

## Silting blamed for cancelled ferries

**Silting of the Ettalong channel has caused the cancellation of two ferry services from Palm Beach, according to the service's management.**

But Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein has claimed that the area involved was not the area identified for dredging.

Cr Holstein attacked the Palm Beach Ferry Service for creating "misleading, inaccurate and disappointing" comments following the cancellation of two ferry services between Wagstaffe, Ettalong and Palm Beach on January 12.

He said dredging was a State government responsibility.

According to Palm Beach Ferry Service general manager Mr Matthew Lloyd, two afternoon services were diverted to Patonga due to extreme low tides at the "entrance channel".

The ferry service provided free return buses from Ettalong to Patonga and a free water taxi service to Wagstaffe to and from Ettalong to reduce any disruptions to commuters.

"I have been warning the local government that the channel was silting up for 18 months now," Mr Lloyd stated in a press release on January 12.

"I warned them that if it progressed in the same fashion then ferry services would have to be cancelled because the waterway is physically too shallow for our ferries to enter.

"I had hoped that it would have been dredged before it came to this but unfortunately it hasn't.

"This also possesses a serious threat to the private boat user who faces running aground and

causing serious damage or injury if their vessel draws in excess of 1.2 metres."

Cr Holstein said the low tide affected area made reference to by Mr Lloyd was not the area identified by the State Government for dredging.

"I would like to reiterate that the area that Mr Lloyd is calling into question is not the area that has been identified by the State Government for dredging and to further remind Mr Lloyd and our community that this area is a NSW State Government responsibility," Cr Holstein said.

"The fact is king tides are part of the natural occurrence of our waterways that we experience every year.

"In response to claims of the threats posed to boat users, responsible boat owners and skippers plan their trips by reading the relevant tide charts, contacting WaterWays and registering their planned trips with Coastal Patrol prior to heading out on the water."

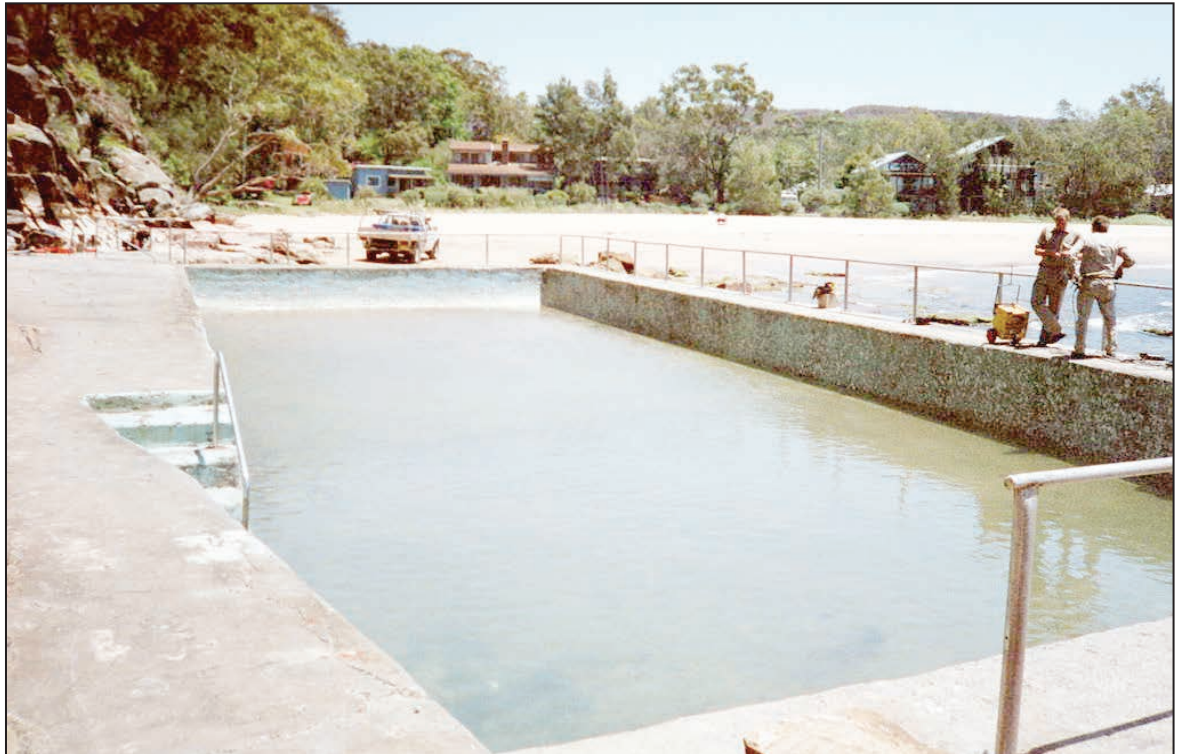
According to Mr Lloyd, extreme high and low tides can be attributed to the time of year and the full moon.

"The tides have been low all week however, today is the lowest of the year 0.08 at metres," Mr Lloyd said.

"We will assess the tides and depths on a daily basis as to whether this cancellation will have to occur again in the coming days.

"It is believed at this stage that services will operate according to timetable."

**Press releases, 12 Jan 2009  
Matthew Lloyd, Palm Beach Ferry Service  
Chris Holstein, Mayor of Gosford**



Pearl Beach rock pool was constructed in 1921 by real estate developer C.R Staples to help sell land in the area photo courtesy of NSW Heritage Office

## Campaign to save Pearl Beach pool

**The Pearl Beach Progress Association has announced the first of its fundraising activities for the historic Pearl Beach rock pool.**

Association president Mr Rod Craig said the cost of repair and renovation work is estimated to be \$200,000.

"The rock pool is an 80-year-old heritage-listed icon and is widely used by residents, visitors and winter swimming clubs and is in desperate need of renovations, or it may be closed forever," Mr Craig said.

"We believe if we can demonstrate to Gosford Council and State Government that we want to save the pool then we may be able to apply for additional funding, otherwise the pool will have to be closed down."

The community association will host a wine tasting afternoon with

Wollombi Wines at the Pearl Beach Community Hall on Saturday, January 24.

The fundraising event will begin from 10am to 6pm and entry will be by gold coin donation.

Proceeds from the entry fee will go towards the Pearl Beach rock pool renovation fund.

"This event is the first in a series of fundraising activities that will be undertaken throughout this year to raise significant funds to renovate the historic Pearl Beach rock pool that is in need of urgent repair and renovation," Mr Craig said.

"We are delighted that Wollombi Wines have agreed to participate in a tasting and sales promotion and that the proceeds from the day will kick off forthcoming Save the Pearl Beach Rock Pool fundraising endeavours.

"Wollombi Wines is a family owned and operated boutique vineyard adjoining the historic

village of Wollombi and bordered by the beautiful Wollombi Brook that meanders through valleys to join the Hunter River near Singleton.

"The property was acquired by the current owners in 1992 and the first planting was undertaken in 1994 as a hobby.

"The family carries out all the vineyard work and no insecticides are used by Wollombi Wines at the vineyard.

"The current owners are also residents of Pearl Beach.


"Join in the fun and festivities on January 24, and enjoy a variety of wine tastings.

"Individual bottles or cases can be purchased at cellar door prices and delivery will be arranged on the day."

For more information, phone 4344 2319.

**Press release, 14 Jan 2009  
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association**

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## Parks service holds walking tours

**The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service will hold a number of bushwalking tours near the Peninsula as part of its Discovery Walks Talks and Tours summer program.**

The next walking tour to take place on the Peninsula will be on Saturday, February 7, within the Bouddi National Park.

The eight-kilometre walk will explore bush between Hardy's Bay and Daley's Point.

Walking conditions vary from public roads to bush tracks, fire trails and sandy-rocky foreshore including a steep ascent and descent on bush tracks.

The walk is expected to take more than four hours and will begin at 7.30am.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for both seniors and children.



Participants are recommended to bring along sturdy shoes, snacks, water, sunscreen, insect and weather protection.

A Night under the Stars talk will be held within the Brisbane Water National Park on Saturday, February 28.

An experienced guide will share interesting facts about the planets, stars and constellations while telling myths and legends of the stars.

Participants will also be given the opportunity to look for creatures of the night.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own chair, blanket, binoculars, telescope, water, snacks and warm jacket.

The talk will begin from 7.30pm

and is expected to run for two-and-a-half hours.

The cost is \$5 for children, \$7 for adults and \$15 for a family of four.

A five-hour walk through parts of the Brisbane Water National Park will be held on Monday, March 2.

The six-kilometre walk will begin from 10.30am and costs \$7 per adult and \$5 for seniors.

Bookings for walks and talks in the Discovery program are essential and can be made by phoning 4320 4205 at midday on the Friday before the event.

Other tours and walks will take place in Dharug National Park, Watagans National Park, Lake Munmorah Conservation Area and Yengo National Park over the coming months.

For a full list of walks and tours in the summer program contact central.coast@environment.nsw.gov.au

The Discovery program is designed to show communities the wealth of cultural and environmental heritage available within the local area.

The Discovery program operates all year round and activities are conducted by a group of volunteer rangers.

**Brochure, 15 Jan 2009  
NSW National Parks and Wildlife**

## Light pole knocked down

**The driver of a 4WD lost control of their vehicle and knocked down a light pole on the corner of Sydney Ave and Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, on Wednesday, January 7.**

According to eye witnesses, no one appeared seriously injured in the accident.

Umina resident Mr Edward James said the crash occurred at around 4.30pm.

"Energy Australia was still occupied removing damaged infrastructure at 10pm on Wednesday night," Mr James said.

