

NRMA park to evict 300 casual tenants

The NRMA's Ocean Beach Holiday Park will evict more than 300 long-term casual van owners as it prepares to redevelop the Umina Beach site to make way for cabins, temporary van and tent sites.

Long-term casual van owner Mr Gary Squires of Baulkham Hills said he had received a formal notice of planned eviction from park owners recently.

"No one had seen it coming," Mr Squires said.

"The casual tenants are those who own caravans and annexes which are permanently parked at Ocean Beach and are normally on-sold in-situ.

"None are registered and few could be made roadworthy.

"Three years ago the park was bought by the NRMA and at last they are revealing their business plan for the park's future.

"It does not include casuals.

"In one swift stroke, tenants were notified that they can no longer sell their vans except for removal from site and they can expect to be asked to leave within a year or two."

Mr Squire said he would be lucky to get \$2000 from the sale of his van.

"For many tenants who have only modest means, for many who are retired, this is a painful blow, which slashes the value of their assets and leaves them with the problem of where to go, how to get there and, of course, considerable cost," Mr Squire said.

"And all this, at the worst possible economic time.

"I purchased the van onsite in February, 2007, investing up to \$20,000, now I would be lucky to get \$2000 if it has to be relocated.

"We are now faced with a huge dilemma of selling up and losing our investment or getting rid of and destroying the van at a greater cost to its sale price."



Long-term casual van owner Mr Gary Squire's site at Ocean Beach Caravan Park which is under threat

NRMA spokesperson Mr Nic Frankham said the first stage of the park's redevelopment was expected to take place next year.

"We have notified the park's long-term casual occupants about our plans for a staged redevelopment of the holiday park," Mr Frankham said.

"The staged redevelopment is planned for the first half of next year to improve the site and to deal with the high demand of visitors wanting to holiday at the park.

"We have given the long-term casual occupants of the park plenty of notice to relocate their vans.

"Under the terms of agreement with the long-term casual occupants, we are required to give a minimum of three months notice.

"However, we are giving the occupants as much notice as possible with around 12 months to prepare for other arrangements."

According to Mr Frankham, there may be an option for long-term casual occupants to relocate within the park but this was not guaranteed as redevelopment

plans were not yet finalised.

"The staged redevelopment of the holiday park includes a mix including camping and caravan sites with the possibility of new cabins," Mr Frankham said.

"Over the past few months the park has seen an increase in demand for tent and van sites as this gives families an affordable holiday in these hard economic times.

"There has been many incidences where park management have had to turn down families wanting to holiday at the park due to a shortage of sites.

"We have endeavoured to do the right thing by our current long-term casual occupants by giving them plenty of notice.

"If we can increase the number of people visiting the region, that's a good thing for the entire region."

Mr Frankham said all 309 long-term casual vans at the park would not be evicted at the same time, but rather in stages as the park was redeveloped.

"It is not known what area of the

park will be redeveloped first as the plans have not been finalised," Mr Frankham said.

"Potentially some van owners could stay at the park for a few more years but we are simply giving owners as much notice as possible to vacate."

Mr Squire said the park's latest move was "typical" of a large company.

"The NRMA may have the legal right to do what it has done, but it has shown itself to be typical of big enterprise, making decisions from the safety of city board rooms where the effects on people are not recognised or considered," Mr Squire said.

"Communication with senior NRMA officials has made that clear.

"Another example of what has become of the NRMA since it ceased to be a members' association.

"The NRMA, through its management team, argues that the organisation is looking after its members, the motorists of

NSW, by providing increased accommodation for motoring tourists.

"But they are forgetting that most of the casual tenants at Umina are NRMA members also, some of them life members.

"And why did the NRMA buy the site in the first place, choosing to 'look after its members' by sacrificing over a thousand members of the existing community with 300 sites?

"Sadly, the truth appears to be more straight forward and less altruistic; it is about money. "The NRMA clearly believes its business plan will provide a better return."

According to Mr Squire, the park would struggle in the holiday off-season when long-term casual van occupants were not there to support it.

"The casuals, as well as full-time residents, have always provided a balance with the holiday-makers who hire cabins or camping sites, or who tow their own vans and stay a few weeks at most, usually during peak times," Mr Squire said.

"It is the casuals who have set the tone of community and who have provided the backbone of the park's income during the off-season times when tourists are few.

"Are they taking into account the long winter months when the only life in the place comes from the presence of the casuals and the only income is their regular rent payments?

"We are just ordinary Australians seeking a bit of paradise away from our stressful city jobs, who have been staying in our vans on weekends and during holidays for so long that we have formed home-away-from-home communities with our neighbours and with the businesses in the park and in the township of Umina."

Clare Graham, 17 Apr 2009
Interviewee: Nic Frankham,
NRMA Motoring and Services
Gary Squire, Baulkham Hills

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Clare Graham, 15 Apr 2009

Rain mirrors last year

The Peninsula has received 121.4mm of rain so far this month, just 5mm short of the average for April of 126.2mm.

This brings rainfall for the year to 541.8mm, 13.7% above the average for the end of April of 476.5mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Rainfall patterns for the first three months of this year have mirrored last year's, he said.

Both cumulative totals and monthly falls are close to each other for the two years.

The January rainfall was average, the February rainfall was more than twice average and the March rainfall was around half the average.

Another 125mm would need to fall this month for the figures to continue to mirror last year's pattern, when a total of 247.2mm of rain fell for the month of April for a cumulative total of 669.5mm.

Spreadsheet, 16 Apr 2009
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Help wanted with lost camera

A Sydney man is seeking help from the public after losing his digital camera along the Warrah Trig walking trail on April 14.

James Ross said he lost the Olympus digital camera inside a black and grey case approximately one hour into his walk from Patonga.

"I would like to ask anybody walking in the area and who has seen the camera to contact me," Mr Ross said.

"It isn't so much about the camera that I want returned to me but rather the memory card within the camera.

"The memory card contained more than 350 photos taken over the past two years and I would like

to see it returned."

Mr Ross said he believed the camera went missing after he sat down for a short rest about two kilometres back from the main lookout.

Anyone with information should contact Mr Ross on 9948 4331 or via post at PO Box 87, Spit Junction, NSW, 2088.

Clare Graham, 17 Apr 2009

Mains cleaning

Gosford Council conducted water main cleaning works in Killcare, Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe from April 5 to 8.

The work was carried out as part of council's continuing program Water Quality 2010, with the aim of preserving the region's drinking

water quality.

Throughout the work, council crews targeted water mains in cul de sacs, low lying areas and streets with previous incidents of discoloured water.

Press release, 3 Apr 2009
Meagan Morrison,
Gosford Council

Talk on bush tucker

The Peninsula Environment Group will host a bush tucker talk with local expert Jack Cassar on Tuesday, May 5.

The talk will introduce participants to some of the edible native plants found locally.

The event will be held from

8pm at the Woy Woy Environment Centre located on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Billabong St.

Visit www.peg.org.au for more information and any program changes.

Press release, 8 Apr 2009
Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula
Environment Group

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First security camera installed

The first of 27 CCTV security cameras for the Peninsula has been installed in Ettalong Beach.

The camera is located on the corner of Picnic Pde and Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach, and is part of the Safer Suburbs Plan grant of \$680,000 awarded to Gosford Council by the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department.

The beginning of the Peninsula CCTV cameras roll-out is being welcomed by business owners.

Ettalong Beach Business Group president Mr Ray Dearlove said the first camera installation at Ettalong Beach was a significant step for improved safety and security in the town.

"All good things come to those who wait," Mr Dearlove said.

"Gosford Council and the Federal Government are to be congratulated on delivering on the promise.

"We look forward to the balance of the CCTV cameras being installed in the coming weeks."

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce vice-president Mr Andrew Tregent said the chamber is delighted to see the first of the cameras being installed after years of lobbying to secure funding for the project.

"When Federal Member for Robertson Belinda Neal took up the challenge and secured the \$680,000 Federal Funding through the Safer Suburbs Plan from the Australian Government-Attorney



The first CCTV security camera installed on the Peninsula, located on the corner of Picnic Pde and Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach

General's Department, we were absolutely delighted," Mr Tregent said.

