

Council offered payment by Lehman

Gosford Council may receive a payment equivalent to about 8.7 cents in the dollar for its Lehman Australia overseas investments as part of a creditor agreement which would prevent the council from suing the investment company.

It is understood this payment would be in addition to any money the Council was able to recover from the failed investments themselves.

Creditors of Lehman Brothers Australia Ltd were reported in the financial media to have agreed on Thursday to a plan proposed by its largest creditor Lehman Brothers Asia Holdings for a deed of company arrangement.

The agreement would repay the Asian Lehman subsidiary more and would avoid the costs and time involved in legal action.

Lehman Australia's administrators Mr Stephen Parbery and Mr Neil Singleton of PPB were reported as ultimately recommending the plan.

Mr Singleton was reported as telling AAP: "The benefit of that is it enables us to pay the employees and general creditors in full, early, and it provides a very reasonable return to the contingent creditors, the former investors including councils and charities."

However, it is understood that some of the contingent creditors may challenge the proposed agreement.

Gosford Council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky told Peninsula News: that the council was represented a meeting of contingent creditors on Thursday, which included many other Councils.

Mr Pasternatsky said: "What was put forward by the Lehman Brothers Australia administrators was a

Deed of Company Arrangement that offers Gosford Council, along with all other creditors once the proof of debt is accepted, payment in return for creditors not taking any future legal action against Lehman Brothers for acts deemed perhaps as deceptive, misleading and the like.

"What this means is where there is no contractual right, Lehman Brothers Australia is forever released, discharged and extinguished when a contingent litigation creditor receives their entitlements under the Deed.

"This has no impact on our investments which remain in place.

"The final monetary outcome will be determined by the Lehman Brothers Australia administrators once the proof of debt from creditors is accepted.

"The likely formula may be based on the loss incurred as at September 26 last year, the day Lehman Brothers Australia went into administration."

Mr Pasternatsky said that the loss would be "the difference between the face value and the mark-to-market of each investment".

"Such details are yet to be confirmed by the Lehman Brothers Australia administrators, but will be once the proof of debt is accepted and any challenges to the proposed Deed of Company Arrangement resolved.

"However, please note that this has nothing to do with accepting up to 13 cents in the dollar for our Lehman Brothers instigated investments, mainly some of our CDOs.

"Our investments remain in place irrespective of any Deed of Company Arrangement that is agreed to."

**Email, 29 May 2009
Nic Pasternatsky,
Gosford Council**



Ettalong Beach foreshore set to receive \$3.3 million facelift if Federal Government Jobs Fund application proves successful

Council seeks \$2.8M for Ettalong foreshore

Gosford Council has applied for more than \$2.8 million for the Ettalong Beach foreshore under the Federal Government's Jobs Fund program.

Council's manager of open spaces and leisure services Mr Phil Moore said the cost of works proposed for the area totalled \$3.3 million.

He said the funding would go towards improving the Ettalong Beach Foreshore as stated in the area's Plan of Management.

Works would include the completion of the last two viewing platforms promised for the foreshore, a beach facility building at the end of Beach St, bush regeneration, construction of a small playground, lighting, park furniture and construction of a shared pedestrian pathway between Beach St and Kourong St.

"Council hopes to achieve better

access to site for the community through these embellishments, which will also include improved access and facilities for all, which will assist to draw people to the area and support local community," Mr Moore said.

Mr Moore said council had received a great deal of community support for the funding application from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Ettalong Beach Business Group, Mantra Resort, Beachside Family Centre and the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival committee.

"The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has been a strong and long-time advocate for the upgrading of the Ettalong Beach foreshore and was instrumental in adoption by Gosford Council of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Masterplan," Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"Over recent years, the chamber

has actively supported Gosford Council in its efforts to source both state and federal funding for the Stage 1 high priority works.

"For many of our members who have worked tirelessly over the years to achieve satisfactory outcomes for the foreshore precinct, the proposed application is both welcomed and timely. "We strongly encourage the Federal Government to support the funding initiative."

Mr Moore said council was unsure when the funding application would be processed and finalised.

Council has also applied for funding under the Jobs Fund program for an upgrade to Mt Ettalong lookout.

Funding proposals for the program were accepted until May 22.

**Email, 29 May 2009
Phil Moore, Gosford Council
Letter, 26 May 2009
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce**

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National Parks walks program

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has two walks on the Peninsula planned for June as part of its National Parks Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours program.

The walks cover the areas of Killcare to Blackwall and Blackwall to Patonga

Day six of the Coastal Walk Series will take place on Sunday, June 7, at Killcare.

This leg of the Coastal Walk Series will begin at 7.30am for an eight-and-a-half hour walk to Blackwall.

Day seven of the Coastal Walk

Series will take place on Sunday, June 14, exploring the path between Blackwall and Patonga.

Participants are encouraged to bring comfortable footwear, sunscreen, water, hat and snacks to all walks.

Both walks cost \$20 per person per day and are recommended for fit and experienced walkers.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 4320 4205 by 12noon Friday before the walk takes place.

**Pamphlet, 28 May 2009
National Parks and
Wildlife Service**

Environment group seeks members

The Peninsula Environment Group is looking for more active members who want to help promote sustainable living and build a local green network.

The group is encouraging local residents to participate in several activities it has planned over the coming weeks.

A film night will take place on June 2, featuring the documentary *Our Seeds* and looks at communities saving seeds and preserving agricultural biodiversity around the Pacific region.

The film will be screened prior to the group's meeting at the Woy Woy Environment Centre from 6.30pm.

The Woy Woy Environment

Centre is located at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The group will also hold a two-hour bushwalk exploring Blackwall Mountain while learning about wildflowers in the area.

The walk will commence at the Woy Woy Environment Centre from 9am.

The local environment group also hold regular picnic days on the third Sunday of each month in Lions Park, Woy Woy, from 11am to 2.30pm.

The group's next picnic day will be held on June 21.

For more information, visit the group's website at www.peninsulaenvironmentgroup.org

**Email, 29 May 2009
Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula
Environment Group**

House sells for \$1.48 million

A Killcare beach house has recently sold for \$1.48 million after just 29 days on the market.

The house, located 250-metres from the beach, contains five bedrooms, three bathrooms, ocean views and a separate self-contained living area for guests.

The house was advertised on the internet with only two Sydney Morning Herald advertisements.

A family from Sydney's Upper North Shore who have been searching for a holiday home for twelve months are the new owners.

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Central Coast Business Review**

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Council works

Gosford Council will undertake works at various locations on the Peninsula from June 1 to 7.

The replacement of unlined fittings to aid council's Water Quality 2010 Program will take place in several streets in Ettalong and Umina including Beach St, Banglow St, Barrenjoey Rd, Palm St, Burrawang St, Lagoon St, Kourung St and Warrah St.

Minor works to complete the newly constructed Killcare Surf Club will also continue.

**Press release, 29 May 2009
Shannon Curtis, Gosford Council**

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Ferry cancelled due to bad weather

The Palm Beach Ferry Service cancelled its service between Wagstaffe, Ettalong and Palm Beach due to poor weather conditions on May 23.

Ferry service general manager Mr Matt Lloyd said he made the decision to cancel the service as a result of large swells and high winds along the coast.

Mr Lloyd said his decision to cancel the service was not a result of conditions at the entrance to Brisbane Water channel on the day.

"The swell direction was north to north east and the channel therefore was not a major factor in the cancellation of our services as the swell was not getting into the channel at Box Head," Mr Lloyd said.

"However, there is still a concern in the channel where the depth of water rises from 15 to four feet.

"This rapid rise causes water to break dangerously across the

channel and is a major safety concern.

Mr Lloyd said he believed the conditions of the channel "had not changed a lot" over the past six months.

"It seems to have settled for the moment, all be it in quite a dangerous fashion," Mr Lloyd said.

"The channel now contains 45 degree bends in it and a navigation width of approximately 30 metres.

"These factors coupled with the tidal run are what makes this a dangerous scenario."

A notice of motion on planning for responsible dredging of Brisbane Water channel was put forward by Cr Peter Freewater at a council meeting on May 26.

Due to Cr Freewater's absence from the meeting the matter has been deferred until council's June 2 meeting.

Cr Freewater has proposed council provide consultants Cardno Lawson Treloar with recent hydrological surveys undertaken by NSW Maritime.

The consultants have developed a coastal lake assessment and modelling tool to assess sedimentation problems in Brisbane Water, according to Cr Freewater.

Along with several other proposals, Cr Freewater has also recommended the company consider whether or not its original dredging plan would still be adequate to address the navigation concerns at the entrance channel.

"Fingers crossed that the council will resolve something... but I will not be holding my breath," Mr Lloyd said.

Email, 26 May 2009
 Matt Lloyd, Palm Beach Ferry Service
 Council agenda NM.12, 26 May 2009

Peter Hale moves on

Former general manager of Ettalong Beach Club, Mr Peter Hale, has stepped down as chairman of Central Coast Tourism to become chief of a NSW regional tourism body.

According to Central Coast Tourism, Mr Hale resigned from the board after 20 years of service due to his new appointment as chief executive officer of the NSW Forum of Regional Tourism Organisations.

Central Coast Tourism's deputy chairman Mr Barton Lawler has taken over as acting chairman

until the organisations next annual meeting in December.

Mr Lawler said he thanked Mr Hale for his long-term contribution and achievements for Central Coast Tourism.

He also highlighted Mr Hale's breakthrough work on gaining additional State Government funding for all 13 tourism regions in NSW.

As a result, Central Coast Tourism will receive \$690,000 per year over the next three years.

Press release, 26 May 2009
 Ginnie Thompson,
 Central Coast Tourism

Double the speed limit

A 21-year-old Patonga man has had his license suspended after police allegedly caught him speeding at more than double the speed limit along the F3 freeway near Mt Colah on May 18.

Police from Kuring-gai highway patrol were conducting stationary speed detection duties on the F3 Freeway at Mt Colah when, at about 9.40pm, they spotted the Subaru WRX travelling at 224km/h in a 110km/h zone.

Police activated their lights and sirens and stopped the car a short distance away.

The Patonga driver had his license suspended on the spot and was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice for the offences of exceed speed limit more than 45km/h and driving at a dangerous speed.

The man will appear at Hornsby Local Court on June 11.

Press release, 19 May 2009
 NSW Police Force

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F3-M2 link is 'shovel-ready'

The lack of funding for the F3-M2 link is an absolute disgrace and a direct reflection of the level of representation we now have on the Coast at a Federal level.

I don't believe that the current Member for Robertson has once raised the issue of the F3 or even mentioned it in her time as a Member.

When I was Minister for Roads, I have to say that the Member for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon, was constantly lobbying me for funding for the F3 to Branxton link.

I took the view that the F3 to M2 link and the widening of the F3 took priority as these projects would benefit more of the population including his Hunter residents.

It is obvious that the Member for Hunter has continued to lobby the new Government and has been rewarded with \$1.5 billion in funding, while our two Central

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Coast members have been more concerned with dealing with their own internal issues and have not raised the F3 to M2 project.

This project has not received one Rudd dollar.

When you consider that both are members of the Rudd Labor Government this is quite disgraceful.

