

Woolworths and Aldi get go ahead

Woolworths and Aldi have both been given permission to build new supermarkets in Umina.

Woolworths was granted consent for a supermarket in West St, while Aldi gained approval to build in Trafalgar Ave.

Cr Craig Doyle said the two new developments were an exciting change for the Peninsula community.

"In such a time of economic strain and hardship, it is exciting and reassuring to see developers investing their money into the Umina community," Cr Doyle said.

"Many people are quick to talk the Peninsula down but this is not the case when big money is being invested in this community.

"The Peninsula people will have some good choices in shopping thanks to the addition of two major supermarkets in the Umina CBD."

According to a council staff report, the Woolworths supermarket alone will create employment for up to 160 people and 59 construction jobs during the building process.

"The applicant has indicated the general store (supermarket) is

likely to employ approximately 160 people," the report stated.

"In addition, 59 construction jobs will be created and a further 95 jobs will be created as a supplier-induced multiplier effect during construction.

"The additional retail jobs will result in a further 137 jobs in the broader community based on ABS input/output multipliers.

"This proposal is therefore a high level employment generating development and is a priority development under council's protocol for assessment of priority development applications."

In its report, council described both developments as providing "a wider shopping choice to the community and competition in the supermarket sector without eliminating future opportunity for small-scale business-retail uses to establish in Umina".

Both developments are expected to be completed by the end of next year.

**Council agenda
ENV.14, 3 Mar 2009**

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An artist's impression of the new Aldi supermarket planned for Trafalgar Ave, Umina

State Government rejects Woy Woy Rd

Reclassification of Woy Woy Rd as a State road may take years, according to The Bays Community Group.

Roads Minister Mr Michael Daley has told Gosford Council that a review process started in 2004 was still under way and that Woy Woy Rd could not now be included in it.

No date had been set for the next reclassification review.

Community group president Mr Bob Puffett has written to Gosford

mayor Cr Chris Holstein asking why the council had not submitted the road for review in 2004.

Community group vice-president Mr Greg McMullen said residents of The Bays community were frustrated at discovering Gosford Council did not submit the road for a RTA reclassification review in 2004.

"It just seems ridiculous that this major link to the Peninsula and F3 would not be considered a State Government responsibility.

"It is clear a significant number of motorists use the road.

"This was most recently seen after an accident on Woy Woy Rd left traffic banked-up along for several kilometres to Kariong."

"If road reclassification submissions from 2004 are still being looked into, it could take a number of years to see Woy Woy Rd a State Government responsibility," Mr McMullen said.

In a letter to council on behalf of Minister for Roads Mr Michael

Daley, it was stated, "In relation to the reclassification of Woy Woy Rd, I note that council did not include this in its submission to the Road Classification Review Panel".

"It is not appropriate that this road be considered for reclassification outside the review presently under consideration," the letter stated.

"The NSW Government intends to announce the review shortly."

At its meeting on March 3, council resolved to participate in discussions with the RTA in seeking

the reclassification of Woy Woy Rd as a State road and express its support for the construction of a Bull's Hill bypass.

Mr McMullen said the bypass was a "common sense" option for Woy Woy Rd but was sceptical about getting the project off the ground with so many barriers to go through.

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Cubs to hold garage sale

Broken Bay Cub Scouts will hold a garage sale in Umina to raise money for the local group.

The garage sale will take place on Saturday, March 21, at 3 Carawa St, Umina.

The sale will be held from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Fundraising coordinator Ms Sandra Tuthill said the sale was a great opportunity to grab a bargain.

She said other community members could also set up a stall on the day.

"Stallholders may set up their

own stall for a cost of \$20, or donations to the garage sale will also be accepted," Ms Tuthill said.

"Items for the garage sale may be dropped off on March 20, between 5 and 7pm.

"Sellers will be admitted from 8am on the day of the sale.

"A sausage sizzle will also be available on the day.

"All are welcome to attend to help make this a successful day."

For more information, contact Sandra on 0439 926 011 or Aleasa on 0418 465 788.

**Press release, 10 Mar 2009
Sandra Tuthill, Broken Bay Cub Scouts**

Cake stall in Woy Woy

The Animal Welfare League Central Coast Branch will hold a cake stall in Woy Woy to raise money for animals affected by the Victorian bush fires.

The cake stall will be held on March 20 and 21 from 9.30am outside the Animal League Welfare Thrift Shop, The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

Publicity officer Ms Paula White

said it was important to support all those affected by the Victorian bush fire tragedy including the animals.

"We will have an array of cakes and sweet treats on offer and all proceeds go towards making a difference for a sick and injured animal," Ms White said.

**Email, 7 Mar 2009
Paula White, Animal Welfare League Central Coast**

Man charged over theft

A 51-year-old Woy Woy man has been arrested and charged by police over the theft of more than \$25,000 from a Tumbi Umbi lawn mower store.

According to police, a man driving a Ford utility vehicle smashed through the front door of Tumbi Mowers around 2am on February 13, and fled the scene with more than 20 stolen items.

Police officers from Tuggerah Lakes anti-theft team searched the man's Hillview St home on February 17 to find a number of stolen goods.

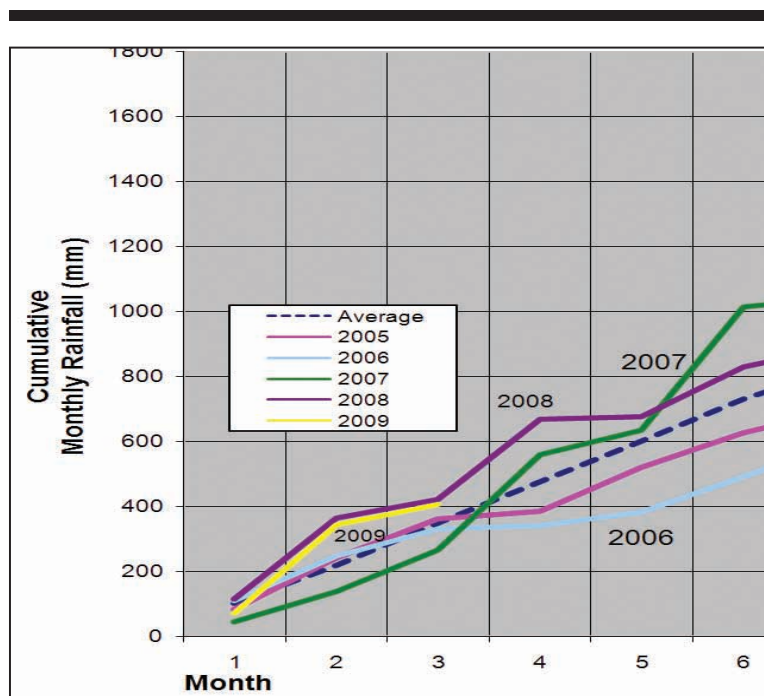
The Woy Woy man was subsequently charged with several offences including breaking and entering and stealing a car.

He will face Wyong Court on April 17.

The owner of the business was reunited with most of the stolen stock.

However, some items had been damaged as a result of the theft.

**Website, 10 Mar 2009
NSW Police**



Rain on Monday

The Peninsula received almost 50mm of rain on Monday last week.

Together with smaller falls on the following days, a total of 61.9mm has been recorded so far this month by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

This represents almost half the average for the month of 129.9mm, with half the month to come.

Even without further rain, rainfall to date this year will be above the cumulative average at the end of March.

**Spreadsheet, 13 Mar 2009
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy**

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Chamber of Commerce starts in Umina

A new Chamber of Commerce has been established for small business owners in Umina.

The Umina District Chamber of Commerce started three months ago for small business owners in Umina, according to chamber president Ms Sharon Martin.

"For some time now many small business owners in the Umina district have seen a need for a business chamber that has a specific purpose representing local business views," Ms Martin said.

"With that vision in mind, the Umina District Chamber of Commerce was formed.

"The Umina District Chamber of Commerce believes that the Peninsula is the gateway to the Central Coast of NSW and Umina has a key role to play in the future growth and development of our region.

"Umina District Chamber is committed to progress, communication, transparency and a co-operative spirit with community leaders.

"The executive is made up of local business people, dedicated to bringing economic growth and a strong sense of positive community spirit to our region.

"As president, I am committed to working in harmony with local and state governments, state and local business chambers and local business groups.

"This Chamber belongs to the business community of Umina and we urge all who are interested in the future of our region to play an active role."

For more information contact Sharon Martin on 0413 931 790.

Press release, 12 Mar 2009
Sharon Martin, Umina District Chamber of Commerce

NRMA park found in breach

An investigation into the NRMA-owned Ocean Beach Holiday Park by Gosford Council has confirmed it to be operating outside its lease boundary.

The council has removed private property signs placed by the park on adjacent public land.

Coordinator of active open spaces Ms Karen Tucker said council had been in negotiations with the management of Ocean Beach Holiday Park in response to allegations of public land being misused.

Umina resident Mr Robert Payne and his wife were forcibly removed from public land adjoining the park on February 7.

A subsequent multi-faceted investigation was carried out by council, the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Department of Lands.

"As a result of its investigations, council has removed signage indicating the public land as private property," Ms Tucker said.

"Future arrangements for the land, including public access, will be looked into by council staff.

"Council did find the park to infringe on public land and the manner in which the couple was removed from the land was not a behaviour we would encourage."



One of the private property signs removed by Gosford Council after the Ocean Beach Holiday Park was found to be operating outside its lease onto public land

Ms Tucker said the park had seen numerous people own and manage it over the years and felt the incident was a misunderstanding as a result of this.

A Department of Lands spokesperson stated it had discussed the matter with parties involved.

"Ocean Beach Holiday Park will address issues regarding the adjoining Crown reserve with Gosford Council as trust manager," the spokesperson said.

According to the spokesperson, the park offered an apology to Mr Payne and his wife through

Peninsula News "so that has been resolved".

An investigation into claims trees were illegally removed from the endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland were also carried out as a result of the incident.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change was unavailable for comment at the time Peninsula News went to print.

Clare Graham, 11 Mar 2009
Interviewee: Karen Tucker, Gosford Council
Media Statement, 12 Mar 2009
Keeley O'Mara, Department of Lands



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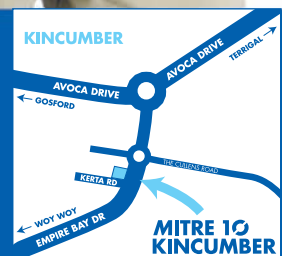
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Landslip projects receive funding

Two Peninsula projects have received Federal Government funding under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program.

