating gifts to the appeal.

"Teenage boys love to unwrap any sort of clothes, sporting gear or even books on Christmas Day, so we ask all people to keep them in mind when donating to the appeal," Mr Henderson said.

**Press release, 1 Dec 2008  
Roger Christie, Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal**

## Nominations close Friday

**The closing date for nominations for next year's Gosford City Australia Day Community Awards has been extended until December 12.**

Residents of the Gosford Local Government Area are eligible for the awards in a range of categories including sport, cultural, senior citizen, young person, business person, volunteer, and service to the environment.

All nominees will be considered

for the Gosford City Citizen of the Year.

"There are thousands of people deserving recognition for their contribution to our community," Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said.

"The person you nominate doesn't need to be a superhero, just someone who makes a difference."

Nominations close at 5pm on December 12.

A gala presentation dinner will

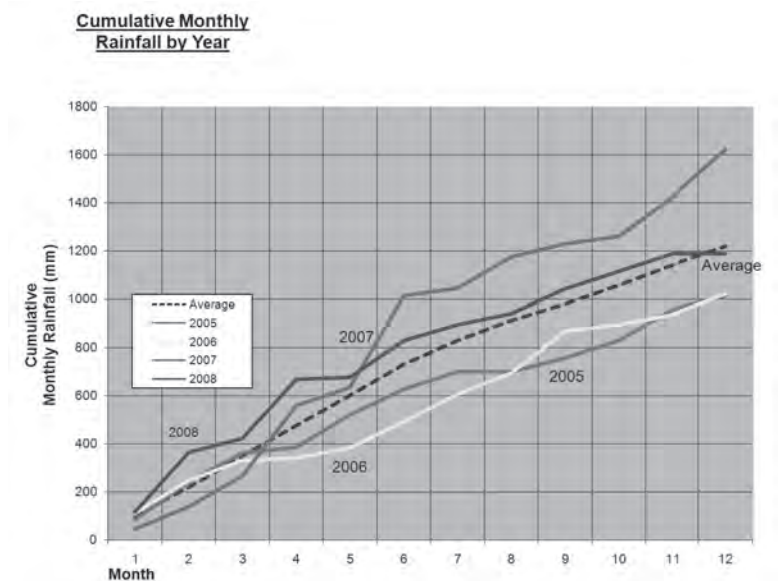
be held for finalists on January 23, next year.

To be eligible, all nominees must live in the Gosford Local Government Area.

Entry forms are available at all customer service centres or by phoning council on 4325 8222.

The form can also be downloaded from council's website at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au)

**Press release, 4 Dec 2008  
Alexandra Hornby, Gosford Council**



## Rain drops slightly

**November has finished with a total rainfall of 73.2mm, 12.5 per cent down on the average of 83.6mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.**

More than half of the month's rain fell over just two days: November 29 and 30.

Falls were recorded of 29.5mm on November 29 and 8.0mm on November 30.

November's rainfall was almost the same as for October which had

73.4mm.

Rain so far this year has remained just above average, with a cumulative total of 1188mm to the end of November, compared to an annual average of 1141 for the same period.

Just 31mm of rain in December would see the year finish with average rainfall figures.

The average rainfall for December is 77.7mm.

**Spreadsheet, 5 Dec 2008  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy**

## Christmas picnic

**The Peninsula Environment Group will hold its last event of the year on December 14.**

The group will hold its Christmas Picnic in the Park at Lions Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy, from 11am to 2.30pm.

Publicity officer Ms Zainem Ibrahim said the group enjoyed a very productive year.

For more information, contact 4342 6589 or visit [www.peg.org.au](http://www.peg.org.au)

**Press release, 2 Dec 2008  
Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula Environment Group**

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# Recycling for Australia Day

**Woy Woy will be the only location at Gosford Council's Australia Day events to provide recycling facilities.**

Council resolved to proceed with its Best Practice Recycling program at Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy despite council staff's recommendation against the recycling initiative.

According to the report, the estimated cost to proceed with recycling facilities at Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy is \$4950.

Cr Terri Latella said it was "extremely important" for council to provide recycling facilities at a large community event and to improve the attitudes and behaviour of community members.

"Findings from the previous Australia Day celebrations show we still need to educate the community and start to change their behaviour towards recycling," Cr Latella said.

"This should be a long-term goal for council and we should start with the Woy Woy event."

At its meeting on December 2, council also resolved to use volunteers to help with the event, provide a report to the Reduce Reuse Recycle Task Group to identify the amount of waste collected and the cost to council and to discuss strategies to minimise cost and increase recycling at future Australia Day events.

In July, a report to council found that only 101kg of recyclables was recovered for an expenditure of \$8700, and of this nine kilograms was contaminated with non-recyclable matter.

"Placement of unmanaged recycling bins at smaller public events should not be considered given the contamination management issues, recycling returns and the costs for setup and servicing," the report stated.

"Having regard to the low quantity of recyclables collected at the trial event relative to the high future costs for the provision of the service, it is recommended that council not proceed with public place recycling at any future community events held by council."

The report found that the recycling trial that involved both staff time and the provision of external contractor services costing about \$8700.

Only 101 kg of recyclables was recovered from the recycling bins, compared to 320 kg of waste recovered from the general waste bins, in which 61 per cent of recyclables were found.

The report stated that the cost of operating next year's Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy, Gosford and Wagstaff as Waste Wise events would be \$10,400.

"Having regard to the low quantity of recyclables collected at the trial event relative to the high future costs for the provision of the service, it is recommended that council not proceed with public place recycling at any future community events held by council," the report concluded.

Council agenda CIT.40, 2 Dec 2008

# No progress on Bulls Hill bypass

**Gosford Council will have to wait to see whether Woy Woy Rd will be reclassified as a "State road" before the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will look at the feasibility a bypass of Bulls Hill.**

However, the council is yet to receive a response from the Minister for Roads, following a request on August 26 for an update on the progress of council's submission for its reclassification.

The council asked the RTA to conduct a feasibility study following a question without notice from Cr Craig Doyle at a council meeting on August 5.

The RTA has told council that Woy Woy Rd was a regional road and that the responsibility for its management and maintenance rested with council.

Council resolved on June 3 to begin negotiations with the then Minister for Roads Mr Eric Roozendaal and the RTA for the reclassification of Woy Woy Rd as a state road.

A meeting was held on June 26, between Mr Roozendaal, council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen, the then deputy mayor Cr Chis Holstein and Member for



Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

A further submission was sent to the newly-appointed Minister for Roads Mr Michael Daley requested the reclassification of Woy Woy Rd.

A letter was also sent to the Minister for Roads referring on a submission and accompanying petition of 529 signatures received from The Bays Community Group in support of Woy Woy Rd being reclassified a state road and a bypass road being constructed around Bulls Hill.

Cr Doyle suggested the bypass road could be constructed as a

dual lane one-way road (north bound) and the repaired section of Woy Woy Rd could handle south bound traffic movements.

The RTA has told council that it would continue with planning works on the State road network to improve access to the Peninsula through the upgrade of the intersection of the Central Coast Hwy and Woy Woy Rd, Kariong, and the upgrade of the intersection of the Central Coast Hwy with Brisbane Water Dr and Manns Rd, West Gosford.

Council agenda Question 101 and 106, 25 Nov 2008

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## Developer refund results from 'impecuniosity'

The developer of the North Pearl estate in Umina Beach has escaped a requirement to construct a pedestrian bridge, due to council's "impecuniosity".