"A week later the light pole is still to be replaced.

"The car's driver is lucky the pole was relatively frangible as with a wood pole the outcome may have been much worse."

**Email, 13 Jan 2009**

**Edward James, Umina Beach**

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## Council works

**Gosford Council will conduct works in Killcare, Pearl Beach, Pretty Beach and Woy Woy from January 19 to 26.**

Council workers will continue with the construction of Killcare surf club.

Construction work will also continue on a playground in Pearl Ave, Pearl Beach, and on drainage along Pearl Beach Dr.

Drainage work will also carry on in various locations at Pretty Beach.

The construction of a cycleway at Woy Woy foreshore continues along with slip repair work at Nagari Rd, Woy Woy.

**Press release, 14 Jan 2009  
Shannon Curtis, Gosford Council**

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## No football for Leagues Club

**Woy Woy Leagues Club has divested itself of the operation of the Roosters Rugby League football teams.**

"The board of directors of the Woy Woy Leagues Club has handed the administration of rugby league to the newly-formed Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club Inc," honorary club secretary Mr Peter Read said.

"While still fully committed to rugby league, this change will allow the Leagues Club board to concentrate solely on the running of the licensed club, in what continues to be a very difficult financial environment."

The fresh administrative structure has also been designed to reinvigorate the football club, he

said.

The newly-formed Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club will be headed by president Mr Geoff Staunton and former Leagues Club treasurer Mr Peter Read, who will act as the club's honorary secretary following the retirement of fulltime football administrator Mr Richard Smithers.

Recently-elected Leagues Club life member Mr David Carr fills the position of vice-president, with Mr Warwick Davis as treasurer.

A 12-person general committee includes Mr Smithers along with past secretaries Mr Les Pearce and Mr Danny Cunningham, local business identity Mr John Perks, National Surf Lifesaving director Mr David Thompson and former players Mr Adrian Overton, Mr Daniel King and Mr Daniel Biernat.

The Roosters are preparing for a new season under the new coaching tandem of Gordon Mason and his club stalwart son Jade.

"With the season fast approaching, the club is happy with its recruitment," Mr Read said.

"The core of the 2008 senior squad remains and will be bolstered by some quality signings during the coming weeks.

"Any players interested in joining the club's senior, under 20s, under 18s or under 17s ranks are encouraged to contact Geoff Staunton on 0410 511029, Peter Read on 0417 237882 or recruitment coordinator Danny Cunningham on 0408 243647."

Press release, 12 Jan 2009  
Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club Inc

## Instruction offered for marine radio

**The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol is offering boat users instruction in operating a marine radio, following an incident near Lion Island on December 27.**

Publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said the patrol received a phone call from an anxious mother.

"Her extended family, including four small children, were in Broken Bay just west of Lion Island," Mr Cole said.

"She had received a call by mobile phone from the boat indicating that they could not start the engine on the six-metre cruiser and needed help.

"The Central Coast Lifeboat reached the cruiser and completed the 70-minute tow back to Lions Park at Woy Woy without further incident.

"Once the family were back across the bar at Little Box Head the base phoned the anxious mother to report progress and assure her

that her family was safe.

"It was noted that the cruiser had a marine radio fitted but no one on board was able to operate the radio.

"If the skipper's mobile phone had been out of range or had a low battery, the routine assistance could not have been provided."

Mr Cole said volunteers at coastal patrol were willing to assist anyone who needs help to learn how to operate a marine radio.

He said the patrol was also concerned with the lack of safety procedures of several boats crossing the bar at Box Head.

"Over the weekend, the lifeboat crews saw many boats crossing the bar at Box Head," Mr Cole said.

"It is compulsory, and commonsense, to wear a life jacket when crossing the bar.

"Bar crossings are one of the most dangerous activities on the water and a common cause of fatalities on the water.

"It is unthinkable to drive a car

without using a seatbelt.

"A lifejacket is the seatbelt of a boat yet, of the many boats seen, only one crew were observed using their lifejackets on the bar.

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Press release, 28 Dec 2008  
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

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## Activities for Australia Day

**Gosford Council has announced an array of activities for Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy on January 26.**

The celebrations include a number of Australian acts, food and market stalls, a community lantern procession and fireworks finale.

Local drumming group Drumbala will entertain guests while singer-guitarist Warren Targett and poet Peter Mace will feature on the main stage from 2pm.

Children's entertainment also begins from 2pm where children will have the opportunity to participate in face-painting and rides.

The CWA Hall opposite Fisherman's Wharf will also host a number of children activities with prizes on offer.

Gift donations for the event are welcome by calling 4344 7442.

A performance by local Aboriginal elders including a smoking ceremony will commence at 5.30pm followed by the introduction of national and local Australia Day ambassadors Little Pattie and Lucky Star at 6pm.

A procession featuring local drummers and up to 400 lanterns made by local residents will begin at 8.30pm from the eastern end of the Memorial Park, travelling along Brick Wharf Rd to Anderson Park.

A fireworks display at 9.15pm will conclude the festivities.

Australia Day road closures will be in force at Woy Woy from 6am to 10pm.

The Boulevard and Brick Wharf Rd along Woy Woy waterfront will be closed to all traffic. Brisbane Water Dr from the Spike Milligan Bridge to The Boulevard will be closed from 9pm to 9.30pm.

Parking for community members attending the festivities will be available at Woy Woy commuter car park.

**Press release, 13 Jan 2009**  
**Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council**

## Roads closed on Australia Day

**Gosford Council has announced road closures in Woy Woy and Wagstaffe due to Australia Day celebrations.**

People not attending Australia Day activities in Gosford have been asked to avoid Gosford altogether.

In Woy Woy, Brickwharf Rd and The Boulevard will be closed between 6am and 10pm, with the Australia Day program starting at 2pm.

Brisbane Water Dr between The Spike Milligan Bridge and The Boulevard will also be closed between 9pm and 9.30pm for a fireworks display.

In Wagstaffe, Mulhall St, opposite Wagstaffe ferry wharf, will be closed from 6am until 9pm on Saturday, January 24, to cater for the pre-Australia Day Concert and Picnic.

Mulhall St will again be closed from 6pm on January 25, until 12.30pm January 26, for the Australia Day festivities.

Residents and holidaymakers attending the Woy Woy celebrations are encouraged to park in the Woy Woy Commuter Carpark.

Gosford Council has encouraged families to leave their car at home and cycle or catch public transport.

Road closures will also be experienced in Gosford at Dane Dr, the Brian McGowan Bridge, Georgina Terrace, Vaughan Ave and Baker St between 6am and 1pm.

For patrons planning on driving to Gosford Waterfront for the event, car parking will be available at Adcock Park, West Gosford and the Gosford Commuter Carpark.

A free shuttle bus will be on a continuous loop, transferring people to and from the waterfront.

Shuttle Bus pick up points will be located at the end of Adcock Park next to the footbridge, the western side of Gosford Railway Station (Showground Rd) and the Gosford Commuter Carpark.

The service will set down passengers at the corner of Baker St and Georgiana Terrace.

Accessible parking will be available at Adcock Park and the Gosford Commuter Carpark. Limited spaces will also be available in Vaughan Ave, Gosford, and Dane Dr adjacent to the Gosford Bowling Club.

Those who are not attending the Gosford activities are asked to plan alternative routes via Woy Woy Rd or the Ourimbah F3 exit during these times to avoid congestion.

**Press release, 15 Jan 2009**  
**Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council**



**26th January, 2009**

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## Prepare for bush fire

**The NSW Rural Fire Service is advising Peninsula residents living near bush fire prone areas to prepare their homes and families for possible bush fires after reports of hotter temperatures expected for the region.**

"People who live or holiday in bush fire prone areas need to formulate a bush fire action plan," community safety officer with Gosford district Inspector Rolf Poole said.

"If you haven't got a plan ready, then now is the time to do it.

"It doesn't take much effort and it will help you to decide whether you are going to leave early, or stay and defend.

"To protect your family and loved ones it is recommended to plan now while we do not have any fires in the area because the situation can change very quickly.

"If an emergency arises, your bush fire action plan can be quickly implemented.

"Think about young children, the elderly or disabled and your pets.

"A relocation plan and kit are essential elements of the leave early plan.

"Consider what documents you will need if things turn for the worse and put them in an easily accessible box or folder.

It is most important to leave early, well before the fire front

arrives.

"Leaving at the last moment can have disastrous consequences."

Inspector Poole said if residents choose to stay and defend their homes during a bush fire they must be appropriately dressed

"You should be dressed appropriately in protective cotton or wool clothing and have equipment around the home ready for use," Inspector Poole said.

"A bushfire readiness kit should also be prepared in advance.

"A well-prepared house can be the best defence and residents should take refuge inside until the fire front has passed.

"Never stand on your roof during a bush fire event.

"Your home has a much greater chance of surviving a bush fire if it is prepared.

"Clearing long dry grass, dead leaves and branches from around the house and from your gutters is essential.

"Other flammable items including wood piles and obvious flammables such as paper, fuels, boxes, crates and wooden garden furniture moved away from the house."

For more information visit [www.gosford.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or call 1800 679 737.

**Press release, 5 Jan 2009  
Rolf Poole, NSW Rural Fire Service Gosford District**



## Coastal patrol helps biofuel boat

**The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol assisted a powerboat fuelled completely by renewable energy through "hazardous waters" at Ettalong when it visited Brisbane Water on January 5.**

The Earthrace vessel recently completed a record-breaking round-the-world trip while claiming to have left a zero net carbon footprint.

The voyage began in June last year and took 60 days, 23 hours and 49 minutes to complete.

