



Anzac Day service well attended

More than 200 people attended the Anzac Day memorial service in Woy Woy held by the Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-branch on April 25.

Sub-branch member Mr Chad Hartney said a greater attendance for this year's service was due to better weather than previous years.

Mr Hartney said the service was led by Mr Kel Gulliver and the National Anthem sung by Mr Chris Dillon while local pastor Mr Mike Littlefair read a prayer.

This was followed by an address from veteran warrant officer Mr Mike Mulhell.

**Scott Hastings, 30 Apr 2009
Interviewee: Chad Hartney,
Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's
Bay RSL Sub-branch**



Hundreds of local residents and visitors attend the 10.30am Anzac Day commemorative service at Woy Woy Memorial Park

Chamber calls for Ministerial inquiry

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is calling for a Ministerial inquiry into Gosford Council's offshore investments, an independent audit and a plan to reimburse Section 94 "developer contribution" funds.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales has questioned whether Gosford Council has "fully understood" the risks involved in investing up to \$100 million in Collateralised Debt Obligations, even after the collapse of Lehman Brothers bank late last year.

Mr Wales said the Peninsula business community held grave concerns about the aftermath of council's \$95 million exposure to the offshore investment market.

"While Gosford Council claims that these securities are only showing a paper loss of nearly \$50 million, we believe the reality is that the underlying value of these investments has collapsed and that the prospect of recovering the ratepayers' money is remote," Mr Wales said.

"Right across NSW, councils are preparing to write down these

losses as it becomes more evident that the market for these securities has disappeared.

"It is pointless to say that council is going to hold these investments to maturity in the hope that the market will miraculously recover without having a contingency plan in place should the losses be realised.

"The fact is that some, if not all, of the \$16 million of the Section 94 developer contributions are at risk, which is a significant concern to the business community as these monies are earmarked for roads, drainage and community facilities."

Mr Wales said by council's own admission some of this infrastructure may be delayed.

"It is cold comfort to say that all the programs will be implemented but how long will that take if you are short \$16 million?" Mr Wales said.

"The business community fully expects that some of the Section 94 infrastructure works may need to be reviewed with a real possibility that some projects will be axed.

"The business community wants to know how the council is

going to ensure that the Section 94 accounts are reimbursed when the losses are incurred.

"After all, it is our understanding that the monies levied from developers are monies held in trust by council for works that are associated with those developments.

"It's all very well for the council to blame the global economic crisis but the big question here is why did council invest so much of our money in these offshore investment schemes?"

"The investment in the Collateralised Debt Obligations, which have suffered the greatest drop in market value, represents nearly 60 per cent of the council's offshore investments.

"We understand that no other council in Australia has as much exposure to the market as Gosford Council."

According to Mr Wales, Gosford council ratepayer and the business community have a right to know whether councillors fully understood the risks involved in investments when it made its decisions in 2005 and 2006.

"We are told that council's

former investment advisors Grange Securities explained both the benefits of these products and the risks," Mr Wales said.

"It would appear that the risks were considerable and therefore you have to wonder why so much of our money was invested in the first instance.

"From our point of view, the business community wants three things.

"Firstly, a Ministerial Inquiry needs to be held to establish how council came to find itself in this precarious position.

"Secondly, a fully independent audit of the investment accounts needs to be undertaken so that the community has a full and transparent view of the current situation and the potential losses.

"And thirdly, council needs to have a plan in place detailing how the Section 94 developer contributions and water and sewer contribution accounts are going to be reimbursed when the losses crystallise."

**Press release, 30 Apr 2009
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce**

Yachts broke moorings

The Central Coast division of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol reported the grounding of several yachts during strong southerly winds on April 19.

Publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said the strong winds were the catalyst for broken moorings and stranded yachts.

"A concerned resident at Wagstaffe advised of a nine-metre yacht aground on the sand bank north of the point," Mr Cole said.

"The crew found the yacht high and dry on the exposed sandbank.

"Details were provided to NSW Maritime to enable them to contact the yacht's owner so action could be taken before the next high tide."

"Another yacht was reported as unmanned and drifting towards the shore," Mr Cole said.

"The patrol sent a vehicle to check the report and found a seven metre yacht on the mudflats in the shallows off Tascott.

**Press release, 20 Apr 2009
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer
Coastal Patrol**

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Corrections

Edition 213 of Peninsula News incorrectly stated that the Red Shield Appeal was organised by the Australian Red Cross.

The fundraising door knock weekend from May 23 to 24, is organised by the Salvation Army.

Also, the opening time for

the new Centrelink office in Woy Woy was reported incorrectly last edition.

The correct opening time is 8am and not 8.30am as previously stated.

Peninsula News apologises for any confusion or inconvenience these errors may have caused.

Clare Graham, 28 Apr 2009

Peninsula in the news

Here is a summary of news items about the Peninsula appearing in other news media over the last two weeks.

Wednesday April 22

Speech craft courses are to be run by toastmasters groups at Wyong and Ettalong Beach next month.

Express Advocate

Friday April 24

Ettalong Bowling Club anglers: The April inside comp saw a great result with 15 anglers weighing in 111 fish for 29kg. Top rod was Howie Davies with a great feed of bream and flaties.

Express Advocate

Wednesday April 29

Seven swimmers from the

Peninsula Leisure Centre and Gosford Olympic Pool recently competed at the 2009 Australian Age Swimming Championships, held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Express Advocate

Friday May 1

Jean Lovejoy, 79, of Woy Woy, is devastated after thieves stole cash and irreplaceable family heirlooms in a recent break-in.

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Member for Robertson and Woy Woy Bay resident Ms Belinda Neal was forced to cut short her parliamentary delegation trip to Mexico following the outbreak of swine flu in the region.

Express Advocate

Compiled by Maani Truu, 1 May 2009

Hardware store opens in Umina

A new hardware store has opened its doors in West St, Umina, recently.

Peninsula Hardware will provide the Peninsula community with a full range of hardware including shelving, tools and lawnmower supplies at competitive prices.

Business owner Mr John Wood said he was pleased to provide the Peninsula community with a local hardware store after the closure of Mitre 10 Hardware late last year.

"We set up shop here to meet a real need in the community, especially since Mitre 10 closed," Mr Wood said.

"We are confident the store will be a success and look forward to locals supporting us for their hardware needs."

Peninsula Hardware is located at 314 West St, Umina.

The store will be open Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5pm, Saturday 8am to 2pm and Sunday 8am to 1pm.

For more information, phone 4341 5278.

Scott Hastings, 30 Apr 2009
Interviewee: John Wood, Peninsula Hardware

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Council continues investment defence

Gosford Council has continued to defend its investment portfolio decisions after it was the focus of an ABC 7.30 Report investigation which aired on April 21.

The television report featured Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales who claimed that council could lose up to \$47 million.

Mr Wales told the 7.30 report he questioned council's independence on the matter.

"The question you have to ask is how independent are they?" Mr Wales said.

"What we would like to see is somebody at arm's length from this process - that is, had no involvement in the past - to come in and do a truly independent audit.

"We want a ministerial inquiry as to how we ended up into this situation in the first place."

ABC journalist Matt Peacock reported Gosford council "sank more than \$100 million into a new type of investment, promising higher returns than the traditional government bonds" and "might lose tens of millions" as a result.

Following on from the 7.30 Report on Gosford council's investment portfolio, the council's director of corporate services Mr Nick Pasternatsky issued a response to the "complex" issue.

"Council would like to clarify



Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein speaks with ABC journalist Matt Peacock inside Gosford Council chambers recently (photo courtesy of ABC online)

many points that have been incorrectly reported due to various sources that do not have the full background or expertise on this matter," he stated.

"The community can rest assured that council has not lost any money on any of its investments at this point in time and council staff is continually monitoring our investments. "No council capital works programs have been postponed or cancelled due to the current global financial crisis.

"All of council's investments are made within the guidelines of the Local Government Act and they met the minister's recommendations.

"Many people in our community

will be able to relate to council's complex situation by reflecting on the following questions; Is your house more or less valuable than this time last year; How is your superannuation doing; and if you have a few shares, have they taken a beating of late?"

Mr Pasternatsky stated that council understood people would like additional information about points that were raised by individuals "that 'appeared' to be

experts on the 7.30 Report".

"Council appreciates that the supply of information can cause some members of council's community angst and therefore would like to address some of the key points as outlined in the report and subsequent comments made by media outlets."

In response to the 7.30 Report's claim that council had "\$40 million in writedowns already on the books", Mr Pasternatsky stated: Council has made a writedown of \$6.1 million at this point. This writedown is a provision for losses - there have been no actual losses to date.

"The \$40 million would be the variance between face value and the February market value," he said.

"The market value is unreliable as there is no market for these securities considering the current global financial climate."

Council denied claims it "sank more than \$100 million into a new type of investment".

"Council began investing in Collateralised Debt Obligations in 2000 (nine years ago) and holdings have never exceeded \$60 million invested in CDOs at any one time," council stated.

Cr Holstein also denied certain areas of the Gosford Local Government Area would "lose out" on having project works and facilities provided to them.

"Whilst there may well be some loss in regard to the future, it will not seek for the contribution plans not to be adhered to," Cr Holstein said.

"They will be adhered to. They may well stretch out further and take longer to implement than what we had proposed, but they will be implemented."

Mr Pasternatsky stated: "Developer contributions constitute about 16 per cent of council's investments.

"At this point in time no monies have been lost and no projects or services have been delayed or cancelled.

"Regardless of whatever may happen in the future, all projects will be undertaken it will just be the timing of these that may need to be reviewed.

"Council has not lost any money at this point in time."