Gosford Council will now refund \$75,000 to Bruce Kerr Pty Ltd, as well as accumulated interest.

When originally approving the subdivision, the council had required a road to be constructed, across Ettymalong Creek, joining Lace Ave in North Pearl estate with Myola Rd.

This was deferred until the final stage of the subdivision, at which time the developer asked that the condition be waived.

Council decided at that time that the road bridge could be replaced with a pedestrian bridge.

The issue went to the Land and Environment Court in January 2006, where the developer was ordered to contribute \$75,000 to the cost of a cyclist and pedestrian bridge to be built within three years.

The council was required to fund the balance of the cost of

construction and to refund the contribution should the bridge not be built within the three-year period.

Gosford Council was told last week that council staff had been unable to obtain funding to cover the cost of a pedestrian bridge.

Representatives of the developer told council that they were unwilling to extend the timeframe beyond the end of January next year.

"We note that council's decision not to proceed with the construction of a pedestrian and cyclist bridge has been based on its impecunious circumstances," the letter to council stated.

The developer did not wish to pay additional funds "to assist

council's impecuniosity" or meet with council representatives.

"Council has enjoyed our client's \$75,000 since 24 January, 2006, and its return with its accumulated interest would be appreciated at council's earliest convenience."

In a report to council, council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen stated that the cost of placing the matter before the Land and Environment Court prior to January 29 next year would be around \$10,000.

"However, there is no guarantee of receiving a hearing date and without the support of the developer, there is little chance of either a greater payment being received, or an extension of time

given to undertake the work," the report stated.

Even so, Crs Peter Freewater and Terri Latella moved that legal action be taken to extend the time, requiring an environmental assessment of the area and seeking community support to request Bruce Kerr Pty Ltd reconsider his decision.

The motion was lost.

Council then resolved to follow Mr Glen's recommendation to abandon the construction of the bridge and refund the developer \$75,000 plus interest.

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CIT.46, 2 Dec 2008

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The final event held at Rainbow Gate

## Rainbow Gate closes

Peninsula charity Rainbow Love will farewell its main centre of operations, Rainbow Gate, on December 12, to make way for the development of a new seniors living development in West St, Umina.

"It is with a great deal of sadness that our time at 207 West St, Umina, has expired," charity founder Ms Susie O'Donnell said.

"Rainbow Gate will continue to look for new premises.

The charity's final car boot sale at Rainbow Gate was held on December 6, with a first birthday celebration held on December 7.

Rainbow Gate opened its doors to the community in April this year to raise funds for children with high medical needs including physical and cognitive disabilities, chronic and terminal illness.

Ms O'Donnell said the charity would continue to raise money for local children in need.

Press release, 2 Dec 2008  
Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love

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## Petition calls for Patonga crossing

Gosford Council has received a petition with more than 165 signatures asking for a raised pedestrian crossing in Patonga.

According to a council report, the petition has called for council to construct the crossing from the corner of the Patonga Beach Hotel to the beachfront reserve and children's playground.

"Petitioners believe that this corner poses a major safety risk to children seeking to cross the road at this point," the report stated.

"The petitioners state that council approved the placement of a safety crossing on Patonga Dr in 1995 and that this was the number two priority in the Patonga Foreshore Landscape Plan of Management report."

Council agenda P.56, 25 Nov 2008

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# Amalgamation led to rehab closure, says action group

**The amalgamation of Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Services has led to the closure of Woy Woy Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit, according to Save Woy Woy Hospital Rehabilitation action committee coordinator Mr Bob Mudge.**

"Money has been drained out of the Central Coast to support Northern Sydney," he said.

"The only reason we can see that the unit is being closed and the Central Coast losing 30 rehab beds is that North Sydney Central Coast Health is broke," Mr Mudge said.

Mr Mudge said the action committee has vowed its commitment to keep the issue of the rehabilitation unit closure alive despite the unit's confirmed closure on December 2.

"We have more support now than we did a couple of months ago as both residents and ex-patients find out that it has closed."

Mr Mudge said the action group would continue to pressure state government representatives and ask for the community's ongoing support.

Shadow Minister for Health Ms Jillian Skinner accused the Health Minister and State Labor Government of closing the Woy Woy rehabilitation unit despite an internal report recommending bed numbers be increased.

"Closing the Woy Woy rehabilitation ward is Labor's latest attack on frontline hospital services and indicates Labor is going to eventually close the hospital," Ms Skinner said.

"Only an incompetent State Labor Government would close a rehabilitation ward in an area whose population is rapidly ageing.

"This decision makes absolutely no sense.

"Woy Woy rehabilitation patients, who are already in need of treatment for their frailty, will now be carted in buses to Gosford, eating into valuable treatment time.

"Even the State Government's own report states: 'The amount of time spent travelling [is] impacting on actual therapy activity'."

According to a final report by Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service on a review of rehabilitation and related services released in May last year, there exists "a significant shortfall in designated rehabilitation beds (and staffing) on the Central Coast".

"While there is a Department of Rehabilitation Medicine on the Central Coast, the service there is not resourced to meet current or future need, and as such service development is impacted," the report stated.

"The current 15-bed rehabilitation ward at Woy Woy Hospital should be expanded to 30 beds.

"Expansion of the Woy Woy

rehabilitation ward from 15 to 30 beds should be accompanied by the recruitment of an additional rehabilitation physician and a FTE registrar (advanced trainee in rehabilitation medicine)."

Mr Mudge said the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health's Clinical Services Strategic Plan and the internal report issued in May last year contradicted the closure of the Woy Woy unit.

"It is not just the 2008 clinical services strategic plan which contradicts the closure of the unit, but the leaked internal report of May 2007, which recommend 30 beds at Woy Woy and 30 beds at Wyong," Mr Mudge said.

"All of these issues - the aging population, the need for these services close to where people live and the need to improve outcomes for patients - are both in the report of May 2007 and the strategic plan for 2008."

Mr Mudge said the removal of the word "hospital" from its title was "a sure sign" that the hospital would be downgraded and eventually closed.

Mr Della Bosca told State Parliament on November 26, that the Woy Woy Hospital would continue to provide quality health care services, despite "scaremongering" from Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher and his colleague Gosford councillor Jeff Strickson.

"Woy Woy Hospital is not closing.

"In fact, the area health service has recently established a new 20-bed transitional care unit at the hospital providing important sub-acute rehabilitation services," Mr Della Bosca said.

"This new unit has been established to provide relevant care to patients following a hospital admission.

"It allows older patients to recover properly with personalised health care programs and one-on-one support.

"Transitional care is exactly that - specialised care provided to people following an illness or injury in the transition from hospital to home or aged care facility.

"In addition to the unit, Woy Woy Hospital provides outpatients facilities and a hydrotherapy pool serving the needs of the people of the Woy Woy area.

"The care and support that outpatients are currently receiving at Woy Woy Hospital will remain.

"Patients such as those with Multiple Sclerosis will continue to access community based occupational therapy, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy at Woy Woy Hospital."

Mr Della Bosca said a recent community meeting held on November 19, hosted by Mr Hartcher was "misleading and a cheap political stunt".

"Both Mr Hartcher and Mr Strickson have been using the most vulnerable of our community to score a cheap political point," Mr Della Bosca said.