"Central Coast Lifeboat was on the water early on the morning of Monday, January 5, to provide

help to the eco-friendly vessel Earthrace," coastal patrol publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said.

"Earthrace is a trimaran of unusual design.

"She is 24 metres with an eight metre beam and a 1.4 metre draft.

"She is powered by twin 500 HP Cummins engines that burn bio-diesel.

"The coastal patrol crew guided the vessel through the ocean bar at Little Box Head and through Half Tide Rocks then provided an escort to its planned berth at Iguana Joes Restaurant where she was open for public inspection on January 6 and 7."

The Earthrace powerboat will be making its promotional tour in

Australia until the end of the month and heading onto New Zealand where it will be until June.

According to Earthrace skipper Mr Pete Bethune, the aim of the tours is to connect people and encourage debate and understanding about biofuels, carbon footprints and the many other aspects that affect our environmental footprint.

"By demonstrating the power, reliability and environmental safety of biodiesel, Earthrace is committed to transforming our vision into reality," Mr Bethune said.

**Press release, 5 Jan 2008  
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol  
Website, 16 Jan 2009  
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## Hooning is a problem

I am responding to suggestions that part of the Woy Woy Landfill should be used as a trail bike track to provide a facility for persons currently riding illegally in other areas.

Whilst council is very concerned with the illegal use of parks and bushland areas by trail bike riders, the Woy Woy Landfill site is not suitable for a bike track as this is a busy council work site handling in excess of 1450 vehicle movements a week, including numerous heavy vehicles.

Council is responsible for the safety of all persons who enter the work site and the use of the landfill site as a bike track would potentially compromise the safety

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of landfill customers and staff.

In the litigious society within which we live, it could also expose council and in turn ratepayers to significant financial risk.

Aside from this, there is no suitable land area within the landfill for a bike track as the banks must maintain a grass cover to prevent erosion of the material covering the waste and the flatter areas are required for the stockpile of operational materials.

This facility is also subject to strict licence conditions issued by the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, including a requirement to document the registration and weight of every

vehicle entering and leaving the facility.

Council acknowledges that "hooning" is a problem in our community and that we need to find somewhere for young people to ride.

This will be a challenge.

Council rangers will continue to work in cooperation with the police and take action against persons illegally riding motor bikes on Council parks and bushland areas.

We will also be taking a serious look at any proposals and suggestions that come forward to address the community need for such a facility.

Cr Chris Holstein,  
Mayor of Gosford

## Tanks, solar panels and pedal power

It is wonderful to see that Gosford Council has been able to install water tanks at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Perhaps this initiative could be extended so that water tanks are placed at all municipal centres such as surf clubs and libraries.

This could be followed by the installation of solar panels on the roofs of all such buildings. This would demonstrate that Gosford Council, which is after all a vulnerable coastal council, is truly aware of the importance of climate change and it would surely be an encouragement to other councils to follow suit.

I wonder if council could show some real initiative by harnessing some of the power expended by all the enthusiastic "peddlers" at the leisure centre.

This could be saved to a battery and then used to relieve some of the

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tremendous pressure on utilisation of electricity at the centre.

Although all of these ideas may be expensive to begin with, people with vision would realise that in the long run there would be a tremendous saving to the ratepayers and it would be a win, win, win for the planet.

Gosford council could become a leader amongst councils.

Margaret Lund,  
Woy Woy Bay

## Public executive heads should roll

Once again senior public executives are let off the hook in spite of massive blunders, this time in the Haneef case.

The incompetent Ministers Andrews and Ruddock were dismissed by the Australian voters in 2007.

These men masqueraded as

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security fanatics but in reality pandered to Hansonite sentiments and engaged in terrorist scaremongering.

Among the executives of the Federal Police the deeply involved Head Mick Keelty surely must bear

the principal responsibility of what are now described as "mystifying mistakes".

Just recently the former senior managers of NSW Rail were promoted away to more highly paid jobs although massive corruption took place on their watch over several years.

Whose head has rolled in the Australian Wheat Board scandal?

Surely the bucks stop with the heads.

If it doesn't, the quality of the public services is bound to suffer severely.

These people are paid very high salary packages, many times the average wage.

The public is entitled to excellent service from such people.

If they fail they should be sacked.

The Federal Government is wrong in allowing Mr Keelty and his two underlings to continue. They had excellent advice from ASIO and ignored it.

Apologies to Dr Haneef and his family are overdue.

Klaas Woldring,  
Pearl Beach

## Block the drains and build a wall

Now that it appears that the Federal Government's response to climate change is to effectively do nothing and, in fact, give even more money to coal-fired power stations and other industries that have created the mess in the first place, I was wondering what Gosford Council will be doing?

My best estimates are that the majority of the Peninsula will go underwater, maybe not in my time but I am unselfish enough to be worried about our children's future.

What measures are Gosford council implementing to stop the resultant destruction?

I suggest we immediately look at building a three metre high wall around the Peninsula, blocking all of the storm water drains so the water does not come up through these and perhaps we should start thinking about clear felling

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Brisbane Water National Park so that we have some higher ground to move to!

Am I exaggerating?  
Not according to most scientists.

Ross Cochrane,  
Woy Woy

## Jim Lloyd as State MP?

I lament the fact that we seem to have a lack of experienced political leadership in the city of Gosford.

Whilst Labor's Marie Andrews has been around for a long time, there is little guarantee that she will be here at the next state election.

The alternatives from the Liberal Party are few and far between.

Maybe the Liberal Party should turn to their pool of experienced political leaders and recall Jim Lloyd for the 2011 state election.

Think about it.

Here is a man that has a huge depth of political knowledge and in

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political terms is still very young.

During his term as Member for Robertson, Jim showed compassion and empathy for the people of Gosford and worked tirelessly without the apparent need to plaster his face all over the media.

I say bring back Jim Lloyd and give him a run for the 2011 State election.

He would win it hands down.

Jill Donald,  
Umina Beach

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## Don't hold your breath

No one is holding their breath for the Liberal councillor Chris Holstein to support the dredging of the Brisbane Water channel despite the calls from all users of the channel for it to be dredged as a matter of urgency.

Mr Holstein has a history of 16 years in Gosford Council of opposing progress, albeit to get his face in the paper.

One only has to recall the Spurbest debacle led by him to halt progress in Gosford city, the Rapedo development and Star of the Sea to halt progress to Terrigal, the redevelopment of Narara Ag station or the Ettalong to Sydney fast ferry and the list goes on and on.

Anything that means progress in our city, you can be sure Cr Holstein will oppose it.

While the community screams for the dredging to be done, Mr Holstein and his Liberal cohorts will continue to play party politics and lose the State Government's \$250,000 contribution towards the dredging.

We can be certain of that.

Jack Galway,  
Woy Woy

# Call for joint action on illegal bike riding

**The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has called for the joint efforts of Gosford Council, Umina PCYC and local police in a strategy to reduce damage by trail bikes to bushland on the Peninsula.**

Branch president Mr Mark Snell said a motor bike track should be considered urgently as part of a damage reduction strategy.

"Rare bushland on the Woy Woy Peninsula is now being damaged at a greater rate than ever because of illegal trail bike riding," Mr Snell said.

"Gosford Council should work with the police and the Umina PCYC to eliminate the dangers and damage caused by illegal motor bike riding.

"They should work together to divert the young people involved into constructive activities, and riding on a purpose-built track could be one of these."

The Central Coast Australian Conservation Foundation branch has joined the Umina District Cricket Club in calls for a crackdown on illegal bike activity after local sporting fields had been damaged by bike riders.

Mr Snell said that because the police did not have authority over council parks and reserves there needed to be a concerted effort with the council.

"The community has a right to be concerned about illegal bike riding, but more is needed than just a police presence," Mr Snell said.

"Without a coordinated effort, a crackdown could backfire.

"The police will get the bikes off the streets, but where will they go?"

"This is not a police concern, as long as illegal riders are not on the roads.

"Often, the result of a crackdown will be that riders take to sporting reserves and the bush, resulting in even greater damage."

Cr Terri Latella said it was important for council and the police to work together to stop illegal trail bike riding.

"The police need to work with Council to stop this behaviour," Cr Latella said.

"We need to place signs in bushland areas clearly stating the damaging consequences and the regulations in place and also provide positive community education that this is unacceptable behaviour and is disrespectful to the environment and the community.

"The residents in Gosford and on the Peninsula regard our native bushland setting as one of the key factors in their quality of life.

"Activities that disturb or destroy will not be tolerated and should it continue council should look at placing bans or prohibitions on trail bike riding.

"Respect is a mutual thing and works both ways so if these vandals can't respect and work with the community then they should not be allowed in certain areas altogether."

Cr Latella said a ban on access to bushland may need to be enforced if the damage continues.

"Although I am not an advocate on banning but rather educating it may need to be looked at if this continues," Cr Latella said.

"We could fence areas but unfortunately this prevents the

community from benefiting from the reserve.

"Gosford Council allocates a great deal of funds on plans of management and implementing bushcarers to conserve and maintain the bushland environment.

"The community through volunteer assistance also expend much time, energy and commitment into the natural bushland environment and therefore we may need to become more Draconian in our attitude toward regulating its use.

"The message should be clear 'care or close'."

Mr Snell said this was a good opportunity to involve the Umina PCYC.

"This is exactly the sort of situation where the PCYC should come into its own," Mr Snell said.

"Council should work actively with the police to apprehend the offenders and to divert them into PCYC programs."

Mr Snell said that young people from The Web Youth Services in Umina had petitioned the council in the past for a motor bike track.