"It was so important for the long-term safety of our town centres that the funding was secured and now we are seeing the results of all the hard work.

"Gosford Council is implementing the program on behalf of the Federal Government and they have done an excellent

job in getting the system in place on schedule.

"The security cameras are an important tool for the NSW Police Force to monitor our three commercial centres of Woy Woy,

Umina Beach and Ettalong Beach so that they can combat graffiti vandals, under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour."

Mr Tregent said it was important to remember that the security

cameras alone would not stop crime in town centres but would certainly assist the police in reducing the incidence of crime.

The new CCTV system will be rolled out over the next few months giving the Brisbane Water Local Area Command the opportunity to monitor the cameras in real time or tape and store footage for future reference.

The CCTV camera images will be relayed using a wireless transmission system to a monitoring facility, which will be located at Woy Woy Police Station.

According to Gosford Council, the current target date for installation and testing of the Peninsula CCTV system is June this year, with commissioning shortly thereafter.

The performance of individual cameras will be monitored, with a view to relocating cameras and providing additional cameras in future.

Press release, 2 Apr 2009
Ray Dearlove, Ettalong Beach Business Group
Press release, 6 Apr 2009
Andrew Tregent, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Alexandra Hornby, Gosford Council

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Council pursues club for \$300,000

Gosford Council has resolved to take "whatever action is necessary" to recover \$300,000 from the Ettalong Beach Club after it failed to pay its contribution for the Ettalong Beach foreshore improvements.

The club entered into a Deed of Agreement with council in accordance with the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management to contribute \$300,000 to a foreshore upgrade.

The agreement was made between the two parties as part of the club's development consent for the new resort complex in 1998.

Council agenda COR. C35, 7 Apr 2009

Slight increase in Easter offences

Police have reported a "slight increase" in the number of infringements issued for various offences on the Peninsula area across the Easter long weekend period compared to last year.

Operation Tortoise commenced on April 9 and concluded on April 13, by the NSW Police Force to target excessive speed, alcohol-drug impaired driving, driver fatigue and seatbelts.

According to senior constable Dave O'Shea of Brisbane Water Local Area Command, four crashes were reported on the Peninsula where only one person was injured.

"There were no crashes where alcohol was considered a factor," senior constable O'Shea said.

"During the same operation in 2008 there were only three crashes.

"There was a slight increase in the number of infringements issued for various offences within the Woy Woy police sector, however the number of exceed speed offences were down on last year's.

"This is also reflected throughout the command so far this year with a downward trend for excessive speed offences.

Senior constable O'Shea said there were 245 mobile and stationary breath tests conducted on the Peninsula where two people were charged with drink driving offences and a further three people with other driving offences.

Email, 14 Apr 2009
Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water Local Area Command



New operator for child care centre

A new operator has been appointed for the Woy Woy ABC Learning Centre.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said the Woy Woy centre in Ocean Beach Rd would be taken over by the Kids in Care group.

ABC child care centres in Kariong, Narara and West Gosford would be taken over by Kindy Patch Pty Ltd.

Ms Neal said: "I am very pleased to announce that new operators have been found for these four centres.

"These operators have been identified as part of a thorough and extensive process undertaken by the court-appointed receiver."

Ms Neal said the court-appointed receiver selected operators who had the experience, financial capacity and commitment to deliver sustainable, high quality child care for children and their families.

"In November 2008, ABC Learning went into receivership, leaving the four child care centres at Kariong, West Gosford, Narara and Woy Woy facing the threat of immediate closure," Ms Neal said.

"The Government's priority throughout this difficult period has been continuity of care for children

and, as far as possible, certainty for parents and staff.

"Today's announcement will be a relief for many working parents on the Central Coast who have been anxiously waiting for news about the future of their local child care centre."

Ms Neal said ABC Learning employees who resigned or were made redundant may be eligible for assistance under the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme. "I acknowledge the centre directors and staff for their commitment to the children and families during this period of difficult and uncertain time," Ms Neal said.

"The receiver, PPB, has written to all affected families and employees of the ABC centres and advised them of the future of their centre.

"PPB and the new operators - as well as the various landlords - still have more to do to settle contracts, arrange licences and transition the centres to new ownership, but PPB is confident these will be in place by May 15."

Press release, 16 Apr 2009
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Car boot sale

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club monthly car boot sale and mini market will be held on Sunday, April 26, between 8am and 1pm.

The event will take place at Rogers Park on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Erina St, Woy Woy.

A number of items will be available for the public to buy as well as drinks and a barbecue lunch.

Stall holders will be charged \$10 per stall.

Profits from the day will go towards supporting local community groups.

For more information, contact Elmo Caust on 4341 4151.

Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Elmo Caust, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club



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Mary Mac's seeks help

Peninsula charity Mary Mac's Place has recorded a 90 per cent increase in the average number of meals served over the last two years and is seeking financial help to meet the demand.

Project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said the need for the service provided by Mary Mac's Place has never been greater.

"During the year ending June 2007, the average number of meals served each day was 38, in June 2008 this had grown to an average of 61 each day and in March 2009 the average numbers of meals served each day was 73," Ms Schacht said.

"Mary Mac's Place, along with many other charities throughout Australia and the world, has been adversely affected by the current downturn in the world-wide economy and the effects of the drought and the resultant rise in food prices in Australia.

"The global financial crisis has



Mary Mac's Place patrons enjoy a lunchtime meal

had, and will continue to have, an impact on Mary Mac's Place.

"The number of people seeking assistance is expected to rise throughout this year.

"The cost of food and other operating expenses are also expected to continue to rise while the number of donors and the donated amounts is expected to decrease.

"Our projected budget for the next financial year shows a funding

deficit.

"Due to these unique circumstances, and in order to maintain our service to those people in great need, Mary Mac's Place needs to attract additional funding to meet our projected budget deficit."

If you would like to help, contact Robyn Schacht on 4341 0584.

Press release, 17 Apr 2009

Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place



Centrelink Woy Woy centre manager Ms Sharon Hughes and Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal outside the new Blackwall Rd facility

Centrelink to stay at Ettalong

Centrelink has announced it will retain its existing Ettalong office after opening a new office in Woy Woy.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said the new office in Woy Woy would better serve the needs of residents living on the Peninsula.

"There has been strong community support behind this customer service centre because Woy Woy is the heart of the Peninsula, and I'm pleased to deliver this to the community," Ms Neal said.

"The new office at 87-89 Blackwall Rd would offer the full range of Centrelink services for families, seniors, young people, students, jobseekers, people with a disability and carers.

"It is close to public transport, only a few minutes' walk from the train station.

"The Woy Woy office opened on April 8, and is in addition to the nearby Ettalong and Gosford offices, which will continue to operate as usual.

"During these difficult economic times, Centrelink will be able to assist customers in the community hit hardest by the global recession."

The Woy Woy office will be open 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, while the Ettalong office will open from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Press release, 17 Apr 2009
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Red Shield Appeal

Students living on the Peninsula are being encouraged to support the Red Cross Red Shield Appeal by volunteering as donation collectors on Sunday, May 24.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus P&C president Mr Bruce Donaldson is coordinating the Red Cross' major fundraising event for the year.

"The collection is organised with small teams of students supported by an adult who acts as the driver and small team leader," Mr Donaldson said.

For more information, contact 0408 969 715 or email brucedonaldson@gmail.com

Pamphlet, 15 Apr 2009
Bruce Donaldson, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Politicians at new funeral branch

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews attended the opening of the new Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy branch on April 8.

Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy supervisor Ms Claire O'Neil said the new location was a significant upgrade for the funeral company.

"Our new chapel features comfortable seating, state of the art audio equipment and the entire facility has three times the amount of floor space compared to the original branch.

"We also hope this new facility will encourage community groups to consider how we might be of assistance to them.

"The new chapel was dedicated

to the memory of tireless local hero Allan Maidment, a former Simplicity Funerals location manager, who supported the Woy Woy community for 15 years prior to his death in May 2007.