"The area health service has been holding their own community information sessions to provide the community accurate information.

"I would encourage anyone who may have concerns about the new or existing services to contact the area health service for the correct advice."

**Press release, 26 Nov 2008  
John Della Bosca, Minister for Health**

**Press release, 25 Nov 2008  
Jillian Skinner, Shadow Minister for Health**

**Clare Graham, 5 Dec 2008  
Interviewee: Bob Mudge, Save Woy Woy Rehabilitation Action Committee**

## Dredging motion voted down

**A motion which would have allowed dredging of the Ettalong Channel was defeated at Gosford Council's meeting last week.**

The motion would have rescinded the council's previous decision not to contribute to the cost of dredging, and cleared the way for the council to contribute \$250,000.

The rescission motion was voted down by councillors Chris Holstein, Amy Houston, Chris Burke, Jeff Strickson and Craig Doyle, with

councillors Terri Latella, Peter Freewater, Jim Macfadyen and Vicki Scott in favour.

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein confirmed to Peninsula News a hydrological study measuring the width and depth of the channel was conducted last week by NSW Maritime.

He said council would be able to analyse the findings of the study and determine an appropriate course of action.

**Council agenda NM.28, 2 Dec 2008**

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# Hands off Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital

## An open letter to Premier Nathan Rees.

I was impressed that you knew exactly who I was and where I lived in Umina when I approached you at Toukley on November 3. I believe you are actually peeling back the scabs of oozing party political sores which have been left to fester for years.

Premier Rees, you have made your distaste of liars and the lies they tell us a matter of public record. So how is it possible that my community is being misled by influential people with political motives, motives which are in direct conflict with the current and future wellbeing of the Woy Woy Peninsula community and its ageing population?

The NSW Health Code of Conduct's draconian provisions on public sector management is being used to frighten nurses and doctors into abandoning their democratic rights to freedom of expression. Citizens of NSW have become fearful of speaking out freely, hence their guarded comments have no real substance when arguing against millions of dollars spent on spin supported by thinly concealed conflicted interest.

The Woy Woy Peninsula is populated by an above national average of elderly people needing the services provided by our Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital. Under resourced by the State our important Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital may be, but the need to have this important community amenity remain here where citizens fought to build it has increased.

Many locals, including politicians the likes of John Della Bosca and Marie Andrews, have poor community spirit. Politics aside, how can they, as citizens accommodate the gutting of such an important amenity?

Both sides of State government have been involved in accommodating this process of removing a tax payer funded essential community asset from the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Doctors and Nursing staff along with cleaners and other support staff from the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital will also eventually move away from the Peninsula seeking workplaces and their incomes will go with them. The NSW Health Code of Conduct, all 43 pages of it, is being abused as a tool to stifle Government employees from exercising their political freedoms against the results of wrong minded government actions.

My father lived a lot longer after breaking his femur because of the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital and its location in our growing community.

The Minister for Health and others' suggestion of hurling elderly people who by the very nature of this service, are debilitated, into a people mover bus is cruel to say the least. A reasonably well person would find the schedule an excruciating ordeal. Complications are more likely to occur because of the unsuitable conveyance and precious time spent travelling. There is little dignity in many aspects of being dependent when you are frail or elderly.

This is just another 'herding' attitude being imposed on these people while claiming consultation has taken place. Show me the modelling that demonstrates this proposal is uplifting, safe and desirous for the very people who it is meant to enable, the very people who are being dispossessed by a systemic down grading of beds as far back as 2005 of what was once an assured future close to family.

Of course money is the driving force when these decisions are forced on us.

An open and transparent consideration of the reasons for this action has been denied taxpayers because the important part of the Garland report on which these decisions are being based is confidential to those who will eventually pay the price, us. Where is the honest accountable system which will satisfy the community?

There are too many incapable chiefs telling grass roots community members what to think where these matters are concerned and as for Mr. Della Bosca telling us not to be worried, that type of comment from a politician makes us truly anxious about what the future holds.

**The residents of Woy Woy and Gosford have had enough of mismanagement of health services by our local Health bureaucrats and demand that the real health needs of the Peninsula be properly assessed and responded to.**

**We are not interested in an attempt to cut costs and shift necessary resources supported by an explanation which is shrouded in misleading bureaucratic jargon about effective resource use. The proposal is neither effective nor enhancing of services to Peninsula residents and we will neither accept it nor the underhand rationale that accompanies it.**

**Written with the help of those who really care by Edward James Rally 2 pm Sunday 14 of December Woy Woy Hospital entrance Ocean Beach Road. Information 0243419140**

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# Dredging considerations

The article on the dredging and the Chamber's criticism ("Chamber criticises dredging decision", November 24) is missing several facts, along with a misinterpretation of other matters.

Please allow me to clarify them. Firstly, as mayor, the priority has always been that of public safety.

The channel is the responsibility of NSW Waterways for vessel movement and the Department of Lands for the seabed.

Since March 2008, nothing has changed including the three councillors currently running the "Liberal excuse".

What did they do prior to the September election?

While Waterways deem the channel safe for use (no doubt they would have closed it otherwise), my issues have been about safety, cost and the sand removal proposal.

The dredging cost is not recoverable for council.

Council has spent over \$3 million in the last six years in maintenance, upgrading of 22 public boat ramps and 53 public jetties under council's responsibility.

However, the government derives income from the 996 private jetty owners (annual lease fees of approximately \$400 to \$5000), mooring fees from the 1200

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moorings in the area, licence and registration fees for 8000 boats in the area plus about \$200,000 per annum in fishing licences.

Where have the tens of millions of dollars been spent on our waterways to the benefit of the users?

The \$250,000 of our rate dollars would be better spent on our local roads, which is council's responsibility, rather than for the dredging.

In fact, we need more dollars for our roads.

As for the removal of the sand, if the channel is dredged, we are advised it will be relocated a couple of hundred metres away and go back into the water and therefore the problem will come back.

As for the inference by Mr Wales about the expenditure on the Terrigal Trojans Club, he is wrong.

When Council considered the club's redevelopment, they agreed to pay for the replacement of the toilets, change room and storage area (now under the new clubhouse).

These do not only service sporting groups but are also used by tourists, fishermen and locals who use this area at The Haven

every day.

The \$1.3 million facility now includes public amenities which council paid for to the tune of \$427,000 and this was resolved in 2006.

The final payment of \$127,000, not \$200,000 which was originally sought, was what council voted on.

As for my casting vote, the casting vote maintains the status quo.

No dredging was the status quo and honouring payment for the amenities was also status quo.

That said the latest detail on the channel is that Waterways are currently undertaking a hydro study to show the extent or lack of decline in the channel.

When the study is compared to the 2007 study, council will be informed of the extent of the problem.

Council will consider paying if safety proves to be a major factor and the State will not take the responsibility, but to do so roads, footpaths and libraries etc are put back by that value.

As mayor, be it right-handed, left-handed, Catholic, Protestant, Liberal or Labor my focus and responsibility is to the ratepayers, that comes first.

Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford Council

# Keep the hospital open

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So many people here on the Peninsula are objecting to any alteration to the Woy Woy Hospital that I'm hoping you are going on reporting the dissent among the very many residents.

I can't help wondering if those who designed the Wyong Hospital regretted it.

Why else would certain people try to encourage patients to go all the way there instead of the much more convenient Woy Woy Hospital?