When I left Parliament this project was ready to go.

The Pearlman report, which I commissioned, had been completed and found that the "purple option" route was in fact viable.

All it needed was an injection of funds.

Kevin Rudd wanted shovel-ready projects and here was one that would have benefited all of the Central Coast.

Prime Minister Rudd and his Central Coast members have let down the Central Coast and I can only hope motorists remember this when they continue to be stuck in ever increasing traffic jams at the Wahroonga end of the F3 almost every day.

If anyone ever doubted that the quality of your local member made a difference then this is a clear example that it certainly does have a major impact.

I'm sure all Central Coast residents will think very carefully about their choices at the next federal election in less than 18 months time.

You can only imagine the uproar on the Labor side that would have occurred, if the Liberals were still in Government, and I had failed to secure the funding for the F3-M2 link!

Jim Lloyd,
Mooney Mooney

Listen to serial whingers

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people and the community are again demanding an open and honest inquiry into the Piles Creek tragedy.

If we are considered "serial whingers" by Gosford Council, for a moment remind yourselves "there but for the grace of God go I".

Pat Garnet,
Terrigal

The defective Piles Creek culvert, which caused the deaths of five people, is a perfect example of where the "gambled money" of the Gosford Council could have been spent (Jack Galway 22/5/09).

This is what happens when the "serial whingers" are not listened to, and their pleas not answered.

The families of the five dead

Live with nature, don't fight it

Politicians are found with their snouts in the trough; the Irish are aghast at the findings of an enquiry into government and church children's institutions; we may be bothered at the thought of the retirement age being raised; and our local government may yet again be pleading to put up the rates - but the natural things of the planet just keep on doing whatever it is they do.

Lake Eyre is slowly filling with water coming from North Queensland and birds are flocking there to enjoy the burst of life which springs up from where it has been held in suspended animation for many years.

In much the same way, the wind and the waves are doing what they always do at beaches, blowing and moving sand around, removing sand from one place and depositing it elsewhere.

This is very obvious at Ocean Beach.

In June-July 2007, two-and-a-half to three metres of dune was lost and recently at the end of April another one metre went and is continuing to go, with the beach littered with plants and shrubs.

The people who yet again have cut down the Banksias to improve their view and/or the value of their property may soon get more than they bargained for as the water creeps ever nearer to The Esplanade.

There will be no point in yelling out for help for, as the mayor said in 2007, "it is natural".

A householder on the Gold Coast recently lost 19 metres of his land to the sea.

The developers, letting agents and householders along The Esplanade seem not to understand that they do not have 19 metres to lose.

I sent photographs to the School

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of Geo-sciences at the University of Sydney and their reply confirmed this.

They explained that variations in the El Nino/La Nina conditions contribute to these periods of erosion and instability and they are multi-decadal, which means that those in power making the decisions are never in office long enough to really see the effects of their decisions.

I believe there is nothing that we can do except make wiser planning decisions along our coastline in future.

Let us hope that we remember all this when we attend workshops about the Brisbane Waters Estuary.

It is first and foremost a natural feature and what we humans want is relevant only if we remember to live with the estuary instead of constantly fighting against it for what we can get out of it.

Margaret Lund,
Woy Woy Bay

Area Health steals Peninsula equipment

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to the Peninsula community for its bravery in standing up and being counted to save the rehabilitation unit at Woy Woy Hospital.

Its removal is a despicable and callous crime against the people of the Peninsula and Gosford.

Also I acknowledge the great input made by Ed James, who always has the community first in his heart.

I congratulate him on his integrity and tenacity.

Ed has great clarity of thought in any matter of community, and his

past efforts are to be admired and are appreciated by the community.

Where is Marie Andrews? Where is Chris Hartcher? Where is the Mayor?

The Rehabilitation Unit is a lost cause, only because of the weak-kneed, incompetent politicians we elected, in our grave error, and mistakenly hoping for decent representation.

May God forgive us for this hideous mistake.

The Unit will come back to Woy Woy.

It will be rebuilt, and with community ownership, as it has

always been, and will rise like phoenix from the ashes of this politically and bureaucratically orchestrated disaster.

It was a lost cause long before it became known to the public.

Bureaucrats excel at this type of exercise: "Let's disregard the little people, the community, and what they think they need, because we know what they are or are not going to have."

Who are these people to make decisions that affect the entire community from Hawkesbury to Wyong?

Can we expect, or will we demand, from the next incoming political representative, that the first task undertaken will be to replace what has been stolen from the community?

Exercise machines and 30 hi-tech beds costing \$10,000 each, which were provided by the various ladies committees over a long, long period of time, have all been stolen from the community by Area Health.

This equipment is the property of the citizens of Gosford and the Peninsula community.

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Seven-storey Hardy's Bay proposal rejected

Gosford Council has rejected an amended development application for a proposed seven-storey Araluen Dr retail and residential building in Hardy's Bay after receiving more than 700 objections from local residents and businesses.

Hardy's Bay Residents Group president Mr Adrian Williams said this was a very pleasing result for local residents.

He said local residents had been fighting the development application since September last year.

"After the council received over 600 objections to the initial proposal, the developer made a number of amendments to the plan, and it was put on public display for a second time," Mr Williams said.

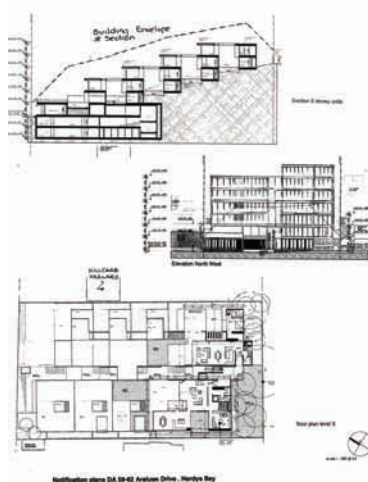
"This time the council received over 700 objections to the amended proposal.

"Clearly the minor changes made by the developers were not enough to convince locals that the size and style of the development suited the bay.

"A large, seven-level building covering three blocks of land and requiring the removal of over 100 large trees was considered out of context with the character of Hardy's Bay and not in keeping with the minimalist approach to foreshore development that has been advocated by local groups."

Mr Williams said it was overwhelming to see the amount of community support from across the area to oppose the development.

"It seems from the number of letters received by council that more



than 40 per cent of residents in the area objected to the development," Mr Williams said.

"This is a significant percentage.

"From my understanding this was the most objections ever to be received by council over a development—a great achievement for our local community."

However, Mr Williams said there were fears the developer would not rest on council's decision to reject the seven-storey building.

"We as a group expect further appeals from the developer to the Land and Environment Court," Mr Williams said.

"We are preparing for this issue to be taken further.

"Should this occur, we would have no hesitation in supporting council in court."

**Clare Graham, 29 May 2009
Interviewee: Aidan Williams,
Hardy's Bay Residents Group
Website, 25 May 2009
Hardy's Bay Residents Group**

Whinging Councillors Cost Ratepayers Tens of Millions

Richard No one. You have been selective in what you have written in the Telegraph on May 25 page 12.

I note a particularly inaccurate bit of your spin "SERIAL whingers are costing councils millions as they investigate frivolous complaints - with one self-professed crusader racking up a \$36,400 bill for a year", which was on line as a teaser under a head shot of me, cut from the picture Mr. Gary Graham took of me out side my commercial property in Umina.

It has now been removed from the Telegraph site, but not until after I pointed out there will be a problem proving the truth of what is put out for public consideration, the damage is done.

The public perception particularly among those who know me and are aware of my political fight for justice, understand that your story is a partisan attack on me written in support of that cancer on Local Government, Gosford City Council.

I did not write 736 letters in eight years to the corrupt Gosford City Council.

I told you that was untrue.

The council did not spend 30 minutes each week talking to me.

Even you should know that I spent well over four hundred days and nights calling on our elected representatives inside the NSW Parliament for them to intercede on my dying father's behalf.

Certainly Bob Car, John Brogden, Barry O'Farrell, Chris Hartcher, Q Ball Costa and hundreds of others, mostly politicians and the parliamentary security, will set you right on that score.

I expect News Limited would have some difficulty in finding truth in the beat up which they helped you put across the NSW media on radio and television.

Your imputation Richard in the page 12 spray on Monday May 25, 2009, that my fight to have the corrupt Gosford City Council sacked, all the politicians involved discredited and their political careers washed up for accommodating the systemic bullying of my elderly father and Gosford City council's attempt to stand over us and trick us out of our existing use rights is a process of trivial nuisance and unreasonable complaints since 2001 is offensive to me and my supporters, you should have known better.

Your slick spin is no substitute for honest unbiased reporting.

Cherry picking and writing half truths won't protect those wicked politicians whom I identify as having accommodated the denial of due process.

Your employer has over years ignored much of what I have offered free in the way of information and photo journalism, so much of which has been published



elsewhere.

At least one of my photo exposés' was so damn attractive, someone went out to the Central Coast Highway and took their own identical photo, which then went national.

But those who matter know that I found and photographed the rusty old Acro prop holding up the Central Coast Highway a few miles from where five people died because of human error!

Ratepayers know that the replacement of several culvert pipes beneath Pearl Beach Drive happened only after I was asked to become involved.

I have kept a photo record of the slow slip of Mount Ettalong toward the road and houses below.

The Sydney Morning Herald published more of my photo journalism revealing the damaged culvert pipes and very dangerous condition of the road above houses in Jade Place and elsewhere beneath the escarpment.

What a surprise that the corrupt Gosford City Council had been sitting on the information for over a year.


Piles Creek, Leask Creek and Woy Woy Road in two places are evidence that the council does bugger all for the rates it collects.

I have stepped up where others are too busy working to feed their families and pay mortgages or just too frightened to say something.

I have engaged with politicians who are not worth their weight in salt.

When the bought and paid for media attack me for standing up for my rights, they are attacking the rights of everyone who draws breath beneath the stars of the Southern Cross.

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Shopping centre celebrates 25 years

Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre in Woy Woy has celebrated 25 years on the Peninsula.

The centre officially opened in April 1984 and was said to have changed the shopping habits of consumers of the Peninsula and surrounding suburbs.

Retailers who have remained tenants since the centre's opening in 1984 include Deepwater Surf, Peters Meats, Suzanne Grae and the Greater Building Society.

In 1994, the centre expanded with the addition of a Franklin's supermarket, Lowes Menswear

and Bakers Delight.

Further expansion took place in 2005 bringing the area of the centre to more than 18,000sqm.

In the national shopping centre stakes, Deepwater Plaza rates 21st out of a total 160 "Mini Gun" shopping centres in Australia.

Current pedestrian traffic to the shopping centre is estimated at more than four million people per year.

Deepwater Plaza is currently owned by the Schwartz Family Co Pty Ltd and is managed by Savills Australia.

Newsletter, 28 May 2009
Central Coast Business Review



Doggie bag team commended

The Hardy's Bay Resident's Group has commended several group members for their commitment and dedication to keeping the Hardy's Bay foreshore a cleaner place to enjoy.

Group president Mr Adrian Williams said the team of "quiet achievers" had been regularly monitoring and replenishing dog waste bags along the waterfront for the last three years.