"Allan also received a NSW Community Service Award for his work with Neighbourhood Watch, Umina United Soccer Club and the Safety House Program among others.

"He was a much-loved member of the Woy Woy community which is why we have decided to name our new chapel the Allan Maidment Chapel, as we believe Allan embraced the kind of values that we stand for at Simplicity Funerals, such as dignity and respect."

Press release, 16 Apr 2009
Meredith Downes, Senior Agency Australia



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Colourful characters of Woy Woy

Fred Landman said to me one day: "All the colourful characters of Woy Woy are gone."

Gone, perhaps, but fondly remembered.

There was the lady who lived in Waratah St, who dressed in rainbow coloured tops and full-length skirts to go to town.

She looked like a Hollywood style gypsy or an extra in a folk operetta.

She certainly stood out from the drab clothing of the time.

The little scrounger from Victoria St was another character.

He would always give us, in the post office, a few homilies and white powder which he carried in a small cloth bag.

Someone asked him why the

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white powder.

He said, "It's to keep away the elephants".

Someone remonstrated, "There's no elephants in Woy Woy."

"It's working then," he replied.

He met his doom when a delivery truck backed into him, on a day when he was scrounging.

Three ladies used to visit the post office and they were great talkers: Mrs Milligan, Spike's mum, used to regale us with funny stories about Spike and India; Miss Campbell, who ran a shell and rock museum in Blackwall Rd; and Mrs Arnoldous who ran a general store (still standing) in Railway St.

Mrs Arnoldous would not sell

you milk and bread unless you bought something else.

She was paranoid and believed everyone was spying on her, including PMG Linesmen.

When the three came into the post office everyone cleared out except one postal clerk who kept them calm by agreeing to everything they said.

"That's right," he would say. "That's right."

Jim O'Donnell of the Woy Woy Hotel was a colourful publican of the 50s and 60s who introduced amateur and professional entertainment on the pub scene.

There, amongst the patrons, were spivs, ex-jockeys, pugs, and lounge lizards as well as working men.

Norky Fowler was there, an ex-boxer, his hands crippled up from too much boxing damage and also arthritis.

There was Wallaby Jack, the desert rat, who used to swim in the Woy Woy channel and the big burley machine operator who used to eat beer glasses for bet.

Also, there was a retired dental mechanic who always drove his car on the footpaths.

He was often before the magistrate, had no driving license, but undaunted, he still drove in his erratic style around Woy Woy.

Then there was the famous gangster, Phil the Jew, who had a weekender at Ettalong (demolished for the club building).

A float plane used to alight him at the beach, for his sojourn on the Peninsula.

That's some amongst the many, many interesting characters of old Woy Woy.

Keith Whitfield,
Woy Woy

Ashtrays in garbage bins

I've rung Quitline so it is up to me whether I'm a non-smoker or smoker.

The future will tell.

I believe that the Butt Free City 2009 campaign (that is people having their own ashtray) is a good initiative, but if we are to make it a more permanent and successful long-term plan, I believe that Gosford Council must integrate ashtrays into the design of CBD garbage bins.

Sydney Council has ashtrays

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modulated into the top and/or side of their street garbage bins.

We must protect our waterways, and one in 10 butts finding their way into our waterways is alarming.

Many ratepayers are smokers and therefore their needs should be catered for permanently, just as the community and environment's needs are also addressed.

Mike Hudson,
Umina Beach

Strategy wanted, not limelight

I refer to the comments made by Cr Chris Holstein in the recent Peninsula News regarding his continued objection to the dredging of the Brisbane Water channel.

How is it that everyone else can see the urgency of this matter but not Chris Holstein?

It has become obvious to many that this is what we are going to cop for the next two years until the next State election in 2011.

This is a political battle between the Liberal Cr Holstein and the State Government, offering financial help.

We, the public, end up with nothing.

Why is it that Gosford Council can charge a fee if you want to hold a wedding in a park and charge a

Forum

fee if you run an exercise business on the beach but not charge a fee to commercial ferry operators who use our public wharves?

It's not rocket science. It's just fair play.

The fees would then pay for future dredging of the Brisbane Water channel.

Simple you would think.

Just get on with it Mr Holstein.

It's what we ratepayers/taxpayers want to see happen as a matter of urgency.

Get a strategy in place instead of hogging the limelight.

Janice Kissane,
Umina Beach

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See the veterans trying
To stem the tears that from their hearts
Have sadly overflowed.

When you see their medals gleaming
As through the streets they're streaming,
Proudly marching once again
In their ever thinning ranks;

Perhaps you might spare a thought
For those who suffered, died and fought
And I hope you'll take the time to say,
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Rainfall station for tip

Gosford Council will install a rainfall station at Woy Woy tip as part of a comprehensive data collection system that will assist in the preparation of future flood studies and catchment analysis.

Automatic rainfall and water level recorders will also be installed next to rivers and creeks at Karoing, Kincumber, Erina and Wamberal, and will continually record and transmit information collected on both rainfall and river level heights.

The first stage of the project is being jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments at a cost of \$180,000.

The project is a result of a 2007 study by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory into the provision of a comprehensive data collection system, to aid in the future preparation of hydrographical studies.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said he believed that the study was a step forward in flood management issues for Gosford council.

"Collating hydrologic data for the future study of flood and catchment analysis is a great movement towards effective natural disaster management on a larger scale for the Central Coast," Cr Holstein said.

Cr Holstein said the first trial of the system was expected to be undertaken later this month with stage two of the installations to follow soon after.

**Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Alexandra Hornby,
Gosford Council**



Mary Mac's Place volunteers contribute at least one day a week to prepare lunchtime meals for struggling Peninsula families and individuals

PCYC holiday activities

The Umina PCYC will host a number of activities for youth throughout the April school holidays.

The club will offer one-hour indoor archery lessons on Tuesdays at 10am and 1pm, Thursdays at 4pm and Fridays at 10am during the school holidays.

Bookings are essential for this

activity which costs \$5 per child.

A singing and songwriting workshop will also be available on Wednesdays from 1pm to 2pm for \$5.

Other activities on offer at the club anytime during the Easter school holidays includes table tennis, air hockey, arts and crafts, Sing Star, X-Box, indoor bowling,

pool tables and boxing.

Children must be a club member to participate in all club activities and is available for \$5 for under 18 years at www.pcycnsw.org/umina or 4344 7851.

The Umina PCYC is located at 101 Osborne Ave, Umina.

**Press release, 27 Mar 2009
Allison Carpenter, Umina PCYC**

Post box under review

Australia Post is currently reviewing the possible removal of a street post box in Empire Bay following a string of vandalism attacks over recent months.

Australia Post communications advisor Ms Rachelle McDonald said the removal of the street post box would be a last resort for Australia Post.

The street post box is located at the Empire Bay Post Office in Kendall St.

"This particular street posting box has been damaged by vandals five times in only a couple of months," Ms McDonald said.

"Most incidents involved damage to the lock which does not damage the mail but does delay the sending process.

"The last vandalism incident occurred sometime between March 21 and 23.

"Alarmingly, the street posting box was also damaged by fire sometime between March 13 March and 15."

Ms McDonald said all street posting box vandalism incidents were reported to the police. "Tampering and interfering with Australia Post's street posting boxes is an offence under the Commonwealth Criminal Code and can carry a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment," Ms



The future of the Empire Bay post office box in Kendall St is under review by Australia Post after a number of vandalism attacks

McDonald said.

"Australia Post regularly monitors street posting boxes for unusual activity and works with the police to try to find the culprits of these vandalism incidents.

"Residents are urged to help us by keeping an eye out for their local street posting box.

"We encourage all residents to help reduce this type of vandalism by reporting any suspicious activity

around a street posting box to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

"Empire Bay residents who are concerned their mail may have been affected can contact the Australia Post Customer Service Centre on 13 13 18."

**Press release, 24 Apr 2009
Rachelle McDonald,
Australia Post**

Umina Blue Swimmers Men's Winter Swimming Club has donated \$500 to Mary Mac's Place through its joint fundraising carnival with two Sydney clubs last season.