Wyong is stuck on a piece of land which was no doubt cheap, away from the station, and special buses are needed to be able to access this out-of-the-way place.

How dictatorial can these people be who have been voted in by an unsuspecting population while all this secret negotiation was going

to deprive the people in the Woy Woy area of the very facility that is most needed in this region.

As the hospital is right in the middle of this area, why should we be told to go all the way to Wyong for the treatment that has always been available here?

One can't help being cynical about such a deal.

Isn't it strange that so little information has been released and now people in charge say "Oh, it's a foregone conclusion"?

Surely this over-populated district can keep on rejecting the closure until the idea of selling the land to the developers becomes a grim prospect and sense returns to keep the hospital open for support and advice.

Barbara Duggan, Pearl Beach

# Developers make money and move on

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There is an old saying amongst hoteliers: Be careful when you renovate the public bar, you may lose the old crowd without gaining a new one.

As a long-standing member of the Ettalong Memorial Club, I tried the new club.

I thought the food and atmosphere of the old club was better.

Based on a loss this year of close to \$4 million, it appears I am not alone.

Developers and their lobbyists can try to turn Ettalong into Terrigal, but they will happily destroy this

part of the Coast in their pursuit of the almighty dollar.

Have a look at Ettalong from Killcare or Staples Lookout and tell me the white mirage is an improvement to God's country.

We need to recognise the hypocrisy of the pro-development lobby.

They make their money and happily move on to their next victim.

Let's not repeat this mistake again.

Warren Cross, Wagstaffe Point

# Ettalong in the 50s

Usually my inspiration to write comes when I am out running.

So, today I am running south along The Esplanade and what do I see?

Well, some twit has carved their name in the railing attached to that brand new platform recently constructed by Gosford Council at Ettalong.

Some of the shrubs have also been stolen leaving tell-tale holes and once again there is graffiti on the toilet block.

But wait there's more!

A couple of smashed bottles and fast food wrappers were scattered in the carpark even though a wheelie bin is located only a few metres away.

How awful and depressing.

Well, let us go back to the 50s: Lots of mums and dads having a drink or two on the veranda of Bannets Hotel right on the beachfront, now occupied by a motel.

It was a splendid building with a wide veranda which gave a wonderful view along the entire beach and across to Wagstaffe and beyond.

Families would be picnicking on

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the grassed areas and at the same time keeping a watchful eye on the kids playing in the shallows.

Just along The Esplanade you could hire rubber tyres, floats and canoes from Barney Tessup who did a roaring trade during the summer months.

Where the beer garden of the resort is now located was a wonderful milk bar which as far as I can recall was owned by the Iffland family who later acquired the boatshed next to the wharf used by the Palm Beach Ferry.

The milk bar had these wonderful mirrors and plaster mermaids behind the counter and along the walls.

I am sure that if the cafe still

existed today it would be heritage classified; similar to the Paragon Milk Bar at Katoomba, minus the chocolates of course.

No one knew anything about skin cancer in those days so Skol was about the only product on the market for sunburn apart from pink zinc which made you look rather ridiculous.

Some teenage girls used lashings of coconut oil which only accelerated the cooking process.

I was soon brought out of my reverie by a middle-aged couple leaving the viewing platform.

They thought that the view across to Wagstaffe and the bay was fantastic.

Indeed it was but as I pointed out to them that view had always been there but nowadays was mainly obstructed by a wall of weeds and shrubs of dubious origin.

All we need is an attractive and stable rock wall, grassy banks and some aesthetically pleasing picnic tables or shelter sheds to not only capitalise on our bountiful asset, but also encourage tourism.

I am positive that our visitors, particularly those from overseas, will be gobsmacked by that wonderful view.

Fred Landman, Daley's Point

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# The beginning of survival

I was recently recycling some papers when I noticed a warning statement from Chief Seattle.

I decided the statement needed publicity along with a suitable supporting comment.

David Suzuki presented a similar point of view in his co-authored book Wisdom of the Elders.

The following is a quotation from Chief Seattle's speech to the then American President in 1885:

"Continue to contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

"When the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses all tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with the scent of many men and the view of the ripe hills blotted with talking wires, where is the thicket?

"Gone.

"Where is the eagle?

"Gone.

"And what is it to say goodbye to the swift and the hunt?

"The end of living and the

beginning of survival."

Are we in survival mode?

Gosford Council's sustainability report monitors governance and leadership, environment, economy, society and culture.

Regulation, modelling, control plans, management plans, monitoring, auditing, reviews and trade-offs are common practice now.

Evaluation of the quantity of monitoring and gaps in monitoring will lead to the answer.

Norman Harris, Umina

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# Thank you evening for Mary Macs

**Volunteers and supporters of Peninsula charity Mary Mac's Place were treated to a Thank You Evening at the Ethel Cox Community Centre on November 24.**

More than 100 community members attended the event to pay tribute to the valuable contributions volunteers of the charity make in providing nutritious meals to those in need.

Fr John Hill and steering committee members welcomed representatives from St John

the Baptist Parish, St Vincent de Paul Society, Reuben F. Scarf Memorial Foundation, Everglades Country Club, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Lion's Club of Woy Woy Peninsula and Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Project officer Ms Robyn Schacht said the evening was a great opportunity to thank volunteers and community representatives for their help and support in ensuring a future for Mary Mac's Place.

"Mary Mac's Place, along with

many other charities throughout Australia and the world, has been adversely affected by the current downturn in the worldwide economy and the effects of the drought and the resultant rise in food prices in Australia," Ms Schacht said.

"As a consequence, over the past three months, Mary Mac's Place has experienced an increase in food costs of 117 per cent.

"The number of our guests has also increased by up to 83 per cent over the same period.

"Mary Mac's Place relies on donations from our supportive St John the Baptist Catholic Parish, local clubs, organisations and the wider community to meet the costs associated with the offering of a helping hand to our guests in the form of a nutritious lunch each week day.

Ms Schacht said Mary Mac's Place was "extremely grateful for the generous support" of small local businesses on the Peninsula.

"Their valuable contribution helps us to provide 90 meals a day for struggling families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless," Ms Schacht said.

For more information about Mary Mac's Place and how to become involved phone 4341 0584 or 0417 671 973.

Press release, 5 Dec 2008  
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place



Mary Scarf, Father Michael McCarthy and Robyn Schacht



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## Tender let for dementia upgrade

Gosford Council has accepted the tender of Artel Constructions for the upgrade the Meals on Wheels building in Woy Woy for use as a dementia day care facility.

Council accepted the company's tender at its meeting on November 4.

The tender for the upgrade of the facility in Woy Woy closed on October 17, with six tenders received.

The work would include the upgrading of the community building located at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, to a dementia day care facility, to provide a comfortable environment with an extensive quality fit out for dementia day care and food services.

The work would entail minor

demolition, structural modifications and refurbishment of the entire facility, according to a council report.

The construction period is 24 weeks with the work scheduled to commence this month.

A council report stated that it was considered that the tender by Artel Constructions presented the most positive benefits to council.

It also stated: "Artel Constructions Pty Ltd are a local construction company with extensive experience in quality fit-outs and construction of community health related buildings for the NSW Department of Commerce".

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government and the NSW Government Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care to the value of \$1.65 million.