"It all began when Gosford Council officers responded to overtures made by the group and visited the local community to inspect proposed locations for the positioning of bio-degradable bag dispensers," Mr Williams said.

"Council subsequently granted permission for the installation of

the containers and supplied the bags with the understanding that it would be the group's responsibility to oversee the process on a regular basis.

"In turn, a number of enthusiastic volunteers, including Hardy's Bay resident Janet Egan in a major role, have been assiduously carrying out the duties.

"The implementation of Operation Doggie Bag, as it has become popularly known, has been hailed an outstanding success in which a stroll around the foreshore has been transformed into a significantly more enjoyable and virtually unblemished experience."

Mr Williams said the project fell into threat after council withdrew

its funding and its support for the provision of bags.

He said the group were fortunate to receive support from Woy Woy veterinary surgeon Dr Rainer Mettal to maintain the project.

"His generous donation has enabled the ladies to continue to closely attend to this vital community function by servicing the bags on a regular basis and preserving the cleanliness of what has been freely described as one of the most charming foreshore walks on the Central Coast," Mr Williams said.

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Hardy's Bay Residents Group

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Multicultural service operates here

The Multicultural Social Support Service is looking for Peninsula residents to join its team of clients and volunteers.

Team leader Ms Sandra Wingrave said the service already had eight clients from the Peninsula who regularly received assistance.

"Many older residents living on the Peninsula may be socially isolated," Ms Wingrave said.

"Perhaps their families live away from them, and they may no longer drive, so do not have the opportunities to socialise as much as they once were able.

"Being socially involved and participating in leisure and other activities with people helps

maintain a healthy brain.

"If you have a neighbour or friend or family member who has a non-English speaking background and is over 65 years of age, or younger and with a disability, or who is a carer for someone, they may like to receive assistance from the Multicultural Social Support Service."

Ms Wingrave said the social support service was always looking for volunteers to lend a hand.

For further information, contact the Multicultural Social Support Service on 4334 3877.

Press release, 27 May 2009
Sandra Wingrave, Multicultural Social Support Service

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Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein enjoys a bike ride at Woy Woy with Dean Leslie and Frank Williams

More funding for bike path

Gosford Council has received a \$215,500 State Government grant to complete the 15km Gosford to Ettalong Cycleway.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said the funding would provide an 800-metre extension allowing the cycleway path to continue from Blackwall Point to Ettalong Beach.

"The NSW Government's Coastline Cycleway Program provides government funding to non-metropolitan councils along the entire length of the NSW coast for the provision of new and upgraded cycleways," Ms Andrews said.

"This cycleway is proving extremely popular with the local community and this latest funding will allow construction of a new off-road section of the path.

"Construction of this key missing link will create a continuous 15-kilometre route between Ettalong Beach and Gosford for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike.

"It will also provide the opportunity for people to travel to work or the shops on their bike rather than using the car, which as we all know, is a benefit for the environment as well."

Ms Andrews said Gosford Council had now received a total of more than \$832,000 for the Woy Woy to Ettalong Foreshore Cycleway under the Coastline Cycleway Program.

"The Coastline Cycleway Program is an important part of the Government's support for cycling as a healthy, enjoyable activity that

families can enjoy together," Ms Andrews said.

"The Woy Woy to Ettalong Foreshore Cycleway provides an excellent opportunity for people to get out and about and enjoy the wonderful natural beauty of the Central Coast.

"Projects like this also provide an additional attraction for tourists which in turn provides a boost for the local community.

"The funding will be matched dollar for dollar by council and is another example of what state and local government can achieve together."

Meanwhile, Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein recently enjoyed a bike ride along the cycleway between Gosford and Woy Woy.

Cr Holstein used the council's recently-purchased power-assisted bicycle to make the journey easier.

"I have not been on a bicycle since I was riding to Terrigal to play football," Cr Holstein said.

"The power assisted bicycle is ideal to help me take up cycling again with ease.

"It provides a beneficial transport alternative to improve personal health and fitness and helps the environment by reducing traffic congestion and emissions."

Cr Holstein was joined by Mr Frank Williams of The Bicycle Shop in Woy Woy and other bicycle enthusiasts on the ride.

Press release, 26 May 2009
Marie Andrews,

Member for Gosford
Press release, 20 May 2009
Alison Hood, Gosford Council

Cellist to play at Pearl Beach

Cellist David Pereira will be among performers at the 16th annual Pearl Beach Music Festival held next weekend.

"The line-up is headed by David Pereira, who is regarded as one of this country's finest cellists," event convenor Mr Peter Lazar said.

"David Pereira and concert pianist Katherine Day will perform at the Saturday evening concert on June 6, playing Bach's Sonata in G minor BWV 1029, which was originally scored for viola da gamba and continuo.

"The opening concert of the festival program on Saturday afternoon offers a good balance of fine chamber music including items by Danzi, Reicha, Ravel and Nielsen to be performed by The New Sydney Wind Quartet with guest horn player Anton Schroeder.

"The Rameaunes, who describe themselves as a Speculative Baroque Orchestra, will play Vivaldi, Bononcini, Fontana and Pasquini pieces from the 17th and 18th centuries, on original instruments including the harpsichord and lute on Sunday, June 7, from 2.30pm.

"The Sunday evening concert will feature Con Spirito, the String Chamber Ensemble of the Central Coast Conservatorium, which will perform Boccherini's Guitar Quintet in D major with guest guitarist



Cellist David Pereira set to perform at Pearl Beach in June

Giuseppe Zangari.

"And as a more light-hearted closer to the festival, Con Spirito will play music from Latin to Latvia with internationally experienced singer, Liliija Sile, who was principal soprano with the Latvian National Opera in Riga."

Mr Lazar said all concerts would be staged in the recently renovated

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Tickets to each concert are available for \$35 for adults and \$15 for children.

Proceeds from the festival will go towards community environment activities.

Press release, 19 May 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Pool fund tally climbs

The Save the Pearl Beach Rock Pool fundraising campaign has reached more than \$30,000 following a \$500 donation from the Umina Beach Blue Swimmers Winter Swimming Club.

Now in its fifth month, the fundraising campaign hopes to raise up to \$100,000 for the repair and restoration of the heritage-listed rock pool.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr Rod Craig said its \$100,000 goal was achievable and hoped all levels of government would take the fight to save the local icon seriously.

Mr Craig said the local community and supporters of the campaign were looking forward to a number of fundraising activities planned for the remainder of the year.

"Following the success of the first fundraising event held in January, Wollombi Wines a boutique winery

from the Hunter Valley have agreed to return for another cellar door tasting and sales on Saturday, July 18," Mr Craig said.

"The following weekend Sydney antique dealers have agreed to hold a Collectables Appraisal Day on Sunday July 26.

"Proceeds from these events will be added to the fund.

"Also, throughout October, we will be holding a month of special fundraising events to celebrate 80 years of progress in Pearl Beach.

"Though the first house in Pearl Beach was not completed until 1926, by 1929 an active local progress association had been formed.

"The early settlers began meeting in an endeavour to improve services to the village and this tradition continues today by an active membership of the progress association."

Press release, 26 May 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Seniors to wait 12 weeks

Members of the Ettalong Senior Citizen's Centre have been told they will have to wait a further 12 weeks for the safe removal of asbestos found in the building's air conditioning system in March.

Gosford Council has been given clearance by WorkCover NSW to carry out the works to ensure the reoccupation of the centre.

Council has arranged for

activities to be held at alternative venues while the work is carried out over the next couple of months.

Changes to venues include Monday and Thursday dancing moved to the Peninsula Community Centre from 9am to 11.30am each day.

The community centre will also temporarily house painting on Fridays from 9am to 11am.

Handicraft on Tuesdays from 9am will also be relocated to the

Peninsula Community Centre.

Thursday's table tennis has been moved to Gosford Town Centre's Market Town, while Monday's active over 50's will move to the Ettalong Progress Hall in Memorial Ave from 9am to 2pm.

The Ettalong Progress Hall will also hold Friday's line dancing classes from 10.30am.

For more information, contact Rhondda Gibson on 4325 8292.

Press release, 18 May 2009
Alison Hood, Gosford Council

Water restrictions relaxed

Level three water restrictions are being relaxed to allow additional outdoor water use.

The changes will apply from June 14, and will allow residents to water gardens with a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle and drip irrigation systems for one hour on two days of the week.

Odd street number houses will be permitted to water on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 6am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm.

Even street number houses can water on Thursdays and Sundays

using the same time allocations.

Gosford deputy mayor Cr Craig Doyle said he expected to see residents continuing their water wise practices while taking advantage of the restriction change.

"Residents must ensure they have a trigger nozzle connected to the hose at all times, so they can control the use of the water," Cr Doyle said.

"We also hope residents and businesses ensure no water leaves their property, they only use what they need and the lessons learned

during the drought, including the value of rainwater and greywater, are remembered.

"The voluntary water use target of 150 litres per person per day remains unchanged, which will help guide residents with their water usage."

The same changes apply for residents of the Wyong Shire Council under the joint decision of the Gosford and Wyong Council's Water Authority.

Press release, 28 May 2009
Kylie Gillett, Gosford Council

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Friends demonstrate for concert hall

The Friends of the Performing Arts Precinct staged a demonstration outside of Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews' Woy Woy office on May 28, calling for a large-scale concert hall for performing arts on the Central Coast.

Committee member Ms Sheelagh Noonan said the local community wanted and deserved a large-scale concert hall on the Central Coast.

"The lack of an appropriate venue for performing arts on the Central Coast has been obvious to many people for at least a decade, and this includes people on the Peninsula," Ms Noonan said.

"The Friends of the Performing Arts Precinct has membership from across the Coast as well as the Peninsula because the issue affects the whole community.

"The community wants and deserves a concert hall for large scale performances of all types of music.

"This will benefit audiences, performers, businesses, employment and will attract visitors and performers from across Australia.

"Instead of people leaving the area to live elsewhere owing to lack of facilities and jobs, they will be attracted to the opportunities that will be created.

"This is the experience of many cities and towns across Australia.

"The purpose of our weekly concert hall gatherings is to raise awareness of the issue with the three levels of government.

"We want this project to be included in the Federal Government's infrastructure projects happening all across Australia right now."

Fellow committee member Claire O'Connor said other regions in Australia had the privilege of having appropriate performing arts venues and it was time for the Central Coast to have the same.

"Similar regions such as Penrith, Parramatta and Canberra all have excellent venues in which their music groups perform but music lovers of our region pack into small halls with little or no view of

the performers on the stage, and decidedly sub-standard acoustics," Ms O'Connor said.

"As a result, many local music-lovers make the trip to Sydney or Newcastle so that they can enjoy the sounds they love in some comfort.

"Our wonderful bands, orchestras and choirs have been struggling with this situation for decades and it is time the Central Coast received its share of the funding that is available for the arts in NSW."

Ms O'Connor said campaign founder and Terrigal sculptor Mr Phocion Voulos was getting overwhelming support from the local community for his fight for a Central Coast concert hall.