Transcript, 21 Apr 2009

ABC 7.30 Report

Press release, 23 Apr 2009

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History of Little Theatre

Standing in the foyer of The Peninsula Theatre during the recent production of Doubt, I overheard someone say they were unaware that we had a local drama group.

This has prompted me, as one of its original founders, to emulate my historical and sometimes Thespian friend, Fred Landman and take a nostalgic look at the origins of our own Woy Woy Little Theatre.

The story begins at the end of 1961, early 1962, when a group of local people with musical talents decided to try and establish a musical society here on the Peninsula.

It soon became apparent that there was no venue in the district suitable for staging musical shows,

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even on a small scale, so it was agreed that a drama group was the better option.

Thus was formed what is now known as Woy Woy Little Theatre and also began a long association with Umina Progress Hall, which had a workable stage area with one or two restrictions.

Some 50 plays or more were presented at Umina before a move was made to the Woy Woy High School Auditorium and then, due to much hire and rent costs to the primary school.

There was always the dream of having a dedicated drama theatre in this area and a number of opportunities came and went due to lack of local interest.

Eventually through the efforts of a lot of dedicated people and a council with some foresight, we now have this beautiful theatre.

Those who have never been to one of these productions are missing out of some high quality theatre.

Bill Flynn,
Blackwall

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Council is kidding itself

Moves by Gosford Council to block email and phone calls from "repeat complainers" is an attempt to avoid having to answer insistent questions about public issues.

These questions themselves arise because of a lack of transparency.

Community members come to me because their elected representatives are not worth their salt.

While Council continues to take rates, I will expect it to do what we pay for.

I expect councillors and staff to act in the best interests of the community.

Independent deputy mayor Cr Craig Doyle told me the pipes in Piles Creek death trap could not rust because they were made from a special plastic.

He insisted on that silly position even after I went inside the pipes and photographed the deadly results of almost 15 years of Gosford council's total neglect.

Liberal mayor Chris Holstein has accused me of making several hundred complaints, which he conveniently claims were not

valid.

The mayor's defamatory attacks on me on ABC radio show that moves to silence me are based in personal animosity rather than community benefit.

The public good in all this has been ignored, and politicians and management have been in damage control for several years.

Gosford Council is kidding itself if it thinks it can continue to do as it pleases and no one will object.

Edward James,
Umina

Publicity led to packed house

Thank you so much for the editorial in Peninsula News about the Central Coast Chorale's concert.

This helped advertise the concert so well that we had an almost packed house at St John the Baptist Catholic Church!

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This was most pleasing and a great encouragement to the Chorale and our music director, Christopher Bowen.

We were pleased that Mayor Chris Holstein and his wife Mary

were present in the audience and enjoyed sharing the afternoon with us along with the large audience.

Perhaps this is the first of more concerts to come in that lovely venue?

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your assistance.

Pamela Warton,
Central Coast Chorale

Gee whiz! It could come good

Chris Holstein's interview on the ABC's 7.30 Report was an embarrassment to ratepayers.

Sounding like a punch drunk boxer, the mayor trotted out the same old lines from Gosford Council's ongoing press releases that no loss occurs on council's ill-fated CDO investments until they are sold.

Yes, he admitted the auditors

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have forced them to concede that they are \$39 million under water at the moment, but gee whiz they could come good at any time.

The question Mr Mayor is who authorised council to gamble with \$100 million it held on trust for ratepayers?

Warren Cross,
Wagstaffe Point

Vandalism has become regular

The regular Friday night drunken vandalism at Woy Woy on April 3 resulted in a trail of mess and destruction.

Plant and soil was moved to the Woy Woy Post Office and strewn over the area, a signpost was pushed to the ground causing a traffic and pedestrian hazard and rubbish thrown around streets.

One shopkeeper said there was a pack of at least 50 drunken youth vandalising and creating havoc in the early hours of Saturday morning.

This is an ongoing occurrence every week on Saturday morning.

Citizens have to avoid the broken glass, vomit, rubbish and vandalism as they walk their dog, go to work or go out for an early coffee.

The questions that need to be

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asked: Where are the police from the 24-hour police station in Woy Woy and how are these youths getting so intoxicated?

Photographs I took the following morning document the discarded alcohol bottles, cans, rubbish and shopping trolleys around the Woy Woy Leagues Club precinct and all along Blackwall Rd.

Similar situations regularly occur in West St, Umina, with broken and damaged shop fronts, plants ripped out and scenes of public disorder a regular occurrence.

A response to these questions from the relevant government representatives would be appreciated.

Mark Ellis,
Woy Woy

Refuse noisy bike track

All power to the Somersby residents protesting about the noisy, polluting bike track proposal.

Their concerns about the despoliations of our rural hinterland are understandable.

This beautiful area must be protected.

How many trees will be lost as well as the flora and fauna?

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The proposal gives Gosford Council an excellent chance to be progressive enough to refuse yet another "Pie in the Sky" application.

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Sea rescues on Anzac weekend

The Central Coast division of Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol made a number of rescues across the Anzac Day weekend in dangerous conditions.

Publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said two fishermen had a lucky escape when their five-metre runabout capsized near West Reef on April 25, after being hit by a wave.

"The skipper of another vessel nearby saw the accident and used VHF radio to call the Coastal Patrol Base at Point Clare," Mr Cole said.

"The report indicated that there could be three people in the heavy seas with three to four metre waves.

"Central Coast Lifeboat, under command of Phil Swannel, was immediately despatched to assist.

"As they raced to the scene, they were signalled by the crew of a four-metre runabout north of the Rip Bridge indicating they needed assistance.

"The lifeboat crew radioed the base and Brisbane Water Lifeboat under command off Brian Warburton was sent to assist.

"Central Coast Lifeboat arrived at West Reef about 2pm along with a Coastguard vessel from Cottage Point.

"The crews found that a Surf Lifesaver Rubber Duck had picked the two men from the breaking seas.

"They were initially put on board the coastguard vessel, but then transferred to Central Coast Lifeboat.

"Both rescued men had minor injuries, and were starting to suffer from hyperthermia.



"A Water Police RIB and two Police PWCs also arrived on scene.

"The two men were taken to the patrol base at Point Clare, and once treated were driven to the owner's home in to collect a spare set of car keys, and then taken to the boat ramp at Woy Woy to collect their vehicle and trailer.

"Coastguard towed the capsized vessel to Lobster Beach where it was righted.

"Coastguard handed the vessel to the crew of Brisbane Water Lifeboat and it was taken to the Point Clare base for safekeeping.

"On Sunday, the owner asked that the patrol meet him with his vessel at Gosford boat ramp so it could be collected."

Mr Cole said the patrol received another call for help on April 27, from a five-metre vessel in distress.

"An urgent radio call was received by the volunteers on duty at the Coastal Patrol base around 10.45 am on April 27," Mr Cole said.

"The call was from a five-metre runabout with two men on board.

"They reported that while

returning from a fishing trip in Broken Bay their engine had suddenly stopped as they were approaching Half Tide Rocks off Ettalong.

"With a runout tide and a north-easterly wind, they suddenly found themselves going out with the tide.

"They managed to get a line on one of the starboard channel markers at Half Tide Rocks and called the patrol for assistance.

"The on call lifeboat duty crew responded to the call from the base radio operator, and Brisbane Water Lifeboat, skippered by Al Morris, was soon on the scene.

"After attaching a towline, the relieved men were happy to be taken back to the ramp at Lions Park, Woy Woy."

Mr Cole said the weekend's rescues proved how important it was for volunteers of Central Coast Division of Coastal Patrol to maintain a marine radio listening watch seven days a week to help maintain the "safety of life at sea".

Press release, 27 Apr 2009
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

Asbestos removal at seniors' centre

Gosford Council has started removing asbestos from the Ettalong Beach Senior Citizens Centre.

Both the Ettalong Beach and Gosford centres are undergoing decontamination work.

According to Gosford Council, the work includes the replacement of ducts, ceilings and the possibility of other required works.

The timeframe for this work depends on the initial assessment of works after the asbestos has been removed and tenders have been advertised.

Members of the centre will be

informed of the work in progress through letters and meetings with convenors, and activity groups run through the centres will continue at alternative venues.

In February 2009 as part of a routine inspection, it was identified that asbestos was present in the air-conditioning ducting of both the Gosford and Ettalong seniors centres.

For more information, please contact Rhondra Gibson on 4325 8292 or 4325 8222.

Press release, 29 Apr 2009
Alexandra Hornby,
Gosford Council

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Jacqueline Drury of Umina, S. O'Casey of Woy Woy, John Starr of Ettalong Beach, V. Murch of Woy Woy and Barbara Hope of Umina.

Each winner took home a stamp pack that tells the history of postal services in Australia valued at \$24.75 each.

Scott Hastings, 28 Apr 2009



Woy Woy Lions Club members enjoy a fun day out at Rogers Park in Umina

Barbecue raises \$1500

Woy Woy Lions Club held its annual Lions Biggest Barbecue at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, in conjunction with its regular car boot sale.

The club managed to raise \$1500 to go towards the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia.

The scheduled day for the fundraiser April 19, was washed out so instead the event was held on Sunday, April 26.

Publicity officer Ms Narelle Penman said all funds raised go towards research into the causes and cures of childhood cancer in Australia.

"Not only have the Woy Woy Lions Club worked amongst the community for such fundraising events as Relay for Life and Clean Up Australia Day, they have also undertaken a range of fundraising events, for both the local and wider

community," Ms Penman said.

"Allocation of our funds for local community and individual projects will take place at our meeting on June 15, making way for our new leadership to take over for the coming year – with our changeover of office bearers taking place on July 6."

Maani Truu, 1 May 2009
Press release, 30 April 2009
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It is my experience that Gosford City Council has over the years worked to disenfranchise its ratepayers.