The Patonga Dr Landslip Project and Pearl Beach Dr Rockfall and Landslip Mitigation Project have been identified as natural disaster risk priorities by Gosford Council and the Federal Government.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr Rod Craig said the association welcomed the news of Federal Government support for the ongoing problem of the two local roads.

"This issue has been an ongoing fight for many years to see these two vital access roads safe," Mr Craig said.

"We are happy to see more focus and attention from the government on making the two roads safe for drivers and pedestrians.

"It seems the ongoing pressure has paid off in terms of stabilising the roadways."

Mr Craig said he had been in consultation with council in regard to the Pearl Beach and Patonga Drives and work was expected to commence in eight weeks time.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the council would receive just under \$500,000 from a \$6 million funding scheme for 71 projects throughout the state.

"Considering the positive impact this program has on communities around Australia and the nation-

wide support that it's getting, I hope that the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program can offer continuous funding," Cr Holstein said.

"A natural disaster is something we never really can control, but we can control how we go about reducing the impact they have on our neighbourhoods, so knowing that there is ongoing assistance for my LGA and other communities would be most welcomed.

Other Gosford Local Government Area projects to receive funding include the Turo Creek and Pretty Beach Flood Mitigation Works and the Natural Areas Bushfire Risk Analysis Study - Stage Three.

**Press release, 5 Mar 2009
Alexandra Hornby,
Gosford Council**



Barometer unveiled for rock pool

More than 80 local residents attended the unveiling of the Pearl Beach Rock Pool fundraising barometer on March 2.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr Rod Craig said the barometer would measure the progress of the Save Pearl Beach Rock Pool fundraising efforts.

To date, the Pearl Beach Progress Association has raised \$7000 through two fundraising events and public donations.

Mr Craig said the community hoped to raise up to \$100,000 to restore the rock pool.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews attended to unveiling.

"Marie Andrews has expressed her support to the Pearl Beach community in our quest to raise \$100,000 toward the restoration and repair of the tidal ocean pool," Mr Craig said.

"The upper section of the pool, with crumbling edges and dangerous access ramp, are problems which we as a community need to address as soon as



Local residents attend the unveiling of the Pearl Beach Rock Pool barometer

possible if we are to avoid closure. "The Pearl Beach Progress Association is committed to a fund raising project to raise \$100,000 towards the \$220,000 total estimated cost of renovations.

"This will be difficult for a small community such as ours in the current financial climate.

"However, we are determined to press forward during 2009 with a range of fundraising events."

Future fundraising activities

planned for the next two months include a weekend photo exhibition, wine tasting afternoon with several Hunter Valley wineries and a collectable's appraisal day.

Further information on the association's upcoming fundraising events will be made available in the next few weeks.

**Press release, 2 Mar 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach
Progress Association**

Recycling plant opens at treatment works

Gosford Council has completed work on a \$720,000 new water recycling plant at the Woy Woy Wastewater Treatment Works.

The project has involved the construction of a new tertiary filtration treatment plant, which will further treat secondary treated wastewater so that it can be safely reused for selected non-drinking purposes.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the plant would produce more than 46 million litres of recycled water per year.

"Water from the new plant will be used on site and by tankers for a number of nondrinking uses across Gosford City," Cr Holstein said.

"The use of recycled water for activities such as irrigation, dust suppression, landscaping and construction works helps to reduce the overall demand on the Central

Coast drinking water supply.

"Recycled water will also be used for the irrigation of our parklands, nature strips and general open space areas, allowing council to keep our city looking clean and green during times of low rainfall.

"The new water recycling plant at Woy Woy complements a larger plant commissioned last year at council's Kincumber wastewater treatment works.

"Together these plants will produce over 128 million litres of recycled water per year, providing permanent long term water savings for our region."

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews also welcomed the completion of council's new water recycling plant in Woy Woy.

"I am pleased that council is taking advantage of the financial support provided under the State Government's Central Coast Water Savings Fund," Ms Andrews said.

"Under this fund, \$178,500 was granted to Gosford Council towards the South Woy Woy project.

**Press release, 6 Mar 2009
Kylie Gillett, Gosford Council
Press release, 6 Mar 2009
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Call for fresh objections

Local residents and business owners should lodge fresh objections to Gosford Council against a seven-storey development proposed for Hardy's Bay, according to Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association.

The development application for the proposed commercial and residential building in Araluen Ave has been re-lodged with amendments to the original application, according to association vice-president Mr Richard Harper.

"You will remember that 600 plus objections to this development were lodged with Gosford City Council late last year," Mr Harper said.

"The proponents have now come back with amendments to the proposal and the amended proposal is now on display and comments must be made to the council by 5pm on Wednesday, March 18.

"Although the amendments appear to save an extra three trees, will possibly soften the look of the building by planting vines and pigface over the balconies, will use more timber in the project, will include the planting of a few new trees and change the surface colour, we will still be looking at a seven storey glass facade going up the slope.

"It will still be reminiscent of the Ettalong monstrosity which dominates the landscape and is so abhorrent to so many of us."

Mr Harper said more than 70 major trees in the spotted gum/ironbark forest on the site would still be destroyed as a result of the amended development application.



A model of the seven-storey development proposed for Hardy's Bay

"The token trees remaining will do little to alleviate the harshness and will be unlikely to survive," Mr Harper said.

"We also doubt that the trees to be planted by the developer will survive in the long term. "The impact will be unrelieved.

"As we said before, the concept is totally out of character with what we know and love - do we want another Terrigal?

"If one such multilevel development were to be permitted, more will follow."

Mr Harper called on local residents and business owners who submitted objection letters to the development previously to resubmit them.

"If you made an objection last year you must do so again to be counted," Mr Harper said.

"Please note that if far less objections are received this time the developer can claim that their amendments have satisfied previous objections.

"An appeal from anybody who loves the relaxed lifestyle and atmosphere of Killcare needs to be submitted to council immediately.

"To be recorded as an objector you must write to the general manager, Gosford City Council, PO Box 21, Gosford 2250 or email da.submissions@gosford.nsw.gov.au with your name, address and DA number 35452/2008 and why you object to the development.

"Then say a few words, maybe in dot points and base your objection on any or all of

the points including: non-compliance with the character statement for the area; loss of over 70 regionally significant native trees; inappropriate overdevelopment, huge size and bulk; traffic and parking problems in already congested area; non-compliance with floor space ratio."

Newsletter, 12 Mar 2009
Richard Harper, Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association

Council rejects playground submissions

Gosford Council has rejected a number of submissions from local residents and community groups about its Draft Gosford City Playground Strategy.

The Ettalong Beach Business Group asked council to allocate \$300,000 funding to the Ettalong Beach Waterfront Playground instead of Kitchener Park.

According to a council report, the group saw the need for "a more substantial playground allocated at The Esplanade rather than Kitchener Park at the back of Ettalong".

The business group said Kitchener Park would service a pocket of residents, however usage on the The Esplanade is far greater.

In response to the submission, council staff stated: "Kitchener Park is planned as a suburb park as it was once a playground site.

"The site has parking, toilets and shade available and would service the Booker Bay and Orange Grove areas that do not have any other park space available to council for the provision of a playground," the report stated.

"The area allocated as the site for the playground on the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Reserve (as outlined in the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management) is smaller than Kitchener Park.

"The site also has to facilitate the car park, cycle way, memorial barbecue and picnic facilities and shade planting.

"The \$120,000 allocated will build a very large pocket playground on the foreshore that will not dominate the site, yet still

facilitate the usage requirements for residents and visitors."

Council received a number of submissions from local residents surrounding the Nambucca Dr Playground in Umina.

According to a council report, an objection to the proposal to update the Nambucca Dr Playground was received on the basis that this would increase threat of extinction of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, an Endangered Ecological Community in the bushland reserve adjacent to the existing play area.

The Dulkara Ave playground had previously been the council's preferred site.

In response to the submission, council staff stated: "Nambucca Dr Playground currently sites a well-used playground for the local community in comparison to the Dulkara Ave Playground site".

"The Dulkara Ave playground site was used in 2007 for the translocation of topsoil and seed bank from the development site in Hillview St, Woy Woy, to try and allow the regeneration of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland vegetation at this site," the report stated.

"The appropriate assessments and recommendations, consultations with community and relevant stakeholders and design elements will be considered when planning the playground upgrade.

"It is anticipated that with proper planning and management measures, that there will be no more impact or potentially less impact than is currently occurring at the existing Nambucca Dr playground site."

Council agenda SF.3, 3 Mar 2009

Sue to run business bus tour

Woy Woy business owner Ms Sue Henry will be running a bus tour for local business women as part of a Central Coast Business Enterprise Centre business education initiative.

Twenty-five local business women will have the opportunity to be educated, inspired and reinvigorate their business by visiting three successful businesses on the Central Coast, according to Ms Henry.

"It's a real chance for Central Coast business women to spend quality time with business leaders in our community to learn and

develop from, along the way," Ms Henry said.

"The bus will visit three 'mystery' business destinations with a specific business activity focus.

"Business women look for experience, practical information and 'real' examples, the bus tour is a great way to have them network and learn from one another."

Ms Henry has more than 20 years experience in training and

staff development, providing programs in sales, networking, customer service, team building and communication skills.

The tour will take place on Friday, April 3, from 8.30am to 5pm.

For more information, contact 4355 4885.

Press release, 5 Mar 2009
Cliff Parker, Central Coast Business Enterprise Centre

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Aussie songs for Australia Day

Rie Lester and Richard Bell suggest ways of dealing with jobbos on Australia Day.

I realise crooners such as Crosby and Manilow and composers such as Mozart on loudspeaker will have the louts heading for the hills.

But how about some Aussies, after all it is Australia Day.

Gladys Moncrief, Chips Rafferty

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and Slim Dusty will do the job just as well as imports.

Also, I do object, in a published letter (2, March, 2009) to the American ass replacing my Aussie Arse.

**Keith Whitfield,
Woy Woy**

Huge payments out of hand

The issue of huge payments to CEOs has finally reached crisis proportions.

The real issue is what to do about it.

That requires political will.

Remember that there is little or no correlation between CEO's compensation and organisational performance.