"It would be good to see the Umina PCYC establish a dedicated motor bike circuit on the Peninsula – perhaps at Woy Woy tip.

"Such a facility is well overdue.

"It is clear that there is an on-going demand for a motor bike facility for young people, which is not going to go away.

"If a legal avenue is not made available, it is not surprising that some young people will chose to ride illegally, with consequent damage to the environment and other community assets."

Press release, 4 Dec 2008  
Mark Snell, ACF Central Coast

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# Cancer services relay launched

The official launch of this year's Peninsula Relay for Life was held at Ocean Beach Surf Club on January 16.

The Peninsula Relay for Life celebrates its fifth year at Woy Woy Oval and has raised more than \$295,000 for cancer research and supportive services over the past four years.

Guests Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein and cancer carer Ms Kerriane McNamara of Woy Woy Bay were in attendance.

Cancer Council NSW media representative Mr Alan Phillips said Cr Holstein has pledged to have his head shaved to assist with council's fundraising efforts.

"The council's team name says it all 'Mow the Mayor's Mane' and should help put the fun into fundraising whilst providing a great team-building experience for council staff," Mr Phillips said.

Cr Holstein said Relay for Life sends an important message of hope and support for cancer patients and their families while raising funds for cancer research, education and support services.

"I encourage the Central Coast community to get involved in the relay and make this a truly special event," Cr Holstein said.

Mr Phillips said Kerriane



McNamara was a carer for her sister, Geraldine, who sadly lost her battle with cancer in 2001.

"Kerriane's commitment to supporting cancer survivors and their carers had her fulfill a dream by creating a Healing Centre where survivors and their carers can go for support and treatment," Mr Phillips said.

According to Ms McNamara, the Peninsula Relay for Life is a great community event that brings locals together to celebrate life, remember those we have lost to cancer and continue the fight back by raising funds to find a cure and improve services for cancer survivors.

"As a carer for someone with cancer, I find great comfort and inspiration from the community

spirit of support at relay," Ms McNamara said.

"It's a great opportunity to celebrate survivors in the community as well as remember and honour our loved ones who have lost their personal battle with cancer at The Candlelight Ceremony.

"I would encourage all local cancer survivors, their carers, families and friends to come and spend some time at this event - walk in the opening laps, and join us for a special afternoon tea to celebrate our survival and kick off the event."

Press release, 15 Jan 2008  
Alan Phillips, Cancer Council NSW

# Celebrations start early

The Wagstaffe community will be kicking off its Australia Day celebrations early with a twilight jazz and blues picnic on Saturday, January 24.

The Jazz Community Picnic at the Water's Edge will feature the talents of local blues band Soul Connection.

The event will be held from 6pm to 9pm on the grounds of the Wagstaffe Hall near the ferry wharf.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own food, drinks, chairs and rugs.

Australia Day celebrations on Monday, January 26, will commence with a flag-raising ceremony and community breakfast from 8am at the Wagstaffe Hall.

Actor and writer Mr Graeme Blundell will MC the event while local resident Mr John Jordan will be guest speaker.

Wagstaffe Australia Day coordinator Ms Veronica Crowe

said the event would take place "rain, hail or shine".

"Australia Day is a great way for communities to come together and enjoy the entertainment and activities on offer," Ms Crowe said.

"Australia Day celebrations at Wagstaffe offer families a fun and relaxing Australia Day weekend on the foreshore of Brisbane Water.

"The Wagstaffe community welcomes all local residents and holidaymakers to enjoy the fun and free entertainment on offer.

"In case of bad weather, the event will be held in Wagstaffe Hall."

The event is sponsored by Gosford Council and coordinated by the Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association.

Clare Graham, 14 Jan 2009  
Interviewee: Veronica Crowe,  
Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association  
Press release, 13 Jan 2009  
Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

# St John warns of sun

Residents attending Australia Day celebrations in Woy Woy have been asked to be mindful of sun-related injuries.

St John Ambulance operations officer Mr Didier Moutia said sunburn and dehydration were common injuries this time of year.

"Australia Day is about celebrating what is great and people want to celebrate outdoors," Mr Moutia said.

"With a hot summer like this one, people can be affected by sun burn and dehydration.

"On the very hot days, more

serious injuries such as heat exhaustion can occur."

Mr Moutia said to follow St John's basic safety tips when celebrating outdoors this Australia Day.

He recommended people drink plenty of water, stay in the shade, apply sunscreen every two hours, wear a hat, wear light but protective clothing and minimise the amount of alcohol consumed.

Press release, 13 Jan 2009  
St John Ambulance NSW

## Chiropractic Plus

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

### All will be Fine in 2009

Before we broach our topic the staff at the Umina Chiropractic Centre would that all who choose and act will have a year to come that is filled with delight and may you share this with others and may you inspire an attitude of delight that can be paid forward, in your home, your school, at work and in your community.

### The Upside of the Downside - Bullying

I was wondering what topic might be of value to our people here on the peninsula and then I came across young Bradley's article in the Express Advocate of January 9. This article broached the subject of Bullying. Having witnessed and treated the effects of bullying in all age groups for some thirty years on the peninsula I have zero tolerance to such a scourge as this.

As a chiropractor I witness first hand how the nervous system evokes a protective response from the body, namely in the form of prolonged 'fight or flight' patterns. In particular I address the spinal and postural disturbances that create symptoms way beyond physical pain Disorders such as insomnia, 'stomach' migraine, headache and migraine, vertigo, lack of energy and interest in life, sometimes to the point of suicide and at least depression.

The answer to the effects of bullying and it's ripple effect upon family friends and community, in a nutshell, is not readily found. Chiropractic adjustments to assist in the correction of normal nerve flow and of the distorted spine and frame along with assistance for the psychological and other medical conditions that are part of this problem are imperative but the issue does not stop here, for the above merely address's the individual and others who suffer along with that person.

The answer lies in the attitude of one human being to another. If we were to display reasonable tolerance and acceptance of others irrespective of their individuality and offer genuine friendship to all we will, as a community, witness great and positive changes.

Bradley had the challenge of meeting his foe and he conquered. More than this Bradley with the help of mentor Brenda Logan and the Gosford City Council as well as support from Youth Services have set up Throwing Stones, a programme that address's the issue's of bullying in a unique way. He will be setting up a stall in Kibble Park, Gosford on January 22 to offer more information. If you are in need of further information or need information re bullying please phone 43232374.

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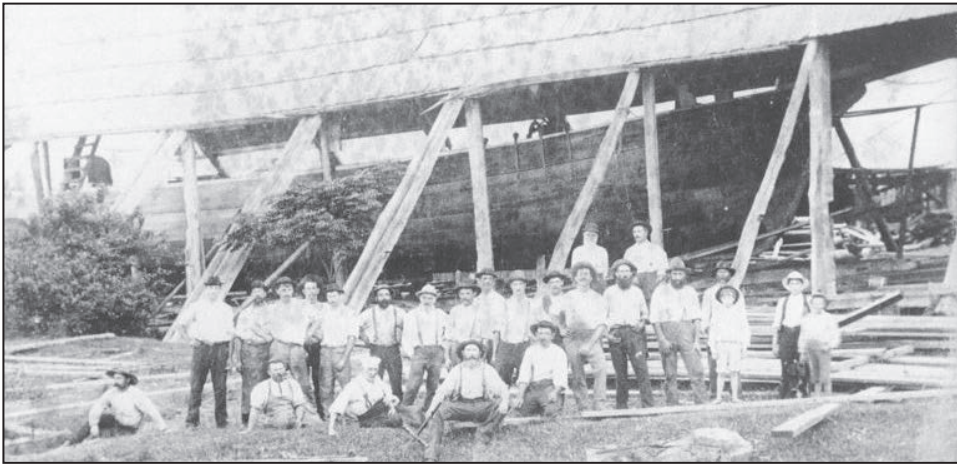
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Shipwrights beside the Big Shed, 1900



S.S. Wyalong at Rock Davis' shipyard, Blackwall, 1902

## Rock Davis – Shipbuilder of Blackwall

**Steve Spillard was born at Gosford in 1965 and has lived most of his life on the Peninsula.**

He has taken an interest in the history of the area, particularly the physical remains of earlier activity.

He runs the website woy-woy.com "for those who love Woy Woy".

The website features a blog, "virtual tours" of the area and a collection of articles on "the more mysterious and untold tales of the Peninsula".

In this article, written for Peninsula News, Steve tells the story of local pioneer Rock Davis who operated a shipbuilding business in Blackwall from 1862.

While not the first ship builder at Blackwall, Rock Davis was certainly the most famous and colourful of the shipwrights that plied their trades around the edges of the Broadwater back in the 1800s.

Rock was born on a ship en route to Australia on June 2, 1833, and was one of 11 children.

His father, William Davis, was the first school teacher in the area and taught at the small school at Kincumber.

The school was made from pit-sawn timber and had a shingle roof.

Rock and his brothers were apprenticed to shipwright Jonathan Piper who had a shipyard at Cockle Creek.

After they had finished their trade, Rock and his brother Tom left Davistown to prospect for gold in the Ovens Valley.

They were quite successful as

they had arrived early when gold could be found five feet below the ground or lying on the surface.

They returned to the coast as the gold on their claims became scarce and the goldfields descended into lawlessness – The pair later learnt more than 3000 miners had died in the first 15 months of digging in the valley.

Rock had always wanted to build a shipyard at Blackwall and set about acquiring the land for this purpose.

A parcel of 13 acres at Blackwall Point was granted to him in 1852.