As recently as April 29 and earlier, Liberal Mayor of Gosford City Council, Chris Holstein has been guilty of personal attacks on me, using ABC Radio as a tool to tell its listeners that I act like a loon and he has no idea what I am jumping up and down about!

The "loon" remark was his rather imprudent, even clumsy, reaction to my questioning on air why Gosford City Council was refusing to post the Coroner's 25 page findings on the Piles Creek deaths to the council web site where we could all read about where the blame lies.

Another example was just last month when I challenged another very expensive abuse of our community's resources by councillors, starting with Craig Doyle, promoting himself in a paid advertisement in the News Corner of the Central

Coast Express Advocate. This offensive misuse of our rates by politicians is no more than an avaricious grab for political benefit from the shrinking public purse.

Gosford City Council management representative, Mr Nic Pasternatsky, advised "the cost of the advertising was irrelevant".

Liberal Mayor Holstein launched into another personal attack, writing "I had made several hundred complaints to other agencies and Gosford Council, none of which had been validated". That sort of flat out lie from the Liberal Mayor of Gosford City Council surely can't be acceptable to the NSW Liberal Party, can it Barry?

Deputy Mayor Doyle, is another one unfit to represent anyone. When confronted with photographic evidence of the rusted wasteland which was once the Piles Creek death trap, where five died because of human error, I say neglect, Councillor Doyle insisted, in

fact shouted by using all capital letters, that the pipes at Piles Creek could not possibly rust because they were made of a special plastic!

Another lie !

The same rusted out pipes were also photographed as evidence of systemic and long term neglect at Leask Creek to the south and beneath the F3 near Strickland State Forest to the north.

My personal involvement with this political saga started in 2001 with a published lie which asked the observer to accept that a 1400 square foot residential house was not on a property impacted by a million dollar Development Application 11923 / 2001. The whole face of the Umina CBD is impacted because council tried to disenfranchise one old man.

Cover up, collusion and perhaps even conspiracy, have flourished among those political weeds growing in what was once considered to be our garden bed of democracy.

Harry Boyle dies

Mr Harry Boyle of Phegan's Bay has died in Gosford Hospital on April 19, after suffering from a stroke at the age of 87.

His funeral at Palmdale was attended by more than 100 mourners on April 23.

Mr Boyle was born in Corowa to parents Glen and Mary Boyle in 1922.

He was the eldest of five children and attended Albury High School before attending Sydney Teachers College.

On completion of his teacher training, Mr Boyle joined the army in 1942 where he was located to Papua New Guinea during World War II.

During the war, Mr Boyle married Helen Mills in April 1945, and later they had a daughter Janet.

After returning home from the war, Mr Boyle resumed teaching and attended Sydney University attaining degrees in Bachelor of Economics and a Master of Education.

He taught economics and geography at various secondary schools until his retirement.

According to family friend Mr David O'Toole, Mr Boyle had always been an active and generous member of his community wherever he lived, always lending a hand when needed.

Mr Boyle had been associated with many community and government organisations including Gosford and Manly Councils, Amnesty International, Australian Democrats, The Umina Uniting Church, NAISDA, the Community Environment Network, Woy Woy



87-year-old Phegan's Bay resident Harry Boyle will be fondly remembered by all those who had the privilege of knowing him

Community Centre and the Central Coast Symphony Orchestra.

He was also involved in The Bays Community Group and founded the Bays Progress Association which later became affiliated with the Combined Progress Association, of which he was elected president.

The Bays Community Group vice-president Mr Greg McMullen said Mr Boyle was a true inspiration to all who knew him.

Mr McMullen said Mr Boyle had energy, persistence and many contacts, which were called on when there was a problem to fix or a special item that was needed for The Bays.

"When he was younger, around

82 or 83, he would be the one folding and hand delivering the Bays Bulletins newsletter around the three bays.

"I know The Bays Community Group Executive Committee will miss him a lot.

"He was always ready with advice on many and varied matters and even historical matters about the Bays."

Cr Terri Latella also shared many fond memories of Mr Boyle.

"Harry Boyle was a very close friend whom I and many others admired and respected very much," Ms Latella said.

"His strength, integrity and loyalty towards progressing

social justice and welfare were immeasurable.

"Harry was much more than a close friend.

"I regarded him as I would a father because of the way in which he showed he cared and wanted to help others.

"I reflected on all his positive and negative feedback on council issues and community wellbeing.

"His selfless approach in following community matters on council and attending council meetings highlighted his eagerness and passion for people.

"His words of advice and wisdom came from much experience in his efforts during World War II and strong political activism as a former councillor with Manly.

"He was a catalyst for the welfare movement in Australia.

"Upon his return from the war, he gathered other prominent post-war veterans and approached the then Australian government to act and progress issues for welfare reforms and for family and health expenditure during the difficult and trying times post war.

"His loss and leave of absence will be felt for a long time."

Cr Latella said she believed Mr Boyle should be honoured and remembered in the community.

"To do this I will endeavour to have his achievements and life story recognised and recorded in some way," Ms Latella said.

Eulogy, 23 Apr 2009

David O'Toole

Clare Graham, 30 Apr 2009

Interviewee: Greg McMullen,

The Bays Community Group

Cr Terri Latella, Gosford Council

Community group reports activity

The Bays Community Group, which serves the interests of residents in Woy Woy Bay, Phegan's Bay and Horsfield Bay, has released its 2008-2009 annual report.

The major community issues identified in the report were the condition of the local roads, especially after a road collapse on Woy Woy Rd, and problems with graffiti.

Jetty fee rises and oyster lease issues were also noted.

The report also features the achievements of the group, including the Bays Community Scholarship, and improvements to the Phegan's Bay recreational area and Phegan's Walk.

"We believe that we have established a sustainable future for the Bays Community Group with the support of residents," group president Mr Bob Puffet said.

A range of activities will be conducted including a wine and cheese evening in July, trivia night in August, music festival in November and Bush Dance in December.

"There are so many ways you can help by joining in with your local community group," group vice-president Mr Greg McMullen said.

**Annual Report, 30 Apr 2009
The Bays Community Group**

Home show winners

The winners from the Peninsula News HIA Sydney Home Show competition have been announced.

Muriel Cadman of Bensville, L. Rogers of Ettalong Beach, K.

Wenzel of Umina, Rodney Pilling of Bensville and Judy Clark of Ettalong Beach each won a double pass to the Sydney Home Show valued at \$36.

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Umina resident Ms Coral Ridges celebrates her holiday win with the staff of Umina Soul Pattinson Chemist

Port Douglas holiday

Umina couple James and Coral Ridges has won a five-day Port Douglas holiday.

Mr and Mrs Ridges won one of two holiday packages as part of the national Soul Pattinson Chemist competition.

Ms Ridges said she entered the competition after making a purchase at the West St Umina store using her Soul Pattinson Chemist card.

"I couldn't believe it, I was so

excited," Ms Ridges said.

"I thought it might have been someone playing a trick on me".

The prize takes on even more significance, with the couple celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this November.

"This is an early anniversary trip for sure," Ms Ridges said.

The prize includes airfares, accommodation and day trips to the Great Barrier Reef.

Scott Hastings, 30 Apr 2009
Interviewee: Coral Ridges, Umina

Red Shield appeal starts

The Salvation Army is calling on Peninsula residents to volunteer for this year's Red Shield Appeal throughout the month of May.

Salvation Army Umina Welfare Centre manager Major Nellie Moed said the appeal would go towards funding services on the Peninsula for the next two years.

"The Salvation Army Welfare Centre in Umina provides practical support for individuals and families in financial crisis on the Peninsula," Major Moed said.

"We help with anything including food vouchers, accommodation vouchers, clothing, food packages and assistance with bills and other expenses through an assessment process.

"We are getting more and more

people through our doors now that more people are having trouble finding work.

"People can come in here with their head high.

"We all need a bit of help every now and again and that's what we are here for."

The Red Shield Appeal starts on May 5, with the Salvation Army's famous Doorknock Weekend held over the weekend of May 23 and 24.

Red Shield Appeal Central Coast chairman Mr Peter Hale said that although the welfare centre provided practical assistance for struggling local families, it was only a small part of the Salvation Army's interests on the Peninsula.

"The Salvation Army Street Mission provides help to homeless

people on the Peninsula," Mr Hale said.

"As times get tougher, the need for the Salvation Army in the community gets greater and greater.

"We still need 400 volunteers for the Doorknock Weekend on the Peninsula."

To become a volunteer and spare two or three hours over the Doorknock Weekend, phone 4325 5614.

To make a credit card donation to the appeal visit www.salvos.org or call 13 72 58.

Cheques and money order donations can be posted to Salvation Army Central Coast, PO Box 1765, Gosford, 2250.

Press release, 23 Apr 2009
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

Man arrested on amphetamine charges

A 30-year-old man was arrested by police from the Brisbane Water Local Area Command drug unit at a home in Woy Woy on April 24.

According to duty officer Inspector Bruce McGregor, police entered a house on Camellia Circle in Woy Woy acting on a warrant for a suspected drug laboratory.

Inspector McGregor said police called in the Chemicals Unit after entering the property and discovering a chemical scent.

He said 180 grams of green tablets and powder believed to be amphetamines was found in the house, as well as a pill press capable of making 50 tablets at a time.

The 30 year-old man was later arrested for the manufacture and supply of "an indictable amount of amphetamines".

"This was a very good arrest," Inspector McGregor said.

Local resident Mr Keith Whitfield said after seeing several police at the house he assumed it was a

result of Anzac Day festivities.

"Yes, I saw the police at the house all afternoon.

There were quite a lot of police there," Mr Whitfield said.