The "pay peanuts and you get monkeys" justification of high packages is nonsense.

Let's be guided by fairness in relation to the average wage of around \$52,000 p.a.

The package of the Pacific Brand CEO is now 35 times that.

There are packages that come to 75 times, even 100 times that.

The spiral is totally out of control.

Clearly it requires Government intervention just like the economy requires that.

There is no sound reason why Governments should not mandate as to remunerations of CEOs and executives.

Forum

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This could be done best by introducing a ratio between average wage and the maximum base salary package for a CEO.

I suggest that a ratio of 1:10 would be very generous proposition.

That would result in a maximum CEO base salary of \$520,000.

All incomes derive from the same economy.

An egalitarian society cannot afford double standards.

Democracy or plutocracy is the choice here.

**Klaas Woldring,
Pearl Beach**

I write this letter to clarify my position on the contentious issue of the dredging Brisbane Water channel.

In doing this, I hope to give our community the opportunity to make an informed opinion regarding the issue.

The provision of safe, navigable channels comes under the responsibility of the NSW Department of Ports and Waterways, and the responsibility of the channel bed lies with the NSW Department of Lands.

The current offer from the NSW Government is to provide 50 per cent of the total funding needed to dredge a small section of the Brisbane Water channel, with council expected to provide the other 50 per cent.

The proposal will see council providing \$250,000 worth of funding on this section alone.

Another recent study currently being undertaken, has shown further dredging may be required for Brisbane Water, near Box Head, south of the channel.

Unlike the State Government, council does not derive any income from boat owners – private or commercial – for registration or fees, nor does it from moorings, jetties, wharves or fishing licenses.

However, council does pay more than \$500,000 per year for the maintenance and upkeep of 54 public jetties/wharves and 33 boat ramps/

So why is council expected to make a 50 per cent financial contribution to a project that it has no control or responsibility over, and derives no income from?

It hardly seems fair for the cost of this dredging to be pushed back

Providing clarity

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onto Gosford ratepayers.

If council make a financial commitment to these dredging works, vital funds will be taken away from existing infrastructure requirements.

If ratepayers were satisfied with the condition of roads, parks, footpaths and drainage, then perhaps council could justify utilising a minimum of \$250,000 from its capital works budget.

This decision would place greater pressure on council's existing funding and ultimately delay required infrastructure projects and maintenance.

This latest study outlining the issues near Box Head; indicates that the financial burden on ratepayers could equate to three times what was originally proposed by the NSW Government.

Council is not required to contribute to existing state services, such as our Police Force and Nursing Services.

So, why are we being asked to meet the NSW Government half way on this issue?

Council has no control or responsibility over the Brisbane Water channel, and derives no income from its use, so again, why should we be asked to contribute to its maintenance?

Important questions to be answered by the NSW Government, include how they utilise existing waterways fees and charges, how our local residents derive benefit from the revenues and where does this money go?

I understand the NSW Government collects \$400 to \$5000 from the 996 jetties in the

Gosford LGA, generating between \$400,000 and \$5 million of State revenue, again I ask, where does this money go?

I also believe that there are more than 1000 moorings in the Brisbane Water which generates another \$200,000 to \$250,000 per annum for the NSW Government.

Where does the money go?

In the Gosford LGA there are 8000 boat owners paying a yearly license concession of \$42 to \$140, generating another \$368,000 to \$1.1 million.

Where does the money go?

If council agrees to joint fund this project, I believe that council will set a dangerous precedent.

The impact of the dredging in this small area may only last three to four years, which could mean an ongoing financial impost to council and ratepayers across the whole local government area.

Council is well aware that other NSW coastal communities are not required to fund 50 per cent of required dredging works.

Then why are we being treated different to the detriment of our ratepayers?

Gosford ratepayers need to be aware of all the facts before council makes a decision on this vital issue.

I believe the matter should continue to be deferred until the State Government agrees to fund the required dredging works in their entirety.

I encourage our residents to ask themselves and the State Government, "Where does the money go?"

**Cr Chris Holstein,
Mayor of Gosford**

Waste of space

Ten million dollars for 300 car parking spaces in Woy Woy, are we all crazy?

It just goes to show what an expensive and dangerous toy the motor car is.

Too expensive by half, the

Forum

money should be spent in a far more productive way for the community in a host of areas.

**Keith Whitfield,
Woy Woy**

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended remarking the linemarkings at the intersection of Picnic Pde and Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong Beach, following a resident's complaint.

"A resident advises that it is

very dangerous when turning right from Maitland Bay

Dr into Picnic Pde and turning right from Picnic Pde into Maitland Bay Dr at most times of the day, depending on the traffic flow," a staff report stated.

"The accident history shows that one crash has occurred at this intersection in the period of record which involves a vehicle turning right from Picnic Pde into Maitland Bay Dr colliding with vehicle travelling along Maitland Bay Dr.

"Council has recently installed barriers in the council car park in Picnic Pde near its intersection with Maitland Bay Dr to remove the

illegally parked cars which were being offered for sale.

"Since the installation of these barriers the line of sight for vehicles turning right from Picnic Pde into Maitland Bay Dr has improved.

"The intersection layout (seagull treatment) has been in place for many years and traffic movement at this intersection is considered satisfactory at this stage."

Council's traffic committee also approved the installation of 15 minute parking signs on a section of the western side of Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong Beach.

**Council agenda
TR/09/1, 3 Mar 2009**

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Clean-up attracts 20

More than 20 residents and business owners turned out to the Ettalong Beach Clean Up Australia Day event on March 1, which was organised by the Ettalong Beach Business Group.

"The Ettalong Beach Business Group would like to thank the 20 plus people that showed up on a beautiful Sunday afternoon for the Ettalong Clean up Australia event and those that help to publicise the event for us," press secretary Mr Richard Berntsen said.

"There was a fair bit of dirt and sweat on all the participants as rubbish was collected between the Mantra and Ferry Rd, along Ocean Beach Rd, and at the Rocks Arcade, where a tired corner was cleaned

of a fair bit of trash, noxious weeds and some flowering vines planted.

"It was nice to hear from participants that there was not nearly as much trash as they had expected, and that the town is taking shape one small step at a time.

"A special thanks to Del at the Rocks Arcade who looked after all the hungry and thirsty workers at the end of the day, as well as Nid who supplied spring rolls from the Cats Pyjamas.

"The winner of the coveted Black Stump clean-up award for a continued fantastic effort with the gardens at the Rocks Arcade was Marion Nugent."

Press release, 2 Mar 2009
Richard Berntsen, Ettalong Beach Business Group

Council is ready to build \$2.6 million facility

Construction of a \$2.6 million recreation facility at Umina oval is "ready to go" once Gosford Council receives confirmation from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure grant program.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said he was hopeful the project would be backed by the Federal Government following the announcement of an additional \$500 million to the grant program.

"Seven-hundred councils were bidding for a minimum \$2 million to cost projects from an initial total of \$50 million.

"That has now increased by \$500 million.

"The good news in that is the Umina project is even more likely to get up.

"The Umina project is ready to go and has other state and council funding that would see a project with a total value of \$2.6 million."

According to Cr Holstein, the Umina Recreation Area proposed for the Peninsula would have

significant social and economic benefits to the community.

He said the Umina project far outweighed other projects in the Gosford LGA proposed to be nominated for the grant program, including a marine discovery centre at Terrigal.

"The professional staff at council accessed several projects under the criteria as set out by the Federal Government for the grant," Cr Chris Holstein said.

"Only one grant could be applied for.

"The staff's assessment was to ensure that the project we would bid for had the best chance of success.

"That report was presented to the councillors, with Umina far out weighing the others.

"Bottom line, we went for the project that was best placed to get the funding.

"The only thing the Umina project lacked was a letter of support from the federal member."

The \$550 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure grant program is part of the Federal Government's \$42 billion Nation Builders Package.

Applications for funding closed on March 6.

Email, 9 Mar 2009
Cr Chris Holstein,
mayor of Gosford

Council agenda CIT.12, 3 Mar 2009

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Village gets clean bill of health

Peninsula Village Retirement Centre has been given a clean bill of health by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency.

Monitoring by the agency has found that the centre has rectified non-compliance issues identified late last year.

The agency's assessment team spent seven days on-site in October interviewing staff and residents and assessing sampled documents, following two allegations of sexual assault last October.

Following the review audit, the agency made a decision not to revoke the centre's accreditation.

The team's audit findings indicated that the centre did not comply at the time with two out of 42 expected outcomes of the Accreditation Standards in areas of regulatory compliance and human resource management.

The report stated that the Peninsula Village did not have a system in place to monitor and ensure ongoing compliance with relevant legislation.

"The assessment team identified through a review of relevant

documentation and management and staff interviews that the home does not have a system to ensure that current criminal records checks are in place for all staff members," the report stated.

The team's findings also indicated the centre did not comply with human resource management where "there is appropriately skilled and qualified staff sufficient to ensure that services are delivered in accordance with these standards and the residential care service's philosophy and objectives".

According to the report, "the home lacks processes to ensure that services are delivered in accordance with the Accreditation Standards and the home's philosophy and objectives.

"While the home is currently providing mandatory education in elder abuse for all staff and 80 staff have attended the education in the past two weeks, staff have not reported suspected abuse of residents within a reasonable time on two occasions in September and October 2008," the report stated.

"There remain eight staff who

were employed prior to 1 June 2007, who are working at the home and do not have a current criminal records check.

"There is one staff member who commenced employment at the home after 1 June, 2007, who started without a current criminal records check and still does not have a criminal records check and there are two staff members who continue to work although their national police certificates have expired.

"Having these staff working at the home is contrary to the home's policy and legislative requirements as they have not been assessed as suitable to work in aged care."

The agency has reported that monitoring since the audit has found that the standards are now being met.

The Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency is a body appointed by the Department of Health and Ageing to assess and manage services working towards accreditation.

**Report, 9 Mar 2009
Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd**



Ettalong resident Ms Nicky Younger (far right) has been named Volunteer of the Year for her contribution to the Peninsula division of St John Ambulance

Volunteer wins \$10,000 for charity

Ettalong Beach resident Ms Nicky Younger has been named 2008 Volunteer of the Year for her work with the Peninsula division of St John Ambulance.

Ms Younger received a prize donation of \$10,000 which will go towards providing the St John Ambulance Peninsula division with a new patient retrieval vehicle.