"Each Thursday Phocion stands outside Belinda Neal's office to draw the attention of our Federal representative to the fact that nowhere on the coast is there a concert hall," Ms O'Connor said.

"He is regularly joined by, among others, the Friends of the Performing Arts Precinct which is an organisation formed in 2005 with the purpose of having a concert hall, conservatorium and other performance areas constructed to meet the needs of music lovers of all types. "They want a place where everything from pop, folk and country and western to classics, choir, rock and jazz could be enjoyed."

Ms O'Connor said for this reason, some of Mr Voulos' supporters demonstrated outside Ms Andrews' Woy Woy office last week.

"We are pleased with the encouragement given by the locals and hope that many will decide to help the Central Coast to acquire a beautiful performing arts building by joining The Friends of the Performing Arts Precinct," Ms O'Connor said.

"Our membership is only \$10 and can be made by sending name and address to FOPAP, PO Box 1303, Gosford, 2250."

**Press release, 29 May 2009
Claire O'Connor, The Friends of the Performing Arts Precinct**



Members, family and friends attend a memorial service at Central Coast Coastal Patrol's Point Clare base

Coastal patrol holds memorial service

The Central Coast division of Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol held a memorial service for members who had passed away, including Umina resident Mr Rick Debenham.

Publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said a large group of members, friends and relatives participated in a "moving" memorial service at the patrol's Point Clare base on May 3.

"The service was a moving way to remember members of the Central Coast Coastal Patrol who had crossed the bar over the past five years," Mr Cole said.

"The service was conducted by Patrol Padre, the Reverend Tom Hill, who dedicated the plaques now fixed on the Division Memorial Stone at Point Clare base and a haunting bagpipe lament played by member Lloyd Grounds.

Along with Mr Debenham

who passed away earlier this year, other members who were remembered and honoured for their dedication and service to the community included Ken Wolinski of Green Point, David Farr of Gosford, Jack Clarke of Point Clare, Malcolm Wright of Springfield, Bryan Sweeney of Berkley Vale and Stephen van Breugel of Wamberal.

**Press release, 12 May 2009
Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol**

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Local example of appeal benefits

The Smith Family charity for disadvantaged children is using a local scholarship winner as an example of the benefits of supporting its annual Winter Appeal.

Empire Bay resident Mr James Cosentino received a tertiary scholarship from the charity, which he says has lifted a "huge burden" from his life as a university student.

"It was a relative who put me onto The Smith Family's Learning for Life program when I was in Year 11 and both the access to programs and financial support it offered appealed to me," Mr Cosentino said.

"I live with my mum and have to care for her a lot of the time because she has an ongoing illness, so it has lifted a huge burden knowing

I don't have to worry as much about affording school and then university.

"I'm in my second year of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Exercise degree at Sydney University and am aiming towards completing a Masters.

"All up it will be five years of uni, so the support of The Smith Family through Learning for Life is invaluable in helping me afford text books.

"Just one book can be \$150 and you only need it for one semester."

Mr Cosentino said the mentor program that came with the scholarship was also beneficial and rewarding.

"What's been even better about the scholarship though is the mentor I was matched with halfway through my first year.

"Having a mentor has opened

up a lot more opportunities for me in terms of access to contacts."

The Smith Family chief executive officer Ms Elaine Henry said the organisation would continue to provide struggling families with support especially throughout the global economic crisis.

"The enormity of the economic crisis means more families than ever will be struggling with day-to-day costs of living, let alone able to then find leftover budget to afford schooling expenses for their children," Ms Henry said.

"We are encouraging those who can afford to give to do so in support of their fellow Australians.

"Donations to the Winter Appeal will support The Smith Family in delivering literacy, numeracy, mentoring and tutoring programs, along with financial support for essential educational items, to disadvantaged children in 95 communities across Australia."

The Winter Appeal will run until July 31, with all donations made before June 30 fully tax deductible during the 2008/09 financial year.

To support the Winter Appeal call 1800 024 069 or visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au

Scott Hastings, 14 May 2009
Interviewee: **James Cosentino, Empire Bay**

Vision volunteers celebrated

Vision Australia's Central Coast branch celebrated the hard work and dedication of its team of 40 volunteers, including Umina resident Nathalie Gatt, during National Volunteer Week, May 11 to 17.

Ms Gatt volunteers with Vision Australia as recreation coordinator helping organise activities that help vision impaired persons to lead healthy and balanced lives.

She also makes home visits to help with the setup and use of various gadgets that are used to help the vision impaired around the home.

"A lot of the vision impaired feel isolated.

"They can't experience life in the same way," Ms Gatt said.

"This isolation and the challenges of day-to-day living with vision impairment can lead to depression and other medical problems.

"Access to services can be a real issue."

Ms Gatt said she was very passionate about her volunteer work and the joy it provides.

"This is something I have wanted to do since I was a little girl and it is very rewarding to be able

to help them lead a normal life," Ms Gatt said.

"Two years ago I moved up to Umina from Sydney, and it was very important that I could continue to do this work."

Vision Australia chief executive officer Mr Gerard Menses said that given the harsh economic environment caused by the global economic crisis, the opportunity to celebrate Vision Australia's 4500 volunteers has taken on extra significance.

"Vision Australia volunteers contribute to every aspect of our organisation from producing, editing and distributing the local Talking Newspaper to providing administration support and a personal reading service," Mr Menses said.

"They also take part in public speaking and raising essential funds to support Vision Australia's services.

"Our team of highly committed volunteers enables us to continue to provide high-quality support while managing our resources for a future when our services will be in greater demand."

Scott Hastings, 14 May 2009
Interviewee: **Nathalie Gatt, Umina**
Press release, 6 May 2009
Gerard Menses, Vision Australia



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Appeal exceeds target

The Peninsula has exceeded its target of \$46,300 for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal doorknock weekend.

As Peninsula News went to print, \$48,912 was recorded with more donations still coming in.

At this point last year, the Salvation Army had counted \$44,142.

Central Coast Red Shield Appeal chairman Mr Peter Hale said Salvation Army workers and volunteers were overwhelmed by the response.

"Times are tough for everyone, but the Central Coast has heard our message that the need for The Salvation Army's services is greater than ever," Mr Hale said.

"It's a true reflection of our community spirit that at a time when many people are suffering financially, the donations get bigger.

"The Salvation Army is very grateful.

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Press release, 25 May 2009
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

Peninsula residents aged 40 and over are being encouraged to take advantage of the Rotary Club of East Gosford's Bowelscan test kits available at all Peninsula pharmacies from June 6 to July 4.

Last year, Peninsula pharmacies sold 1312 test kits with 10 cases of pre-cancerous polyps and four cases of bowel cancer detected as a result of the Bowelscan program.

Program director Dr Walter Leijten said the Rotary Bowelscan program had been running for the past 20 years and proves that early detection of bowel cancer means survival.

Bowelscan kits will also be sold at Peninsula shopping centres from June 6 to 13.

The test is non-invasive, can be

performed at home and costs \$10.

Gosford gastroenterologist Dr Martin Veysey said: "Bowel cancer is real and not talking about it won't make it go away.

"In fact, it will do the opposite.

"If you're over 40, take the Bowelscan test every year.

"Our kits are made in the US and have been produced for over 20 years with an outstanding track record."

"Our lifestyles are changing for the worse.

"About two-thirds of the adult

population are overweight or obese and only one in five report eating the minimum recommended daily intake of fruits and vegetables.

"Diet and weight are both significant risk factors in the development of bowel cancer."

Bowelscan is a project of the Rotary Club of East Gosford and test kits are not connected with the Federal Government test kits.

Press release, 21 May 2009
Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic

Awards to nurses

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital and Peninsula Village recognised its dedicated team of nursing staff on International Nurses Day on May 12.

The Umina nursing home celebrated the day by honouring enrolled nurse Mr Jai Villanueva with the inaugural Glen Hughes Memorial Award for Nursing Excellence.

The award is in memory of Mr Hughes, a long-term Peninsula Village staff member who passed away last year.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital also recognised one outstanding nurse Ms Cheryl Godley for the Nurse of the Year Award.

Ms Godley also received a prize pack as part of her award.

Email, 27 May 2009
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

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Money for maintenance

Money raised by Umina Uniting Church at its recent market day will maintain

church buildings for community use, according to market day organisers.

"Most of the money raised goes to maintain the buildings and keep them in good condition so that the many community groups who use them are able to enjoy the facilities," event convenor Ms Mary Stewart said.

"Part of the proceeds also supports youth and family activities in the local area.

"A new air-conditioning unit was recently installed in the community centre at a cost of \$10,000 so the upkeep keeps happening."

Ms Stewart said: "Being such a wet and almost miserable day, it was amazing how many folk braved the conditions to come out and support the market day."

She said the church community's next fundraising event, a garage sale, would be held on July 11.

A number of items including second-hand books, furniture and plants will be on sale on the day.

Press release, 28 May 2009
Mary Stewart, Umina Uniting Church

A free coach tour organised by volunteers of the marine conservation group Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives will include a stop off at the Ettalong Shell Museum on June 8.

The marine coach tour runs in conjunction with the celebration of World Oceans Day.

"Our tour will include a mangrove

forests site tour and talk, a talk from world-renowned shell-collector Roy Gifford at the Nature's Harlequins Shell Museum in Ettalong Beach, beach morphology by coastal expert Phil Heaton, a rock pool ramble where we'll meet the residents of the rock pools, and a cultural heritage experience courtesy of Kevin Duncan from the Darkinjung Land Council," event organiser Ms Lawson said.

The tour will provide two pick-up points for participants including Westfield Tuggerah shopping centre and Gosford railway station.

For more information and bookings, phone Margaret Roberts on 4396 4590.

Press release, 21 May 2009
Jeannie Lawson, Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives

LETS holds trade day

Central Coast LETS will hold a trade day on June 13 at the Woy Woy Environment Centre.

The trade day is a monthly event organised by the Central Coast Local Exchange Trading System (LETS), a group which has been running on the Central Coast for more than three years.

The day allows people to trade goods and services with other local people using an alternative local currency, known as Shells, rather than money, according to publicity officer Ms Caroline Bohlsen.

"Members provide services to other members which can include anything from fixing a fence to

baking a cake or walking the dog," Ms Bohlsen said.

"Also, goods can include items such as children's toys and clothing.

"Members are given a 1000 debit and credit-limit of our local currency, called Shells, and can begin trading straight away."

Members and newcomers are encouraged to set up their items from 9.30am prior to the meeting at

10am.

Trading will commence from 11am to 1pm.

For more information visit www.centralcoastlets.org or phone Korina on 4342 5079.

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is located at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 28 May 2009
Caroline Bohlsen, Central Coast LETS

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Art fair at Wagstaffe

A group of artists from Killcare Heights to Wagstaffe Point will host an arts and crafts fair at the Wagstaffe Hall from June 7 to 8.

The local artists will exhibit their most recent arts and crafts creations, according to Killcare artist and event coordinator Ms Felicity Martin.

"Paintings, drawings, wood, ceramics, sculpture, silk and other crafts will be on display and available for sale," Ms Martin said.

"Meet local artists and enjoy the creative atmosphere, coupled with local musicians and performers.