"I thought maybe it had something to do with the Anzac Day festivities but it couldn't have been with the amount of police there."

Scott Hastings, 30 Apr 2009

Interviewee: Inspector Bruce McGregor, NSW Police
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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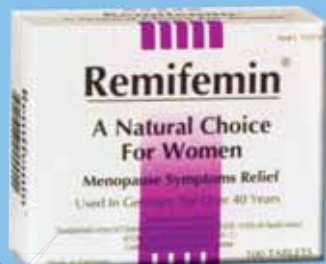
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Workshops held for estuary plan

Management option workshops for the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Study and Plan will be held at Wagstaffe and South Woy later this month.

More than 100 participants attended a workshop held at Erina on April 4, with feedback being collated by consultants Cardno Lawson Treloar.

Gosford mayor Cr Christ Holstein said the community was invited to participate in the next stage of the project, the management option workshops, which would be held throughout May at three venues.

The first of these workshops will take place at Wagstaffe Hall on Tuesday, May 19, from 1pm to 4pm, followed by a second workshop at Gosford Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 20, from 6.30pm to 9pm.

The final management option

workshop will be held at South Woy Woy Progress Hall on Thursday, May 21, from 10am to 1pm.

Each workshop will be the same format and interested persons should email the consultants at brisbanewater@cardno.com.au if they wished to attend a workshop, to assist with catering and seating arrangements.

The estuary management process is part of the State Government's Rivers and Estuaries Policy.

The study is being prepared under the guidance of the Coastal and Estuary Management Committee which is convened by Gosford Council.

The project is jointly funded under the Estuary Management Program between Department of Environment and Climate Change and Gosford council.

The management plan is

expected to be completed by early next year.

According to Cr Holstein, the Erina workshop was a "huge success" and gave participants the opportunity to hear about the findings of the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study.

"Participants provided valuable feedback indicating areas they value and locations where they have noticed issues," Cr Holstein said.

"I would encourage all community members to take the time to have their say on how the estuary is managed into the future.

"We are particularly interested in ensuring we hear the views of our younger residents, foreshore business owners and working families."

Press release, 27 Apr 2009
Paul Franklin, Gosford Council



Rotary club president Mr Peter Mote welcomes new member David Singleton to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Rotary club is Coast's largest

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has become the largest Rotary club on the Central Coast following the induction of two new members.

Publicity officer Mr John Greenway said the club welcomed two new members at a special ceremony last month.

"The club is proud of being a mixed gender club and inducted Jenny Johnson and David Singleton into the club recently," Mr Greenway said.

"These two new members will bring membership up to 42 and will

give the club more opportunity to serve the Peninsula community.

"With two months of his term remaining as president of the club, Peter Mote is still hoping to induct some more members.

"Interested people should contact the club's membership chairman John Garwood on 4369 8834."

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy meets every Tuesday at the Everglades Country Club from 6pm.

Press release, 1 May 2009
John Greenway, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Field day at Patonga Creek

The Community Environment Network held a field day assessing water quality at Patonga Creek on May 2.

The field day was part of the network's Waterwatch Project and Community Seagrass Monitoring Project.

The day provided participants with the opportunity to become familiar with their local waterway and the methods involved in assessing water quality

Project officer Ms Debbi Venter said water quality tests gave information about the health of a waterway and through consistent water quality testing, changes over time could be monitored at a specific site.

"Good water quality is essential for the survival of fauna and flora species as declining water quality is one of our major threats affecting ecosystem health and loss of significant species," Ms Venter

said.

"Continuous monitoring of our water quality will ensure that we maintain long-term sustainability of our catchment areas.

"Ecological significances of seagrasses include their ability to trap and stabilise sediments; provide nursery areas for juvenile fish.

"They play an essential role in healthy fish stock.

Seagrass also encourage larvae settlement, provide protection from predation, assist in nutrient cycling and transfer energy into the food web.

"A variety of water quality parameters also regulate seagrass distribution and growth."

Ms Venter said the field day was a great opportunity for community members to discover which species of seagrass occur in Patonga Creek and why their presence is important in maintaining and

creating a healthy ecosystem.

The Seagrass Monitoring project is funded by the Federal Government's Envirofund and Waterwatch by the Gosford-Wyong Council's Joint Water Authority.

Press release, 14 Apr 2009,
Debbi Venter, Community Environment Network

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Free flu vaccine for older residents

Peninsula residents aged 65 and over are being encouraged to take advantage of the free annual flu vaccination program on offer to them.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said it was important for all older Australians to be vaccinated this flu season.

"I would encourage all older Australians living on the Peninsula

to make an appointment with their GP to receive the flu vaccination this year," Ms Neal said.

"Most healthy adults will recover from influenza within a few days without any complications.

"However, some people, especially those aged 65 and over and people with certain chronic medical conditions can suffer complications.

"This can include pneumonia requiring hospitalisation, and even death."

Typical symptoms of influenza include fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches, headaches, runny noses and watery eyes.

The national flu vaccination program was launched by the Minister for Ageing Ms Justine Elliot late last month.

Ms Elliot said there are record supplies of vaccinations being distributed to prepare for this year's flu season.

The Federal Government will spend more than \$28.8 million on influenza and related programs across two years with a record 2.712 million doses of influenza vaccine distributed to GPs, at clinics or in nursing homes.

**Press release, 20 Apr 2009
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital held a special Anzac Day memorial service for more than 100 staff, patients and returned servicemen and women in its Commemorative Garden on April 25.

General manager Ms Annette Czerkesow and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, along with several prominent Returned Services League figures including President of the Hardy's Bay-Ettalong-Woy Woy RSL sub-branch Mr Bevin Router, joined hospital staff and patients in remembering all aspects of Australia's defence history.

Ms Czerkesow said the hospital had been involved in commemorating Anzac Day for more than 10 years.

"In 1999, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, with the help of the Department of Veterans Affairs, established our Commemorative Garden within the hospital grounds as a way of recognising and remembering the efforts of all returned servicemen and women," Ms Czerkesow said.

"As a nation, we should all be thankful to the men and women who laid down their lives for us so we as a nation could grow and prosper.

"But on this special day we should also look at the impact of war on not only those brave men and women who fought, but also the relatives and friends that were left behind and to the civilians who

lost their lives as a result of living in a war torn country."

Ms Czerkesow said Anzac Day was particularly important to the hospital as more than 30 per cent of its patients are war veterans.

"The hospital is proud to give something back to the returned servicemen and women in our community with high quality health care," Ms Czerkesow said.

"The staff at Brisbane Waters always find the war veterans lovely people to care for and their humble and generous nature is something to be cherished."

The Anzac Day memorial service included a commemoration speech by local World War II veteran Mr Reg Sparkes and a reading of The Ode by Mr Bevin Router.

World War II veteran Mr Frank Lade and his wife Marie also took part by laying a wreath at the garden's memorial plaque.

Mr Lade of Umina served in Papua New Guinea and Borneo throughout World War II.

The 84-year-old said he was able to join the army at the age of 17 by lying about his age after hearing about the devastation from the Darwin bombing and the fall of Singapore.

"After hearing about the impact of the war on Australia, particularly after the bombing of Darwin, I enlisted in the army and went off to Dubbo for training," Mr Lade said.

"When I first got off the barge on the beach in Borneo I looked to my left and there was General

Douglas Macarthur, Commander of the South West Pacific, and he had with him a two-man tank and two American MPs with submachine guns.

"It was amazing, we got about 500 metres inland before the Japanese machine guns opened fire on us.

"The bullets cut the grass right in front of our feet.

"General Douglas Macarthur soon directed the tank towards the spot where the Jap machine gun was.

"We were pretty happy to see the tank with us at that stage.

"But it wasn't until we got further inland that we realised General Macarthur and his tank were gone.

"We would have been more than happy for him to stay with us for the whole expedition with his extra fire power."

Mr Lade said he considered Anzac Day a special time because he can remember the mateship and loss he experienced.

"One mate died in my arms as a result of a Japanese sniper," Mr Lade said.

"It was his eldest daughters third birthday on the day he died.

"I remember him telling me about it in the morning of his death before we headed out.

"I will never forget him and that moment he died in my arms."

**Press release, 25 Apr 2009
Annette Czerkesow, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital**

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Mothers' Day run for cancer

Cafe helps in Morning Tea

Woy Woy resident and breast cancer researcher Ms Sharon Czerniec will participate in the Mother's Day Classic charity fun run in Norah Head on Sunday, May 10.

Ms Czerniec's research group is sponsored by the National Breast Cancer Foundation and studies the long-term health and recovery of breast cancer survivors.

She is currently studying a PhD through the University of Sydney.

Ms Czerniec said the Norah Head Mother's Day Classic was a great opportunity for residents to participate in raising money for breast cancer research.

"While many people think that once cancer is cured, the person is healthy again, it is not that simple," Ms Czerniec said.

"Long-term rehabilitation is needed, with effects on the quality of life for the women affected.

"Lymphedema can occur, which is swelling under the arm caused by the removal of lymph nodes during breast cancer surgery.

"Because young women are affected, it can be very frustrating when they cannot return to their

active lifestyles right away."

According to Ms Czerniec, the Mother's Day Classic is Australia's largest charity walk-run and is held nationally on Mother's Day.

Since its inception in 1998, the Mother's Day Classic has raised up to \$4.4 million for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

More than 70,000 people are expected to take part at events all around Australia, including at the Norah Head event.

Ms Czerniec said the best way people can help out breast cancer victims and their families was to sign up for the Mother's Day Classic.

"Please don't be put off by the fact that it's a walk-run," Ms Czerniec said.

"It's a great family day and a chance for everyone to get together and support the cause."