Project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said the generous donation would be invaluable in assisting Mary Mac's Place with escalating food costs.

"Mary Mac's Place is aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of our local community by providing nutritious meals, hygiene facilities and information and referrals for all people in need," Ms Schacht said.

"Each weekday, a team from our 70 volunteers prepare and serve up to 90 nourishing lunch-

time meals to homeless and disadvantaged people and families who are struggling in this current economic climate.

Ms Schacht said Mary Mac's Place was staffed by more than 70 volunteers who donate one day of their time each week to providing meals, assistance and social interaction to those people in our community who may be struggling with many difficulties in their lives.

She thanked the Umina Blue Swimmers for organising the fundraising event last year and also to the Cronulla Polar Bears and the Coogee Huskies for participating on the day.

**Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place**

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Share in a racehorse

Umina resident Ms Wendy Kerr has won a 10 per cent share in a racehorse as part of a beer promotion at Wyong races on February 22.

Ms Kerr joined seven other lucky punters who will collect any future earnings of the racehorse Opera House as part of their prize.

The winners had bought six packs, cases or draught beer at a participating stockist in the Hunter and Central Coast region to receive a uniquely coded wrist band.

They then attended Wyong Racecourse wearing the wrist band

where it was scanned.

Opera House is a pure white Zabeel filly and is the three-quarter sister to 1997 Melbourne Cup winner Might and Power.

Australian entrepreneur Mr John Singleton purchased the horse for \$270,000 last year with the intention of sharing the winnings.

The horse will be raced in partnership with Mr Singleton, former rugby league player Andrew Johns and the eight local residents.

Website, 23 Feb 2009
Wyong Racing Club

Gardening day at preschool

Children from Wallaby St Weenies Preschool enjoyed a gardening day recently with the help of a Woy Woy garden supplies store.

Preschool centre manager Ms Jenny Toomey said the children had a wonderful time learning about gardening and growing their own fruit and vegetables.

"The children had a wonderful gardening experience with the expert knowledge of Tina Sweeney

from Oasis with all supplies of seedlings, soil and pots supplied by Creative Courtyards, Woy Woy," Ms Toomey said.

"This joint venture was planned to help young children gain an interest in planting fresh fruit and vegetables as well as the experience of planting and caring for their own seedling.

"Tina showed the children veggies from her own garden and discussed healthy foods to eat. "The children were asked what

some of their favourite fruit and vegetables were.

"After the discussion, the children were given gloves to wear, a pot with soil and a cabbage seedling.

"They were asked to make a hole in the middle of the pot and place in the seedling.

"Then they went about watering their plants."

Email, 16 Apr 2009
Jenny Toomey, Wallaby St Weenies Preschool

Dance students pass auditions

Seventeen dance students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus have been successful in their auditions for the Newcastle Star Struck school talent show in June.

Dance coordinator Ms Nerrida Lewis said she was extremely proud of the dedication and commitment shown by the students in the lead-up to their performance.

"Our school has been lucky enough to see Year 7 student Sheridan Hulls, 14 students from

Year 9 Dance elective class and Year 11 students Rhiannon Hulls and Crystal Jenkins make it through their auditions," Ms Lewis said.

"Our students were lucky enough to get in two items because of the strength of their dance and ability, plus the finale."

Ms Lewis said students would be busy learning and rehearsing the routine over the next few weeks in preparation for the show's opening night on June 11.

"I am hoping the students get a great kick out of this as it is the Newcastle version of Sydney's

School Spectacular," Ms Lewis said.

"Having the opportunity to perform in front of thousands is something I had the chance to do in my schooling and I hope the girls get as much joy out of it as I did.

"This is something that they will take with them from school and the memories will be cherished.

"The hard work and commitment and final result will help show them that effort is well worth it."

Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Nerrida Lewis, BWSC Umina Campus

Bail breach

A 14-year-old Woy Woy boy was arrested by Campbelltown police after he was found to be in breach of his bail and carrying a cutting implement.

Police came across the

youth after conducting a truancy operation in the Rosemeadow area on February 26.

He was charged and appeared in Campbelltown Children's Court the same day.

Website, 9 Mar 2009
NSW Police Force

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Program distributes 1200 books

A local reading program has given away and lent out more than 1200 books to local parents in the past 12 months, according to Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara.

"The Peninsula Start Reading Project has succeeded in working over the last year with hundreds of families to encourage them to read to their babies from day one," Ms Notara said.

"Start Reading stands for Sit Together And Read for Ten minutes a day, which is all it takes to connect with your baby and give them a love of books and reading.

"The Peninsula Start Reading Project, with its members from Peninsula organisations who work with families and local community members, have established the Let's Read Program giving away 500 books to parents of new babies and lending out up to 700.

"Shannon Lucas is a local mother who has used Let's Read through Supported Playgroup. "She has read to her son Jaia from birth and also to her four-year-old Khan."

According to Ms Lucas, reading to her two children is part of their regular bedtime routine and helps to calm them down before bed.

"Reading is a great way to bond with your baby and they learn so much from the books about colours and numbers," Ms Lucas said.

"I really notice that Jaia is attentive to the book when we are reading."



Peninsula mum Shannon Lucas and her children Jaia and Khan enjoying reading time together

Local literacy specialist Ms Rosemary Ruthven said: "From the earliest days, the baby's brain is soaking in the smells, tastes, sights, sounds and sensations of a brand new environment and those living in it with them.

"Even though they may not understand or remember the stories, they will learn that reading means being held by someone who cares for them and that books are valued by the adults around them."

The Peninsula Start Reading Project will also be holding a raffle to win a framed and signed Central Coast Mariners jersey to raise

money for early literacy activities on the Peninsula.

For enquiries, call Beachside Family Centre on 4343 1929.

Press release, 12 Mar 2009
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

Schools receive infrastructure funds

Seven local schools will receive \$1.35 million in Federal Government funding for minor infrastructure and refurbishment projects under the National School Pride program.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy campuses as well as Empire Bay, Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy South Public Schools will each receive \$200,000 under the program.

St John the Baptist Primary School in Umina has been allocated \$19,000 to acquire classroom furniture and \$131,000 for refurbishment of school facilities.

According to Member for

Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, a total of 33 schools in the Robertson electorate were allocated funding totalling \$5.7 million.

Ms Neal said: "Construction and maintenance work will commence as soon as possible, with many of the National School Pride projects planned to begin this month."

She said funds would be used to refurbish many schools facilities, including upgrades of paths, walkways and playground equipment, to build covered outdoor learning areas and shade structures, and to install new lighting and furniture.

Press release, 6 Apr 2009
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Beach-a-thon

Ettalong Public School students "thoroughly enjoyed themselves" at a Beach-a-thon at Ettalong foreshore on March 20, according to school principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"Under beautiful autumn

sunshine, we successfully held our Beach-a-thon and by my observations all children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves completing all the activities in the circuits," Mr Wallis said.

Newsletter, 24 Mar 2009
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Chiropractic Plus

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

Case Study: Gentle, safe, effective care for Arthritis/Osteoporosis in ASTRID*. (Female, 60)

I am 60 years of age. I have been taking pain and arthritis drugs since I was forty. When I came to my Chiropractor in 2008, I was hardly able to walk. I had arthritis in my spine (neck and lower back); in my hands; my shoulders; and throughout my legs (the knee's especially). I had used up my three (yearly) cortisone injections due to my developing osteoporosis. I had shortness of breath, with my lung and heart function being so poor, that in 2003 blood clots developed in both lungs. Joint replacement surgery was needed for three areas: my knees, which I was unable to straighten; my hips, which prevented me from walking properly; and also metal rods for my deformed fingers and toes. I felt helpless. I believed that there was nothing I could do. Depression set in and my body felt like it was falling apart.