"Over 20 artists from the area will be involved.

"The Killcare-Wagstaffe area has long been a vibrant arts community with great Australian artists such as Russel Drysdale and friends being inspired by the area's beauty."

The fair will be open from 10am to 4pm each day with an artist talk from 2pm on Sunday afternoon.

Admission is free and donations going to the new Killcare Surf Club will be generously accepted.

Press release, 14 May 2009
Felicity Martin, Wagstaffe Art and Craft Fair

Mind Priorities releases debut album

More than 100 young fans turned out for the debut album launch of Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy Campus band Mind Priorities at the Erina Youth Centre on May 22.

Band members Liam Scarratt, Daniel Thompson, Andy Clews and Daniel Scarratt have been playing music and writing songs together for more than two years resulting in their debut album As Seen On TV.

The band has performed in many local competitions and events including Kool Skools in 2007, the Central Coast Going Off At The Swamp (GOATS) festival and Youth Week festival.

Mind Priorities also performed at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

It was able to put together its



first album after winning studio time with Caravan Records after becoming finalists in last year's Battle of the Bands competition.

The band puts their music influences down to The Living End, Muse, After The Fall and The Who.

Publicity officer Ms Kerry Scarratt said Mind Priorities had a string of well-crafted and unique songs in their repertoire.

"Mind Priorities started out as a covers band performing songs by their favourite artists but soon realised they had their own creative talent to explore," Ms Scarratt said.

"The songwriting chemistry between the boys soon emerged and they have gone from strength to strength."

Press release, 26 May 2009
Kerry Scarratt, Mind Priorities



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History



A shoe factory in Woy Woy

I started school at Woy Woy Public School in 1936.

Then, the old Bay View Hotel was still standing where Deepwater Plaza stands today.

This site was to become Nielson Slippers and Joyce Shoes factory.

The veranda was taken away and extensions were added on the front of the building.

The ground floor was to be the clicking (cutting) room and store room.

The cellar was to hold inflammable solutions.

Upstairs was the machine room where the shoes were sewn.

Across the road in Charlton St, a new building was built for the making of the shoes and dispatch

outlet.

Christmas parties were held every year at the Masonic Hall.

The total staff reached 140. Some were transferred from the main factory in Smail St, Broadway.

The rest was all local labour.

I started my apprenticeship as soon as the buildings were completed.

In May 1948, a tragedy took place when seven of the men from the making room arranged a fishing trip.

They left Ettalong on the Saturday morning and never returned.

A foot and air search took place for several weeks until the 40th

day when they were assumed deceased.

On the same day, three men left Pearl Beach and were never seen again.

The story made the headlines in all the city newspapers for weeks and a memorial was erected on Railway St donated by the employees and management.

It remained there until the closure of the factory which was moved to Melbourne.

The memorial was then taken to the waterfront at Koolewong where it was vandalised.

It now stands at the main gates of Point Clare Cemetery.

**Bruce Richards,
Woy Woy**



Names from the 1950s

I met a charming lady the other day by the name of Joan Schultz.

She told me that back in the 50s she worked for a time at the Woy Woy Telephone Exchange located at the rear of the Post Office.

Because of the relatively small number of subscribers, most were known to the staff.

It was in every sense a manual exchange with retractable leads for every number.

The switchboard was manned by six girls, and whenever a light appeared on the panel, the operator would insert her plug and say: "Woy Woy Exchange - can I help you?"

The number would be given, the caller would be connected and, at the same time, the operator would record the call on a slip of paper and pass it on to the supervisor for billing purposes.

For safety reasons, the girls were only to work till 11pm when a male would take over for the night shift until 7am.

Woy Woy Pharmacy, owned by John and Lois Frew, had the distinction of being the first connected, and for many years were able to claim Woy Woy "1" as their phone number.

Leaving the Exchange, one

would say hello to Bill Collins, the Postmaster, and then perhaps have a milkshake or sundae at the open air café run by the Van Alderen family.

If you needed your eyes tested, you would pop in to see Newman Silverthorne who would look after you in a most courteous and unhurried manner.

Newspapers would be bought from Fairleighs Newsagency and hardware from Harry Adams or Les Howell.

The latter later sold out to Sterlands of Gosford.

Real estate was well catered for with Eric Wilson, Bruce Kerr Snr, Dal Messenger, Harold McArthur and the redoubtable Mrs Foulstone, all having offices in Woy Woy.

If you had a squabble with your neighbours or were the unfortunate victim of a rare burglary, Senior Constable Roy Cunningham or Constable Ron Steckum would efficiently and sympathetically sort out your problems and bring the miscreant to justice.

Aldertons were popular for their fish and chips, and Taylors Boatshed was the place to go if you wanted to hire a putt-putt and catch your own.

If you were feeling peckish, you could buy a decent hamburger from Arthur Anthony opposite the

railway station.

However, for a real gastronomic experience, you would visit the café run by the Berkenji family where you could order Hungarian Goulash or a Wiener Schnitzel or, for the less adventurous, a mixed grill superbly cooked.

"Yes, the proofs will be ready on Monday", was the usual response from Arthur Young, the only professional photographer on the Peninsula.

Arthur, a quietly-spoken but highly talented photographer, covered every social occasion from annual balls, to weddings and other functions.

There was no colour photography so colouring was done by hand.

He also had a daily pickup of films from local chemists and would return the photos the following day.

The actual printing was a laborious process, with Arthur spending much of his time in the dark room.

Speaking to my contemporaries, most could recall the names of business and professional people around at that time.

I doubt very much whether in 50 years time the next generation will be able to do likewise.

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Author speaks about Miles Franklin

Peninsula author Ms Jill Roe will speak about her new book Stella Miles Franklin: A Biography at an afternoon tea in Umina.

The event organised by Umina bookshop Book Bazaar will be held at the Acqua Vista Restaurant in Umina on Saturday, June 20, from 2pm.

Book Bazaar owner Ms Mandi McIntosh said participants would have the opportunity to hear Ms Roe speak about the process of writing a biography, as well as detailing the life of her subject, Stella Miles Franklin.

"This month Book Bazaar is lucky to have an author who will have just finished her appearances at the Sydney Writers' Festival," Ms McIntosh said.

"Jill Roe is Professor Emerita in the Department of Modern History at Macquarie University and has written numerous papers on the life and work of Miles Franklin.

In November, Harper Collins published Jill's biography of Stella Miles Franklin.

"Stella Miles Franklin was born in the Australian bush and, at the age of 21, became an international publishing sensation with My Brilliant Career.

"The book struck a chord with women and girls all over the country, and more than a century later is still regarded as an Australian classic.

"Miles' early success gave her entrée to literary and socialist circles in Sydney and Melbourne.

"There she met Banjo Paterson, the Goldstein sisters and Joseph Furphy, among others.

"But by 1906, she had decided to make the bold move to travel overseas, and went to work for the women's labour movement in Chicago.

"In 1915, she relocated to London and quickly found herself travelling to the Balkans to help nurse wounded Allied soldiers.

"Returning to London, she worked for various feminist and progressive causes, all the while continuing to write.

"A prolific author of plays as well as novels and archetypal bush stories, she often submitted work under pseudonyms which she guarded fiercely all her life.

"In the 1930s, she returned to Australia and determined to take up the cause of Australian writers.

"Novelist, journalist, nationalist, feminist and larrikin, Miles Franklin's was a life of enormous range.

"Her endowment of the Miles Franklin literary award not only surprised all who knew her, but founded an Australian literary institution which remains our most prestigious literary award."

Press release, 25 May 2009
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar



Ettalong hosts song writers

Ettalong Beach will host the Australian Songwriters Conference this weekend.

The songwriters' conference will take from Friday, June 5, to Monday, June 8, with delegates, songwriters and music industry professionals coming from all over Australia and the US to take part.

Event founder and coordinator Ms Lisa Butler said the event was unique in Australia, focusing on the craft and business of songwriting.

"Participants will have the opportunity to attend seminars, workshops, collaboration, production and recording, as well as the opportunity for the attendees to spend real time networking with

the industry pros and to pitch their songs to publishers - a first in Australia," Ms Butler said.

"For the Peninsula, this event is important for a number of reasons.

"Music fans will be able to enjoy the Open Mic performances by the Australian Songwriters Conference delegates, who are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their original songs to the public.

"The public will enjoy listening to the future of music in this intimate setting.

"All are welcome and it's free."

Ms Butler said the Open Mic Nights would take place at the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort (cinema and market complex) on

Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, from 9pm to 11pm, and again on Sunday, June 7, on the market stage from 12pm to 2pm.

This year's conference will be attended by US hit-songwriter Jason Blume and Australian speakers include hit songwriters Gary Pinto and Adam Harvey.

The four-day event will also feature other Australian music industry executives including top music lawyers, music producers and publishers.

Pre event registration is essential.

Press release, 11 May 2009
Lisa Butler, Australian Songwriters Conference

Circus acts at theatre

Peninsula Theatre will host "61 Circus Acts in 60 Minutes" on two nights this month.

Artistic director Mr Yaron Lifschitz said the show has proved to be fast, furious and fun for everyone.

"Wherever we have taken this breathtaking, heart stopping show, audiences have flocked to see the impossible happen," Mr Lifschitz said.

The show features acrobats

battling the clock to perform acts where they bend, fly, juggle and balance to upbeat music.

It features four multi-skilled performers.

"This is circus without the boring bits," said Mr Lifschitz.

Performances will be held on June 5 from 6.30pm and June 6 from 1pm followed by a show at 6.30pm.

Website, 27 May 2009
Yaron Lifschitz, Circa

Young people perform

Twenty-two young performers from the Peninsula will showcase their talent in the upcoming Central Coast Youth in Performing Arts concert series.

The concert series will take place at Laycock St Theatre in North Gosford from June 2 to 6.

The Peninsula students will join 150 other performers from across the Central Coast to entertain audiences across five nights.

Concert director Mr Chris Cox said the Youth in Performing Arts auditions saw more than 400 acts tryout for a spot in the final concert series.

"The quantity and quality of talent we saw across the four weekends of auditions was just outstanding," Mr Cox said.

"We saw an amazing number of dancers, vocalists, instrumentalists, drama performers and even a juggler tryout for a final place in the concert."

Youth in Performing Arts commenced in the early 1990s with the dream of presenting to the finest performing arts available from young people - high school age to 21 years of age.

Mr Cox said the Youth in Performing Arts provided the youth of the Central Coast with a passion for performing arts to show-off their talent in a professional manner.

"This is a great opportunity to get the kids up on stage performing in

a professional atmosphere where they can be guided and mentored throughout the whole concert process," Mr Cox said.

"Since its inception Youth in Performing Arts has unearthed some wonderful talent.

"The current production of Wicked in Melbourne features two former Youth in Performing Arts performers, Ryan Sheppard and Gemma Stephenson.

"Nathan Foley of Hi-5 fame appeared in the first concert while Shannon Jolliff, who appeared

in the Sydney production of Billy Elliott, will appear in the year's concert.

"Each concert is unique, the quality is outstanding and the performers sensational."