Later on he also purchased another land parcel from C.W Cox and commenced operations there in 1862.

Timber for the first ships were sourced locally on the Peninsula, which had a variety of suitable trees like blackbutt, ironbark, cedar, beech, white mahogany and honeysuckle.

The logs were dragged by bullock team to the saw mill at the shipyard, while some logs were floated out of the back blocks via a small creek that is now a drain next to the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Work in the shipyard began at daylight and continued until dark.

After dinner the men would sit in the meal shed and play cards while the young apprentices were put to spinning oakum (caulking for use in shipbuilding).

At nine o'clock the cook would throw a large pot of water on the fireplace and the ensuing steam cloud would scatter all.

During wet weather, work ceased in the yard and the men

went hunting for wild cattle on the Peninsula.

Cattle descended from the original herd owned by James Webb and had roamed the flats for years, slowly growing in population, making great sport and even better eating.

Rock later built a large roof over the slipway so the men could work in all weather.

The shed, at 145 feet long, was the largest building in the area at the time.

It was built like a native hut from New Guinea with two giant poles tied at the top and spread apart at the base.

They were then hoisted upright by a block-and-tackle setup, pulled by a bullock team.

A visiting well-known naval architect remarked that he had never seen anything like it in the world.

Locals called it, "The Big Shed".

More than 180 vessels were laid down at the yard ranging from small ketches to steam powered

passenger ferries for use on Sydney Harbour.

Before the construction of each boat, Rock would lay down full size plans on the ground and work out his timber cutting list.

The launching of the completed vessels at Blackwall drew much fanfare on each occasion, usually a feast followed by dancing and drinking until all hours.

Local children were given sweets.

The Blackwall area was a hive of activity with two shipyards, a saw mill, several houses and a store.

In 1875 a post office was petitioned for and built on the hill behind the shipyard.

The first postmistress was Eva Davis, Rock's daughter.

She held this position until 1881.

In 1893 a post office was built at Woy Woy to serve the growing township and the Blackwall post office was made an unofficial office.

The location of this office moved a few times but it remained until

late the 1970s (its last location was Trafalgar Ave).

Not only did Rock Davis build ships but he also put in place many wharves, bridges and roads to serve his business.

He arranged for the transport and delivery of more than 19 million bricks for the construction of Woy Woy Tunnel.

On many occasions when disaster struck, a call was put out to the men at the Rock Davis shipyard and a boat was quickly dispatched to help those in need.

Rock Davis died in 1904 and was buried at the old church at Kincumber.

A specially made raft was made to carry his coffin and was towed by a steam boat from the Blackwall shipyard across the Broadwater with hundreds of mourners in all sorts of water craft following in an unbroken line.

This was a fitting end for a man who had lived and breathed ships for all of his life.

Steve Spillard, 4 Dec 2008

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## Fundraiser for kite accident victim

A fundraising evening will be held next month to assist Woy Woy resident Mr Richard Johnston who was involved in a serious kite surfing accident at Ettalong Beach on December 7.

As a result of the accident the 48-year-old local musician has been unable to work.

Event organiser and local business owner Mr Bob Jackson said he has

been overwhelmed by the community support received so far.

"I have had a fantastic response to this fundraiser appeal and details are slowly coming together," Mr Jackson said.

"The Woy Woy Bowling Club has donated the venue and free finger food for the event and Coast Rock FM's Highway 49 Blues announcer Bill Dewdney has kindly offered to MC the evening.

"We are still working through the format but it's looking like three or four acts with possible music trivia rounds to be held between sets.

"We will be charging a fee per head and also holding a raffle and auctioning some fantastic items that have been donated to raise funds."

Mr Jackson said Mr Johnston is a local harmonica player who has played and recorded with a number

of local acts including Null & Void, Del Rio Drive and Micky G.

"Richard will be on crutches for months and unable to work.

"With Richard being self-employed and having a partner and six kids under 12 to support, I am looking to put together a fundraising gig to try and ease the financial burden they will certainly be under," Mr Jackson said.

"At this stage we have a date of Saturday, February 28, and the venue will be the Woy Woy Bowling Club function room.

"Richard is making a slow and steady recovery."

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Email, 13 Jan 2009

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## Community groups get volunteer grants

Several local community organisations will receive funding under the Federal Government's 2008 Volunteer Grants Program.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus P&C has been granted \$5000 for electronic smartboards and video projection equipment, while the Umina campus received \$4120 in funding a first aid kit, gardening and landcare tools and equipment and a garden shed.

The Peninsula Environment Group also benefited from the Volunteer Grants Program.

The local environment group will receive \$3520 for chairs, a

computer, fridge, microwave, tables and a video-data projector.

Empire Bay Public School P&C is expected to receive \$1178 to go towards chairs as well as kitchen utensils and equipment.

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal welcomed the funding announcement by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Ms Jenny Macklin.

"The Volunteer Grants Program is an important initiative which provides valuable support to community organisations and their volunteers," Ms Neal said.

"Grants can be used to purchase equipment and sporting items and

give volunteers much needed help with fuel costs.

"I am delighted by the broad range of community, sporting and school groups from all across Robertson that received Federal Government funding."

Nineteen community organisations in the Robertson electorate received grants totalling more than \$66,000 from the Federal Government.

Ms Macklin said it was important to support volunteers because they are the "backbone of so many of our community groups and the non-profit sector."

"Every day volunteers are out in their local communities working tirelessly to help the elderly, the sick and those who have hit hard times," Ms Macklin said.

"The government values the enormous contribution volunteers make in our community and this funding will ease the financial pressure on non-profit organisations and volunteers."

Press release, 7 Jan 2009  
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

## Seniors Cards on the way

Local residents will receive a NSW Seniors Card Discount Directory in the mail over the next few weeks detailing discounts on a number of local businesses, as well as services including transport, restaurants, insurance and tourist attractions around the State.

Peninsula businesses providing Seniors Card discounts include Revitalise Beauty Therapy in Ettalong Beach, Woy Woy Curves, Blackwall computing company Clicksonline.info, Namans Kitchen in Ettalong and Umina Beach businesses Book Bazaar and Bremen Patisserie.

"With nearly 20 per cent of the state's population aged over 60, the Discount Directory is a practical way of helping Seniors Card members get the most out of their retirement or semi-retirement," NSW Minister for Ageing Mr Paul

Lynch said.

"Apart from increasing the buying power of NSW seniors, the Directory puts businesses in direct contact with seniors, who are the fastest growing consumer segment in Australia."

Mr Lynch said the NSW Seniors Card program was free to join, was not assets tested and did not require seniors to disclose their income.

"To qualify, seniors must be a NSW permanent resident aged 60 or over and work no more than 20 hours a week in paid employment," Mr Lynch said.

The Seniors Card program is administered and funded by the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

For more information visit [www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au](http://www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au)

Press release, 15 Jan 2009  
Paul Lynch, NSW Minister for Ageing

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The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula will hold its monthly car boot and mini market sale on Sunday, January 25.

The event will take place between 8am and 1pm at Rogers Park on the Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and Erina St, Woy Woy.

Stall holders will be charged \$10 per stall.

All profits made from the sale will go towards supporting local community groups.

For more information, contact Elmo Caust on 4341 4151.

Press release, 16 Jan 2009  
Elmo Caust, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club




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# What's On in and around the Peninsula

**Last Saturday every month**

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

**Every Saturday**

**Vision Impaired Woy Walkers** Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, 7.15am, enq: 4325 3686  
**Chess Club**, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC**  
**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 Cronos (over 50's)**, Friendship group **PWHC**  
**Labor Party** Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

**Third Monday of every month**

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

**Fourth Monday of every month**

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

**Last Monday of every Month**

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

**Every Monday**

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

Fairhaven Services **Cash Housie**, 7.30pm, **EMBC**  
**Yoga**, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**  
**Pilates**, (except 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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## Music school offers scholarship

Peninsula Music in conjunction with the Peninsula School of Music is offering a music scholarship to a local student valued at more than \$1000.

"After a successful first year in our new premises, we would like to give a special gift back to the community to say thank you for your support by offering a music scholarship to a student who is keen to advance their music knowledge and ability," owner Ms Marilyn Russell said.

"The successful student should have a keenness to advance their music skills through study and practice, be under the age of 19 and still attending primary or secondary school and currently learning (or have the ability) to play classical guitar, contemporary guitar, violin, piano, cello or singing.

"Students applying for the scholarship should be prepared to sit exams for their chosen instrument at a level their teacher feels that they are ready to achieve, be committed to attend classes on a weekly basis at Peninsula School of Music, Woy Woy, and have parents who are willing to support their commitment to the music scholarship.

"The scholarship also requires the successful student to live on

the Peninsula or in a neighbouring suburb and be prepared to become involved in projects and workshops organised by Peninsula School of Music throughout the year."

Ms Russell said the scholarship includes a weekly lesson throughout the year to be held at Peninsula School of Music, exam fees for AMEB exams to be sat in at the end of the year, as well as books, music and papers required to complete exam work.

Applications close on Saturday, February 7, and interviews will be held between February 9 and 15.

"Applicants should be prepared to attend an interview if requested and perform up to two pieces of music or songs," Ms Russell said.

"Applicants should be prepared to answer a selection of general questions about their music, ambitions, influences and attitude with a panel of selectors.

"The successful applicant will be announced by the end of February."

Application forms can be collected from Peninsula School of Music or downloaded from [www.peninsulamusic.com.au](http://www.peninsulamusic.com.au).

For further information, contact the school on 4344 5809 or 0417 159 540.