Last year, I decided to try a Chiropractic Doctor. Initially, I came in three days a week over a three month period. Almost immediately, I could not believe the difference. Now, I have halved my prescription drugs, and take no more pain relievers, as I have no more pain. I have limbs that are functioning and thus have been able to operate without any joint replacements. My spine and whole body feels capable of standing tall and straight. The tears... that came through frustration at not being able to do basic home tasks like shopping and housework... have evaporated. I can peel potatoes, open jar's, use a can opener, sit up in bed, hang out washing, brush my hair, cook for visitors, and pickup plates without dropping them. I can, once more, do little things, important things.

I was able to dance at my son's wedding recently, and was able to properly play with my grandchildren for the first time ever (taking them for walks and playing with them on the floor). My heart and lung function tests are much improved, and I am now able to work again. I am simply stunned at the feeling I receive when I think about the fact that I can now be a useful part of our community again. Today, there is a new care plan, which enables me to see my chiropractor three to four times a month. I just feel good. I feel like I am forty. Thank you for allowing me to share my story. I owe many thanks to our family's chiropractic team and the self care techniques that I am discovering in regards to my spinal health.



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Fistula Fundraiser Beverley Lapacek craft coordinator, Dr Browning and Eunice Worrall

Craft group raises \$2700

More than \$2700 was raised for the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund on behalf of the Pearl Beach Craft Group on March 24.

Communications officer Ms Lynne Lilloco said more than 150 local residents attended the film screening and afternoon tea fundraising event at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Special guest speaker was Dr Andrew Browning, an Australian trained gynaecologist working in Ethiopia at the satellite hospital at Bahirdar which is attached to the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital.

"He presented an emotional documentary film Walk the Beautiful to a full-capacity audience in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on March 24," Ms Lilloco said.

She said the film presented moving stories of young women who had been outcast from their society, family and relatives.

"Due to the wonderful work at

the hospital, they are now able to rejoin their families and have a normal life again.

"At the conclusion of the visual presentation, Dr Browning answered questions and mixed with the audience over an afternoon tea provided by members of the Pearl Beach Craft Group and friends."

The afternoon raised \$2777 from door donations and the raffle of a hand-crafted patchwork quilt.

Press release, 30 Mar 2009
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has introduced two new services including face-to-face counselling and an herbal medicine clinic.

Community development worker Ms Katherine Bradfield said the centre was looking forward to broadening the type of services available to Peninsula women.

"We now have a free herbal medicine clinic with Julie Ivson who is an experienced medical herbalist," Ms Bradfield said.

"If you wish to use herbs and herbal medicines to help you regain your health or continue good health we are running a Tuesday morning herbal medicine clinic.

"Julie wishes to share her knowledge and will give you lots of information and advice.

"Julie has a large dispensary of herbs which are mixed specifically for you.

"The consultation is free and 100 mls of herbal medicine costs \$20 which will last one week.

"If you do not wish to purchase herbs from the dispensary, Julie is happy to give you advice on making your own.

"Please phone Julie on 0437 401 810 to make an appointment."

Ms Bradfield said the Peninsula Women's Health Centre is now offering personal face-to-face counselling by donation.

"This new service will be provided by our professional and qualified counsellor and health

worker Honor McGill," Ms Bradfield said.

"We provide a safe and supportive environment for all women and girls regardless of cultural or religious background.

"An interpreter can be arranged if necessary.

"Peninsula Women's Health Centre provides effective counselling and support services using established therapies combined with our own experience working with women on a range of health, personal and lifestyle issues.

"Appointments are available on Wednesdays.

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Press release, 1 Mar 2009
Katherine Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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The Central Coast Guide Dogs Volunteer Support Group will be selling merchandise and raffle tickets at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy on Wednesday, May 6.

Publicity officer Ms Lynne Lilloco said the group raised much needed funds to enhance the quality of life of people who were blind or vision impaired by assisting in their achievement of independence through access and mobility.

"The Central Coast Support Group meets every two months and is always looking for new members to assist us in our fundraising endeavours."

The group will also appear at Chittaway, Lake Haven, Gosford and Bateau Bay shopping centres over the coming weeks between 9.30am and 3pm.

Press release, 31 Mar 2009
Lynne Lilloco, Central Coast Guide Dogs Volunteer Support Group

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Congratulations to Mr Tim Thurlow of Woy Woy for his winning entry.

Mr Thurlow will receive a

limited edition Sands of Gallipoli commemorative set valued at \$195.

Thank you to all our other readers who submitted an entry into the competition.

Clare Graham, 18 Apr 2009

Where have the medals gone?

I was intrigued by your article "Stories about medals wanted" published in edition 212 of Peninsula News.

For the first time in my life this article prompted me to ask: Where did my father's medals go?

I cannot even remember my father having medals.

He enlisted in the army in 1914 and upon landing in Gallipoli was badly wounded and repatriated home.

He re-enlisted under another name and landed in action again

only to be seriously wounded again.

In all, he lost an eye and lung and had scars all over his body.

It never occurred to me at the time what these Anzacs went through until I served in the army in World War II.

Our ordeal was bad enough but those veterans went through hell.

I would have treasured his medals if I had been lucky enough to come by them.

Tim Thurlow,
Woy Woy

Setting a magnificent example

Our father Lance Corporal James Spence received the Distinguished Conduct Medal during World War I.

We are very proud of our father and his medals which have been in our possession since his death in 1962.

The Distinguished Conduct

medals was awarded for gallantry during the Battle of Messines in France on June 7, 1917, where he single-handedly captured an armed German "dugout".

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Lieutenant Colonel LJ Morshead, commanding officer of the 33rd battalion on July 8, 1917: "This soldier by

his exceptional coolness and determination and by his great fearlessness set a magnificent example of his company".

James Spence also served in the army during the Second World War.

Mary Donald and Barbara Taylor,
Phegan's Bay

Killed at Gallipoli

My maternal grandfather was killed at the landing of Gallipoli and later buried at sea.

His name is on the Roll of Honour Wall in Canberra and also on the memorial at Lone Pine Gallipoli.

Ralph McGibbon of the fourth battalion infantry brigade, Australian Imperial Forces, received the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Memorial Plaque.

These medals are proudly worn on Anzac Day services by his great grandson who is accompanied by his great great granddaughters.

My paternal grandfather, John Beyman Wallwork, served in the China War (Boxer Rebellion) in 1900, at the age of 30.

When World War I broke out he was 44 and told too old to enlist but was accepted in the Merchant Navy as leading seaman.

He returned from World War I to his home in Woy Woy.

He died at the age of 64 in 1934 and is buried at Point Clare cemetery.

His eldest son Walter enlisted in the forces in World War I and was in the light horse.

His name is on the Roll of Honour which was kept at Woy Woy Public

School and later at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

During renovations of this club the Roll of Honour was found at the Woy Woy tip.

Fortunately it was found by someone who cared and was later restored and is now in place at the Ettalong Beach/ Hardy's Bay Memorial rooms in Picnic Pde, Ettalong.

These medals are also proudly worn on Anzac Day Services by his great grandson accompanied with great great granddaughters.

Judy Carroll,
South Woy Woy

A rarity in Australia

At the outbreak of the First World War, my father Albert Edward Pearce was an army reservist and went to France with the British Expeditionary Force, comprising of 70,000 British troops under the command of Sir John French, facing almost double that number of the German army.

By the night of August 23, 1914, the British retreat from the Belgium town of Mons had begun.

The 11th Corps of British troops under the command of Lieutenant General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien suffered heavy battle casualties.

The retreat reached Le Cateau on August 26, where a very effective stand was made before the battered and tired troops resumed their retreat toward St Quentin and beyond.

The 1914 Mons Star was awarded to those that served with the British Expeditionary Force between August 5, 1914, and

November 22 and 23, 1914.

A bar was added to the medal for those who had actually come under enemy force between the appropriate dates.

I am now 94 years of age, the last survivor of my branch of the Pearce family and I donated my father's medals to the Penrith RSL Club for permanent presentation.

The 1914 Mons Star was the only one of its kind in the club's collection, a rarity in Australia.

Charles Pearce,
Umina

Anzac day badges

Members of the Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-branch will be selling Anzac Day badges in and around the Peninsula in the lead up to Anzac Day on April 25.