Council agenda COR.  
S97, 4 Nov 2008

## New blood donors wanted

**Woy Woy Donor Centre is calling for new blood donors on the Peninsula.**

Marketing coordinator Ms Jacqui Raadsma said the Australian Red Cross was encouraging local residents to visit the centre.

"The Red Cross continues the gradual task of rebuilding the nation's blood stocks to optimum levels, but is now calling on new donors to help in that task.

"We are calling for all blood type donors.

"The Red Cross urgently requires new donors to expand the existing donor base and help meet the needs of Australians for the remainder of 2008.

"We are also encouraging existing donors who have not donated for some time to come back and make another life-saving donation."

The Woy Woy Donor Centre is open every Tuesday from 1pm to 7pm.

For more information phone 4320 3401 or visit [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

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The Australian Red Cross Blood Service Donor Mobile will also be visiting a number of Central Coast locations throughout December and January to make it easier for people to donate.

The mobile service will be visiting Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, on January 8, from 1pm to 6pm.

Press release, 18 Nov 2008  
Jacqui Raadsma, Australian Red Cross Blood Service Central Coast

## Children escape hospital

**Seriously-ill and hospitalised children and their families attended the Starlight Escape Fun Day at Ocean Beach Holiday Park in Umina on October 23.**

Park events and activities coordinator Ms Jess Henderson said the day was a "huge success".

"The kids had a blast doing things they normally don't have the chance to do, even with the cold weather," Ms Henderson said.

"Face painting, arts, craft and African drumming were just a few of the activities kids could choose

from.

"Families enjoyed the excitement of the Central Coast Mariners appearance, followed by a fantastic show by the Australian Reptile Park.

"When the rain eased the kids braved the cold to enjoy a mini carnival with jumping castles, a clown, magician and a visit by the local fire brigade and police – a welcome change to the hospital environment.

"The NRMA's Mobile Member Centre truck was also in attendance with the latest in road safety information, kid's education games, X-box consoles and membership

information."

The event was organised by the Starlight Children's Foundation with the support of NRMA Motoring and Services.

The Starlight Children's Foundation is an Australian charity dedicated to providing a positive distraction for seriously ill and hospitalised children.

The Starlight Escape Days are just one of the popular programs they offer to children and their families.

Press release, 23 Oct 2008  
Kimberly Rigby, NRMA Motoring and Services

## Yoga team raises \$2600

**More than \$2600 was raised by the Peninsula Yoga Aid team for children's charity Australia Save the Children on October 22.**

"It was a cold, wet, windy morning when the Peninsula Yoga Aid team gathered in the dark at the Umina Beach Surf Club," team organiser Ms Helen MacNair said.

"It was the coldest October day in 17 years, apparently, when we all met at 6am.

"Luckily the team were inside.

"It was fabulous to watch the waves breaking on the beach as the day dawned.

"John Wilson was at the

yoga expo the week before and discovered our little team of six was the talk of the town as we've managed to raise so much despite being only a few!"

Ms MacNair said the Peninsula Yoga Aid team would continue to raise funds for the Australia Save the Children charity until the end of November.

"We enjoyed our 108 sun salutes and the energy we created carried us through relatively effortlessly."

Anyone wanting to make a donation should contact John Wilson on 4342 5000 or Helen at [www.bellaroseyoga.com](http://www.bellaroseyoga.com).

Press release, 25 Oct 2008  
Helen MacNair, Bella Rose Yoga

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# Peninsula Food Guide

## Christmas banners for light poles

Christmas banners will be temporarily installed on light poles along West St, Umina Beach, to ensure the retail centre has a "festive feel" during the holiday period.

Forty banners will be purchased by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce as part of its

commitment to the Umina Beach retail sector.

"We had initially made approaches to Gosford City Council for the funding, however council was not in a position to assist but have agreed to erect the banners on the chamber's behalf," said Chamber president Mr Matthew

Wales.

"The cost will now be funded by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce with an additional amount provided by the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee as a reciprocating contribution following the successful staging of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival at Ettalong Beach.

"This commitment follows the joint funding of the Ettalong Beach welcome signs last year between the Heritage Committee, the Chamber and several businesses.

"Four heritage designed welcome signs were installed to

improve the ambiance of the retail centre.

"The Christmas banners in West St, Umina, will ensure that the main street has a festive feel during the holiday period and the Chamber looks forward to retailers decorating their premises for the Christmas break."

Mr Wales said the Chamber would be working on further projects early next year for the Woy Woy retail centre.

Press release, 3 Dec 2008  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



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Paralympian and OAM recipient Ms Lindy Hou was guest speaker, describing how her guide dog Harper changed her life.

Despite being vision impaired by a degenerative eye condition known as retinitis pigmentosa, Ms Hou has achieved numerous medals at the Athens and Beijing

Paralympic Games.

Publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said: "Lindy entertained the audience with her easy style of speaking and peppered her presentation with humour and childhood reminiscences of her early 'dreams' which were to represent her country at an Olympic Games and stand on the podium singing the national anthem," Ms Lillico said.

"Her presentation at morning tea was emotional, humbling and moved the audience with her

sincere approach to life."

Ms Lillico said the Central Coast support group was always looking for new volunteers to help with fundraising.

For more information, contact the president Ms Barbara Craig on 4333 1688.

Press release, 3 Dec 2008  
Lynne Lillico, Central Coast  
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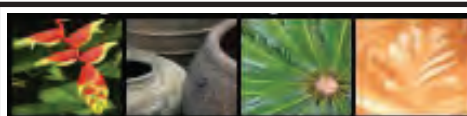
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# What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DAILY EVENTS

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

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym PCYC

## TUESDAY

### First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, UCH.

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

### Second Tuesday of every month

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

Get Together afternoon tea, ESCC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

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, 12.30pm & 7pm, 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, 12.30pm, 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

# 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,  
**Drumming classes** 4pm **RBG**  
**Computers**, 1pm; **Dancing**, 9am;  
**Indoor Bowls**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 1pm; **Fitness**, 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners, 2.30pm, **ESCC**  
**Gym Sessions**, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing** (Women), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**  
**Carpet Bowls**, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**  
**Fairhaven Cash Housie**, 7.30pm; **Bingo**, 11am, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**  
**Arts and Crafts** for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333  
**Patchwork & Quilting**, 10am;  
**Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC**  
**Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am  
**Occasional Childcare**, 9am;  
**Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am;  
**Over 55's Gentle Fitness**, 9am;  
**Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday** Craft & Cooking, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm;  
**Hysical Culture Club**, 4pm;  
**Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm;  
**Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm;  
**Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**  
**Craft group**, 1pm, **BFC**

Fairhaven Services **Cash Housie**, 7.30pm, **EMBC**  
**Yoga**, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**  
**Pilates**, (except 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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## Peninsula dancers perform at Laycock

Several Peninsula residents who are students of NAISDA Dance College performed in the contemporary and traditional Indigenous dance concert entitled Tharramali at Laycock St Theatre on November 28 and 29.

The dance production was directed by the young emerging artist Tamara Pearson and choreographed by Graeme Murphy from the Sydney Dance Company and Stephen Page from Bangarra Dance Theatre.

According to Ms Pearson, the word tharramali means "the coming of the thunderstorm" where "the storm's passing will cleanse and renew the earth".

Mr Murphy choreographed Excerpts from Wilderness, an abstract piece representing modern ballet formalism where

the sense of wilderness has many possible interpretations, ranging from options of landscape to sense of inner personal wilderness.