Press release, 15 Jan 2009  
 Marilyn Russell, Peninsula Music



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 followed by Kazza's Karaoke

**Fridays**  
 Lingerie Waitress, Poker 8.30pm,  
 Umina Bunnies Raffle from 5.30pm

**Saturdays**  
 Cash Poker from 8pm  
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## Arts & Entertainment

### Pearl Beach artist in summer project

Pearl Beach artist Mr Peter Baka is in the process of creating a video art piece entitled Mr Fix-It as part of Gosford Council's Summer in the City: Textures of Place exhibition.

The aim of the exhibition is to create a stronger community identity through local participation.

Mr Baka will join three other local artists in creating interactive artworks that visitors can participate in or witness throughout the 13-day exhibition.

According to Central Coast Artist and Business Directory co-artistic director Ms Kiera O'Toole, the video art piece will travel from town to town striving for cultural transformation.

She said community members will play an integral role, with artists interacting with the public, during the creation of all artworks.

"This project allows the community to reflect on their own thoughts on what 'place' means to them in relation to Gosford, encouraging the love of locality, as well as developing a healthy questioning on their sense of Gosford," Ms O'Toole said.

Other artists involved in the program include Mr Neil Berecrys-Brown of Somersby, Ms Josephine Laina of Bateau Bay and Ms Sharyn Walker of Bensville.

Council's cultural development coordinator Mr Elio Gatti said the program was sure to create energy and reflect local culture from the Gosford region.

"I am certain that the artists-in-residence component of the Summer in the City program will prove to be rewarding for both the participating artists and the wider community," Mr Gatti said.

The exhibition will be held at

level one of the Gosford Town Centre shops until January 27.

Other activities being held as part of the Summer in the City program include musicians, light shows, buskers, jazz concerts, dancing, boutique markets and Chinese New Year celebrations.

Mr Gatti said Kibble Park will come alive with several free cultural events until January 25.

"Gosford's Kibble Park will host a stunning procession of activities, including four enchanted evenings based around a different theme - youth carnivals, jazz, the arts and a gala celebration," Mr Gatti said.

"An international folkloric welcome by Fijian, Filipino, African and Colonial Bush Dancers will kick-off the fourth enchanted evening on Sunday, January 25, from 6pm.

Press releases, 5 and 8 Jan 2009  
Gosford Council



Ms Penny Riley attends her farewell celebration at Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

### Crafts centre farewells pottery tutor

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre farewelled pottery tutor Ms Penny Riley at the end of last year after more than 22 years of service to the community.

"Penny, who has been a tutor at the centre since February 1985, has retired and is looking forward to enjoying the slower pace of life and participating in the activities of Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre as a student in one of their many classes," vice president Ms Dorothy Mulholland said.

"Penny first became interested in pottery and ceramics while living in London during the 1960s and it was following her return to Australia that she attended the East Sydney Technical College to study for her degree in ceramics.

"Penny went on to spend many years studying with some respected potters, gaining more knowledge and learning different techniques.

"Penny's gift of being able to convey her knowledge to her students is evidenced in the success enjoyed by her students in the wider world of pottery and ceramics."

The centre will welcome new pottery tutor Ms Annette Poole and children's pottery tutor Ms Anniss Seymour when term one classes begin on February 2.

"Annette Reid, an Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

student of some 14 years, won first prize for a functional pottery piece at the 2008 Royal Easter Show," Ms Mulholland said.

"The 2008 Gosford Art Prize saw the work of two of Penny's students, Anniss Seymour and Annette Reid, selected.

"This much sought after prize has a selection process where only 12 pots are selected from over 60 entries and two of those pots belonged to our students.

"Last year was the 40th birthday of the Central Coast Potters Society and once again our potters were widely represented in this exhibition held at Caroline Bay.

"Penny together with Fay Capewell, Annette Reid, Anniss Seymour and Grace Coulter had their pots selected and there were many familiar names from Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre amongst the beautiful pots on display.

"The buildings enjoyed by Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre today are a legacy of the tenacity and leadership of Penny Riley.

"It was with the leadership of Penny, the support of a strong committee and the enthusiasm of our students that we have been able to fulfill the dream of having our own premises."

Press release, 15 Jan 2009  
Dorothy Mulholland, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

### Folk club meets on Saturday

Troubadour Central Coast folk club will hold its next meeting at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy on Saturday, January 24.

Two performances have been announced for the evening including Slightly Off and Warren Taggart.

The first performance will begin from 7pm.

"Slightly Off is a husband and wife duo who have chosen beautiful Umina Beach on the NSW Central Coast as their home," club president Mr Bill Bekric said.

"Leila originally hails from sunny Florida, USA, but came to Australia in 2000.

"On Australia Day in 2006, Leila proudly joined that select club of 20 million people with Australian citizenship.

"Carl and Leila have been performing together since they first summoned up the courage to perform publicly at their own

wedding in February 2004.

"Recently they became even more 'off', with the talents of Frank and Marilyn Russell adding to the interesting pot pourri.

"Slightly Off performs their own material mixed with obscure and bazaar songs they have found along the way.

"Dark humour is always a big part of a Slightly Off performance, along with Leila's zany antics and wacky instruments including the musical saw and the bowed banjo.

"For Slightly Off, the most important aspect of any performance is for the audience to have a good time.

"Be sure to come prepared to laugh and maybe get a few shudders."

Mr Bekric said audiences would also be delighted and entertained by the talents of the night's second performance, Warren Taggart.

"In a club of gifted amateurs, Warren shines like a beacon," Mr

Bekric said.

"His years as a professional come through every time and always with something new.

Floor spots will be available on the night and supper provided.

Admission to the evening is \$10 per adult, \$8 concession and members \$7.

Admission for children is free with any paying adult.

For more information phone 4341 4060 or 0417 159 540 after hours.

Website, 15 Jan 2009  
Bill Bekric, Troubadour Central Coast



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## Comedy at classical film night

The Bouddi Society will host its next classical film night at Wagstaffe Hall on Thursday, January 22.

The film featured on the evening will be the 1966 Australian comedy *They're a Weird Mob*.

Vice president Mr David Dufty said the classical film nights held by the Bouddi Society were a wonderful way for the community to get together, remember the past and appreciate classical films.

"The film is based on a best-selling book by Australian author John O'Grady, writing under the name of his character, Nino Culotta," Mr Dufty said.

"It was the first feature film made in Australia for seven years and it helped to put pressure on the Commonwealth Government to fund local feature production.

"The film grossed \$2 million on a budget of \$600,000.

Mr Dufty said *They're a Weird Mob* was an entertaining film and dealt with customs and manners of 1950s and 1960s Australian society.

"The film will be nostalgic to older viewers who will remember Emma Chislett and something of a revelation to younger viewers,"

Mr Dufty said.

"The B-word was common as in *Kings Bloody Cross* but no sign of the F-word in films in those days.

"The film tells the story of Nino Culotta, a newly-arrived Italian migrant.

"He is expecting to work for his cousin as a sports writer on the Italian magazine his cousin has been producing but when he gets there he discovers that his cousin has left leaving a substantial debt.

"Nino declares that he will get a job and pay back the debt.

"The film tells how he does this, making new mates and finding a love interest.

"Much of the story is taken up with Nino's attempts to understand the aspirational values and social rituals of everyday urban Australians and so assimilate."

The film will screen from 7.30pm (drinks from 7pm) and will be followed by a discussion on the clash of cultures led by local migrant Werner Sattmann-Frese with all invited to participate.

Entry is \$15 for the general public and \$12 for Bouddi Society members.

Press release, 13 Jan 2009  
David Dufty, Bouddi Society



Local residents and visitors attend last year's conference held at Ettalong Beach Club

## Second songwriters' conference planned

The second Australian Songwriters Conference will be held at Ettalong Beach following the success of last year's event.

Conference organiser Ms Lisa Butler said preparations were well under way for the June long weekend event.

"Eighteen months in preparation was all worth it when attendees, faculty and staff came together for the inaugural event in June last

year at Ettalong Beach," Ms Butler said.

"To say it exceeded everyone's expectations is an understatement.

"Many attendees have gone on to work with faculty members, some have signed publishing deals with attending publishers, and still others are co-writing and developing long-term collaborations.

"The overwhelmingly positive response made the decision to continue the Australian Songwriters

Conference as an annual event an easy one.

"Some of this year's speakers and mentors will return, and new speakers and mentors will be added," Ms Butler said.

"BMI has endorsed the Australian Songwriters Conference.

"This is a valuable show of support."

Press release, 27 Dec 2008  
Lisa Butler, Australian Songwriters Conference

## Lantern workshop for Australia Day

A number of workshops will be held over the coming week to produce more than 400 lanterns for the Australia Day lantern parade in Woy Woy on January 26.

A series of 12 workshops will be held in Woy Woy and Gosford from January 18 to 26.

Gosford Council's cultural development coordinator Mr Elio Gatti encouraged local residents to join local youth and senior citizens groups in the making of the lanterns.

"The lantern procession will begin at 8.30pm prior to the fireworks at 9.15pm," Mr Gatti said.

"Kayaks and canoes will carry lanterns by water while the main procession will travel along Brick Wharf Rd from Memorial Park to Woy Woy wharf.

"There will also be a last-minute

lantern decorating workshop at Memorial Park, Woy Woy, from 12pm to 4pm on Australia Day."

The Youth Arts Warehouse in Donnison St, Gosford, will host workshops on January 20 to 22, followed by a night workshop in Kibble Park on January 22 from 5pm.