The local sub-branch will also

be joined by members of the RSL Women's Auxiliary in selling merchandise.

Sub-branch member Mr Merv Heath said the proceeds from the sale of badges would go towards supporting the local sub-branch and services to support returned servicemen.

The badges will be sold throughout the Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong CBDs between April 20 and 25.

Members will also be selling badges at Woy Woy train station from 5am on April 24.

Clare Graham, 15 Apr 2009

Peninsula Anzac Day commemorative services

Woy Woy-Ettalong - Hardy's Bay RSL sub-Branch

Dawn service - 5.30am at the Woy Woy Memorial Park.

Anzac Day march - 10am from Deepwater Plaza

and through the main streets of Woy Woy ending at Memorial park.

Memorial Service - 10.30am Woy Woy Memorial Park

Pearl Beach community

Memorial Service Pearl Beach Memorial Hall - 10am

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Anzac Day Service at the Commemorative Garden - 8.45am

Empire Bay community

Memorial Service - 11am Empire Bay waterfront cenotaph

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ANZAC DAY
25 APRIL 2009

Commemorating the 10th anniversary of INTERFET



"Don't let the bastards get away with it."



A very ill Phil James and Edward James being 'misunderstood' by our elected representatives outside of Parliament House, Sydney

Louis Phillip Verdun JAMES fought in six of the seven theatres of war during WW2 and after he returned to Australia, attended every Dawn Service until his death.

I have no doubt that in his last years, he relied heavily on me Edward James, to act on his behalf in matters he could no longer manage.

My father, like so many who will attend the next dawn service on the 25th of April 2009, was a fighter till the very end of his life.

He believed in Australia and he trusted our elected representatives to act in the best interest of all of us equally.

I have grown tired of being told by politicians and citizens that they have no idea what I have been on about for almost ten years.

Here I will do what people tell me I have failed to do, explain what I am on about.

I tried to get my father his entitlements, those same entitlements due to everyone who draws breath beneath the stars of the Southern Cross.

The children and grand children of those who died and those who came back, are all entitled to benefit from the guidance which flows down from what some may identify as the birth certificate of our nation - Our Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1901.

Phil James was bullied by Gosford City Council and his elected representatives on that council have accommodated that abuse by doing nothing.

He was told in writing with absolutely no justification that he would be fined well over a hundred thousand dollars for operating a building supply business without council approval.

This is total garbage. My father had a factory where he designed and manufactured TV antennas above the Umina Charcoal Chicken Shop.

I came home one day to find a Mr J Scorgy, a council officer, intent on getting a very old, infirm and bed ridden, war veteran to formally apply for a change of use on his property.

He was being pressured, for no reason which was apparent at the time.

But reading the law and understanding unfolding events made it apparent that his residential house with its existing use rights prevented the aspirational desires of the owners of neighbouring properties to the north of my father's holdings in West Street.

A residential house has entitlements to sunlight

and quiet enjoyment which don't attach to commercial property.

The Development application 11923/2001 work product of Mr. David Kettle and Mr. Ian Burl for Wardend Developments made it clear that the existence of our residential house was a problem.

When it was put out for public consideration the plan overview made no indication of a residential house.

The plan was deceiving anyone looking at it for guidance in their deliberations.

There is no reference to the 1400 square foot three bedroom residential house on the plans which council accepted, and the accompanying statement of environmental effects (in entry 14) informed the readers there is no need to provide a shadow diagram because no shade will fall on any residential amenity.

Because I complained about the misleading information to everyone concerned and published my complaints, there can be no doubt the application was intentionally misleading.

What is hard to understand is, it is an offence against the regulation of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to submit to a consent authority (Gosford City Council) a development application which is misleading in no small way.

The fact that council management, assessment team four, councillors, State Ministers and many others choose to ignore the lies and cover-ups and sometimes refuse to address matters in an honest way brings the whole process and every politician connected to it into disrepute.

There are those who believe this is a matter for the courts, that may be the avenue for many, but the fact is this maladministration is a political issue because the political parties are directly tied to the inaction of our elected representatives.

No greater example of this in recent times is the Piles Creek tragedy where our community lost five of our number because no one was prepared to put up a road closed sign when the road pavement and culvert was inspected by an identified council employee on the 7th of May, 2007.

What I tried to do first for my father and then, after he died, for the wider community in the fight to have our rehabilitation beds returned to Woy Woy Public Hospital was to insist on the respect our elected representatives owe to all of us.

If I had done a better job perhaps, the council responsible for the deaths in Piles Creek would

have been long gone.

In every election we give our votes in trust, only to have that trust betrayed.

The dying words of my father Louis Phillip Verdun JAMES were, **"Don't let the bastards get away with it."**

Links to my web site and some information on Piles Creek and Woy Woy rehab

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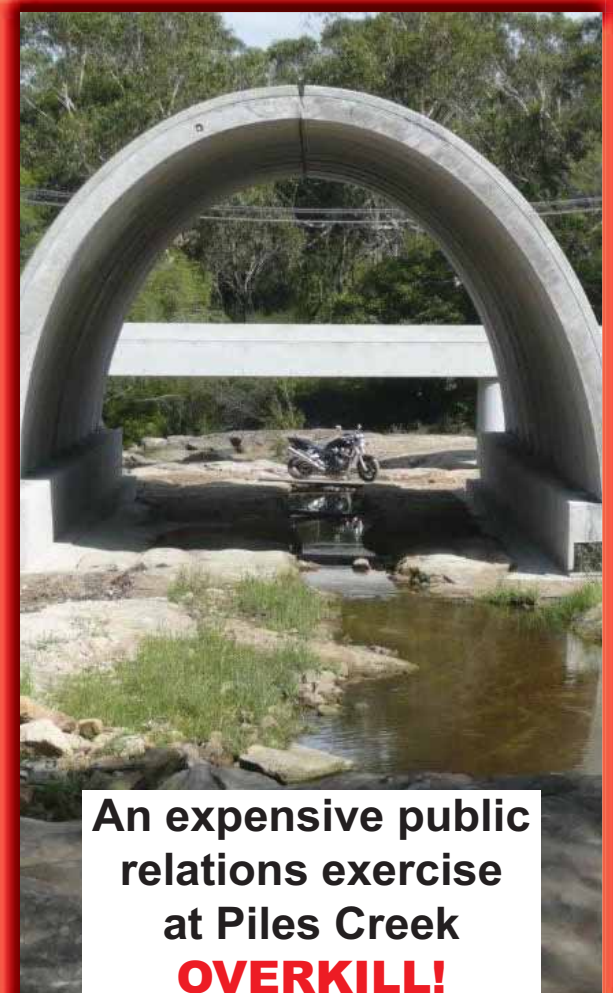
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An expensive public relations exercise at Piles Creek OVERKILL!

Education



Mariners hold coaching clinic

Students from Ettalong Public School were treated to a visit by the Central Coast Mariners on March 27.

School principal Mr Colin Wallis said the school visit was a great opportunity for the students to meet successful sportspeople.

"What a wonderful treat for our children," Mr Wallis said.

"Our student Aaron Peisley was easily the most popular person at school after his name was drawn

out at a Mariners game to win a soccer kit and a coaching clinic from the Mariners players for his classmates.

"The weather looked overcast on the day but by the time the Mariners players arrived at lunch time, the sun was shining brilliantly and students at Ettalong Public School were anxiously awaiting their heroes to arrive.

"The players were thrilled to promote fundamental skills and good sportsmanship.

"After Captain Alex Wilkinson gave his rendition of The Eye of The Tiger song, children formed groups to hone their soccer skills.

"Following a rotation, the children spent the afternoon kicking, heading and passing soccer balls as well as having photos taken and getting autographs.

"One boy even had his shoe signed."

Press release, 31 Mar 2009
Ettalong Public School

Grand champions at Ag Shows

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus took part in the Royal Canberra and Maitland agricultural shows with "successful results", according to campus principal Mr Frank Gasper.

"Brisbane Water Secondary College has once again tasted success with their cattle program," Mr Gasper said.