Clare Graham, 27 May 2009
Interviewee: Chris Cox, Youth in Performing Arts
Press release, 21 May 2009
Terri Graham, Gosford Council

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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

ESSC, 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 5333

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, ESSC

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, ESSC
Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH
Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, ECC
Animal Welfare League, Central Coast Branch monthly meetings from 10am at Spike Milligan Room, Woy Woy Library. enq. 4344 6650

Third Tuesday of every month
Burrawang Bushland reserve bushcare, Nambucca Dr playgrnd, 9am, enq: 4341 9301
Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH
Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch, 10am, enq: 4342 1790, MOW
ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

Fourth Tuesday of every month
Toastmasters, 7.15pm, EBWMC
Combined Pensioners assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, ESSC

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; U3ADiscussion Groups, 11am; Cards, 1pm-3pm; Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge, 1pm; Stroke Recovery, 2pm; Playgroup, 9am; Occasional Care, 9am-3pm; The Web, From 2pm;
Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; Brophy Circus Academy, beginners 5pm; Kids Belly Dancing, 4.30pm; Physical Culture Ladies, 7.15pm-9pm; Pre/PostNatal Yoga, 9.30am; Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC,
Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, ECC
Handicraft, 9am; Latin Dancing, 9.15am; Cards, 12.30pm ESSC
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

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 ESSC

THURSDAY
First Thursday of every month
Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm, EBWMC
Second Thursday of every month
Women's Health Clinic, enq: 4320 3741, PWHC
Australiana Bus Trips, PCC
Third Thursday of every month
Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; EBWMC
Fourth Thursday of every month
Free immunization clinic, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, 9am BFC
Umina 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, ESSC
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, ESSC
Pilates, 9:30am, enq: 4384 5005; Mah-jong, 2pm, enq: 4360 2178; Yoga, 5:30pm, enq: 4323 1859, WH

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

FRIDAY
First Friday of every month
Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC

Second Friday of every month
Book Bazaar, book Club, 10:30am, enq.42422482
RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, EBWMC
Third Friday of every month
Legacy Ladies, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, EBWMC

Fourth Friday of every month
South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002, WH
Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC
School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

Every Friday
Kids entertainment, Yrs 7-12, 7.30pm; Playgroup, 10am, Umina Uniting Church
Bingo, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664, UCH
Lollipop Music Playgroup (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 ESSC
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 Francaise, 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
Umina Blue Swimmers Mens Winter Swimming Club. swim at the Pearl Beach Rock Pool at 9.00am. All ages. New members welcome. until October. 0417655182.

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,

Chloe and Jason at folk club

Musical duo Chloe and Jason Roweth will perform at the Troubadour Central Coast folk club's next meeting in Woy Woy on Saturday, June 27.

Folk club president Mr Bill Bekric said their performance was sure to be a captivating concert experience.

"Chloe and Jason Roweth have been performing and recording for over 15 years together," Mr Bekric said.

"They share a passion for Australian folklore and bush music, getting great satisfaction out of bringing almost forgotten songs back to life again.

"Chloe and Jason combine a striking mix of older country and traditional styles, with fresh

arrangements and a relaxed delivery, distinctly Australian in character.

"Their broad repertoire includes strong original songs, old-style ballads, well known bush songs, and lively dance tunes, accompanied by some fascinating background on where the items come from, and the performers who played them."

The performance will kick off at the CWA Hall opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, from 7pm.

Entry costs \$10 for general admission, \$8 concession and \$7 for members.

For more information, phone 4341 4060 or 0417 159 540.

Press release, 22 May 2009
 Willy Timmerman,
 Troubadour Central Coast

EMBC

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333

Patchwork & Quilting, 10am;

Pottery, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC**

Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am

Occasional Childcare, 9am;

Central Coast Volunteering, 9am;

Over 55's Gentle Fitness, 9am;

Supported Playgroup, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday** Craft & Cooking, 11am;

Bridge Club, 12pm;

Hysical Culture Club, 4pm;

Coast Care Counselling, 3.45pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm;

Judo, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC**

Craft group, 1pm, **BFC**

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, 7.30pm, **EMBC**

Yoga, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**

Pilates, (except 2nd Monday of month) 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm, **WH**

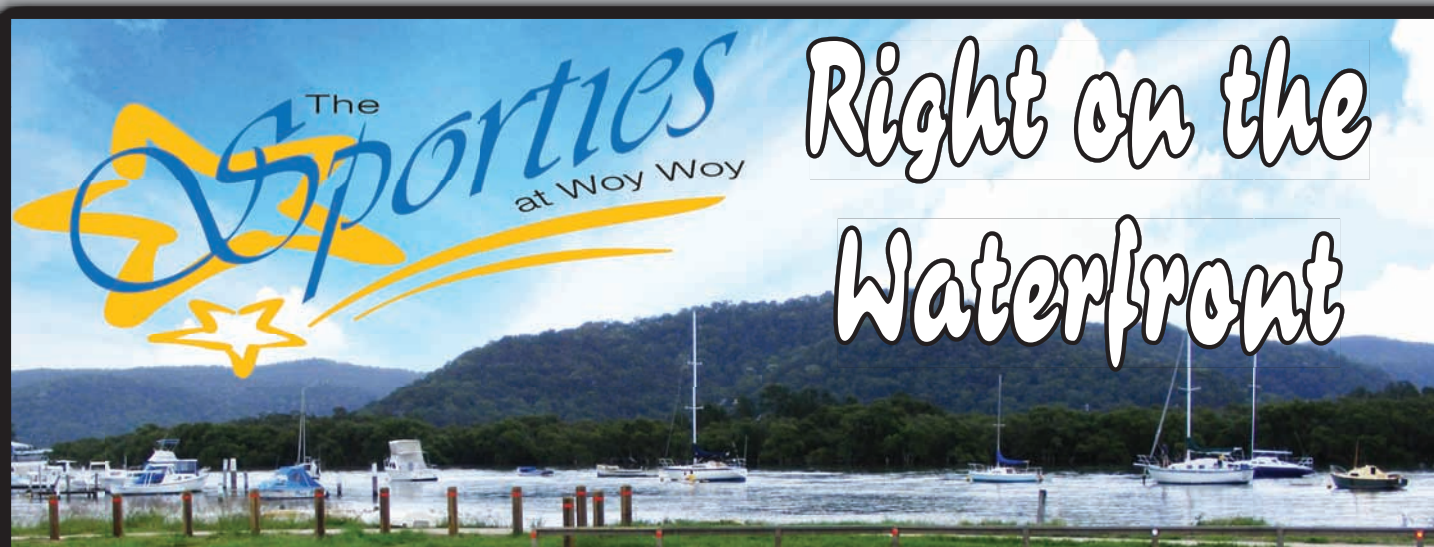
Tai Chi, Empire Bay Progress Hall, 9:30am, enq: Clare 4369 1075

Sea scouts, 6pm, Nth Burge Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 0437 590 354

Girl Guides, 4pm, Cnr of Lurline & Memorial Ave, Blackwall, enq: 4328 3247

Indian Dancing for Kids, 3.30pm, enq: 4342 4395, **WVEC**

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Education



Dragon's teeth as school zones

Member for Gosford Marie Andrews has welcomed the State Government's decision to install "dragon's teeth" road markings at the start of every school zone on the Peninsula.

"This is great news for our local schools because nothing is more important than the safety of our children," Ms Andrews said.

"The majority of motorists do the right thing, but some people have said to me that they can't always

see the signs.

According to Ms Andrews, the dragon's teeth program involves painting triangular markings on each side of the road lane for 35 metres at the start of each school zone.

"Combined with roadside signs and pavement speed limit markings, motorists will have absolutely no doubt when they are travelling past a school.

"Dragon's teeth are an innovative way to keep our kids safe and our motorists under the 40km speed

limit during school zone hours.

"This new triangular line-marking is used internationally and is a proven way of making sure motorists know when they are driving through a 40kmh school zone," Ms Andrews said.

"I will be making sure all of the schools in the Gosford electorate are on the schedule to receive this new line making as soon as possible."

Press release, 27 May 2009
Member for Gosford,
Marie Andrews

Teams in Steve Ella Cup

Woy Woy Public School's Sevens Rugby League Team participated in the Steve Ella Cup at Berkeley Vale Oval on May 7.

"The boys gave their very best in each of the four matches played, achieving fifth place in the competition," team coordinator Mr Daniel Betts said.

"We won the first match we played, against Terrigal Red, six points to nil, with Jarrod Taylor taking out the man-of-the-match honours and Josh Sugden and Liam Stone also distinguishing themselves with the quality of their play.

"Unfortunately we lost the second match of the day to eventual finalists, Kincumber, by six points to nil.

"Ryan Avery was the man-of-the-match, and Zane Smith and Coen Church also had very strong games.

"We were back to our winning ways in the third game against St John Fisher, with a six to nil victory.

"Dean Sullivan took out man-of-the-match honours, and Daniel Taylor (the youngest player on the team) and Liam Stone, both played very strongly.

"In the final game of the day, we had a convincing 10 points to nil victory over Kanwal Blue, but unfortunately it was not quite enough to get us into the semi-finals of the competition.

"Zane Smith again had an outstanding game, as did Josh Sugden and Sean Downey.

"The standard of Rugby League played by our boys was impressive to say the least, and this certainly bodes well for future 13-a-side competitions."

Newsletter, 15 May 2009
Daniel Betts, Woy Woy Public School

Money for refurbishment

Woy Woy and Pretty Beach public schools will receive up to \$275,000 for minor infrastructure and refurbishment under round two of the National School Pride program.

Work will include refurbishments such as painting, floor coverings and repairs to walls, floors, fittings, roofs, stormwater components and paved areas.

Woy Woy Public School will receive \$200,000 of Federal Government funding while Pretty Beach Public School will be given \$75,000 to carry out minor works.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said: "The National School Pride program is one of three elements of the Rudd Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution and will deliver much-needed funding for school infrastructure projects and, importantly, support local jobs," Ms Neal said.

"Construction and refurbishment work will commence as soon as

possible, with many of the National School Pride projects planned to begin shortly.

"The next few months will be exciting as the investment in our schools will flow down through to local business."

Press release, 21 May 2009
Member for Robertson,
Belinda Neal

Preschool expected this year

A new community preschool facility planned for Pretty Beach is expected to be completed by the end of the year, according to the Hardy's Bay Resident's Group.

The Walsingham Community Preschool celebrates its 20th year in the area as it prepares to relocate from its current premises on the grounds of the Pretty Beach Public School at the end of the year.

Construction of the new building commenced in February this year.

Group president Mr Adrian Williams said the preschool's relocation was designed to

guarantee the future of the service in a permanent location and to meet the demands of local families for affordable childcare close to home.

President of the preschool's management committee Mr Angus Kell said it would continue to seek community support and consultation to endure the long-term sustainability of the preschool.

Mr Kell said the development had been prolonged due to negotiations and escalating building and landscape costs.

Newsletter, May 28 2009
Hardy's Bay Residents Group

Kids' disco

The Umina PCYC will hold a masquerade-themed disco night for children aged between seven and 14 years on Friday, June 12.

Club manager Ms Allison Carpenter said children were encouraged to make a mask and wear it on the night.