A lantern refurbishment workshop will be held on January 24, at the Youth Arts Warehouse, while decorating of the lanterns will take place at the warehouse on January 25 and in Memorial Park at the Woy Woy waterfront on January 26.

Bookings for workshop sessions are essential due to a restriction in group numbers.

Call Susanne on 4323 7299 to reserve a place.

Press release, 8 Jan 2009  
Lisa-Maree Schell,  
Gosford Council

## Open day at arts centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold a number of open days throughout February to give local residents the opportunity to see what classes are on offer this year.

Prospective students will be invited to call into the centre during class times from February 9 to 21.

The open days will give community members interested in joining a class to meet tutors, inspect the centre's facilities and see firsthand what classes have to offer.

"Do you know anyone who would like to learn a new hobby

or rekindle an old passion?" vice-president Ms Dorothy Mulholland said.

"Our fees are very competitive and within reach of everyone."

Term one classes commence on February 2 and end on April 4.

Classes on offer include patchwork and quilting, pottery, folk art, silk dyeing, oils and acrylics, pastels and drawing, children's art, watercolour painting and silvercraft.

For more information, phone the centre on 4341 8344.

Newsletter, 15 Jan 2009  
Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

## Learn to Belly Dance with Behind The Veil

Awaken your feminine spirit and release stress with this beautiful, ancient dance.

At Behind The Veil, classes are taught in a fun, relaxed and supportive environment.

Try it and discover the magic for yourself. New 10wk Beginners Course starting Wednesday 4th February at Peninsula Community Centre.

Behind The Veil dancers are available to entertain and liven up your next function.

Our dancers are well known on the Central Coast for their exciting and dynamic performances and are often performing with the fabulous Drumbala drumming group.

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## 'Back in our time ...'

Whenever I meet up with some of my contemporaries someone will inevitably say, "Well back in our time ...".

I often wonder about this well-worn cliché.

Does it mean a time when we considered ourselves to be masters of the universe or simply a time very different to the present day?

One thing I do know that as teenagers growing up in Woy Woy in the 50s, we enjoyed an exciting and fabulous time, although it is probably a truism to say that most of us were unaware of this until much later in life.

For a start, the Peninsula boasted three picture shows all owned and run by the Riley family.

We were always treated to two movies which were preceded by Movietone News and a cartoon usually featuring Tom and Jerry or Woody Woodpecker.

The first feature was normally a cowboy movie with either Hopalong Cassidy or Tom Mox being the favourite.

Tonto or Lassie filled minor roles.

Predictably the Indians always lost.

There was never any sign of blood but deaths were mostly prolonged and terribly melodramatic.

At interval you would dash out to buy a few pennies worth of mixed lollies or an ice-cream for threepence.

The main feature would be the latest release.

Brigadoon, Oklahoma and various biblical epics were some of the movies being shown.

The Riley brothers also operated the local bus company from their depot on the corner of Barrenjoey Rd and West St.

Interestingly enough, I recently discovered one of their earliest buses in the bus museum located at Tempe.

The name "Riley Bros" and "Ettalong Beach" appeared on the vehicle which is completely in its original state.

One interesting fact was that the Ettalong Theatre (now occupied by the community centre) was also used by the Catholic Church for Sunday Mass.

Vince Smith would set up the amplification equipment and the nuns would take care of the altar.

Instead of Stations of the Cross, large black and white photographs hung on the walls featuring all the current movie stars.

It must have been rather distracting for the lady parishioners to concentrate on their prayers while Gregory Peck, Cary Grant, James Dean and Victor Mature were keeping an eye on them.

Occasionally one would also find a blob of chewing gum or a half eaten Mintie firmly stuck on one's knees whilst genuflecting.

However, the Parish Priest, the highly respected Dr Walter Baker, had no difficulty in ensuring the minds of the congregation did not wander, when he gave one of his eloquent and stirring sermons.

Apart from going to the movies

(television came much later), there was roller-skating at the Umina Theatre and the Pacific Cabaret at Ettalong.

The latter was constructed by the Bird family where Barrets Hotel previously stood on the beachfront.

At various times, the cabaret was also used for the annual Rotary and Apex balls.

The Apex Club also used the hall to stage the annual Home Makers Exhibition where local business houses showcased their wares.

Then there was mini golf in Ocean View Rd, horse riding on the horse estate on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd as well as tennis courts which were well patronised.

We always looked forward to the Christmas holidays when there was a huge influx of visitors to the Peninsula.

There was at the time a plethora of guest houses and holiday homes to choose from and you would be lucky to find a vacancy in any of the camping areas.

There were carnivals operating at Umina and Ettalong and there were always large crowds at the Housie Halls.

I can well remember Jack Lewry going through the numbers, "Shut the gate number eight", "Legs 11 number 11", and so on.

And, there were regular dances at the Masonic Hall, the RSL Club and Ocean Beach Surf Club.

Fred Landman, Daley's Point

## Bouddi history on CD

More than 100 community members attended the launch of the Bouddi Society's history project CD-ROM at Wagstaffe Hall on December 6.

The CD-ROM entitled Bouddi Stories: Bouddi Bios - A Work in Progress contains more than 1000 pages of stories of life on the Bouddi Peninsula and more than 2000 photographs.

Former Gosford Mayor and local resident Cr Jim Macfadyen officially launched the first stage of the Bouddi Society's history project.

Cr Macfadyen said the project represented a major contribution to the community which included the biographies of more than 60 local residents who had contributed to the history of the area.

Chairman of the history project committee Mr David Dufty said the CD-ROM was a prime example of community cooperation with more than 40 contributors working on the project. He said an advance copy was made available to the Gosford Library.

Gosford Library's local studies librarian Mr Geoff Potter assisted the Bouddi Society with the project.

"The Society, once again, is to be congratulated on this wonderful community history project," Mr Potter said.

"Not only does a vibrant and colourful local history shine through, but also the personalities of those interviewed and the individual authors who researched and wrote chapters.

"Your project will ensure that memories stay alive, and that the cultural life of the community, through its artists, writers and gatekeepers, will be recorded as a snapshot of your community in 2008.

"You are leaving quite a legacy for others to enjoy."

Mr Dufty said the CD-ROM

was still a work in progress and contained errors, omissions and unfinished work.

"We were under pressure to meet a deadline, which some couldn't reach, in order to get you the major results of our basic research and writing by the end of 2008.

"We have had many emails and spoken comments of appreciation of our work to date.

"We have also welcomed some corrections and suggestions for additions and improvements for our next edition.

"Please keep these suggestions, comments and offering of new work coming as there is still room in a 700 Megabyte CD-ROM for more chapters and extensions to the present articles.

"We welcome your participation in this unique-community, written and produced product with its wonderful sets of photos.

"Additional photos are also welcome and all our photos will be passed on to the Gosford City Library to the benefit of future generations.

"We continue to search for an experienced writer with skills in handling photographic images and layout who would be willing to devote considerable amount of time this year to the conceptualisation and writing of an integrated book, which would draw on the best of our current resources but fit them into a graphic account of time and place in our rich and diverse local area.

"We would hope to provide some remuneration for such a task."

Copies of the CD-ROM will be available for community members at the Australia Day celebrations at Wagstaffe Hall on January 26, by donation of \$10 per CD-ROM.

The history project will also be available at the Maitland Bay Information Centre.

Newsletter, 14 Jan 2009

Bouddi News, The Bouddi Society

## When politicians believed in something

### Forum

Politicians are often seen as sleazy and money-grubbing.

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Bertram "Tubby" Stevens was premier of NSW for at least two

terms and when he retired he lived in poverty in Glebe.

His opponent Jack Lang got Parliament to give him a State pension so Tubby wouldn't starve to death.

What a contrast to today where

they live fat off the public purse and cop a lovely loaf in the private sector as well.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

### Contributions

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

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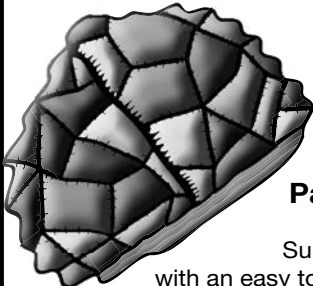
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## Opposition highlights demountable numbers

There are 31 demountable classrooms on the Peninsula, according to a statement released by Shadow Minister for Education Mr Andrew Stoner.

They are sited at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus (4), Woy Woy Public School (10), Umina Public School (6), Pretty Beach Public School (4), Ettalong Public School (3) and Empire Bay Public School (4).

Mr Stoner said there were 729 demountable classrooms across the Central Coast and Hunter regions.

Mr Stoner, who obtained the figures under the Freedom of Information Act, said: "Students in these regions should not have had to put up with so many demountable classrooms during 2008.

"At the end of another school year, every parent, teacher and student knows that learning in a demountable classroom is a poor second choice to learning in a real classroom.

"Many of these demountables

are up to 30 years old and in a third world condition.

"The fact that so many students have to learn in these conditions shows just how much State Labor has allowed the public school system to be run down.

"Let's hope we see a turnaround in the 2009 school year."

Mr Stoner said the recent laptop deal highlighted the second-rate nature of demountables.