Registrations are now open for all Mother's Day Classic events held nationally at www.mothersdayclassic.org

Scott Hastings, 30 Apr 2009

Interviewee: Sharon Czerniec, Woy Woy

An Ettalong cafe will be one of the locations for the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for Cancer Council NSW on Thursday, May 28.

The Ettalong Beach Hut cafe is an official High Tea Partner for this year's Cancer Council NSW fundraiser.

Business owner Mr Andy Walker said the full-day event would feature a 40-prize raffle supported by local businesses and sausage sizzle.

"We've held a special Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event for the past six years and thoroughly enjoy the day," Mr Andy Walker.

"We offer a full range of great cakes and slices including our famous Lumberjack Cake, Almond and Peach Cake plus gluten free options, so there's something for everyone.

"We're also encouraging other cafes and businesses across the Central Coast to get involved.

"Ideally we'd love to create a challenge to see which local cafe can create the biggest stir for cancer."

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of Cancer Council's major fundraising events held

annually in May that helps fund vital cancer research, prevention, information and support services like the Cancer Helpline which was accessed by over 760 locals last year.

Community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart said that each year numerous businesses, especially cafes and tea houses, support Australia's Biggest Morning Tea across the region," Ms Chart said.

"It's great to see businesses like Ettalong Beach Hut coming up with new and creative ways to support the cause.

"Ideas like mass morning teas, donating the sales of a particular morning tea treat or giving a percentage of sales from across the entire month of May mean all cafe customers can feel like they have a chance to contribute."

Ms Chart said that it was not too late for others to get involved in the cause.

"While the official date is May 28, morning teas can be held all through the month, and even into June," Ms Chart said.

"Hosting your own morning tea is easy.

"Just invite family, friends and colleagues to your own morning tea and encourage everyone to donate the cause.

"Just call 1300 656 585 or visit www.biggestmorningtea.com.au

to register, and we'll send you a host kit full of ideas on how to host the perfect morning tea for you."

Press release, 21 Apr 2009
Lesley Chart, Cancer Council NSW



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The origins and purpose of Peninsula News

The idea of starting a newspaper just for the Woy Woy Peninsula on the NSW Central Coast arose from early meetings of the Peninsula Community Forum.

The community forum was formed of representatives of all significant organisations active on the Peninsula to discuss issues facing the community.

During discussions, it soon became apparent that many individuals and groups were active but were unaware of each other. They also had difficulty letting the community know about their activities.

One participant noted that he was new to the area but, where he came from, the role was served by the local paper.

It became evident that the existing suburban papers were regional, rather than local, in nature and did not provide the possibility of a comprehensive local coverage.

In addition to communication needs within the community, a number of important developments were planned for the Peninsula by Gosford Council as well as the private sector. These represented investments of many millions of dollars and had long-term implications for our lifestyle on the Peninsula.

A major deficiency in our social infrastructure was identified and the forum encouraged Mark Snell to pursue his idea of establishing a community-based newspaper.

He believed that a newspaper was needed that was a rich information source and provided the community with the opportunity to discuss topical issues. He felt the area was already well served with advertising media and material with an emphasis on entertainment.

It was with this background that a newspaper association was formed with an aim to provide a newspaper that was conscious of its community development role.

Unique features

The vision for the composition of Peninsula News was unique in a number of respects.

With an emphasis on news rather than advertising, it would reverse the normal advertising ratio of 75%.

Budgets were prepared that showed production of a newspaper with a 25% advertising ratio was possible.

The quarter-fold (half-tabloid) presentation, the five-column format, the smaller than usual

headline type size all differentiate Peninsula News from other newspapers.

Unlike the suburban papers, this paper would rely on council stories as its major news source, rather than the police and courts.

It was felt that news of plans being made for our future as revealed at Council meetings reinforced the social health of our community and engendered a positive attitude towards our community and our collective future.

This was in contrast to continuing stories that highlight the occurrence of crime, the more negative elements of our community and a spectator mentality rather than encouraging participation in controlling our own destiny.

Community ownership

This sense of community ownership and involvement was to be embodied in the operation of the newspaper itself.

It would be owned by a community-based incorporated non-profit association, with membership open to all residents of the Peninsula.

The association would license the sales and marketing elements of the newspaper to a commercial operator, while retaining control of policy of the paper and supplying the newspaper's editor.

The structure ensures that the newspaper is responsive to community needs and more answerable to the community for its operation.

Under the licence, the operator must supply news coverage of Gosford Council meetings with the remainder of the paper being filled with community contribution.

The paper actively encourages all groups and individuals on the Peninsula to contribute their news, opinions and items of interest for publication.

It also encourages voluntary involvement in all aspects of its production.

The paper continues to attract volunteers with a range of experience: School students seeking work experience, journalism graduates wanting to break into the industry have all worked with Peninsula News.

Even the editing and proof-reading of the newspaper are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

But volunteers have not been limited to literary fields. Work undertaken by community

members has ranged from typing to computer configuration and programming.

Editorial policy

The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to mention as many members of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated and most will be attributed a source or author.

The future

Peninsula News is not home-delivered, yet it is keenly sought after for its news content as much as for its advertisements.

As we go beyond our first 18 months of existence, there is increasing pressure for the paper to be home delivered and be published more frequently.

The existence of Peninsula News has had a positive effect on the nature of our community over the last 18 months.

Among the benefits, people tell us they are more aware of Council activities and decisions.

They say they feel less isolated in their efforts to improve our quality of life.

The newspaper's existence offers our community the opportunity to become more informed about issues affecting our future. It provides the opportunity to recognise our differences, value our diversity and to build on our common aspirations.

Mark Snell, 18 Aug 2000

Peninsula News celebrates 10 years

This issue of Peninsula News celebrates 10 years of publication.

The first edition was a 12-page paper, issued in April 1999.

Peninsula News was started as a medium of information and communication for and by members of the Peninsula community.

The aims and operation of Peninsula News remain as they were when it started 10 years ago.

The accompanying article, which was written just 18 months after the start of the paper, describes the origins and purpose of the newspaper.

It describes the unique structure, the community ownership through a non-profit association working with a commercial operator, which has allowed the paper to remain viable over the years.

As a result of following these principles, Peninsula News receives much more positive feedback and community support than most mainstream and independent regional and community newspapers.

It is sad but significant that our 10th birthday coincides with the closure of the Sun Weekly and the publication of its last issue last

week, perhaps the last casualty of the battle between News Ltd and Fairfax for domination of the Central Coast.

During the Central Coast newspaper war of 2001-2004, both the Express Advocate and Central Coast Herald produced daily newspapers, and the Daily Telegraph contained a daily Central Coast insert.

The regional media were scrounging for all the news items they could find.

Despite this, Peninsula News maintained its record of providing a better news coverage for the Peninsula than any other medium.

Peninsula News has always had more news items about the Peninsula in each fortnightly issue than all the other media combined.

For this birthday issue, we asked some of the original contributors, such as the then Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales, as well as current community representatives to reflect on the role of Peninsula News in our community.

Mark Snell, 30 April 2009

Social responsibility has been demonstrated

The Peninsula News has been an important addition to the Peninsula community since its maiden edition 10 years ago.

The introduction of a local newspaper dedicated to the Peninsula's news, views and issues, has been an important step forward for the Peninsula community.

The Peninsula News has provided residents with a voice and local representation on the Central Coast.

Providing this service to a community entails tremendous social responsibility.

The Peninsula News has grown substantially from humble beginnings and now provides Peninsula citizens with a solid local information source.

One of the keys to the Peninsula News success is that the paper understands the importance of providing their community with reliable and dependable communication.

With this in mind, it is important to remember that newspapers should be the source of fact.

The Peninsula News has taken



its responsibility to the community seriously and has presented their readers with accurate and timely information, which has consequently built the paper a strong reputation on the Central Coast.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Peninsula News on its 10-year anniversary and thank the paper for its valuable contribution to the Peninsula community.

I look forward to seeing the Peninsula News continue to provide the community with accurate, timely and unbiased facts long into the future.

Cr Chris Holstein,
Gosford mayor

Newspaper is warranted

With a population of about 35,000, the Woy Woy Peninsula is the most densely populated district of the Central Coast.

The Peninsula therefore certainly warrants its own newspaper and I take this opportunity to join with the local community in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Peninsula News.

The fact that the fortnightly editions of Peninsula News cover such a wide range of news, including contributions from the community at large, business, schools, sporting groups as well as Federal, State and Local Government representatives clearly demonstrates the value of having a newspaper which



concentrates on publishing items of interest to local residents.

Congratulations Peninsula News on your 10th Anniversary and I wish the newspaper well for the future.

Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford

Newspaper fills a niche

Congratulations on the 10th anniversary of Peninsula News.

From its inception in 1999, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has been a strong supporter of the publication which has become essential reading for all Peninsula residents over the ensuing years.

Importantly, the newspaper has filled a niche role in the local media providing more detailed coverage on issues that affect Peninsula residents.

Many of these important issues compete for coverage in the wider media whereas Peninsula News provides detailed and balanced analysis.

From business, politics, arts, entertainment and education, Peninsula News gives a wide cross section of news, commentary and



opinion that is vital for healthy community debate.

The Peninsula business community looks forward to another 10 years of successful publications and wishes the paper and its staff every success.

Matthew Wales, 30 Apr 2009
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Recording the changes

The Peninsula has seen significant changes over the past 10 years and the Peninsula News has been there to record them all.

Community newspapers such as the Peninsula News provide a valuable service to residents of the Central Coast.

The Peninsula News has kept people informed about local and national issues that affect their lives, including many of the new initiatives from the Federal Government.

It is also a great vehicle for locals to have their voice heard on matters that they are passionate about.