The international award is part of the Macquarie Group Foundation's annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards which recognise its staff members' efforts and achievements in the community.

Ms Younger works as an advisor assistant in the Macquarie Group's Sydney office.

"It was such a lovely surprise to be recognised for my local volunteer work on the Peninsula at such a global scale," Ms Younger said.

"I have been volunteering with St John Ambulance since 2001 and last year alone I volunteered over 300 hours in events, training and leadership roles with St John.

"I have volunteered at many local events including sporting games, Australia Day and Anzac celebrations and the annual Brisbane Water Oyster Festival, to name a few.

"I believe volunteer work with St John Ambulance is

such a rewarding and gratifying experience because you get to give back to your local community while keeping up-to-date with first-aid and other medical procedures.

"The money donated by the Macquarie Foundation has been gratefully accepted by the Peninsula division and it will definitely come in handy for us to purchase a new patient retrieval vehicle for the local area."

St John Ambulance Peninsula division superintendent Mr Terry Mitchell said he was very grateful for Ms Younger's time while commending her dedication and commitment to the organisation.

"Nicky cultivates a 'can-do' attitude in other members, shares the joys and low-points of this type of work and fosters the spirit of good-will and pleasure that comes from donating one's time and efforts," Mr Mitchell said.

According to Mr Mitchell, the division is always looking for more volunteers to help out.

The Peninsula division meets on most Wednesdays from 7.30pm at the Peninsula Community Centre

For more information, contact Terry Mitchell on 0404 440 808 or 4353 4224.

**Clare Graham, 10 Mar 2009
Interviewee: Nicky**

**Younger, Ettalong Beach
Press release, 9 Mar 2009**

Lisa Knox, DEC Communications

Activities for low vision

Vision Australia is encouraging Peninsula residents living with vision impairment to get involved in the many activities on offer to them in Woy Woy and Ettalong Beach.

Ettalong Beach Bowling Club

conducts a beginner's ballroom dancing class for people with low vision or blindness every Thursday from 9am to 10am, at a cost of \$6.50 per lesson.

Recreational activities including the Woy Woy Walkers Group, Lawn Bowls, Tandem Bike Riding

and Gentle Exercise classes are also on offer to local residents with vision impairment.

For more information about local activities on offer, contact Vision Australia on 1300 847 466.

**Press release, 10 Mar 2009
Megan Denyer, Vision Australia**

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New generation pacemaker implanted at Woy Woy

A cardiac patient at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has become the first Australian recipient of a new cardiac implant device to manage heart muscle disease.

Cardiologist Dr Maged William conducted the procedure on Mr Ron Stewart at the hospital's cardiac angiography suite on February 23.

"The device comes with a range of features facilitating interrogation, programmability and remote monitoring," Dr William said.

"CRB-D devices (Cardiac Resynchronisation Biventricular pacemaker with Defibrillation

capability) are becoming part of the mainstream management of patients with heart failure due to cardiomyopathy (heart muscle disease) who fulfil certain criteria.

"The introduction of such therapeutic option by the beginning of this century has benefited a large number of patients worldwide by improving their symptoms and reducing the probability of sudden cardiac death.

"Some of these patients have achieved a great deal of improvement of cardiac function.

"Newer generations of devices are increasingly reliable and come with a wider range of program options and features that would

allow for monitoring of lung fluid accumulation and other aspects of cardiac failure such as patient's activity and the occurrence of cardiac arrhythmias.

"They also come enabled to wirelessly communicate with programmers, home monitoring devices and telecommunication devices which would allow for remote monitoring of these devices.

"Ron's device implantation was uncomplicated and left him looking forward to the benefits of this new technology."

Press release, 11 Mar 2009
Ella Li, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Local band Revival Ashore to play at Umina PCYC charity concert

Church to hold youth cancer concert

Hope Church in Umina will hold a youth concert to raise funds for the Peninsula Relay for Life cancer cause.

The Rock for Cancer concert will be held at Umina PCYC on Friday, April 3.

Event coordinator Ms Melanie De Jager said the concert would be a great opportunity for local high school students to get involved in the fight against cancer.

"Hope Church at Umina Beach has participated in Peninsula Relay for Life for the past two years by raising funds and setting up a tent on the weekend and walking to show our support of those who have suffered in some way from cancer," Ms De Jager said.

"This year we decided on a

youth concert at the Umina PCYC to raise funds and the awareness of cancer sufferers in our community.

"Most people have been affected in some way by cancer and young people love a concert with live bands.

"Three local bands donated their time and talents to this cause and PCYC was very happy for us to use their excellent facilities.

"We were fortunate to get popular local band The Blinding Lights, along with Revival Ashore and Taylor on Top."

Tickets will be available from 7pm on the night of the concert for \$10 each.

Press release, 9 Mar 2009
Melanie De Jager, Umina Hope Church

Volunteer for children's charity

Ettalong Beach resident Ms Carol Langburne will join other local volunteers to raise money for the Starlight Children's Foundation on May 1.

Starlight Day is the foundation's annual fundraising initiative to help raise money for innovative programs to ease the pain and burden for children living with an illness or injury.

Ms Langburne said she would volunteer four hours of her day on May 1, to sell Starlight merchandise at Erina Fair.

"After making some small donations to the Starlight Children's Foundation and visiting

their website to find out more about the organisation I discovered they were looking for more volunteers," Ms Langburne said.

"Since I am retired and I can spare a few hours of my time I decided to give it a go and registered online.

"Other people in the community should definitely get involved in this special cause because it is a pleasant thing to do and doesn't take up too much of one's time.

"If we all volunteered a few hours of our time it would go towards making a much bigger difference."

The Starlight Children's Foundation is currently seeking more than 4000 volunteers for

Starlight Day on May 1 and is aiming to raise \$1.6 million.

Clare Graham, 10 Mar 2009

Interviewee: Carol Langburne,

Ettalong Beach

Press release, 6 Mar 2009

Jess Brophy, Starlight Children's

Foundation

Chiropractic Plus

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

Chiropractic and your Baby

Did you know that your developing babies spine and nervous system are being impacted upon by the environment during your pregnancy?

Drs Simon and Peter will report on a few of the recent findings from the Australian Spinal Research Foundation's scientific symposium entitled "Focus On Families" held in late February.

It was particularly interesting to attend the workshops on 'Foetal Compromise', by Dr Claudia Anrig, a chiropractic paediatrician author and research fellow.

"Foetal Compromise" occurs when an unborn baby is, 'stuck' in one place for the last 8-12 weeks of pregnancy, this failure to be able to move about has an impact on the developing skeletal and neurological process's, thus chiropractic care during pregnancy to protect and foster happier pregnancies is recommended.

Below are a few more of the interesting facts that were presented.

- The foetus develops seven times more quickly than the born infant and the senses are developing at an alarming rate. Touch 7-9 days, smell 4wks, vestibular (inner ear/balance) 8wks, hearing 16wks and vision 21wks. The take home message is that a mum needs to be aware of the environment she is exposing her unborn child to- Think right, Eat right, Do right. Mums would be wise to maintain chiropractic care during pregnancy.

- A newborns brain weighs approx 400grams, by age 2 the number of neurons is complete and the brain weighs approx 1000grams. If the brain is complete then why does an adult brain weigh approx 1600grams? Answer- the additional weight is due to myelination and proliferation of the neurons, this means that using the

brain increases its ability to process and act upon information. The take home message is; what is it that you are 'feeding' your infant and child's brain, input = output. It is estimated that there are more interconnections in the human brain than there are atoms in our galaxy. The spinal column houses the pathways from body to brain and back, ensure that your children are receiving regular chiropractic checks.



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Woy Woy to receive \$3 million buildings

Woy Woy Public School has received \$3 million in Federal Government funding under the Building in Education Revolution program.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said the changes to be seen as a result of the funding would be "amazing".

"Principals are asked to put forward projects their school need after consulting with the school community through the P&C and the school staff," Ms Buckley said.

"The projects are then endorsed by the school education director before they are registered online to be assessed and approved to be completed.

"It is so exciting."

According to Ms Buckley, the school has asked for old demountable classrooms to be

removed and replaced with the new Modular Demountable Rooms (double classrooms). "These are very modern classrooms with wet areas, reading areas and computer areas," Ms Buckley said.

"They come with verandahs and covered walkways plus all drainage, electricity and computer cabling.

"Our school would need four units to house eight classes plus a special education demountable for our intellectually mild and autism class.

"This would give our students and teachers very up to date, comfortable and functional working and learning environments."

Other projects proposed for the school include the construction of a toilet block near the new

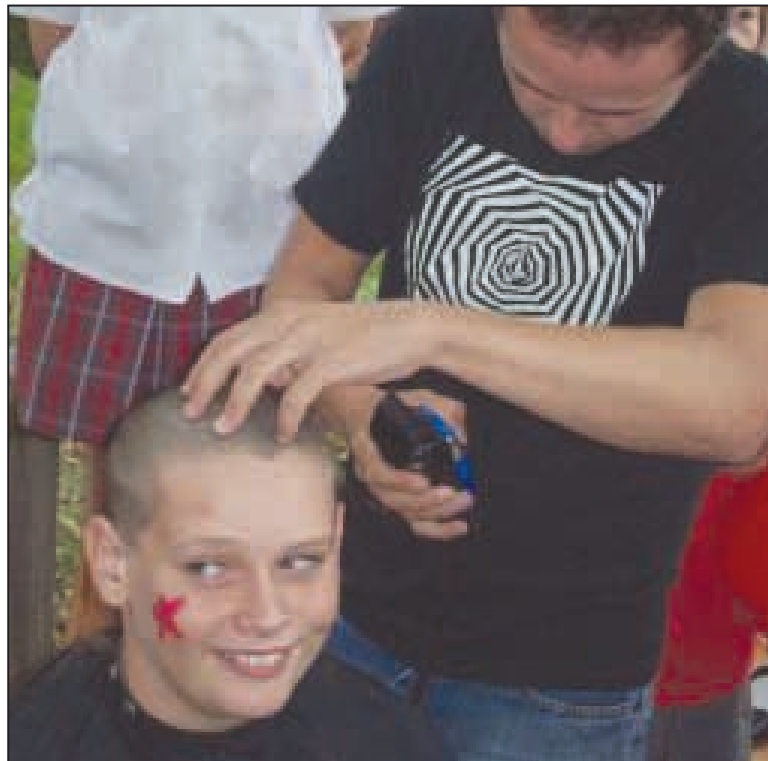
classrooms, expansion of the library, a bus shelter between the library and administration buildings and a storage shed for sporting equipment.