The Moth Duet choreographed by Mr Page explored the constantly shifting shadow that a moth casts when attracted to the light.

The program also contained new contemporary pieces from eminent Australian choreographers Graeme Watson and Jason Pitt.

Best known today as Australia's national Indigenous dance college, NAISDA sprang from a series of workshops in Redfern in 1975, pioneering Indigenous dance education in this country.

Currently NAISDA students are drawn from all over Australia, through talent identification programs and an annual week-long audition program.

Press release, 3 Dec 2008  
 Jennifer Dakers, NAISDA

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## Youth theatre show in Pearl Beach

**The Pearl Beach Youth Theatre group will present its first production entitled Little Gypsy Gaye at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall in January next year.**

Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said the Pearl Beach Youth Theatre group began last year at a bus stop outside the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"Meeting their children off the school bus, new residents with theatrical skills and parents of young children keen to be on stage decided to form a theatre group," Ms Lillico said.

"They called it the Bus Stop Theatre Craft and began meeting on a regular basis.

"Unfortunately, due to a number of unforeseen events, the group disbanded.

"Pearl Beach residents Diane Orton and Geoff Miller heard

about the children's musical and contacted the Bus Stop members and began rehearsals for Little Gypsy Gaye earlier this year."

Ms Lillico said Little Gypsy Gaye was written in the 1930s with words by Molly Masters and music by Evelyn Wales.

"Members of the youth theatre group have adapted it slightly for a 21st century audience and for the cast of 12 children aged eight to 15 years and three adults," Ms Lillico said.

"The story is about the events that take place on the 10th birthday of a girl called Gaye. "During the one-hour musical Gaye and her fellow gypsies (mainly children) display their skills in music, dance, basket-making, mending pots and pans, hunting and fishing, as well as fortune telling."

At the end of each performance, a lucky door prize will be drawn and cast members in their colorful costumes will mingle with the

audience as they sell inexpensive items at the Gypsy Market Place stall.

"Members of the Pearl Beach community have provided their expertise and assistance with costume design, set preparation, choreography, musical direction and photography," Ms Lillico said.

"Musical director and production coordinator Diane Orton is delighted with the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the youthful cast members and promises a show that the whole family will enjoy."

Proceeds from the show will be donated to the Central Coast School for Children with Autism.

Performances will be held on Friday, January 9, and Sunday, January 11, from 2.30pm.

**Press release, 1 Dec 2008  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**

## Commissioned by hairdressers

**The work of Umina artist Ms Christine Armstrong can now be viewed in two Peninsula hairdressing salons.**

Ms Armstrong was approached by the owner of Hair On Earth and Jackie's Hairdressing Salon to create artwork to feature in both Umina salons.

"These two paintings are the first pieces that I have had displayed permanently in a public place," Ms Armstrong said.

"Usually the commissions I do are for private collections.

"I think it's great to have local businesses supporting a local artist like me, especially when the art market isn't so great."

Ms Armstrong works from her home and studio in Umina and has been painting for more than 25 years.

"With the first painting, I was approached by Marie, who is my hairdresser and the owner of Hair on Earth at Umina Shopping Mall, to do a piece of artwork for her newly renovated salon," Ms Armstrong said.

"Marie wanted a painting of a young lady with long flowing hair in a graphic style and it was to look like ribbons of hair using her favourite colours.

"I added glitter and diamantes to give it texture and to pick up on the reflection of the mirrors in the salon.

"The painting is now hung

permanently on the back wall of the salon."

Ms Armstrong said she was surprised when another hairdressing salon owner contacted her to commission another painting.

"Word got around somehow and I was then contacted by the owner of Jackie's Hairdressing Salon to do another large painting to go on the back wall of the salon," Ms Armstrong said.

"This one is the largest commission piece I have done to date.

"Jackie also wanted to have a lady with long flowing hair in black, red, purple, red, violet and burgundy colours.

"She wanted it to be a mixture of straight and curly hair in a realistic style.

"Doing these two paintings has been a great way of combining my graphic design and illustration background and art together.

"I have found it very interesting to work with hairdressers as they too are very creative people with good clear ideas about what they want.

"So the challenge for me is, after meeting with the client and to discuss their ideas, successfully interpreting what these ideas are for their paintings.

"This has been a challenge I have really enjoyed."

**Email, 2 Dec 2008  
Christine Armstrong, Umina**



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# Teacher receives top award

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus teacher Mr John Maxwell has received an award for excellent service to public education and training.**

Mr Maxwell was one of two recipients from the Hunter Central Coast region recognised for the award.

The award was presented to Mr Maxwell and 37 other recipients from around the state in a special ceremony at William Wilkins Gallery, Sydney, on December 2.

Director-General for Education and Training Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter said the awards recognise the fundamental truth that successful education and training is a partnership that involves all sorts of people in addition to teachers and students.

"Every one of this year's 38 recipients has made it their life's

work to support the learning of our children, young people and adults in public schools and TAFE institutions," Mr Coutts-Trotter said.

"They have helped change lives, change communities and enrich our nation.

"John Maxwell is an outstanding educator who has made an enormous difference to the futures of many students.

"He is a leader in providing quality Vocational and Education Training, particularly in entertainment industries, and his efforts have been widely recognised at regional level.

"His approach is student-centred, aligns with the Quality Teaching Framework and Adult Learning Principles and is highly innovative."

Mr Coutts-Trotter said Mr Maxwell's work has created authentic opportunities for students

to create "wonderful pathways" from school to work.

"John established the Technical Entertainment and Production Academy," Mr Coutts-Trotter said.

"This academy signed a memorandum of understanding with Gosford Council and under this agreement students use the Peninsula Theatre to perform a play for one season.

"The students are involved in all aspects, including technical, stage design and front-of-house.

"Students also provide technical support for the events of other cultural groups on the Central Coast as well as college events and others at local primary schools.

"John Maxwell's efforts have made a significant contribution to improving student retention to Higher School Certificate level."

**Press release, 2 Dec 2008  
Sven Wright, NSW Department of Education and Training**



## Successful exhibition

**The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre's annual Christmas exhibition and sale was a "great success", according to publicity officer Ms Sharon Horder.**

Ms Horder said hundreds of residents from in and around the Peninsula came to support the local art group over the two-day exhibition and sale on November 29 and 30.

"The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre committee wishes to thank everyone including all the tutors, students and volunteers who gave their time and help freely to make our annual Christmas exhibition and sale a great success," Ms Horder said.

The exhibition and sale was held at the Peninsula Community Centre, Woy Woy.

Results of the raffle were drawn on November 30 by Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

Prize winners received a number of hand-made goods including a quilt, painting, pottery, mirror and Christmas hamper.

All winners have been notified and prizes collected.

Term one classes at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will commence from February 2.

For enrolments and enquiries, phone 4341 8344.

**Press release, 2 Dec 2008  
Sharon Horder, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre**

## Young writers' awards

**Pretty Beach Public School students Courtney Bocking and Keira McLoskey received the Newcastle Herald's Young Writer of the Year Award for their article on the delayed dredging of Ettalong channel and the possible closure of the Palm Beach Ferry as a result.**

Both year six students received \$500 each as part of their award and also a highly-commended award in the Best Editorial for a Primary School category.

Eighty-four Hunter and Central Coast schools participated in the competition.