The Peninsula has seen many signs of significant progress over the past decade, with a steady improvement in many areas of infrastructure provision.

I am always pleased when the Federal Government can help to deliver better services to the people of the Peninsula.



With Government and communities working together in partnership, great things can be achieved.

The Peninsula News has played a vital role in informing and entertaining Peninsula readers over the last 10 years.

It provides a truly essential service for locals and I look forward to another decade of good reading.

Belinda Neal,
Member for Robertson



Connecting the community

Peninsula News plays an important role in connecting the Central Coast community.

It provides local residents and business owners with a valuable communication tool.

The Peninsula News is delivered through a community-based non-profit association, Peninsula Community Access Newspaper Inc.

I commend and congratulate the members of the Peninsula Community Access Newspaper Inc for their exceptional contribution and the success and long life of the paper.

In particular, I would like to commend the association for their efforts on exclusive Peninsula



coverage for the past 10 years through delivering a quality and professional newspaper.

With a print run of 14,000 distributed across the Peninsula, it has promoted a range of events and provided a balanced forum for community debate on social,

environmental, economic, planning and community issues.

It is good to see debate and lively discussion from the locals.

The Peninsula News is an effective vehicle for the delivery of local ideas.

It has successfully engendered pride and community cohesion.

It is this pride and community partnership that has and will continue to add value to the Central Coast region as a whole.

Today we are celebrating an important occasion.

Peninsula News has come a long way and is a valued community newspaper.

John Della Bosca,
Minister for the Central Coast

An important milestone

I wish to add my congratulation to the Peninsula News on achieving its 10th Anniversary.

This is a magnificent achievement and an important milestone.

Over the past decade the Peninsula region has continued to grow rapidly and it is fortunate that the region has had its own newspaper to highlight many of the daily issues and concerns of Peninsular residents.

I remember that as the Member for Robertson in 1999, I wrote an article in the first edition of the paper, welcoming them to the area.



I'm sure many people doubted that the paper would still be thriving some 10 years later, in the competitive media world.

The Peninsula has always had its own identity and for many years

struggled to have its voice heard in the Central Coast region.

Once the Peninsula News was established, it quickly became part of the community and essential reading, by ensuring that their news related specifically to the Peninsula and combining an interesting mix of local events and community interests.

I wish to congratulate everyone connected with the Peninsula News on this important anniversary and I'm sure the paper will continue to play a major role in the local area for many years to come.

Jim Lloyd, 29 Apr 2009
Member for Roberson (1996-2007)
Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads (2004-2007)



Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews joins NSW Parliamentary Standing Committee members for a visit to the Woy Woy Little Theatre

Politicians visit theatre

A NSW Parliamentary Standing Committee recently visited the Woy Woy Little Theatre as part of an inquiry into the arts and cultural plan for the state.

The cultural plan will be aligned with broad government planning strategies for the development of arts and cultural infrastructure outside the Sydney CBD, including regional areas, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"The inquiry received a large number of submissions from councils and organisations, including the Central Coast," Ms Andrews said.

"Following this, members of the committee agreed to a study tour of the region on April 30 and May 1, to undertake further investigations into issues raised in

those submissions." Ms Andrews said other sites were also visited by the committee, including Laycock St Theatre, Gosford Regional Art Gallery and the Youth Arts Warehouse run by Regional Youth Support Services.

She said the committee also met with councillors and officers of Gosford and Wyong councils who were involved in the delivery of local cultural and arts programs and also representatives of a number of organisations.

"This visit has provided committee members with the unique opportunity to obtain first-hand from local art lovers and activists, their suggestions on the development of the state plan," Ms Andrews said.

**Press release, 1 May 2009
Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford**

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The Peninsula Theatre has been described as "the new comedy venue on the Central Coast" following the success and debut of the Comedy Central night in March.

Publicity officer Ms Kim Shepherd said the Peninsula Theatre was looking forward to hosting its second show next month.

"Comedy Central at the Peninsula Theatre will present the next comedy night on June 12, from 8pm," Ms Shepherd said.

"The night will feature two of Australia's funniest comedians Jackie Loeb and Subby Valentine.

"Jackie is not only an accomplished stand-up comedian but a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

"She has appeared on The Footy Show, Good News Week, Comedy Channel's Stand Up Australia, Channel V and is a regular panelist on Thank God It's Friday on 2BL.

"In 1998, Jackie was the recipient of the prestigious Sorlies Cabaret Award at the Sydney Cabaret Convention.

"Her mimicry skills see her parody Bjork, Tracy Chapman, Alanis Morissette, Beyonce and many others."

Ms Shepherd said the theatre was proud to welcome comedian Subby Valentine to the stage.

"Subby is one of Sydney's most experienced and versatile comedians," Ms Shepherd said.

"His abilities extend beyond stand-up into the areas of television and radio writing, sketch comedy acting and a radio presenter.

"Subby has worked extensively on television in Australia appearing as a guest on The Fat, Glasshouse and The Little Things on Fox 8 with Antonia Kidman.

"Subby was a writer on the successful Channel 10 television show Skithouse.

"He was a writer for the successful 2DAY FM Morning Crew Show with Wendy Harmer and has been a presenter on Mix 106.5FM and Triple J."

Tickets for the event start from \$20 for concessions and \$23 for adults.

For bookings and more information, phone 4323 3233.

**Press release, 29 Apr 2009
Kim Shepherd, Comedy Central**



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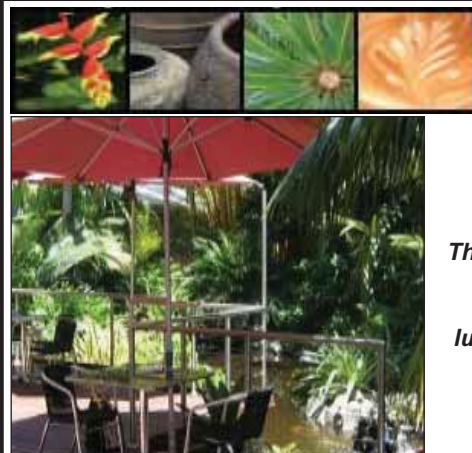
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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

ECC, Everglades Country Club, 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

CWA 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

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

Second Wednesday of every Month

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

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 9.30am, ECC

CWA 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

Fourth Wednesday of every month

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

CWA

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

Drumballa Drum Circle 7.30 RBG

Every Wednesday

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

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

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

Second Saturday of every month

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

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

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Third Saturday of every month

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

Fourth Saturday of every month

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

Last Saturday every month

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

Every Saturday

Vision Impaired Woy Walkers Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, 7.15am, enq: 4325 3686
Chess Club, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC**
Children's Pottery, 9am; **Silvercraft Class**, 1pm **EBACC**
Weight Watchers, 8.30am; **Dance & Theatre School**, 9.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Soft Stone Sculpture** (monthly); **The Web** 4.30pm-9.30pm; **School for Seniors** social outings arranged throughout year, **PCC**
Cash Housie, St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, 7.30pm
Chess Club, 1pm, **EBWMC**
Gym Sessions, 9am; **Drama & Discovery**, 9am, **PCYC**
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721, **WWLC**
Al-anon/Alateen family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy Hospital, 2pm, enq: 4344 6939
Social Dance, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

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

Second Sunday of every month

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am; **Vietnam Vets**, 11am, **EBWMC**
Umina P&C Bushcare, 9am, enq: 4341 9301, **BWSC**

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486

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

EBWM Fishing Club competition, Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.
EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers meeting, enq: 4344 4760
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,

Big band across the bay

The Patonga Sport and Community Group will host a day of big band swing music at the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre on Saturday, May 23.

Event publicity officer Ms Jill Tweedie said the Patonga group was "very excited" to introduce The Swamptown Strutters Picnic to its annual calendar.

"This event will be run along the same lines as our well-established and much-loved Blues Across the Bay but with a different genre of music – big band swing," Ms Tweedie said.

"We have enjoyed some great days at Blues Across the Bay and felt that we would like to present a similar event which might appeal to a different audience.

"Our club is a very enthusiastic and social group, actively involved in the local community, and this will be a great opportunity for others to join us for a great day."

Ms Tweedie said the event featured the Simon Heffernan Sextet with Sandie White on vocals, Steve Russell on piano, Ronnie Papps on drums, Paul Chaplin on guitar, Jason Morphett on tenor saxophone, Simon Frenchie on trumpet and Simon Heffernan on double bass.

"This is one hot band," Ms Tweedie said.

"We thought it would be fun to bring along swing dancers to show us some moves and demonstrate and teach us some of the basics of swing dancing, so dancers from the Nuroc Dance Company will be there to start off the afternoon's entertainment."

According to Ms Tweedie, the event hopes to present something that has never been done in the area before and capture the interest of a wide range of people.

"We realise that the blues is not everyone's cup of tea and some of our more senior residents expressed an interest in dance music," Ms Tweedie said.

"Hence the idea was born. "It is hoped that Peninsula residents and visitors will support this event so that it becomes another annual event on the calendar.

"We put a lot of effort into the organisation and presentation and we just hope that people will come and enjoy a great day."

Participants are encouraged to bring along a picnic lunch and drinks since there will be no shops

at the venue.

Tickets are available from \$25 for children under 15 years and \$35 for adults.

Ticket prices include ferry trip from Patonga wharf to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, entry into the Mess Hall and entertainment.

"The venue at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre is spectacular," Ms Tweedie said.

"For people who have never been there it is worth the trip just to see the beautiful grounds and facilities.

"The Swamptown Strutters Picnic will be held in the beautiful sandstone building used as the Mess Hall.

"There is a lovely timber dance floor with wide, covered verandas with views across Broken Bay.

"Access is by boat only and the easiest way is to catch the ferry from Patonga at 10.30am, returning around 5pm.