"A steer bred by A and H Kelleher and prepared and presented by our school took out the Grand Champion at the Maitland Show against some very good competition.

"Several students also did well in the parading competition, notably Madison Gutteridge who gained entry to the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

"Madison must also be commended for the time and effort spent during the holidays, on breaking in a steer that was very difficult.

"That steer then went on to run second to the champion in Canberra."

Mr Gasper said Canberra was a much larger show but the school managed to come out with great results.

"Although the competition was fierce in Canberra, we managed to return with both first and second place in both steer categories, as well as Grand Champion for the show," Mr Gasper said.

"This is a great result for the school, a fact that has been recognised by the Australian Limousin Society and The Land rural newspaper.

"The whole school team must be congratulated for such a tremendous effort."

Umina campus P&C president Mr Bruce Graf said the school's agricultural program, exposes students to a range of experiences associated with farming and the rural sector that they would not normally come in contact with, considering the beachside location.

"The largest of these is the

cattle show program that has been running for around 15 years and in that time has become recognised around the east coast by the cattle industry as one of the most successful exhibiting schools, with multiple awards at some of the most prestigious and competitive shows in the country.

"The number of grand champions over that time is considerable as well as a number of successful student cattle paraders and judges.

"Students from these courses often go on to rural-based careers through university, colleges and direct employment on properties.

"The other components of the farm which includes sheep, pigs, pastures, hydroponics, horticulture, bees, poultry, goats and crops are woven into the student programs with considerable success.

"Students and their families become so attached to the farm that they can be regularly found at the farm during their lunch and recess times as well as before and after school.

"Some become trustees of the farm and help to feed the animals on the weekends.

"There is also a regular parade of ex-students who return to the farm to help or report the progress of the careers.

"All in all it is a very successful program and having a large school farm of some 14 acres directly attached to the school is quite unusual and produces some great benefits for the students."

Newsletter, 26 Mar 2009

Brisbane Water Secondary

College Umina Campus

Press release, 7 Apr 2009

Bruce Graf, Brisbane

Water Secondary College

Umina Campus P&C

Visit from exchange program

Peninsula schools will be visited by the AFS Intercultural Exchange Program throughout May to encourage students to take part in the student exchange program.

Students will have the opportunity to hear about the experiences from other students who have returned from the exchange program and who have hosted a student in their own home.

Central Coast AFS Support

Group volunteer Mr Dan Smith said the program was a fantastic opportunity for students to host a student or young adult for up to five months this year.

"Schools on the Peninsula will be visited in May by exchange students and Australian students who have returned from exchange programs to share about the wonderful experiences and opportunities they have had on exchange," Mr Smith said.

"Students are arriving from

China, Argentina, and Germany in July to attend local schools while young adults who will be volunteering with local community organisations are arriving from France and Bolivia.

"Hosting is a fabulous way to bring the world into your living room and develop lifelong friendships and opportunities to travel to their native countries in the years to come."

For more information on hosting a student or becoming a student, phone 4392 3844 or visit www.afs.org.au.

Press release, 2 Apr 2009
Dan Smith, Central Coast
AFS Support Group

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First concert in Woy Woy

The Central Coast Chorale will perform its first concert for the season at St John the Baptist Church in Woy Woy on Sunday, April 26.

The Chorale launches its 2009 season of concerts with Felix and Friends celebrating the birthday of the Wunderkind.

"What better way to start off the new year than to have a birthday celebration complete with the magic of music and song," said publicity officer Ms Pamela Warton.

"Felix Mendelssohn was born in 1809 and, during a short life, produced a prodigious amount of music.

"His symphonies, instrumental works and his most famous work, the oratorio Elijah, bear testament to his extraordinary gifts.

"Sadly, like Mozart, he had an untimely death but he did leave a legacy full of beauty and song which is still popular today.

"Felix and Friends is a program

of some of his most beautiful music."

The works of composers such as Schubert, Schumann, Brahms and Rossini will be performed along with Mendelssohn.

"It is most fitting that some of the most famous composers from his time until the present day, should come together and help celebrate his birthday," said Ms Warton.

"Even the great songwriter Leonard Cohen will be putting in an appearance with his unforgettable song Hallelujah," Ms Warton said.

The concert will begin from 2.30pm.

Tickets are available from \$20 concession and \$25 for adults.

A \$45 family pass will also be available which includes entry for all children in the family.

Tickets are available at the door or by phoning 4324 7705.

**Press release, 14 Apr 2009
Pamela Warton, Central Coast Chorale**



Opera raises \$15,000 for Child Flight

The Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum has been described as "outstandingly successful" after the event raised \$15,000 for the Child Flight helicopter service.

More than 800 people attended the Woy Woy Rotary Club event on March 28, which saw performances by the Central Coast Conservatorium String Orchestra, tenor Ben Makisi and soprano Michele Archer.

The Save Pearl Beach Rock Pool fund will also receive \$3000 while the balance of the proceeds will be donated to local Rotary club projects.

Child Flight fundraising and event coordinator Ms Teri White said the generosity from those who attended the Pearl Beach

event was amazing and would go towards helping sick children in need of emergency medical care.

"Telstra Child Flight's helicopter is a frequent visitor to the Central Coast and Umina resident Nicolle Mann considers her family 'regular customers' of the emergency helicopter retrieval service," Ms White said.

"Nicolle and Peter McMahon's daughter Jade was born with a hole in her heart which required immediate surgery.

"Child Flight retrieved the newborn from Gosford Hospital just one hour after birth and delivered her to The Children's Hospital in Westmead for treatment.

"Since then she has boarded Child Flight's helicopter on three more occasions, once because the

fluid on her lung threatened her life, a second time for a serious bout of bronchitis and most recently early last year to treat a massive seizure.

"Jade is doing well now but mum Nicolle fought back tears talking about all the family has been through."

Ms White said Jade was one of many Central Coast children who owe their lives not only to hospital staff but also to Child Flight, the only emergency medical transportation service for babies and children in Australia."

**Press release, 9 Apr 2009
Terri White, Child Flight**

Writing course at Wagstaffe

Wagstaffe author and journalist Ms Helen Menzies will hold a 10-week life-writing course in the Wagstaffe Hall commencing June 17.

The course will run every Wednesday between 9.30am and 12pm from June 17.

"The course is for anyone who feels the time has come to get down onto paper the story of their life, and of the times they've lived through," Ms Menzies said.

"Everyone's story is unique and extraordinary, but if it's not recorded it will be lost forever, very often to the great regret of the people left behind."

According to Ms Menzies, her most recent book *The Survivors' Affair* took its title from a Thomas Mann quote: "A man's dying is more the survivors' affair than his own".

The book links the author's life to the moment of hearing of the deaths of 28 notable public people, including President Kennedy, John Lennon, Charles Perkins,

the Queen Mother, Elvis, Rudolf Nureyev, Harold Holt and Princess Diana.

"It took me a long time to find the way to write my story that was unique, and I'm pleased to have the opportunity now to pass on my learning to other people," Ms Menzies said.

"The course is for anyone who wants support to find their own voice, and the format that will work best for their particular story.

"And for anyone who would find it helpful to have a set time and space each week in which to write.

"Writing skills aren't needed at the start.

"All you need to bring to the course - which costs \$250 and is limited to 12 people - are life experience, a wish to write, a pen and a notebook."

For more information, email helenmenzies@bigpond.com or phone 4360 2561.

**Email, 15 Apr 2009
Helen Menzies, Wagstaffe**

Writers hold open day

The Woy Woy Writers group will hold an open day for local residents with an interest and passion for writing on Tuesday, May 12.

Group member Ms Jan Cummings said the open day was a great opportunity for local writers to share their work and listen to other group members' writing.

"We are a small non-profit group who meet in an informal atmosphere each week and are looking for other writers to visit and perhaps join us," Ms Cummings said.

"We encourage visitors to bring along a reading of poetry or prose up to 500 words to share with the

group.

"A light morning tea will also be served."

The Woy Woy Writers' open day will take place at St Luke's

Anglican Church hall, Woy Woy, from 9.30am.