The Federal Government has committed funding of \$14.7 billion over three years to provide new facilities and refurbishments in Australian schools through the Building in Education Revolution program.

"This is certainly a huge amount of requests and work to be done and we still have more to decide on, Ms Buckley said.

"A lot of the work will be required to be done in the school terms but the end result will certainly be worth it."

**Newsletter, 12 Mar 2009
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**



Woy Woy South Public School student Laurence Blanch "braves the shave" for the Leukaemia Foundation's World Greatest Shave

Club donates league books

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club donated three book packages and a football to Woy Woy Public School recently.

Club secretary Mr Russell Downey said the club had thanked the local school for giving it the opportunity to give back to the children of the Peninsula.

"Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club recently made donations to Woy Woy Public School library of three book packages containing children's stories with a rugby league theme as well as a football for the school sports program," Mr Downey said.

"The books, aimed at five- to 10-year-old children, have been produced with the support of

the Australian Rugby League Development which is committed to developing the sport of rugby league from the grassroots."

Mr Downey said the donation was part of its charter to promote junior sport on the Peninsula and to encourage children's reading and love of books,

**Newsletter, 12 Mar 2009
Russell Downey, Woy Woy JRFL**

Shaved for leukaemia fund

Woy Woy South Public School raised more than \$450 as part of the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave on March 2.

Students Josh Cook-Young and Laurence Blanch shaved their heads for sponsor donations to the "shave for a cure" cause.

Local radio station Star FM attended the fundraising morning as part of The Rod and The Flack morning show.

"Woy Woy South Public School sends a big thanks to all those people who were involved in the fundraiser," relieving principal Mr Steve Collins said.

"A special thanks goes to Josh Cook-Young and Laurence Blanch for their bravado in the World's

Greatest Shave.

"Nathan from Nathan's Cutting Shop in Umina delivered the long blows to rid Laurence and Josh of their locks.

"A honourable mention, for their hair colouring expertise, goes to ex-Woy Woy South Public School student Nicolette Blanch who is currently at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus and Jessica Cousins who is currently serving her hairdressing apprenticeship with ZAPPS Hair Design at Umina.

The P&C will also donate 10 per cent of profits from the World's Greatest Shave breakfast to the Leukaemia Foundation.

**Newsletter, 3 Mar 2009
Steve Collins, Woy Woy South Public School**

P&C recognises its volunteers

Woy Woy Public School P&C held an award recognition day for its volunteers on March 4.

President Mr Mark Ellis said the awards day was in conjunction with P&C Day celebrations.

"To celebrate P&C day Woy Woy Public School Parents and Citizen Association honoured the work done by many volunteers throughout the school," Mr Ellis said.

"Certificates were awarded along with perpetual trophies for the Volunteer of the Year, Cheer of the Year and Innovation Award.

"This year there was also a life membership bestowed upon Ms Chris Anthony for her active involvement with the Woy Woy Public school community and P&C for over eight years. "Chris is an inspiration to us all in providing selfless support in all school and P&C activities."

Other award recipients included Lisa Bruchhauser for Volunteer of the Year, Lisa Gaffney for Cheer of the Year, Julie Stevens for the Innovation Award and Gillian Day for the President's Award.

**Newsletter, 12 Mar 2009
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy Public School**

Clean-up at Ettalong

Ettalong Beach Public School held a school yard clean-up day on February 27, in conjunction with the national Clean Up Australia Day event.

"Staff and students from all classes helped to clear rubbish and tidy up around the school and its perimeter," P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said.

"This was a great way to promote pride in the school and instill a sense of community spirit amongst the students.

"Students were also encouraged to participate in the Clean up Australia Day with their families on March 1."

**Press release, 11 Mar 2009
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Beach Public School P&C**

Sorry Day assembly

Ettalong Public School held a special assembly to commemorate National Sorry Day recently.

P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana said: "The significance of the day was discussed and a copy of the apology by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was shown to the students.

"Jimmy Kyle, an Aboriginal youth

worker from Youth Connections in Gosford, was a special guest speaker at the assembly.

"He spoke to the students about travelling to Canberra with some Aboriginal elders from his area to hear the apology in person.

"This was a great way of helping the students understand the significance of the event."

**Press release, 11 Mar 2009
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Beach Public School P&C**

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Money for fire victims

Ettalong Beach Public School has raised \$2000 to help victims of the recent bushfires in Victoria, according to P&C publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana.

"The staff and students at the school showed their overwhelming generosity over the last few weeks by donating money to the school's own bushfire appeal," Ms Pathirana said.

"The school held a mufti day which allowed students to wear casual clothes to school in return for a gold coin donation.

"A sausage sizzle was held the following week, with all proceeds going towards this important cause."

Press release, 11 Mar 2009
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong Beach Public School P&C



Rotary club hosts exchange students

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach hosted 26 Rotary youth exchange students across the weekend of February 28 to March 1.

Publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville said the club was able to showcase the Central Coast to students from many different countries across the world.

"We started off the weekend at Woy Woy wharf with a cruise on the Lady Kendall and onto the Australian Reptile Park for a visit," Mr Melville said.

"Then to Challenge Ranch for some team building sports and

a brief rest before a bush dance and spit roast at the Woy Woy Community Centre.

"Sunday morning started with an observation car rally that included a visit to Ken Duncan's Gallery and a stopover at Staples Lookout.

"The afternoon included water polo, touch football and other sports, a barbecue and then back to Woy Woy for the train trip back to their host parents.

"A great weekend was had by both the students and Rotary club members."

Press release, 4 Mar 2009
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Soccer team in State champs

Woy Woy Public School's indoor soccer team will compete in the State Championships in August, after taking out the Central Coast competition on March 4.

Team coordinator Mr Peter Graham said it was the first time Woy Woy had entered the competition.

"Since it was our first time in the local championships, we did not know what to expect," Mr Graham said.

"We trained hard and were ready to do our best.

"Our first game was against Kincumber who we defeated 9-1.

"Our second game was against the second Kincumber team and we won 7-0.

"The last game was against St Patrick's which we won 6-1.

"This put us first in our group.

"Quarter final was against Kincumber and again we won 6-1.

"The semi final was a huge match and we found ourselves

down 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 but we never gave up and kept coming back 3-3 at full time.

"Down 4-3 we scored with one minute to go in extra time.

"We went into penalty shoot-out, again we found ourselves staring at a loss but Liam Stone saved us and we went through to the grand final.

"The grand final was another close game, locked at 1-1.

"With 25 seconds to go Zane Smith scored the winning goal.

"Every player scored a goal on the day and it was a fantastic achievement, one we are very proud of.

The team now goes to the State Championships at Penrith in August."

The winning team consisted of Ryan Ball, Matt Evans, Ali O'Brien, Zane Smith, George Stevens, Liam Stone, Jarrod Taylor and Brandon Williams.

Newsletter, 12 Mar 2009
Peter Graham, Woy Woy Public School

Peninsula life in the 1950s

On the way to school in the 1950s, we usually had time to pop into the corner shop to buy some lollies before the bus arrived.

Ida Hoskin (later Cr Hoskin) was always pleased to see us even though we could only afford a few pennies at a time.

Apart from licorice blocks and musk sticks, you could also buy "conversation" lollies which were handy when shyness robbed you of your power of speech.

On one occasion, I gave one with the message "You're gorgeous" to the object of my unrequited affection who then proceeded to ignore me disdainfully all the way to school.

Classes were conducted in the old church and, while I am reluctant to admit to any misdemeanours on my part, I did have a fleeting acquaintance with the feather duster which, on reflection, I so richly deserved.

The worst thing about school in those days was the obligatory bottle of milk which all of us had to drink at recess.

This scheme was brought in by the Government of the day

to improve the health of children following World War II.

Of course, there was no refrigeration and the crates of milk would have been standing on the verandah since early morning.

After removing the silver top, one had to deal with half an inch of cream before slurping up the contents, which by then were lukewarm and frequently on the turn; yet somehow we survived.

Likewise milk was delivered to our homes in bulk.

A billycan would be left on the porch or patio with a note and, by morning, your pint would be waiting for you.

Bread would be delivered to your door by your local baker carrying a covered basket containing various loaves baked fresh that morning.

For some reason, baking attracted quite a few of the Dutch migrants in the area, including the Zwan family at Patonga, the Verheyen family at Umina and the Smit family operating from a bakery at Ettalong.

Mail was delivered in Umina by Bruce Smith on horseback.

Bruce, one of the sons of local garage proprietor Rex Smith, was not a bad looking bloke and there

were lots of young females who, for reasons I did not quite understand at the time, looked forward to the mail each day.

His black and pink '48 Hudson, dubbed "Sabrina", was also a frequent sight around Umina.

Fruit and veggies were sold from the back of a truck by Mr Solomon of Booker Bay where his store was located (later Somersby Farm).

So apart from the occasional trip to the butchers and the corner shop, there was really no need to go out.

All very convenient and civilised.

With six o'clock closing, most families were at home in the evening listening to "Blue Hills" with Gwen Plumb, or Jack Davey who coined that often repeated phrase: "You are either married or you live at Woy Woy".

How dare he!

Essential listening amongst my peers was the half hour serial "Yes What".

Absolute mayhem in the classroom with an exasperated headmaster trying to maintain order and frequently sending Greenbottle or Bottomley out on detention.

We also loved the Goon Show.

After school, us kids were allowed out till dark.

Usually we would go to the beach for a swim or watch some of the beach fishermen like Harry Pollard bring in another 60 pound Jewie.

Harry, a local builder, was well known and always attracted a large crowd, particularly when he hooked a shark which he sometimes played for hours.

In winter, we rode our bikes or played cricket or footie in the street.

Most roads were still unmade and every now and then council's grader would appear to fill in the

sand traps or smooth the bumps.

Owing to a lack of drainage, Ocean Beach Rd and the surrounding area used to flood during rain which provided a lot of fun for us but not so for the residents.

There was no such thing as "stranger danger".

We were all pretty innocent in the ways of the world, with only the occasional shared reading of a Carter Brown novel or a furtive glance at a "man" magazine in the newsagency, giving us a glimpse of new and exciting things to come.