"For people using their own boats, there is a sheltered bay for mooring but you can only use the wharf to set down and pick-up passengers.

"This event is not advertised on the website so please email for more information or phone the Swamptown Hotline to purchase tickets on 0417 671 261."

Profits made from the day will go towards funding local projects such as providing picnic furniture in the Patonga Pavilion and installing an irrigation system for Patonga Oval.

Press release, 29 Apr 2009
Jill Tweedie, Patonga Sport and Community Group

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Show based on local childhood

A stand-up comedian in the Sydney Comedy Festival is basing her show on her childhood in Hardy's Bay and Killcare.

She will also be the opening act in Heath Franklin's Chopper comedy show at Laycock St Theatre on Tuesday, May 5.

Felicity Ward, 28, who has been performing stand-up comedy for the past 12 months, said her debut show *Ugly As a Child* looks back at her childhood.

"The show is sort of a celebration of being different," Ms Ward said.

"It's about being ugly as a child, having weirdo parents, having no common sense and growing up in a small town – I blamed that for the way I felt.

"I would tell people stories about my family (My mum used to make me take an order form to school and sell sarongs and slapbands from her shop) or from my life (I was 17 before someone pointed out that I didn't have to pull my skirt down to go to the toilet) and they'd usually respond in gasps of disbelief or laughter, so I thought maybe there was something in it."

Ms Ward said meal time at the family dinner table inspired her to get into comedy.

"We were so brutal to each other," Ms Ward said.

"I feel sorry for any boyfriend that we brought home because they were considered fresh blood.



"Dinner was only successful if someone cried."

Ms Ward said: "I lived in Hardy's Bay until I was 11, then our family decided we needed a change. "Something bigger. Better. So we moved over the hill to Killcare until I was 20.

"I would have moved away from the area sooner but there were only two buses a day back then and I couldn't be bothered taking packed boxes on Busesways."

However, Ms Ward recalls some of her fondest childhood memories while revisiting the area.

"I went back to Putty Beach a couple of weeks ago," Ms Ward said.

"It just doesn't stop being beautiful.

"I remember playing in the mud flats, riding bikes along the track, eating chip butties on Killcare beach and watching people much older and cooler than me live effortlessly in a world of surfing.

"I must admit I do miss the bushwalk out to Box Head and The Yum Yum Tree."

Ms Ward attended Pretty Beach Public School before going on to Gosford High School.

"Up until a certain age, living in Killcare was amazing," Ms Ward said.

"But then I was always too much arty and not enough farty for the Central Coast.

"So although I had a great bunch of friends, I couldn't really make a career or a living or earn respect out of acting."

Ms Ward appeared at this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

She has hosted ABC Radio's The Comedy Hour and enjoyed appearances on the ABC's Spicks and Specks and Network Ten's sketch show The Ronnie John's Half Hour.

For bookings for the Laycock St Theatre performance, contact 4323 3233.

Bookings for the Sydney Comedy Festival can be made by phoning 9020 6966.

Clare Graham, 17 Apr 2009
Interviewee: Felicity Ward,
Ugly As a Child Variety Show

Season of one-act plays

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present a Season of One Act Plays at the Peninsula Theatre from May 22 to 31.

Publicity officer Ms Patrice Horne said the community theatre group was trialing a different concept in the form of a "shoestring production".

"This simply means that the plays are presented with maximum skill and minimal set/props," Ms Horne said.

"This enables a quick change over for each play.

"It is an opportunity to present plays which are shorter than full scale productions but often have worthwhile and thought provoking ideas, as well as unusual concepts.

"This is also an opportunity to utilise more of our actors and directors.

Ms Horne said if the concept proved successful, the theatre group would make it a regular part of its subscription series.

"There will be three plays performed each night including *Mother Figure*, *The Cluttered Nest* and *The Real Inspector Hound*," Ms Horne said.

"Each play will have its own cast and director while the first two plays will be entered into Wyong's Drama Festival later this year, where we have enjoyed success in the past. "Quality will not be compromised – Our productions will retain the high standard patrons have come to know at Woy Woy Little Theatre."

Mother Figure, written by Alan Ayckbourn and directed by Fran Kendall tells the story of Lucy who spends so much time at home with the kids, that she's started to treat everyone – even the next door neighbours – like children.

The Cluttered Nest features Tom and Jean who are enjoying life as 'empty nesters' after the last of their adult children leave home.

Their new peaceful lifestyle is under threat following a late night phone call.

The play is written by local children's author Joan Dalgleish and directed by Barbara Hickey.

Tom Stoppard, writer of *The Real Inspector Hound*, tells the story of two theatre critics who are watching a ludicrous setup of a country house murder mystery, in the style of a 'whodunit'.

By chance, they become involved in the action, causing a series of events that parallels the play they are watching.

The Real Inspector Hound is directed by Penny Dilworth.

Performances will be held on Fridays and Saturdays from 8pm and Sundays from 2pm between May 22 and 31.

Tickets are available at \$15 for adults, \$12 concessions and \$6 for children under 16 years.

For bookings, phone 4344 4737 between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday, from May 11.

Press release, 22 Apr 2009
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Duncan Chalmers at folk club

The Troubadour Central Coast folk club will hold its next meeting in Woy Woy on Saturday, May 23.

Club president Mr Bill Bekric said the club was thrilled to welcome folk musician Duncan Chalmers.

"One of the top singers of folk music in NSW today is Duncan Chalmers," Mr Bekric said.

"He has one of those voices that hits you like a freight train but also tugs on the heart strings. "His songs are rich and diverse and draw on the rugged heartland that is Australia.

"Duncan holds the record for the longest second half at The Troubadour.

"He performed for one-and-a-half hours and the audience just

would not let him go.

"If you haven't heard Duncan, now is your chance.

"With two guitars in different tunings and a huge repertoire, he is not to be missed."

Press release, 30 Apr 2009
Bill Bekric, Troubadour Central Coast

Prizes at shows

Two members of the St John the Baptist Craft Group in Woy Woy have received major prizes for their work in both the Newcastle and Sydney Royal Easter shows recently.

Ms Valda Smith of Blackwall participated in the Newcastle Show on April 2, taking out first prize for a crewel-wool embroidery blanket and a second first prize for an embroidery work cushion of a pelican.

Umina resident Ms Eva Pickford also achieved a first prize in the

Newcastle Show for her patchwork quilting and appliqué.

Ms Pickford attained a second place prize for a casual handmade handbag in this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

The St John the Baptist Craft Group in Woy Woy meets every Thursday at the church hall on the corner of Victoria St and Blackwall Rd.

New members are always welcome.

Phone Pat Savage on 4344 2064 for more information.

Letter, 30 Apr 2009
Denis Smith, Blackwall

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Questacon visits local schools

The Questacon Science Circus will visit several local schools this month as part of its national tour to promote science education.

Pretty Beach Public School, Umina Public School and Brisbane Waters Secondary College Umina Campus will be treated to a hands-on science show.

Science Circus presenter Ms Claire Farrugia said the show would be a great opportunity for teachers and students to get involved in the fun and exciting world of science.

"When we get students up on stage with shows that feature topics like slime, bubbles or liquid nitrogen, they know that this is no ordinary science lesson," Ms Farrugia said.

The Science Circus will also hold an interactive science exhibit at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on

Friday, May 8.

The exhibition will feature more than 50 interactive science exhibits and regular science shows throughout the day.

Ms Farrugia said the exhibition would also be a great chance for families to share, investigate and discover science together.

"Parents have just as much fun as their children," Ms Farrugia said.

"Even those with little or no science background leave with a smile on their face."

Admission to the exhibition is \$18 for families, \$6 for adults and \$5 for children.

The show is a joint initiative of the National Science and Technology Centre, Shell, and the Australian National University.

Press release, 29 Apr 2009
Claire Farrugia, Shell Questacon Science Circus



Students attend Anzac service

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus attended the Woy Woy Anzac Day Dawn Service on April 25.

Student Representative Council coordinator Mr Larry Thomson said it was great to see the students involved in commemorating the

special day.

"The campus has done this now for many years and it is wonderful to see so many students from the school attend this very special occasion," Mr Thomson said.

"The students were there at 5am and during the service laid a wreath for the college.

"The students met and were

photographed with local member Marie Andrews after the service.

"The students then went to breakfast before several then attended the morning service at 10.30am with fellow students from the senior campus."

Press release, 1 May 2009
Larry Thomson, BWSC Umina Campus

Mind Priorities is short-listed

Brisbane Water Secondary College band Mind Priorities has received a Special Finalist Award in the YouthRock band competition on April 5.

The local band joined 44 bands from across NSW in being short-listed from more than 100 entries for a chance to win recording studio time, musical equipment and music video production.

YouthRock is a joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Training, The NSW Department of Premier and

Cabinet, the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW, Arrive Alive and Youth Week.

Founder of YouthRock Mr Alan Smith said the YouthRock competition gives young bands unprecedented exposure in the difficult to break into music industry.

"YouthRock give the kids performance opportunities and exposure to a wide range of music personnel," Mr Smith said.

Press release, 30 Mar 2009
Alan Smith, YouthRock

Leadership forum

Ettalong and Pretty Beach public schools participated in a leadership forum at Tuggerah Public School on March 24.

The two Peninsula primary schools were among 21 other Central Coast schools to attend the forum.

Each school nominated four

students to attend the event and learn about the importance and effectiveness of leaders in the community.

Ettalong students Satali Tevi, Mia Sullivan, Caitlyn Fisher and Nathan Bartley attended the forum as well as Pretty Beach students Ozzie Abrahams, Ellie Boxell, Janine Joseph and Mitchell

Randell.