For more information contact 4343 1178 or 4342 8371.

**Email, 13 Apr 2009
Jan Cummings, Woy Woy Writers**



Learn to Belly Dance with Behind The Veil

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Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Childrens' Art Classes - Thursday 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Come along and have fun with art by using recycled goods, painting and drawing.

Watercolour Painting Classes - Friday 10am to 12noon with Judith Hoste (Award Winning Tutor) Suitable for beginners to experienced. Come along and make new friends while learning a new hobby or rekindle an old passion. Enrolments are necessary as class numbers are limited.

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Community Access



What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

ECC, Everglades Country Club, 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, more info @ www.peg.org.au **WVEC**

Second Tuesday of every month

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

Get Together afternoon tea, **ESCC**

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, **PBPH**

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, **MOW**.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am,

ECC

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

Third Tuesday of every month

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, **UCH**

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, **WVEC**

Fourth Tuesday of every month

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

Every Tuesday

Free herbal clinic, enq: 0437 401 810 **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/Post Natal 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

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

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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

Women's Health Clinic, three times a month, enq: 4320 3741; Counselling by Donation

PWHC

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

St John's Ambulance, Peninsula Division 7.30pm, enq: 0404 440 808 or 4353 4224 **PCC**

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 & 70pm, 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

every month

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

Australiana Bus Trips, **PCC**

Third Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; **EBWMC**

Fourth Thursday of every month

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

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

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**,

Australiana, 10.30am; **Tai Chi**, 11.30am & 7.30pm; **Bridge**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2pm; **Brophy Circus Academy**, 4pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Belly Dancing**, 7.30pm;

Coast Care Counselling, **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.30pm;

Motivation & Empowerment Classes, **PCC**

Free entertainment, 6.30 pm; **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 Bouddi Peninsula **Community Assoc**, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002, **WH**

Civilian widows, 1pm, **ESCC**

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, Kooinda Village, enq: 4341 8151

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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
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

Ettymalong Creek Landcare, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251

EBWM Fishing Club competition, Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.
EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers meeting, enq: 4344 4760
Peninsula Environment Group, Picnic in the Park, 11am-2.30pm, Lions Park, Woy Woy, info @ www.peg.org.au

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: 4344 3825, **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,



Book fair aids pool fund

More than \$10,000 has been raised to date for the Save Pearl Beach Rock Pool fund following the success of the 33rd Pearl Beach Easter Saturday Monster Book Fair on April 11.

Event organiser Mr Vic Brown said the book fair was a resounding success.

"Crowds gathered waiting for the doors to open at 8.30am, rushing to look for that 'special' bargain, and children loved searching for

their favourite book characters amongst hundreds of titles for the young reader.

"The local community excelled in donating the books and in buying the books."

Mr Brown said there was an army of Pearl Beach volunteers who worked late into the night setting-up and packing up leftover books for next year.

Press release, 14 Apr 2009
 Vic Brown, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Folk club draws 50

More than 50 people attended the Central Coast Troubadour Folk Club's carbon-free performance night in Woy Woy on March 28.

Club president Mr Bill Bekric said the audience was treated to great show of music, song and slideshow from the band Beeswing.

"The all round professionalism of their act was a joy to watch and listen to," Mr Bekric said.

"I will definitely catch them again at St Albans festival on Anzac weekend.

"Our second half carbon free night show featured Kate Landsberry, Frank Russell, Slightly More Off, Michael Fine and The Usual Suspects."

Email, 2 Apr 2009
 Bill Bekric, Central Coast Troubadour Folk Club

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Next meeting (AGM) to be held on Monday 4th May 2009 at Everglades - 7:30pm in the Star Room, all members and guests are welcome

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Roosters' legend dies

One of Woy Woy Roosters rugby league club's most well-known and respected players Mr George Bartlett Senior has died on April 11, after a short illness.

Club secretary Mr Peter Read said Mr Bartlett was not only known as a legend of rugby league on the Peninsula but throughout Central Coast.

"George joined the Woy Woy Roosters in 1960 having played lower grades with the North Sydney Bears," Mr Read said.

"After playing in the Roosters' maiden first grade premiership in 1962, George took the reigns as first grade coach from 1963 through 1968, a time which saw the Roosters rise to be a powerhouse of rugby league on the Central Coast.

"During this period his career included four first grade premierships in eight seasons, with three of these as captain-coach in 1964, 1966 and 1967.

"Amazingly the 1966 and 1967 first grade titles were both won undefeated."

Mr Read said Mr Bartlett also led the Roosters to successive Southern Division Knockout victories in 1967 and 1968.

"Personal accolades came by way of selection as captain-coach of the combined Central Coast side along with selection in the inaugural Group 12 team," Mr Read said.

"On April 16, 1967, George Bartlett was the first Roosters

player to play 100 first grade games, many of these alongside his equally talented brothers Bill and Arthur, who also played 100 first grade games for the club.

"In 2003, George was named lock forward in the Woy Woy Roosters Team of the Century.

"Although no captain of the side was named, the players deferred to George, placing him in the middle of the historic team photo.

"His legacy continued through his son George Junior, another proud Rooster who played all his junior rugby league with the Woy Woy club.

"At 19 years of age, George Junior played an instrumental role in the club's 1987 first grade premiership before moving on to play at the highest level with Parramatta, North Sydney and North Queensland.

"George Bartlett was a household name on the Peninsula throughout the 1960s and 1970s and was an inspiration to all young players, and was responsible for preparing future stars such as John Monie, Peter Louis, Brad Berry and many more, through his coaching, leadership and ability to perform at a consistently high level.

"At the club's first home game for 2009, the crowd stood silent in tribute to a true legend of not only the Woy Woy Roosters but rugby league on the Central Coast," said Mr Read.

Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Club



Skate park competition

More than 300 youth, parents and competitors attended the Uminafied skate, BMX and scooter competition at Umina Skate Park on March 28.

The competition was held as part of Gosford Council's Youth Week celebrations for young people aged between 12 and 24 years.

Trophy winners in the Under-16 skate competition included first place Ben Newell, second place

Jesse Weaver and third place Jamey Foxton.

The 16 to 24 years skate contest saw Jason Vandersmaught take out first place and Brett Townsend in second place.

Tyrell Frewen won first place in the Under-16 BMX contest, while Saige Kremmer received second place and Nathan Fletcher in third place.

The Under-16 scooter competition saw Blake Randall achieve first place, Michael Booth

second and Jordan Moane in third.

Jason Vandersmaught was chosen for the Troy Tatham Trophy at the conclusion of the competition for the best and fairest competitor.

The Uminafied competition will be held again next year as part of Youth Week.

Press release, 15 Apr 2009
Emma O'Connell, Gosford Council

Judo players selected

Three Woy Woy Judo Club members have been chosen to take part in the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification and Development program.

The program is currently being held at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra until April 25.

Seventeen-year-old Kayla Wells, 15-year-old Jordon Smith and 14-year-old Kieren Handley have joined 27 other young judo players from around the country to

participate in the program.

The National Talent Identification and Development program is designed to help sports identify talented athletes and prepare them for participation in domestic, national and international competition.

Once athletes have been identified they are provided with the opportunity to realise their potential in a high-quality talent development program.

Website, 15 Apr 2009
Australian Sports Commission

Cross country events planned

Woy Woy is set to host three competition events throughout the Central Coast cross-country season.

The first Woy Woy competition will take place at Lions Park on May 4, while the second competition will be held on June 13.

The final Woy Woy cross-country meeting for the 2009 season will take place on July 18.

Other Central Coast suburbs included in the Central Coast cross-country season include East Gosford, Jiliby and Tuggerah.

The season commenced on April 19 and will run through to July 25, with a presentation on August 8.

Website, 15 Apr 2009
Mingara Athletics Club



Umina Blue Swimmers Men's Winter Swimming Club Inc.

Do you want to continue swimming throughout the winter and enjoy a competitive and social Sunday morning? The blue swimmers will be holding the first of the winter swims to welcome all new and old members back for the 2009 season.

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