Teacher Ms Jenny Chippendale said the school was "absolutely thrilled" to win major awards at the

competition.

"This was the first year we entered this competition and it is a great credit to Ms Chippendale and the Year 6 students who were part of the enrichment group to produce work of this calibre," Ms Redrup said.

**Newsletter, 4 Dec 2008  
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School**



Courtney and Keira with their awards

## Fund-raiser is heart-starter

**Ettalong Beach Public School has raised more than \$11,500 for the Heart Foundation through Jump Rope for Heart fundraising activities.**

School principal Mr Colin Wallis said both staff and students were amazed by the amount of money the school raised for the Heart Foundation.

"What an incredible job the children and community of Ettalong have done to support the Heart Foundation with Jump Rope for Heart," Mr Wallis said.

"This shows us how much we

can do when we pull together."

**Newsletter, 2 Dec 2008  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Beach Public School**

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# Home business wins award

A Umina home-based skin care business from Umina Beach is the only Peninsula business to have won an award in a regional business competition.

Ms Korinna Ivatt, a partner in Joliv Body and Earth, said she was delighted to win the award, which was judged by popular vote.

"It was so gratifying to know that so many people nominated us for this award," she said.

Media release, 27 Nov 2008  
 Korinna Ivatt, Joliv Body and Earth

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## Scientist talks to students over internet

Marine studies students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus have participated in a video conference presentation as part of the NSW Department of Education and Training Connected Classrooms Program.

Forty-five year nine students were able to hear and see a presentation from award-winning scientist Dr Brendan Kelaher as part of their marine studies class.

The video conference promoted interactivity in the classroom and gave students the opportunity to ask the scientist about his work.

Dr Kelaher is a marine biologist currently managing the Bateman's Bay Marine Park and working to understand the impact of over-fishing, coastal development, pollution, desalination and climate change on marine ecosystems.

His research aims to inform, science-based sustainable marine management solutions to the problem.

Students were thrilled to be a part of the Connected Classrooms Program.

"It was fun to experience a video conference for the first time and be the first at our school to do it," students Casey Wells and Ryan Brigden said.

Student Michael Rayner said using the internet to listen and interact with other people was a new experience and something he would like to see more of.

Newsletter, 5 Dec 2008  
Brisbane Water Secondary  
College Umina Campus



## Alyse plays at concert

Year 7 student Alyse Faith from Ettalong Beach has performed with concert flautist Jane Rutter at Mingara Recreation Club on November 22.

The performance was presented by the Central Coast

Conservatorium of Music and the Rotary Club of Gosford to help develop the talent of local musicians and fundraise for charity.

Alyse Faith joined other conservatorium students and members in performing at the concert of the Australian flautist of international repute.

The Gosford High School student performed on flute Sonatina 1 with Lennox Berkeley on piano.

Alyse is also a previous junior woodwind scholarship winner at the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music.

Email, 23 Nov 2008  
Dan Faith, Ettalong Beach

## School wins council award

Pretty Beach Public School received the Medium Sized School of the Year award at Gosford Council's Environment Awards last month.

School principal Ms Vicki Redrup congratulated everyone at the school for the achievement.

"This is a wonderful achievement and great tribute to all our students, in particular our environment monitors, teachers and parents who are involved in the many environment projects within the school," Ms Redrup said.

"The Year 4 and 5 students also won the mayoral performance award for their recycling musical item."

Newsletter, 4 Dec 2008  
Vicki Redrup, Pretty Beach Public School



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# Woy Woy coach leads Wisconsin win

**Woy Woy resident and former Woy Woy Lions Rugby Union coach Mr Ross Hopkins has led the University of Wisconsin's Madison rugby union side to the Collegiate National Titles for the first time in 15 years.**

Mr Hopkins coached the US University team throughout its season and said he was overwhelmed by its success.

"The season is short compared to what we are used to.

"However, we had nine wins and our only lose was in the mid-west final in Elkhart, Indiana, where we lost to the University of Miami in Ohio," Mr Hopkins said.

"Along the way, we took out the Wisconsin Collegiate title, the Wisconsin Sweet 16 title and by beating Kent State University meant we qualified for the national titles.

"It is exciting times for the University's rugby sides as we have progressed to a stage that rugby is taken very serious in a town dominated by college gridiron

and basketball teams who are successful.

"The gridiron team has sell-out crowds of 82,000 each home game, so Madison goes crazy over their success.

"However, the rugby is building momentum nicely."

Mr Hopkins said he would be returning to the US in April next year for the national titles as well as to return for another season.

Mr Hopkins coached the Woy Woy Lions to consecutive finals series appearances in 2004 and 2005, was also involved in the Central Coast Wave's campaign when they won consecutive Caldwell Cups in 2005 and 2006.

Mr Hopkins confirmed he would again be in charge of the Central Coast representative team next year.

He also confirmed he would be a part of the coaching of Gordon first grade next season after two years coaching the club's second grade team.

**Press release, 17 Nov 2008 University of Wisconsin**

## Sydney Swans visit Peninsula

**Three Sydney Swans football players visited several Peninsula primary schools on December 3, to promote the benefits of sport and an active lifestyle.**

Woy Woy South Public School, Ettalong Public School, Umina Public School and Woy Woy Public School were included in the Sydney Swans three-day community program across the Central Coast.

The program included visiting Central Coast Schools and Gosford Hospital as well as an AFL skills clinic at Bluetongue Stadium.

Players Michael O'Loughlin, Martin Mattner and Brendan Murphy spoke to Peninsula students about their own experiences and how healthy eating and exercise was important for everybody, not just professional sportspeople.

They discussed the importance of diet and nutrition and the benefits of growing up healthy and strong. The players also promoted

a "come and try" afternoon on December 8, for children interested in playing AFL, which will be held at Woy Woy South Public School from 4pm to 5.30pm.

The clinic is being organised by the Peninsula Swans Football Club, which caters for all ages up to 16 years.

For more information, contact Ken Rogers on 0410 101 547.

**Press release, 3 Dec 2008 Craig White, Peninsula Swans Football Club**

## Charity day raises \$18,000

**The Central Coast Branch of the Men of League Foundation raised more than \$18,000 for charity through a combined golf and bowls day at Everglades Country Club on November 17.**

A total of \$18,863 will be divided equally between the Donnica Clarke Foundation to support young emerging athletes on the Central Coast and to the Men of League Foundation to assist rugby

league players, coaches, referees and officials from all levels of the game who have fallen on hard times.

More than 200 people participated in the fundraising event including past and present rugby league stars Noel Kelly, Peter Sterling, Ray Price, Don Parish, Mark Geyer, Greg Florimo, Jamie Goddard, Denis Tutty, Laurie Fagan, Kevin Considine, Jim Hall and a host of Central Coast rugby league identities.

Following games of golf and lawn bowls, guests retired to the auditorium to be entertained by Empire Bay bush poet Peter Mace and Men of League comedian and former footballer John Peard.

Men of League Central Coast branch president Mr Jim Robinson said the auction produced "outstanding results" for both sports charities.

**Press release, 4 Dec 2008 Jim Robinson, Men of League Foundation**



## Skateboarding competition

**The Central Coast qualifier of the National Skateboarding Series will be held at Umina Skate Park on Sunday, December 14.**

The event will begin from 10.30am with registrations open from 10am.

Entry into the competition is \$10 each person and must be paid on the day of the event.