Keynote speakers who addressed the forum included Blue Dragons Children Foundation Mr Michael Brosowski, NBN newsreader Ms Melinda Smith and Central Coast Mariners coach Mr Laurie McKinna.

Press release, 23 Mar 2009
Tuggerah Public School

Multicultural week at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School held an Aboriginal and Multicultural Week to celebrate the multicultural diversity of the school community recently.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said it was important for both staff and students to recognise and appreciate the diversity of the school.

"Our Aboriginal and Multicultural Week was a huge success," Ms Buckley said.

"It made everyone feel good and it was loads of fun.

"Our students looked the part in all sorts of costume dress from around the world both traditional and modern.

"We had parents displaying objects and pictures of their traditional lands and telling our students about them.

"Our students could get their

faces painted by our family from Papua New Guinea.

"Lots of our students had very spectacular, colourful faces.

"We were entertained by a Fijian Dance group.

"They were fantastic and so alive and full of energy as they portrayed some of their traditional dances.

"Some of our very talented students performed in our little

concert.

"We had Irish dancing, Aboriginal dancing, singing, and a display of Kung Fu Do.

"Mr Janawirri Forrest played the didgeridoo and sang songs in Aboriginal language.

Newsletter, 27 Mar 2009
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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Conference of conferences

The world's greatest money spinners are the world conferences held mainly by the United Nations Organisation and the other alphabetical organizations, WTO, UNESCO, WCF, RSPCC, WTW and government-sponsored associations.

I consulted Dr Phenious Fobbermov of WAA (World Association of Associations) for a rundown.

His answer: "Latest count finds 3362 conferences in 92 different countries for an estimated cost of \$3.1 trillion dollars for this half year to date.

"This is a godsend for otherwise impoverished countries that have no current income other than grants, foreign aid packages and conferences."

"This would seem to be of great benefit to those underdeveloped... sorry... developing countries whose population would otherwise be starving," I ventured.

"Yes and No.

"It does not provide for a healthy

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lifestyle for those 10 per cent of the population in power, and provide for large sports stadiums, airports, grand five star hotels for conference attendees to stay at, and also large fleets of government Rolls Royces, Cadillacs, and private jets for the governing party," Dr Fobbermov replied.

"But there are some of the population of these developing countries who do seem to be in the mainstream and lose out.

"Their main problem is that they do not belong to any recognized association that is barracking for them.

"But, what about those already developed countries who really don't need this additional income stream?" I asked.

"Yes. This is of concern to many of the regular conferences.

"There will be held a conference in the Bahamas by the WAA (World Associations of Associations) next year to address this problem."

Roy Spence,
Woy Woy

I have been watching the media over the past few days regards to the Gosford Council scandal involving \$100 million of public funds being gambled overseas in high risk investments.

It has been reported losses may reach \$50 million.

While the Mayor Chris Holstein chooses to be the mouthpiece for this scandal and continues to cover up the truth, then I will have my say.

For years, ratepayers have paid millions of dollars each year to the Gosford Council with the expectation that the funds are being spent on council services such as roads and drainage, water and sewer, sporting ovals and

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beaches.

Now it has been uncovered by reputable organisations and the ABC 7.30 Report that over \$100 million dollars of public funds have been put at risk in overseas high risk investments without our knowledge let alone our consent.

Now we know why our roads across the Gosford LGA are little more than Third World and our beachfronts and sporting ovals are a disgrace.

What a nightmare.

Just imagine what our communities could have looked like if that \$100 million had been spent in our communities and not stockpiled to speculate on these

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Shame on you Gosford Council.

Jack Galway,
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Uranium export is bad news

To export uranium ore to China, or anywhere else, is very bad news not just for Australia but also for the entire world.

The justification "uranium for energy" is meaningless and deceptive.

Australia owns close to 40 per cent of all uranium ore available in the world.

It is incumbent on such a large potential supplier to set an ethical example.

Nuclear power plants are (a) extremely costly to build and dismantle; (b) provide energy that is not "cleaner and greener"; (c) has the major problem of storing radioactive waste; and (d) in Australia which is not geologically stable as claimed is not a renewable energy.

Exporting the ore to other countries, on the pretense of

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having a moral responsibility to do that, means losing control over its final destination and use.

We could end up with nuclear weapons everywhere.

Minister Martin Fergusson and the Rudd ALP Government, think again.

Klaas Woldring,
Pearl Beach

Establishing a republic will require extensive involvement by the people to accommodate their preferences.

There is now a draft bill for a plebiscite before a Senate Inquiry, initiated by Senator Bob Brown, which would ask voters, "Do you support Australia becoming a republic?"

The use of non-binding plebiscites for important public policy and constitutional questions, rarely used in Australia, is to be highly recommended, for many democratic, media and educational reasons.

However, this single question is inadequate as it doesn't ask anything about the kind of Republic people want.

For example, do the people want a Republic with a strong executive

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President or a symbolic one, like the Governor-General?

Should the President be directly elected (by the people) or indirectly (by the Parliament)?

At the end of the process the people should own and know the Republican constitution.

It must be the expression of the people's sovereignty.

This can only be achieved by a series of plebiscites and subsequent constitutional referendums.

This first plebiscite is to be put at the time of the next federal election and will therefore cost very little.

There are over 250 submissions.

Mine is along the lines of the suggestions made here.

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Rogers Park oval vandalised

Members of the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club are "devastated" by the recent vandalism attack to Rogers Park Oval, Woy Woy.

Brisbane Water Local Area Command duty officer Inspector Bruce McGregor said the incident occurred in the early hours of April 25.

According to Inspector McGregor, a stolen car was reported missing and later found by police in the centre on Rogers Park Oval.

He said the car was found bogged, burnt out and abandoned, and it appeared the driver had done some damage to the surface of the oval.

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club secretary Mr Russell Downey said the community members of the club, who have relocated to Rogers Park for home games, could not make sense of the attack on their fields.

"On a day that volunteers have put aside their time on our most

revered holiday Anzac Day to improve facilities, not only for the club but the community, with a working bee to repaint the old toilet block covered in graffiti by previous attacks, it was a severe kick in the guts to see a car abandoned and burnt out by senseless hooligans," Mr Downey said.

"If this had been our first home game, we would have had to abandon the day and disappoint over 400 players plus their families.

"It seems like we may have to take the same action as our cricket clubs and guard our community assets ourselves on a night before game day placing a further strain on volunteers.

"The club has asked the council for assistance in this matter to provide bollards blocking entrance to the fields of Rogers Park by unauthorised vehicles, and the sooner this happens obviously the better.

"Our aim in relocating to Rogers Park is to continually improve the facilities on an area that

is recognised as an extremely important open space not only for sporting clubs but the community itself, and this was evident in the support we received from the community on the day following this attack."

Gosford Council's coordinator of active open spaces Ms Karen Tucker said council were in the process of finalising plans to install bollards at Rogers Park when the vandals struck.

"Council is currently finalising plans to install bollards in Erina Ave and surrounding the sporting ground where vehicles may gain restricted access to," Ms Tucker said.

"Council expects work to be completed by the end of the financial year."

Scott Hastings, 1 May 2009

Interviewee: Bruce

MacGregor, Brisbane Water

Local Area Command

Karen Tucker, Gosford Council

Press release, 30 Apr 2009

Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior

Rugby League Football Club

Grant to compete in Greece

Woy Woy resident Mr Troy Chapman has received a \$1000 scholarship to compete in the Shotokan Karate International Federation World Championships held in Greece in July.

The grant comes from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils, a joint initiative of Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils to promote sporting and cultural achievements.

The 28-year-old has been selected to compete at the World Championships in the under 75kg weight class, having competed at state, national and international levels over the last three years in the same weight category.

A black-belt fighter, Mr Chapman has been doing karate for 11 years and practices up to 18 hours a week.

He trains in Budgewoi with fellow competitor Mr Darren Brayley, while also travelling to Sydney for training and competitions.

According to Mr Chapman, the sport is all about setting your own goals and working hard to achieve them.

"Karate is great whatever your ability level," Mr Chapman said.

"I love how competitive the sport is, how you depend on yourself to get results.

"The sport also allows you to build relationships with other athletes and coaches, which will endure even after your career is over.

"The support from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils is excellent, I wasn't expecting it but it certainly makes things easier, with going to the championships."

Mr Chapman said his trip to Greece to compete would not be his only achievement this year as he is expecting his first child this month.

Scott Hastings, 30 Apr 2009

Interviewee: Troy

Chapman, Woy Woy

Flags taken down

Volunteer surf lifesavers from Killcare, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach surf clubs took down their red and yellow flags on April 26, to mark the end of the NSW patrol season.

According to Surf Life Saving NSW, Ocean Beach recorded six rescues, 367 preventable actions and 379 club memberships, while Umina Beach undertook 71 rescues, 872 preventable actions and 523 club memberships.

Killcare recorded a total of 20 rescues, 344 preventable actions and 307 club memberships.

Total figures for Central Coast patrolled beaches included 777 rescues, 15,076 preventable actions and 7387 club memberships.

Figures were expected to be significantly higher, with clubs logging final statistics after the season ends.

Press release, 21 Apr 2009

Natalie Harrison, Surf

Life Saving NSW

Grant for rugby league equipment

Woy Woy Rugby League Club has received a \$2000 State Government grant that will be used to buy new training equipment.

Four other Central Coast sports clubs have also received funding of up to \$2500.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews joined Minister for Sport and Recreation Mr Kevin Greene in announcing the grant.

"This funding will help local athletes get the most out of their fitness training and to develop their on-field skills," Mr Greene said.

"Grassroots sport plays a strong role in encouraging healthy, active lifestyles and developing our future sporting champions."

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