Letter, 4 Mar 2009
Fred Landman, Daley's Point

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Rotary club gives community service awards

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy recognised the hard work and commitment of five local people at a special awards ceremony held recently.

Publicity officer Mr Ross Pearse said the recipients of the Rotary club's Community Service Award were well deserving and highly respected for their work in the local community.

"Joan Fenton was awarded a Community Service Award for her long association with Woy Woy Community Aged Care," Mr Pearse said.

"In the late 1970s, Joan saw the need for an aged care facility on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"By 1981, a steering committee had been formed with Joan as the secretary.

"The committee instituted a \$2 membership, this was so successful that by June 1982 the organisation had 1222 members and had raised \$500,000 of funds.

"By 1989, the nursing home was open.

"Joan stayed on serving as company secretary and was a member of the board until 1996.

"Joan still acts as the minutes' secretary and attends most of the monthly board meetings and annual general meetings."

Mr Pearse said two Community Service Awards were awarded to volunteers at Mary Mac's Place.

"Mary Mac's Place is a joint project of St John the Baptist Parish, Centacare Broken Bay and St Vincent de Paul Society which provides hot, nutritious meals Monday to Friday for homeless, low income and socio-economically disadvantaged families and individuals from the Peninsula area," Mr Pearse said.

"They also provide a referral and advocacy service for the disadvantaged with the aim of breaking the cycle of dependence.

"Susan Holden has volunteered at Mary Mac's for some two years.

"Susan is an important part of the team and is willing to work in any area of current need. "However, it is in the area of client welfare support and assistance that Susan particularly excels.

"Many clients ask for Susan by name, confident in the knowledge that Susan will go to exceptional lengths to help where she can.

"Steve Petras is involved with both Mary Macs and Meals On Wheels.

"Steve is always the first to arrive and the last to leave for any shift.

"He readily volunteers for any additional duties and is always

prepared to take on new roles.

"Like Susan he is well known and respected by the clients of Mary Mac's.

Mary Mac's Place project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said both volunteers made a huge contribution to the success of the local organisation through both the application of their knowledge, skills and abilities, and their ongoing commitment to helping those in need.

"I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work done by our other 60 volunteers associated with Mary Mac's Place and the support received from the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and the local community," Ms Schacht said.

A Community Service Award also went to Umina Surf Life Saving Club member Mr Jeff Pratt for nine years of service and more than 13 years with the local State Emergency Service.

"Jeff is the official photographer for the surf club, volunteering his services at no cost," Mr Pearse said.

"Jeff is always the first person to lend a hand and the last to leave at night.

"His efforts are outstanding and set an example for other club members to follow.

"The final award for the night was a Paul Harris Fellowship.

"A Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest award in Rotary.

"The club can award a Paul Harris

Fellowship by donating US\$1000 to the Rotary Foundation.

"The Rotary Foundation is a trust fund that uses this money to do good around the world.

"One of its many projects is to rid the world of polio.

"That is not to treat some polio victims but instead to remove the virus from the world's population so that no child can ever be afflicted with this disease again.

"The club awarded this prize to Alex Calleia of Woy Woy.

"Alex works as an accountant based in Booker Bay and has done charitable work for the Catholic parishes of Castle Hill and Kenthurst.

"He was a member of the steering committee to initiate the first Catholic co-ed high school in NSW, Gilroy College at Castle Hill.

"Alex undertakes yearly audits to assist local clubs and associations such as The Rotary Club of Woy Woy, The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, The Lions Club of Woy Woy, Knights of the Central Coast and the NSW Justices of the Peace.

"In his spare time while on the water he keeps his radio turned to VHF and listens for boats requiring assistance."

Press release, 12 Mar 2009
Ross Pearse, Rotary Club of Woy Woy
Press release, 25 Feb 2009
Graham Kinross, Mary Mac's Place

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Susan Holden, Robyn Schacht and Steve Petra celebrate Mary Mac's Place's achievement



Woy Woy resident Alex Calleia receiving the rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship Award



Joan Fenton was awarded a Community Service Award for her long association with Woy Woy Community Aged Care

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Success delays bullying exhibition

The Throwing Stones bullying exhibition and education campaign planned for the Peninsula Theatre this month has been rescheduled for June due to its growth and success, according to project coordinator Ms Virginia Walshaw.

"Due to the growth of the project, thanks to the local and national media coverage, the new date for the Throwing Stones Exhibition and Discussion Forum is now Monday, June 15, at the Peninsula Theatre," Ms Walshaw said.

"The official opening will be conducted by Mayor Chris Holstein at 6.30pm, followed by a presentation-discussion with our keynote speaker Stephen O'Doherty, former NSW Shadow Minister for Education and current CEO of Christian Schools Australia.

"Any local schools, teachers,

school counsellors or young people wishing to take part in this discussion, please book your place through the Regional Youth Support Services on 4323 2374.

"Group parties from centres or schools can be organised for June 16.

"Also, should young people wish to involve themselves in this project further, via discussion, creative workshops or vocal recordings, please contact the same number.

The bullying awareness program was initiated by 16-year-old Umina student Bradley Death after becoming a victim of bullying.

Through the help of Gosford's Regional Youth Support Service and a Gosford Council grant, Bradley was able to turn his bad experience into a positive one by giving bullying victims a voice through the Throwing Stones project.

Press release, 5 Mar 2009
Virginia Walshaw, Regional Youth Support Services

Margaret Hardy recognised

Peninsula resident Ms Margaret Hardy has been recognised as a finalist for a national women's leadership achievement award in support of her dedication and commitment to the arts.

The Australian Centre for Leadership for Women recognised Ms Hardy's work in developing the Significant Women of the Central Coast books to record women's stories and achievements for the benefit of others.

The success of the first two books has prompted Ms Hardy to begin compiling a Significant Men of the Central Coast book.

Peninsula News has published several of the biographies of Peninsula women featured in her books.

Ms Hardy is also the president of the Central Coast Multi Arts Confederation.

"My commitment in the early days was to get the arts accepted as an important part of life and to get the politicians and community to accept that advancement of society needed the arts to give soul, meaning, escapism from worry, a recording of history, and to bring people together to accept all genre of arts, importance to health, attitude, environmental awareness and business," Ms Hardy said.

"I hoped the Significant Women of the Central Coast books would help to make everyone aware that by recording these stories we could learn from history, give women credence for their involvement in their community and the wider world and establish inspiration for young people to follow a path of appreciating what has gone before."

Website, 10 Mar 2009
Australian Centre for Leadership for Women



Margaret Hardy has been recognised for her leadership and dedication to the arts in the Central Coast community

Comedy nights start

Peninsula Theatre will host the first of its comedy nights on Friday, March 27, from 8pm.

Comedy Central will feature two comedians at the local theatre every second month.

The first two comedians to kick-off the regular comedy event are Eddie Ifft and Tahir Bilgic.

Eddie has headlined across the United States and the UK as well

as South Africa, Australia, China and the United Arab Emirates.

Australia's only Turkish stand-up comedian Tahir Bilgic has hosted sell-out crowds in Sydney and at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Tickets for the performance start from \$16 for children, \$20 concession and \$23 for adults.

For bookings, phone the box office on 4323 3233.

Press release, 4 Mar 2009
Terri Graham, Gosford Council

An information session for prospective playwrights, actors and directors wanting to participate in this year's Short and Sweet play festival will be held at the Peninsula Theatre on Wednesday, March 25.

Artistic director Ms Darlene Cole said the festival was set to showcase "the best bite-sized dramatic treats" for a third year on the Central Coast.

"The event, which continued to gain momentum last year with almost 70 plays submitted for consideration, highlights the diversity of theatrical talent on the coast with the 2008 season having featured 40 of the best of

the coast's writers, directors and actors," Ms Cole said.

"This year's festival, firmly focused on Short and Sweet's vision of a more creative world 10 minutes at a time launches with an information session.

"Prospective playwrights, directors and actors are invited along for a complete briefing of the process.

Ms Cole said she encouraged all those with an inspiration or aspiration to put pen to paper now with the script submission deadline looming.

"The festival enables and encourages new pieces and is an outstanding opportunity for playwrights to have their work

showcased at an exciting and contemporary level," Ms Cole said.

"Potential playwrights will also have the opportunity to workshop with award-winning playwright Alex Broun in the lead up to the festival with a three-hour intensive workshop scheduled for April 1, at The Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy."

The festival is scheduled for September 23 to 27, at the Peninsula Theatre.

For more information contact the artistic director at darlene.cole@gosford.nsw.gov.au or phone 0419 236 566.

Press release, 25 Feb 2009
Terri Graham, Gosford Council

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Worst music comedy

A comedic performance looking back on the worst music ever released will be held at Peninsula Theatre on Friday, March 20.

Needle and the Damage Done is a slide-show, show and tell, cabaret and stand-up mixed performance exploring a history of the worst music ever created.

The performance will begin from 8pm.

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Choir performs for Easter

The Peninsula Choir will perform at the Umina Uniting Church and St Andrew's Anglican Church as part of Easter celebrations on the Peninsula.

Choir director Mr Ivan Kinny said the two performances would reflect the whole Easter story in music and poetry of the highest quality.

"A highlight will be the Brother James' Air, one of the best-loved settings of Psalm 23 The Lord Is My Shepherd," Mr Kinny said.

"The music is by James Macbeth of Scotland, popularly known as Brother James.

"Items will include gems such as If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis, Thou Knowest Lord by Henry Purcell and Vaughn William's Coronation motet O Taste and See, as well as chorales by JS Bach.

"As always there will be opportunities for audience participation."

The program will be presented at Umina Uniting Church on Palm Sunday, April 5, and St Andrew's Anglican Church on Good Friday, April 10.

Both performances begin from 3pm.

Press release, 7 Mar 2009
Barbara Firth, Peninsula Choir



Gothic fairytale in sign language

The Peninsula Theatre will host a gothic fairytale performance entitled The Grimstones from April 21 to 22.

Marketing coordinator Ms Terri Graham said people who enjoyed Harry Potter, Edward Scissorhands or the Adams Family will love The Grimstones.

"The Grimstones is a gothic fairytale for the whole family, about a girl who reads dreams, a baby boy with three legs, a mother who sews garments lined with warmth and joy, and a grandfather who heals people with his magical concoctions," Ms Graham said.

"The story is told with beautifully handcrafted old-world marionettes, giant books and sign language.