The under-14 boys' competition

will kick off from 10.30am, the under-17 girls from 12.30pm, under-17 boys from 1.30pm and under-17 boys (sponsored) from 3.30pm.

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**Website, 2 Dec 2008 Skateboarding Australia**

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## Sponsorship for tour

Umina resident Bennett Leslie received \$1000 in sponsorship from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils to assist with his international rugby union tour.

The 17-year-old was selected for the NSW Country under-18 rugby union team and will play in Argentina and Uruguay as part of the 19-day international tour.

Leslie was among nine other Central Coast residents selected for the NSW Country squad which left on November 24.

He has also been chosen to promote Central Coast tourism by speaking at a post-game function in Argentina.

The tour of Argentina and Uruguay facilitates cultural

interchange and sporting development at an elite sporting level.

Leslie is currently playing with teams from Woy Woy Rugby Union and Umina Rugby League clubs.

The Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils is a joint initiative of Gosford and Wyong Councils which provides sponsorship to residents who have been selected by a national, state or regional body to participate in a recognised sporting or cultural event.

In return for sponsorship, the recipients promote the Central Coast in the local, interstate and international arenas.

The initiative was formed in 1994.

Press release, 27 Nov 2008  
Alexandra Hornby, Gosford Council



Jordan O'Donnell at the crease

## Mixed results for Umina cricket

**Umina District Cricket Club saw mixed results at the end of round four against Toukley on November 22.**

First grade won their second consecutive game with a convincing victory over Toukley at Umina's home ground.

Umina batted first and scored 148 with good contributions by Troy Spicer, 43, and Brad Smith, 28.

In reply, Toukley were never really in the hunt and scored 112.

Colin Smyth bowled throughout the innings taking 6/56 supported by Matt Duggan with 3/24. Second grade scored 147 batting first at Toukley with debutant wicketkeeper Warren Gomesz top scoring on 38 not out.

The bowlers shared the spoils, knocking Toukley over for 132

Scott King, Evan Smith and Jason Creese each took three wickets.

In Umina's second innings, Scott King with 44 not out and skipper Cameron Dunn with 25, put on the only partnership of note.

This proved to be another good win for the Umina Devils.

Third grade lost to Toukley as we were unable to get near the total scored by the visitors.

Tim Radford, Daniel Bergan and Ashley Jones were the best of our bowlers but our batsmen had a day to forget.

Fourth grade were knocked about having many of their regulars unavailable and ultimately lost outright.

Some brave batting performances by under-16 Patrick

Hines with 33 not out and 51, John Carroll 27 and 60, and a fighting 50 by Ashley Stocker helped to set Toukley a challenging total, which they managed to achieve with two overs to spare.

In round eight of the One Day Limited Overs (ODLO) competition, the A grade team remained on top of the table with a 10-wicket victory over Toukley.

Skipper Shane Garnett and Justin Broad each took three wickets dismissing the visitors for only 52.

James Archibald's 39 not out and Jeff Tomlin's 19 not out ensured another easy win for the Umina Devils.

Unfortunately, B grade were unable to field a team and had to forfeit to Toukley.

The C grade team were too good for Mountains.

Umina batted first and totalled 155 with Tim Knight scoring 45, while Peter and Rick Jones each scored 32.

Mountains could only manage 117, with Pete Jones backing up to take 4/29.

Tim Knight also chipped in with 3/24 and Jamie Yeo took 3/26.

Umina D grade side probably had the best result of the day.

Umina totalled 5/273 with grand performance by Steve Glasscock, scoring 116 not out, ably supported by his son Andrew scoring 25.

Other juniors to shine were Jordan O'Donnell with 62, and Liam Clement with 38.

In reply, Gosford could only tally 144, once Umina's young bowling

attack got stuck into them.

Liam Clement took 5/28 and James Smith 4/17 with his spinners.

Results:

First grade: Umina 148 (Troy Spicer 43, Brad Smith 28) defeated Toukley 112 (Colin Smyth 6/56, Matt Duggan 3/24).

Second grade: Umina 147 (Warren Gomesz 38 not out) and 8/105 (Scott King 44 not out, Cameron Dunn 25) defeated Toukley 132 (Scott King 3/21, Evan Smith 3/31, Jason Creese 3/46).

Third grade: Toukley 236 (Tim Radford 3/55, Daniel Bergan 2/0, Ashley Jones 2/44) defeated Umina 91.

Fourth grade: Toukley 5/207 dec. (Nathan Mitchell 2/54) and 4/156 (John Carroll 2/37) defeated Umina 137 (Pat Hines 33 not out, John Carroll 27) and 7/220 dec. (John Carroll 60, Pat Hines 51, Ashley Stocker 50) outright.

ODLO A: Umina 0/58 (James Archibald 39 not out) defeated Doyalson 52 (Shane Garnett 3/9, Justin Broad 3/12).

ODLO B: Lost by forfeit.

ODLO C: Umina 155 (Tim Knight 45, Peter Jones 32, Rick Jones 32) defeated Mountains 117 (Peter Jones 4/29, Tim Knight 3/24, Jamie Yeo 3/26).

ODLO D: Umina 5/273 (Steve Glasscock 116 not out, Jordan O'Donnell 62, Liam Clement 38, Andrew Glasscock 25) defeated Gosford 144 (Liam Clement 5/28, James Smith 4/17).

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



Winner of 100 Mile, Joel Mackay greets the finishing post at Patonga

## Ultra-marathon finishes at Patonga

Umina resident Greg Brown joined more than 70 runners from across Australia to compete in the Great North Walk 100s trail ultra-marathon held on November 8 and 9.

The runners set out from Teralba on Lake Macquarie on November 8 to run either 100 miles to Patonga or 100 kilometres to Yarramalong in The Great North Walk 100s trail ultramarathon organised by Terrigal Trotters.

The route followed the Great North Walk trail and included precipitous climbs and descents, navigational challenges and difficult trails through the Central Coast hinterland.

Runners from as far as Hungary, Canada and New Zealand also participated in the ultra-marathon.

Race coordinator Mr Dave Byrnes said, since its beginning in 1995, the Great North Walk 100s has become known as Australia's "toughest" trail ultramarathon.

"Of the 76 starters, 28 made it all the way to Patonga within the 36-hour time limit and another 26 runners made it to the 100 kilometre finish at Yarramalong," Mr Byrnes said.

"Notably, all eight women who started in the 100 mile event (actually 175km) completed the

event.

"The overall winner of the 100 mile event was Joel Mackay from Sydney in the time of 26 hours and 31 minutes.

"He was followed 25 minutes later by Sydney fireman Wayne Gregory.

"Having fallen early in the race, cracking several ribs and cutting his hand so badly that he was eventually hospitalised for six days, Wayne continued running for another 20 hours for his valiant second place.

"He is now the only runner to have completed the 100 mile event in all four years that it has been held.

"The first woman, Rachel Waugh of Brisbane, was in fourth place overall in 27 hours and 47 minutes, just one minute behind third place and one minute behind the women's record.

"Local runner Greg Brown of Umina Beach had an outstanding run in his first ultramarathon, completing the 100 kilometre event in 20 hours and 53 minutes.

"He was one of six members of the Terrigal Trotters running club to start in the event."

Clare Graham, 4 Dec 2008  
Interviewee: Dave Byrnes, Terrigal Trotters

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