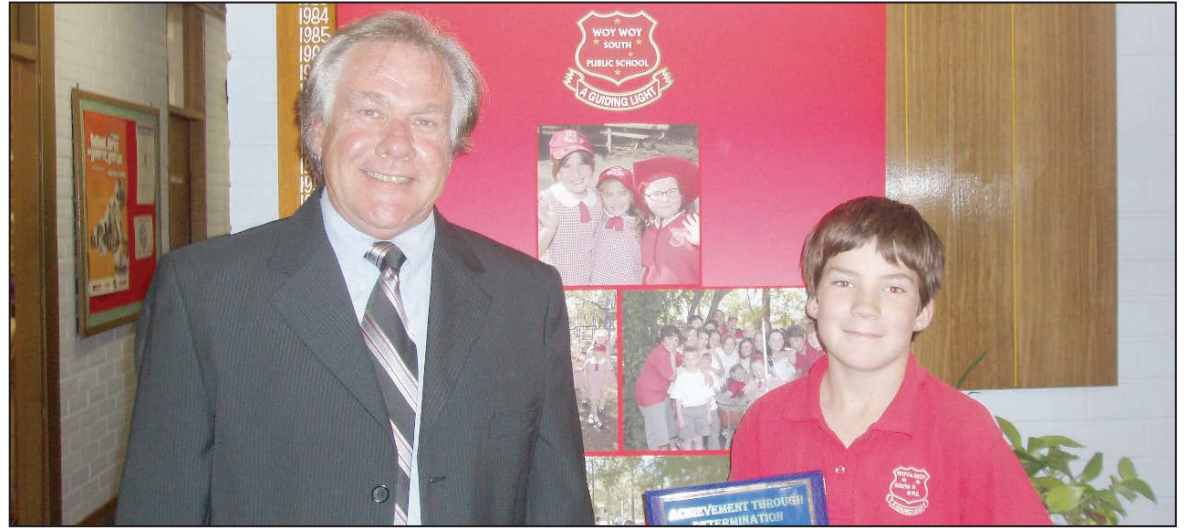
"These numbers are ironic seeing that Nathan Rees has put up his hand to organise the Federal Government's student laptop scheme," Mr Stoner said.

"Maybe Nathan Rees' priorities should be to provide adequate classrooms for students to learn in rather than trying to take the credit for Kevin Rudd's laptop roll out.

"Demountable classrooms have few, if any, power points.

"Nathan Rees should explain how he expects a class of up to 30 students to power-up and charge their laptops."

Press release, 21 Dec 2008  
Andrew Stoner, Shadow Minister for Education



## Student wins scholarship

Student Jared Gear has received a trophy and scholarship from the Kip McGrath Education Centre, Umina Beach, at the end of last term.

The Woy Woy South Public School student received the award for showing improvement, progress and determination throughout the year.

The Kip McGrath Education

Centre in Umina Beach presents a trophy and scholarship for a term each year for a Year 6 student who has excelled in their learning.

Jared was presented with the award a special presentation ceremony at the school late last year.

Franchise owners David and Sue Hosford said the centre was proud to be able to reward hardworking students for their

learning efforts.

"We have been providing the Peninsula with our education services for more than four years now and have helped many children from Kindergarten to Year 12," Ms Hosford said.

"A free assessment at the centre will let parents know exactly where their child is in their education."

Press release, 15 Jan 2009  
Sue Hosford, Kip McGrath Education Centre Umina Beach

## Year 9 students visit Canberra

Year 9 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus enjoyed an educational trip to Canberra from December 3 to 5.

The group visited all the major attractions in the nation's capital including Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport, the War Memorial, the CSIRO Discovery Centre and the National Museum.

Tour organiser Mr Larry Thomson said the students enjoyed the fun activities on offer while learning many facts about the important city of Canberra.

"The group did a role play at the Old Parliament House when they experienced the procedures of parliamentary life and also learnt about the system of voting

and democracy in general at the Electoral Centre," Mr Thomson said.

"The group met our local Federal member Belinda Neal who spoke to the group and put on an afternoon tea for us.

"We saw many athletes at the Institute of Sport, both Olympic medallists as well as students competing in the Pacific School games.

"The group was particularly impressed by the gymnastics.

"The Australian Government contributed some funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program to assist with the travel expenses of the students on this excursion."

Newsletter, 19 Dec 2008  
Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

## Students attend arts workshop

Four Year 7 art students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus were selected to attend the Central Coast Hunter Visual Art Workshop in Newcastle on November 17 and 18.

Students Danielle Debrincat, Luke Coleman, Harrison Griffioen

and Jade Sullivan attended the two-day workshop at Newcastle Region Art Gallery.

Visual Arts teacher Ms Tullia Price said the students had the opportunity to extend their creative drawing skills by drawing "angry capsicums" and experimenting with a wide range of media.

"The two inspirational tutors inspired the students with their passion and enthusiasm for art," Ms Price said.

"On the final day, all four students came home with a huge bundle of artworks."

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## Georgia, 7, wins national title

**Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club member Georgia Riley has won a Junior National Champion age title for the second year running.**

The seven-year-old has also been nominated for Junior Sports Person of the Year at this year's Central Coast Australia Day Community Awards.

Club manager Ms Robyn Stephen said Georgia's achievement was "a great honour for someone so young".

"Georgia, along with 13 other members, competed at the Junior National Championship Finals at the State Sports Centre in Homebush Bay recently," Ms Stephen said.

"The results were outstanding with Georgia gaining first place in the seven-year section.

"Woy Woy was the most successful club on the Central Coast winning 14 places at the zone competition.

"Tylah Burkwood came first in the five-year section, Georgia Riley came first in the seven-year section and then went on to win the seven-year National Champion title.

"This is a great achievement after winning the six-year National Champion title the previous year."

Ms Stephen said she was extremely proud of the results produced by the girls at Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club.

"Tannika Hinds gained second place in the eight-year section and in the nine-year section Simone Bradley came first, Amber Antonio second and Hayley Norris fifth place.

"Edwina Clune-Purcell gained



first place and Rebekah Smith fourth place in the 10-year age group and in the 11-year section Lauren Riley came first, Rebecca Hutchins second and Meg Booker third.

"Lauren and Meg both reached the final at the Nationals.

"Lauren Lees gained fifth place in the 12-year section and Charlotte Clune-Purcell came third in the 13-year age group.

"Hollie Synott, at 14-years-old, was a finalist at zone and went to State Repechage and gained fifth place, then went on to reach the final at the Nationals.

"Annette Nicholls won fifth place at zone in the over 33-year women's section, then went on to reach the semi final at the Ladies National Championship finals also held at State Sports Centre in Homebush.

"Lesla McNeil and Kristy Stephen both reached the Senior National

Championships which were held at the Sydney Opera House.

"The club also competed at the National Championship Teams and placed third in the five-to-six years, first in the seven-to-eight years, second in the nine-to-10 years and fifth in the 11-to-12 years."

Ms Stephen said the Woy Woy club runs classes for girls at the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and for women on Tuesday evenings.

"Each age has a separate syllabus and students have the opportunity to enter annual non-compulsory competitions at the club, local, zone, state and national level," Ms Stephen said.

For more information phone 4344 4924 or the Peninsula Community Centre on

**Press release, 15 Jan 2009  
Robyn Stephen, Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club**

## Rugby trial played at Woy Woy

**Woy Woy Oval will host the second trial match for the Central Coast representative rugby union team against Gordon Rugby Club on Saturday, February 28.**

The Central Coast team will play a total of three trial matches in the lead-up to the NSW Country Championships in March.

The newly-appointed coach, Peninsula resident Mr Ross Hopkins, will commence team training at the Mt Penang Complex on January 21.

The first trial match for the representative team will be played out in Newcastle against Hunter Zone on January 30.

The game will be a curtain-raiser to the NSW Waratahs versus Fiji match.

"This game will be a wonderful opportunity for our local players to perform in front of a big crowd and also NSW selectors," Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said.

"This game for the Waratahs is their main trial game before the Super 14 commences in February so the game should attract a big crowd."

The final trial match for Central Coast will be against Parramatta at Bateau Bay on March 7.

"These three games will prove an excellent preparation for the NSW Country Championships and should have the final team in good stead for the final weekends of March when the NSW Country titles are held," Mr Thomson said.

"The NSW Country Championship sees Central Coast travel to Armidale to play New England Zone.

"This game will be on Saturday, March 21, and is most important.

"The result will determine the

draw for the team the following weekend when the finals of the Championship will be held.

"All Country zone teams travel to Dubbo to compete for the Caldwell Cup.

"Semi finals will be played on the Saturday, while on the Sunday, March 29, the finals will be played to determine the various championship winners.

"There will not only be the senior team but also the Under-20s.

"The Under-20 team will be coached by Greg Hawkings who is the Ourimbah first grade coach.

"Both teams commence their preparations next Wednesday night and both teams will work together in the early weeks before separating into their two sides closer to the trial matches and NSW Country Championship proper."

Mr Thomson said the Central Coast team have won the NSW Country Championship three out of the last four years.

"We were beaten in the semi-final last year by the eventual winners, Hunter," Mr Thomson said.

"Coaches Ross Hopkins and Greg Hawkings want their respective teams to do well this year and will work hard to ensure all is ready by March 21."

**Press release, 13 Jan 2009  
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

## Union season is announced

**Woy Woy Rugby Union Club will kick off its 2009 season playing Gosford at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, April 18.**

Central Coast Rugby Union announced the upcoming season draw on January 13.

The 2009 season will see 18 rounds including seven home games and two byes for the Woy Woy club.

The final round for Woy Woy will be played out against Terrigal at the Haven Oval on August 22.

All minor and major semi finals as well as the preliminary final will be held at Woy Woy Oval between August 29 and September 5.

The grand final will be held at Bluetongue Stadium in Gosford on September 12.

**Season draw, 13 Jan 2009  
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

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The leaflet can also be obtained from other beaches patrolled by Gosford council lifeguards.

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Press release, 22 Dec 2008  
 Lisa-Maree Schell, Gosford Council

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