"The show has been designed and created by Asphyxia, a deaf circus performer turned puppeteer, who has toured nationally and internationally over the past decade.

"A chance meeting with a master puppeteer in Guatemala a few years ago introduced her to the enchanting world of marionette puppeteering.

"The Grimstones is the second puppet show she has designed

and built, handcrafting each of the marionettes and the exquisite sets."

The show is fully booked to tour Australia until late 2010, when Asphyxia plans to take it overseas.

Members of the community will also be given the opportunity to take part in a workshop and learn "the beautiful language of the deaf".

"Join Asphyxia as she teaches the Australian classic song My Island Home in Auslan," Ms Graham said.

"This workshop is a delightful combination of music, song and dramatic expression, guaranteed to get you smiling."

The 40-minute workshop will run on April 21 and 22, from 12pm, at a cost of \$10 per person.

The Grimstones will show at Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, at 10am and 2.30pm on April 21 and 22.

Tickets are available from the box office at \$12 for children and \$20 for adults.

For bookings, phone 4323 3233.

Press release, 9 Mar 2009
Terri Graham, Gosford Council

Whimsical sculptures

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery will showcase the "whimsical sculptures" of Pearl Beach artist Mr Peter Baka throughout March.

Gallery curator Ms Jocelyn Maughan said Mr Baka's work was sure to intrigue and entertain visitors to the gallery.

The sculptures will be available for viewing in the shop front window of 24 Bay St, Patonga, all day, seven days a week, while the gallery will be open every Sunday from 11am to 3pm.

For bookings, phone 4379 1102.

Newsletter, 11 Mar 2009
Multi Arts Confederation

Screening supports Ethiopian hospital

The Pearl Beach Craft Group will hold an afternoon tea and film screening in aid of the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund on Tuesday, March 24.

The charity devotes its efforts to support the work of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia for the treatment and care of fistula patients.

Communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said special guest Dr Andrew Browning would be in attendance to share his experiences of working in the hospital.

"Special guest speaker is Dr Andrew Browning, an Australian trained Gynecologist working in Ethiopia at the satellite hospital at Bahirdar which is attached to the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital," Ms Lillico said.

"Dr Browning has been working in Ethiopia for the past seven years at the Ababa Fistula Hospital, spending the first four plus years working at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital and for the last three years he has been running a new fistula hospital built in the north of the country in a town called Bahirdar.

Event organiser Ms Eunice Worrall said the afternoon tea would also provide the opportunity to see the film Walk to Beautiful, an award-winning documentary

following the life of five Ethiopian women suffering from obstetric fistula.

"During a busy Australian schedule and spending time at Brisbane Water Private Hospital, we are delighted that Dr Browning has found time to speak about his first hand experiences working with young women in Ethiopia.

The event will be held from 1.30pm at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

The \$10 admission fee includes afternoon tea.

For more information and tickets, phone 4341 1790 or 4342 3751.

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Press release, 1 Mar 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

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

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

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

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

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

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

RBG, 207 West Street Umina - 0409774467

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY EVENTS

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

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym

PCYC
Better Hearing Class Mon-Fri 1.45pm, ESCC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, UCH.

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

Second Tuesday of every month

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

Get Together afternoon tea, ESCC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, ECC

CC Animal Welfare League

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Silk craft 10am

Mums & bubs playgroup 1pm

Pastel classes for kids 4pm RBG

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

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

U3A Discussion Groups, 11am;

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

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

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; Brophy Circus Academy, beginners 5pm;

Kids Belly Dancing, 4.30pm; Physical Culture Ladies, 7.15pm-9pm; Pre/Postnatal Yoga, 9.30am;

Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC,

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, ECC

Handicraft, 9am; Latin Dancing, 9.15am; Cards, 12.30pm ESCC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Supported Playgroup for first time and single parents, 12.30pm-2pm, enq: 4340 1111, BFC

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

CWA 10am, handicrafts, enq:

4372 2069

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

Second Wednesday of every Month

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 9.30am, ECC

CWA 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

Fourth Wednesday of every month

Woy Woy CWA 10am craft, 1pm business meeting, enq: 4372 2069 CWA

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

Drumballa Drum Circle 7.30 RBG

Every Wednesday

Al-anon/Alateen family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 7pm.

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

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

Craft for love & Garden club 10am RBG

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

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

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

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

Belly Dancing, 7.30pm; Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm;

Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC

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

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12.30pm & 7pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

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

Rotary Club of Umina, 6pm, enq: 4369 2275 ECC

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

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

Leatherwork, 9am; Table Tennis, 9am; Bridge, 12.15pm; Scrabble, 12.45pm; Group Fitness, 1pm;

Yoga, 2.30pm ESCC

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm, EBWMC

Second Thursday of every month

South Boudi Peninsula

Women's Health Clinic, enq:

4320 3741, PWHC
Australiana Bus Trips, PCC

Third Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; EBWMC

Fourth Thursday of every month

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

Umina Peninsula Mixed Probus Club, 10am, new members welcome, enq: 4343 1039 ECC

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

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

Every Thursday

Al-anon/Alateen family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 12:30pm

Creative Writing, enq: 4369 1187, CWA

Occasional Care, 9am; Yoga, 10am; School for Seniors, 11.30am & 7.30pm; Bridge, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 4pm; Yoga, 10am; Belly Dancing, 7.30pm;

Coast Care Counselling, Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; Motivation & Empowerment Classes, PCC

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

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

Scrabble, 12.30pm, WWPH

Children's art classes, 4.30pm, EBACC

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

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

Cards noon, ESCC

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

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

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

Dance, 9am; Cards, 12pm; Tai Chi, 1pm; Table Tennis, 1pm, ESCC

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

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC

Second Friday of every month

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

RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, EBWMC

Third Friday of every month
Legacy Ladies, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, EBWMC

Fourth Friday of every month

South Boudi Peninsula

Community Assoc, 1.30pm, enq:

4360 1002, WH

Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC

School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

Every Friday

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

Bingo, 11.30am, enq: 4343 1664, UCH

Lollipop Music Playgroup (0-4 years), enq: 4343 1929, BFC

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, EBACC

Painting, 9am; Line Dancing, 9am; Bridge, 12.15pm; Scrabble, 12.45pm ESCC

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12.30pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303

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

Occasional Care, 9am; Kindy Gym, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; Weight Watchers, 9.30am; Smart Recovery, 10am;

Samaritans Support Group, 10.30am; Bridge Club, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; Judo, 7.15pm; Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses, PCC

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

Fishing Club, EBWM

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

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

Second Saturday of every month

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

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

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Bushcare group, Pretty Beach, end Araluen Track, 8am
Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, 10am, **WWLC Scrapbooking**, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712, **PCC**

Third Saturday of every month

Umina P&C Bushcare, 9am, Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd, Umina, enq: 4341 9301
Peninsula Residents Association (PRA), 3PM **WVEC Market Day**, 9am, Sydney 2000 Park, **UCH**

Fourth Saturday of every month

Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, 7pm, enq: 4341 406, **CWA 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 Children's Pottery**, 9am; **Silvercraft Class**, 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**

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

Umina Boardriders meet at Umina Beach at 7am. All ages, male and female. All experiences welcome

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
Ettalong 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

Fourth Sunday of every month

Old Time/New Vogue Dancing, 1pm-4pm **ESCC**
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, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 7pm
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, 11am, enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

RSL Womens' Aux, 9:30am, **EBWMC Endeavour View Club** Luncheon, enq: 4342 1722, **ECC Pretty Beach PS P&C**, Resource Centre, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1587
Grandparents Parenting Support Group, Web Riley Room, Catholic Church, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995
Country Women's Association meeting, 10am, CWA Hall, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

Second Monday of every month

Book Club, 7pm, enq: Mandy 4342 2482
Women 50+ Group Chat, **PWHC RSL Women's Auxiliary**, 9am; **RSL Sub Branch**, 2.30pm; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**
Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1546, **WH**
Killcare Heights Garden Club, 10:30am, enq: 43601595
Coastal Crones (over 50's), Friendship group **PWHC Labor Party** Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

Third Monday of every month

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

Fourth Monday of every month

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

Last Monday of every Month

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

Every Monday

Kidz Drumming. 4-5pm, **Rainbow Gate**, 207 West St, **Umina Cash Housie**, 7:30pm, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC Walking with other Mums** enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741
Early Childhood Clinic and Koori Cuppa for Aboriginal families, (0-5 years) inc. immunisation, 9am-10.30am, enq: 4343 1929; **3Cs-Craft, Coffee & Conversation**, 12.30pm, child care avail, enq: 43 431929, **BFC**
Yoga, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH Mums Meditation** 10am, Drumming classes 4pm **RBG Dancing**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 12.30pm; **Fitness**, 1pm, **ESCC**
Gym Sessions, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing** (Women), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**
Carpet Bowls, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC Fairhaven Cash Housie**, 7.30pm; **Bingo**, 11am, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**
Arts and Crafts for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333
Patchwork & Quilting, 10am; **Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am
Occasional Childcare, 9am; **Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am; **Over 55's Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday** Craft & Cooking, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Hysical Culture Club**, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC Craft group**, 1pm, **BFC**
Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, 7.30pm, **EMBC**
Yoga, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**
Pilates, (except 2nd Monday of month) 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm, **WH Tai Chi**, Empire Bay Progress Hall, 9:30am, enq: Clare 4369 1075
Sea scouts, 6pm, Nth Burge Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 0437 590 354
Girl Guides, 4pm, Cnr of Lurline & Memorial Ave, Blackwall, enq: 4328 3247
Indian Dancing for Kids, 3.30pm, enq: 4342 4395, **WVEC**



Umina resident Ms Mary Surman

Woman of the Year nomination

Umina resident Ms Mary Surman has been nominated for this year's NSW Woman of the Year award.

The award was held in conjunction with the 101st Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8.

Ms Surman was joined by Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews in attending a special presentation ceremony held by Premier Mr Nathan Rees at NSW Parliament House on March 5.

"It was my pleasure to nominate Ms Mary Surman for the 2009 NSW Woman of the Year award," Ms Andrews said.

"Mary has two of her grandchildren in her full-time care and is a founding member and now convenor of the local Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group.

"Sister Pat Barton of the Mercy Religious Order started the group in Woy Woy in 1999.

"Sister Pat, who was attached to the Catholic parish of St John the Baptist in Woy Woy, retired in 2006 and moved to Sydney.