"Junior discos aim to provide a fun, safe, supervised environment for children to engage in social activities such as dancing, air hockey, x-box, sing star and guitar hero, art/craft and other fun games," Ms Carpenter said.

"Hot dogs or a barbecue dinner are also included with proceeds from the disco going towards the cost of upgrading our archery equipment and arts and crafts supplies."

Press release, 27 May 2009
Allison Carpenter, Umina PCYC

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Theatre hosts bullying forum

An exhibition and discussion forum to give a voice to victims of bullying will be held at the Peninsula Theatre on June 15.

The Throwing Stones campaign was first created by 16-year-old Brisbane Waters Secondary College student Bradley Death.

To make the exhibition and forum possible, organisers travelled across the Central Coast region to hold a number of workshops and discussions with young people in order to record their experiences, thoughts and feelings on bullying.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein will open the exhibition and discussion forum from 6pm.

"The event will feature a gallery of sights and sounds, creative and confronting responses from local young people collected over a period of six months," Regional Youth Support Services' community liaison officer MS Virginia Walshaw said.

"Following keynote speaker Stephen O'Doherty, former NSW Shadow Minister for Education, an informal discussion will be led in the auditorium by Bradley Death."

Bookings for the forum are essential.

**Press release, 29 May 2009
Virginia Walshaw, Regional Youth Support Services**



Education Week activities

Peninsula public schools participated in Education Week from May 24 to 31.

Each school organised educational and entertaining activities for students and staff to participate in.

Umina Public School hosted a Scholastic Book Fair, a performance by students from Brisbane Waters Secondary College and an Open Day Concert that featured the school band, choir, dancers and musical groups.

Woy Woy Public School held events all week including a kite day to celebrate Public Education Day, a maths day involving hands-on maths based games, a Kindergarten W Day and a performance from Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

Ettalong Public School held an Indigenous Students Assembly for Reconciliation Week along with a School Open Day and a School Concert.

Kevin Holloway, 29 May 2009

Sporting achievements

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis has congratulated a number of students for their sports efforts and achievements last month.

"It was perfect autumn weather and a beautiful setting for our school Cross Country on May 1," Mr Wallis said.

"Our eventual winning house, in a very close, highly contested competition was Phillip House.

"Ribbons were presented at the Years 3 to 6 assembly last week."

Mr Wallis also acknowledged

three students for their outstanding sports achievements.

"Satali Tevi-Fuimoano was selected into the Metropolitan North Rugby League Team to play at the state carnival in early June," Mr Wallis said.

"Blake Dawson won a gold in the Under-7s at the Hunter Valley Judo Competition recently.

"And Kyle Overton came third in the under-13s division - a mighty achievement for an 11-year-old."

**Newsletter, 5 May 2009
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

Scholarship concert held at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Memorial Hall hosted a musical scholarship concert for talented young musicians on May 17.

Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said the Pearl Beach community continued to support young music students through its music scholarship program.

"The annual presentations of two music scholarships took place in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall before a near-capacity audience," Ms Lillico said.

"These awards were made to young musicians associated with the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music under directorship of Chris Bearman who compered the competition and recital.

"Cellist Lewis Wand set a high standard as he led the performances playing Bach Cello Suite No. 1 Prelude followed by

Allegro Appassionato by Saint Saens.

"A beautiful flute tone was produced by Elissa Koppen as she played Mozart's Concerto in D Major KV314 and Sonata for Flute by Poulanc.

"Violinist Sarah Whyte showed virtuosity with her two pieces, F.M. Veracini's Sonata Largo; First Movement and a selection of Rumanian Folk Dances by Bela Bartok.

"Catherine Frohlich performed two songs with stylish vocal control, Sunrise and Black Velvet while Elizabeth Woolnough's scintillating Clarinet playing of 7 Variations by C.M. Weber and Sonate for Clarinet by Saint Saens.

"The viola performance by Julia Doukakis showed splendid melodic and tonal control in Concerto in B minor by Cacadesus and Handoshkin's Variations on a Russian Song of Love.

"These young artists were

brilliantly accompanied by pianist Lyn Brislan.

"The Irvine Family Scholarship for piano playing was awarded to junior student Sammi Axam who demonstrated her prowess and skill with Beethoven's Sonatina in F Major and The Clockwork Doll by Shostakovich," Ms Lillico said.

The Irvine Family Scholarship has been given by the family in memory of their parents who were pioneering residents of Pearl Beach.

The Pearl Beach Scholarship was awarded to Julie Doukakis, a Year 10 student at Central Coast Grammar.

She "engaged the audience with her viola playing and took a special approach to the work she was performing," according to Ms Lillico.

**Press release, 19 May 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**

One-act plays judged

Woy Woy Little Theatre will perform two of its one-act plays at this year's Central Coast Theatrefest hosted by Wyong Drama School.

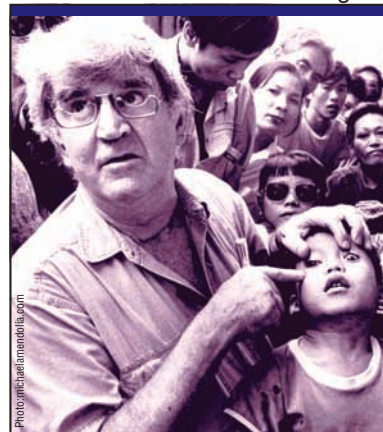
The theatre event will run from June 5 to 7 at the Wyong Memorial Hall.

The Peninsula theatre group will present Mother Figure directed by Fran Kendall and The Cluttered Nest directed by Barbara Hickey.

Both plays were recently performed as part of the group's Season of One Act Plays performance at the Peninsula Theatre.

They will be judged by theatre professionals alongside other talented groups from all over the Coast.

**Press release, 22 May 2009
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre**



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Publicity officer Ms Margaret O'Connell said: "There will be a raku firing where you can purchase a pot, glaze it, watch it being fired and then take it home with you."

Ms O'Connell said that art and crafts would be on display for people to buy.

"There will be displays of the crafts taught at the centre,

including patchwork and quilting, pottery, silk dyeing, folk art, drawing, pastels, oil and acrylic painting, water colours, silvercraft, children's pottery and children's art," Ms O'Connell said.

The event will be held at the centre on the corner of Picnic Pde and Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong.

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Press release, 26 May 2009
Margaret O'Connell,
Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Band farewells guitarist

Jim Conway's Big Wheel band will perform at the Peninsula Theatre on Friday, June 26.

The performance will be one of the last for band member Arne Hanna.

"Arne has been instrumental in the band's success," Mr Conway said.

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and charismatic singing has inspired both audience and band members.

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"Jess will be stepping into Arne's shoes, so come along to bid a fond farewell to Arne, and a raucous welcome to Jess Green.

"Jess has been based in Sydney since 2004, after completing a bachelor of Jazz studies at Canberra School of Music.

"Since arriving in Sydney, Jess has established herself as a gifted musician and composer as well as a sought-after teacher."

Press release, 26 May 2009
Jim Conway, Jim Conway's Big Wheel

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Cinema shows work of local filmmaker

Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong will screen the Australian film Sweet Marshall from June 4, featuring the work of Umina film student Mr Jim Gowing.

The film is the combined work of students from the Redfern Participate Film Academy and tells the story of Marshall, a high-paid bank security officer who is imprisoned for a robbery he did not commit.

"Along with nine other students with very little film experience, I enrolled with Participate Film Academy and started the one-year part-time film production course based in Redfern," Mr Gowing said.

"The course is practically based with all parts of filmmaking taught with the objective of producing a feature length film.

"The original script for the film was written by a previous student and then re-written by several of my classmates, the result being the 91-minute Sweet Marshall."

Mr Gowing said shooting for the film began in October last year when he landed the role of director of photography and cameraman.

"Before and during production, this was a challenging role and a huge shift from my former life as an engineer," Mr Gowing said.

"Learning how to use the technical camera equipment,

frame different shots and bring together the vision of co-directors Eva Acharya and Martin Alvarez Garcia, executive producer Artur Kade (the director of the film academy) and my own vision in a way which conveys the story most effectively was a steep learning curve.

"The other major challenge was having to make on-the-spot decisions on set despite doing so much planning beforehand and often doing this with so many factors hanging in the balance such as crew, cast and location availability.

"All in all, the year was the most amazing of experiences and our class of 10 students became very tight and the learning and development that we have all gone through has been worth all the long days and nights, unhealthy meals and lack of R&R."

More than 900 people attended the premiere of Sweet Marshall on April 22.

"It was a fun way to celebrate all the hard work," Mr Gowing said.

"Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong will now be showing the film from June 4, and I really appreciate the support they have given the film and the interest they have in seeing local people within the industry continue on.

"Having the film shown in cinemas, and hence to wider audiences, really helps open doors down the track in an industry which is hard to break into."

Clare Graham, 15 May 2009
Interviewee: Jim Gowing, Sweet Marshall

Woy Woy roundly defeated

Woy Woy Rugby Union Club has been defeated in all grades for round two and three of the Central Coast rugby union competition last month.

In what has been described as "one of the best free flowing games of rugby seen on the Central Coast for quite a while", Kariong's first grade hung on to defeat Woy Woy 43 to 29 at Woy Woy Oval on May 2.

"This was a good game of rugby," Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said.

"Kariong scored a try in the opening minute of the game and things right from the start looked ominous for Woy Woy.

"However, Woy Woy played some great rugby for the next 20 minutes.

"They continually attacked the Kariong line and were able to post two great tries.

"Second rower Paul Gooley scored a 35 metres try after a strong run.

"Kariong were being caught infringing the offside line on several occasions and these indiscretions were putting them on the back foot.

"Woy Woy led by 15 points to five and were playing good rugby.

"But then it was Kariong's turn to take control.

"An intercept try to Shannon Beavan and some good forward charges saw Kariong hit the lead."

Mr Thomson said the game was flowing from one end of the field to the other and the spectators were being treated to some exciting rugby.

"Kariong went further ahead in the early stages of the second half," Mr Thomson said.

"They scored two tries and looked to be coasting to victory.

"Woy Woy then played some great fighting rugby.

"They certainly did take it to the larger Kariong team especially in the forwards.

"Woy Woy however at times took the wrong options and on a couple of occasions they allowed Kariong to gain the ascendancy through their own errors.

"Some great play, and individual brilliance from their five-eight Marlon Counsell, both centres Angus Stewart and Daniel Forsyth, and they were able to get back into the match.

"They posted two tries to make the score Kariong 36, Woy Woy 22 with 10 minutes to go.

"It looked all over for the home team.

"However a good Woy Woy try under the posts saw the score reduced to 36 to 29 and suddenly Woy Woy were within a converted try of Kariong.

"However Kariong sealed the game on the final whistle by scoring a converted try.

"Best for Kariong was flanker Peter Downie who was all over the paddock, inside centre Sione Malu and prop Steve Lauti.

"Shannon Beavan played his typically strong game while Scott Connors at fullback was always dangerous in attack.

"The Woy Woy backline was excellent, headed by the three players mentioned above.

"Matt Bishop was also excellent at fullback while club stalwarts, Dave Plunkett and Paul Gooley, never took a backward step all day."