"During her work within the parish Sister Pat did a remarkable job assisting the grandparents who were parenting by providing them with a lot of support and assistance in many respects.

"Mary Surman has since taken over the role of nurturing and caring for the group."

Ms Andrews said a growing number of grandparents have to put their lives and retirement plans on hold to raise their grandchildren.

"Mary works closely as a volunteer for Gosford Family Support, which currently has contact with more than 120 grandparents from across the Central Coast who are raising their

grandchildren," Ms Andrews said.

"Through her work in the group, Ms Surman also organises camps for the grandchildren as well as oversees the yearly distribution of Christmas hampers for the grandparents and their families.

"Approximately 65 per cent of these grandparent families are single grandmothers aged between 55 and 75, and Mary is one of these single grandparents.

"The Department of Community Services now seeks to place children with kin—usually grandparents—as a first preference in child protection cases.

"Mary has had the full-time care of her grandson Luke since he was born in 2000, and her granddaughter Jasmine since 2003.

"Mary's parenting of her grandchildren is her main priority, and I can attest that she has done a wonderful job."

Press release, 6 Mar 2009
 Marie Andrews,
 Member for Gosford

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Sport

Umina surf club members excel

Several members of Umina Surf Life Saving Club "excelled" at this year's NSW State Surf Carnival at Swansea, according to club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

"As a whole the club did really well with many participants making it to the finals, but there were a few that really excelled in gaining major placings," Ms Lavers said.

"In the juniors, Rachel Wood displayed her surf swim skills and won a bronze medal in the Under-10 female surf swim.

"This is the second year that Rachel has placed in the top three

in the state and shows improvement every year.

"In the seniors, Jordan Krucler again won a gold medal for Champion Life Saver which he also won at the local branch carnival earlier in February.

"Not to be outdone his younger sister Gaby Krucler won a bronze medal in the Champion Life Saver event.

"Their coach and mentor Kerry Armstrong Smith won a silver medal in the Open Female Champion Lifesaver.

"Kerry also competed in the masters carnival the following week and won a silver medal in the

Iron Women event.

"Kerry contested 11 events on that one day and was in the majority of the finals.

"Umina had four boat crews attend the State Championships this year and although not in the top three they also made finals.

"Our master's crew will be travelling to the Australian Titles in Western Australia early April."

The club will hold its juniors presentation ceremony at Club Umina on Sunday, April 4, and the seniors presentation on May 23, at the Ettalong Beach Club.

**Press release, 12 Mar 2009
Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC**



Bowls volunteers given awards

Lawn bowls volunteers from several Peninsula bowling clubs were recognised for their outstanding contribution to the sport at a bowls day luncheon at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club on March 5.

Six Peninsula club members, along with seven other Central Coast bowls volunteers, were presented with Sport Achievement Awards by Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal.

Herbert Dodd and Robert Brien from Everglades Bowling Club, Ian Hewitt of Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, Raymond Ransome from Umina Beach Bowling Club and

Woy Woy Bowling Club's James Cook and Raymond Wise were recognised for their commitment to their local bowling club.

"Volunteers such as these dedicated bowls officials form the backbone of the sport on the Central Coast," Ms Neal said.

"They are the true unsung heroes of the community and they deserve our heartfelt congratulations."

Ms Neal said sport plays

an important part in the lives of thousands of Central Coast residents.

"Sports such as bowls help people establish and maintain vital community networks throughout the Coast.

"For many people, their local bowling club is an irreplaceable social hub that binds the community together.

"Volunteering has a significant, long-established place in the Central Coast community.

"There are nearly 100 people here today, either as bowls players or club officials.

"All of them are volunteers and they provide a service that brings significant benefits to their sport and to their community.

A bowls match was also played out and featured 24 teams from across the district.

"The Sport Minister's Sport Achievement Awards recognise the outstanding contribution made by these 13 volunteers to their bowls clubs," Ms Neal said.

**Press release, 5 Mar 2009
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

Grant for nationals

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club's Under-15 Male Water Team was awarded with \$3000 as part of the Federal Government's Local Sporting Champions program.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal presented the team with its award at a special ceremony at Ocean Beach Surf

Club on March 3.

The winning team consisted of Ryan Moate, Gregory Bennett, Keelan Bridge and Matthew Hurst.

According to Ms Neal, the grant will help the team compete in the National Surf Life Saving Championships in Perth.

"I am delighted to be able to support the Central Coast's

sporting achievers and assist them to reach their fullest potential," Ms Neal said.

"The Local Sporting Champions program will help these local sporting champs meet the costs of competing in major state and national competitions."

**Press release, 3 Mar 2009
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

Success at state surfing championships

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has returned from the NSW State Surf Championships with an "abundance of medals" and several club members who have qualified for the national titles, according to competitions officer Ms Robyn Carr.

The team, consisting of 47 members, competed in all disciplines of the life saving events from the Patrol Competition through to the Surf Boat Races and Board Riding events.

The club won six events, placed second in three events and third in three events over the Open and Masters Competitions.

"This allowed members to come home with eight gold medals, 13 silver medals and 14 bronze medals," Ms Carr said.

"Ocean Beach finished 13th in

the overall point score and was second of the Central Coast clubs.

"Ocean Beach members to be representing NSW at the Australian titles are Brooke Carr, Rebecca Cooper, Matt Hurst, Bryce Sainty, Conor Grimmond, Jessica Moyes, Lauren Swain, Ashleigh Swain, Jessica Allan, Shelley Smith, Katie Dixon, Richard Grimmond, Nigel Fitzgibbon, Mark Davis and Aaron Camp," Ms Carr said.

Medal winners were:

Under-15: Gold Medal First Aid - Brooke Carr / Rebecca Cooper; Gold Medal Male Champion Life Saver - Matt Hurst; Gold Medal Male Surf - Keelan Bridge; Gold Medal Female 2km Run - Elyssia Gasparotto; Silver Medal Iron Man - Matt Hurst; Silver Medal Male Surf Teams - Matt Hurst, Keelan Bridge, Gregory Bennett, Ryan Moate; Bronze Medal Male Cameron - Matt Hurst, Keelan Bridge, Gregory Bennett, Ryan

Moate.

Under-17: Silver Medal First Aid - Bryce Sainty / Conor Grimmond.

Under-19: Gold Medal Female Champion Life Saver - Jessica Moyes; Gold Medal First Aid - Lauren Swain / Jessica Moyes; Silver Medal First Aid - Ashleigh Swain / Jessica Allan.

Opens: Silver Medal First Aid - Katie Dixon / Richard Grimmond; Bronze Medal Patrol Competition - Katie Dixon, Richard Grimmond, Nigel Fitzgibbon, Shelley Smith, Aaron Camp, Mark Davis; Bronze Medal Female Champion Life Saver - Shelley Smith.

Masters: Silver Medal 30-34 Female Sprint - Allison Tucker; Silver Medal 30-34 Female Flags - Allison Tucker; Bronze Medal 35-39 Male Beach Relay - Jason Tucker, James White, Darren Shaw, Shane Oakes.

**Press release, 9 Mar 2009
Robyn Carr, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

Malibu results

Ocean Beach Malibu Club met for its monthly contest on March 8, with solid four to five foot waves at Umina Beach, according to publicity officer Mr Craig Coulton.

Round one of competition consisted of six heats with 37 competitors.

In round one, Mark Rylands, Brian Cook, Mark Williams, Mark Johnstone, Calyn Wilkinson and Hayden Emery came first in each of their respective heats.

Round one also saw Paul Goder, Mick Magurren, Chris Irwin, Grant Pride, Darrin Fleming and Dave Wakelin take out second place in each of their heats.

The second round saw 2007 Old Mal Champion Hayden Emery win his second heat for the day,

followed closely by 2007 Club Champion Calyn Wilkinson and Mark Rylands in third place.

Other first place-getters for round two were Darrin Fleming, Garry Halliday, Ron Flight, Richie McClelland and Luke Cousins.

Mick Magurren managed to come out in round two with another second place.

Round two also saw Calyn Wilkinson, Brett Wakelin, Kevin Dewar, Tony Irwin and Bill Burke take out a second place in each of their heats.

Ocean Beach Malibu Club's next meeting will take place on Sunday, March 29, as the postponed February contest.

**Press release, 8 Mar 2009
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club**

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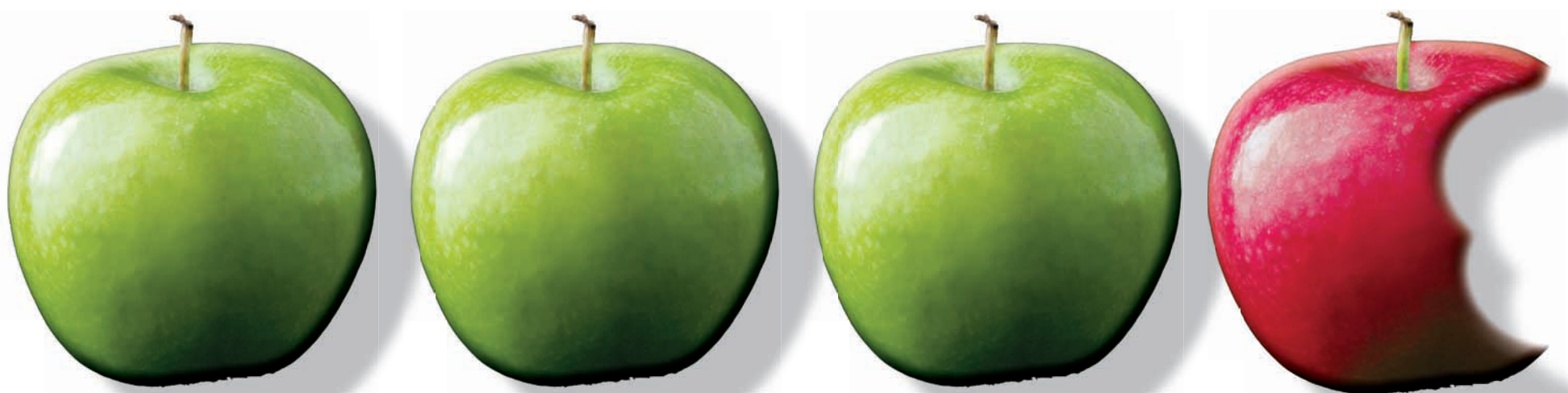
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