In other results for round two, Woy Woy's second grade team were defeated 38 to 10 by Kariong and defeated 32 to 10 in third grade.

Round three for Woy Woy first grade saw a try scored on the fulltime whistle by Ourimbah with a 15 to 13 finish against them.

"The try was scored close enough to the posts for the home team to convert the try to gain victory," Mr Thomson said.

"Both teams scored two tries and there was nothing between them all game.

"Woy Woy would have felt they were home but for the match winning try in the last minute of play.

"Ourimbah had several good players but none were better than five-eight Tim Hill, prop Joe Montgomery and Nathan Claxton.

"Woy Woy would consider themselves most unlucky.

"Best players for them were five-eight Marlon Counsell, Joel Frazer and Nick Garnett. "Ourimbah now have gained their second win of the season both by the narrowest of margins.

"Woy Woy are yet to win but must be very close after three very good performances this season."

In other round three results, Ourimbah defeated Woy Woy second grade 27 to 0 and also 27 to 12 in third grade competition.

At the end of round three, Woy Woy first grade finished seventh on the points table.

Press release, 10 May 2009
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

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Cyclists stop for lunch



More than 60 cyclists stopped off for lunch at Ettalong Beach on May 31, as part of the Hunter Valley Entoure Cycle Classic.

The 400km three-day cycle challenge raised money for the Day of Difference Foundation to help critically injured children.

Event director Mr Kent Williams said the bike challenge hoped to raise \$200,000 for the foundation.

"We look forward to help fund the purchase of emergency

equipment for bushfire victims from the Victorian bushfires and audio-visual equipment for the paediatric centre at Westmead Children's Hospital," Mr Williams said.

"The ride is a great way for people to get out of the office, jump on a bike and raise money for children in need.

"The support we have received for this year's Hunter event is most pleasing."

Mr Williams said: "I am very familiar with the Ettalong area since I have family there and it was

a wonderful spot to have a rest and lunch before heading off on the ferry for the final leg of the ride," Mr Williams said.

The bike challenge event ran from May 29 to 31, starting off at Hornsby before heading 157km north to the Hunter Valley.

Day two saw riders continue another 91km around the Hunter Valley.

The final day was broken up into two sections, stopping off at Ettalong for lunch before heading off on a chartered ferry and riding the final 17km into Manly.

Mr Williams said each individual rider on the challenge was instrumental in raising money for the Day of Difference Foundation.

"It was up to our riders to raise the main bulk of the funds, each with a target of \$3000," Mr Williams said.

"Many of our riders exceeded this.

"Various fundraising activities were organised by riders prior to the ride including a 24-hour spin bike challenge, bootcamp session and leg waxing event."

Donations are still welcome and can be made via the Entoure website at www.entoure.com.au.

Clare Graham, 27 May 2009

Interviewee: Kent Williams,

Entoure Cycle Classic

Press release, 26 May 2009

Symon Madry, Entoure Cycle

Classic

Umina Bunnies help overturn beer ban

Umina Beach Rugby League Club has been "instrumental" in lifting the Central Coast Division of Rugby League's ban on the sale of full-strength alcohol at games, according to club secretary Mr Kevin Hulls.

"Without doubt the most important decision of the year was overturned and we will again be able to sell full strength alcohol at all games in season 2009," Mr Hulls said.

"Umina Beach club had a massive input into getting this decision overturned and we look forward to all our valued supporters again being able to have a cold beer at our remaining home games."

The ban on selling full-strength

alcohol at all Central Coast Division Rugby League games came at the start of this year's season following a number of alcohol-related incidents.

Since the ban, the issue has sparked hot debate amongst local rugby league clubs and supporters.

The Kincumber Colts and Entrance Tigers clubs were also fined for failing to follow the ban at home games in April.

Many Central Coast clubs, including Umina Beach said the ban would have had dire financial consequences if it had continued on for the rest of the season.

Newsletter, 1 May 2009

Kevin Hulls, Umina Beach Rugby League Club

Malibu results

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club conducted its monthly contest at Umina Beach on May 17, with newcomer Matty Sing taking out first place.

"It was a matter of only 12 hours being the difference between dead flat conditions late on the Saturday afternoon, to being too big for Umina to handle," publicity officer Mr Craig Coulton said.

"So it was up the beach to Berith St, which had the only bank that looked like handling the swell, combined with the early morning low tide.

"It turned out to be the correct decision with good waves lasting the whole contest."

First round winners were Craig Coulton, Matt Sing, Calyn Wilkinson, Garry Halliday, Kai Ellice-Flint and Mark Williams.

"Matty Sing, in only his second contest with the Ocean Beach Malibu Club, managed to keep his unbeaten record intact, winning

the battle of the first's from Kai Ellice-Flint and Mark Williams," Mr Coulton said.

"Michael Baker won the second's ahead of Mick Magurran and Brian Cook, while in the third's, Ron Stockings defeated Richie McClelland and Barrie Salmon, with only 0.5 of a point separating each of them.

"The club's women's champion for the past few years, Madison Cook, showed the men how it was done by winning the fourth's from Adam Hillard and Sean Cornwall.

"In the fifth's, the rapidly improving Chris Irwin was too good for newcomer Glen Bible, with Graham Penboss taking third spot.

"In the final heat of the day, Dave Moulton was successful, outpointing Bill Burke and Ron Flight."

Press release, 21 May 2009

Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club

Pelicans hold swim carnival

Ettalong Pelicans held its annual swimming carnival on Saturday, May 23, with more than 200 adult swimmers from 29 clubs competing in the event.

The event was held in the 25 metres section of the Peninsula Leisure Centre pool which swimmers said was a "fast pool".

A number of records were set on the day with Masters swimmers Lynette Stevenson and Cary Munns of Blacktown City setting three world records.

Eleven Australian records were also set in various age groups, including on by Pam Martin

of Wyong in the 200 metres backstroke for the 50 to 54 years Womens group.

The National 50 metres freestyle record was broken by Sydney swimmer Wett Ones with a time of 24.02 seconds in the Mens 25 to 29 years.

Seven State records were set, with Val Lincoln of Gosford setting three new State records in breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle.

Of the 19 Ettalong swimmers who competed, top results went to Shelley Smith, 25 to 29 years, Alison Read, 35 to 39 years, Russel Thompson, 70 to 74 years,

Fred Elsom, 75 to 79 years and Opal Eddy, 80 to 85 years.

The overall club point score was won by Warringah, followed by Novocastrians in second, Ettalong third and Wyong fourth.

Aspecial presentation was made to Pelicans member of more than 20 years, Paul Lemon, who was Swimmer of the Meet at the recent Australian Masters Championships in Brisbane.

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Press Release, 23 May 2009

Gordon Ferguson, Ettalong Pelicans

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Mixed results for Bunnies

The Umina Bunnies were defeated by Northern Lakes in round six of the Central Coast Rugby League first grade cup on May 10.

The home game for the Peninsula club saw mixed results across all four grades.

"Kicking off the Mothers Day round six at Umina Oval with the Under-18 team against a Warriors side fielding only 12 players, saw a comfortable 56-6 win," club secretary Mr Kevin Hulls said.

"With the opposition never conceding at any stage as the score mounted, fatigue set in due to no interchanges available.

"Best for the Junior Bunnies was Josh Ford, followed by Nick Corda and Matt Dewar in defence and Alex Lash, Brayden Williams topping the scoring sheet in attack.

"Second on the agenda was a very easy 62-0 win for the Under-20s team.

"When the minds are on the job, this team plays a pleasing brand of football, both in attack and defence.

"Trouble in keeping the minds on the job was evident in the second half after leading 42 to 0 at halftime.

"While scoring 20 points in the second half, some old habits resurfaced as they tried to play ad-lib when nothing needed changing.

"All players in the second grade side were on notice to perform or be benched as they took on 2008 Premiers Northern Lakes.

"With the usual initial softening up period over, the Bunnies gradually took command of the game.

"With the addition of John O'Sullivan and return of Pat Ryan from injury bolstering the Bunnies forward pack, the opposition found every centimetre of ground gained and lost a mammoth effort.

"This allowed plenty of room for the backs to display their talent with Mick Cavers once again a stand out scoring 18 points, a double to Peter Murray and one try a piece to Ben Paget and Ajay Greenwood completing the scoring.

"The first grade side were out to make it a second win all grades day this year as they confronted the Northern Lakes Warriors, but somewhere the plan went missing.

"From the warm-up to the game, the side was out-enthused, out-played and out-scored in a 30 to 12 loss.

"Although the Bunnies had many chances and were not out of snatching a win until the last 10 minutes, it was eventually a day to forget and consign to the pages of history."

Newsletter, 15 May 2009
Kevin Hulls, Umina Rugby League Football Club

Woy Woy coach sees US final

Woy Woy rugby coach Mr Ross Hopkins has taken his Wisconsin University side to the United States national rugby union championship game held at Stanford University in California recently.

Mr Hopkins and his side travelled from Madison, Wisconsin, to Palo Alto, California, in early May to compete in the national championships.

A week earlier he and his team went down to the final 16 team's playoff in Orlando, Florida. At the playoff, they were the Cinderella team of the event.

They were seeded 16th and were thought to not have a chance of being in contention for the championship.

The team firstly played Salisbury University from Maryland to advance to the final eight, which they did, with a final score 19 to 17.

In their next game against Arizona State University, the Arizona team were regarded as favourites to advance to the national championship but yet again the Wisconsin team pulled off an unexpected victory, winning by 12 points.

A week later, Mr Hopkins returned to America for the national championship.

In their first game, they defeated Miami University 14 to 12.



This was quite a feat because it was only last year that Miami University knocked them out of contention to go to the Midwest playoff.

This victory advanced them to the national championship game.

"Being the 16th seed, all teams at the playoffs were ranked above us because of their results and their ability," Mr Hopkins said.

"We just went out there to prove everyone wrong and to that we were better than just the 16th seed."

In the National Championship game they played Middlebury University from Vermont.

The Middlebury team had been regarded as the team to beat and justified the reputation by defeating Wisconsin University, 27 to 11.

"Going up against Middlebury, a

team who were national champions only two years previous, and have been in the final four, four years in a row, was a challenge," Mr Hopkins said.

"We knew they had more experience because of that and, at Middlebury, rugby union is a major sport whereas at Wisconsin it is deemed a recreational sport and doesn't receive much funding.

"Saying that, a disallowed try in the second half which would have given us the lead may have changed the outcome but anything could have happened and in the end experience overruled."

Although Mr Hopkins and his team did not win the championship, they regarded this result as an outstanding achievement.

Matthew Hopkins, 27 May 2009

Interviewee: Ross Hopkins, Woy Woy

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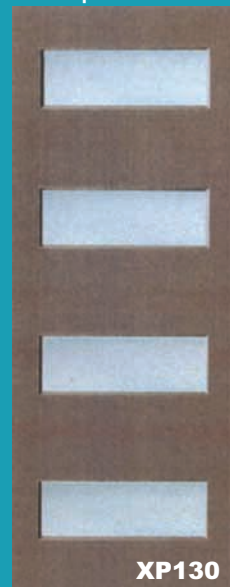
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