

## Chamber concerned about DLEP delay

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed concern about further delays in releasing the Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan for comment.**

Its public exhibition has been delayed beyond the expected release date after confirmation that the required Section 65 Certificate has still not been issued by the NSW Department of Planning.

"We understand that the new planning document has undertaken a complicated process, but there is a lot of concern in the business community that the exhibition of the new planning instrument is well overdue," Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"The Department of Planning is yet to formalise its legal advice on aspects of the plan and this has

delayed the return of the document for council's consideration.

"The delays in this process have placed a number of important new developments and redevelopment proposals on hold as property owners and developers are unsure how the planning changes will impact on the development potential of their land.

"This is particularly so in the Umina Beach CBD where major new developments such as Coles and Woolworths are underway.

"Council is undertaking a strategic review of the way the Umina Beach town centre operates in terms of new development, parking, traffic flow and pedestrian movements.

"The outcome of this review will inform that preparation of the City Wide Development Control Plan that will accompany the new planning instrument.

"It is expected that the new DCP will update development and design guidelines that will influence the future of the town.

"Any delays in this process only fuels uncertainty and places many projects on hold."

According to Mr Wales, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has made numerous submissions to council in the past as to the preferred development outcomes for Peninsula town centres.

He said chamber members were keen to discuss these issues once the draft planning instrument and new DCP were placed on exhibition.

"In relation to the Ettalong Beach town centre, our members are very concerned that council's new planning guidelines won't go far enough to kick start the stalled development of the CBDs," Mr Wales said.

"Unlike the Umina Beach town centre, Ettalong Beach is going through a tough time and it is important that council ensure that improved development controls are put in place to encourage redevelopment of much of the old commercial and retail building stock.

"Our concern is that the revised Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan has been considerably altered from the document previously available last year.

"It is hoped that the councillors ensure that it is thoroughly tested and reviewed and that the community has the opportunity to provide constructive criticism when it is finally placed on exhibition.

"The Peninsula in particular cannot afford to miss out on getting the new planning controls right.

"It will be a long time before we have another opportunity to

influence the outcome of our town centres in such a profound way."

Gosford Council's manager of integrated planning Mr Eddie Love told Peninsula News that the process of placing the Draft Gosford LEP on public exhibition is taking "a bit longer than anticipated".

"Unfortunately, council can't move ahead with the Draft Gosford Local Environmental Plan until we get permission from NSW Planning," Mr Love said.

"It is expected that this will be at least a few months away."

Mr Love said the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy developed in 2005 encompassed a review of the way the main town centres of the Peninsula operate and would be used as a strategic basis for the Draft Gosford LEP.

**Press release, 19 Aug 2009  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

## Sea level rise effect is limited

**Sea level rise maps released by Gosford Council show that the residential areas behind Woy Woy oval and at Booker Bay will be most affected by**

**sea level rise due to climate change.**

The maps show that a sea level rise of as little as 20cm would have a significant effect on these areas.

However, residential areas of the remainder of the Peninsula are relatively unaffected.

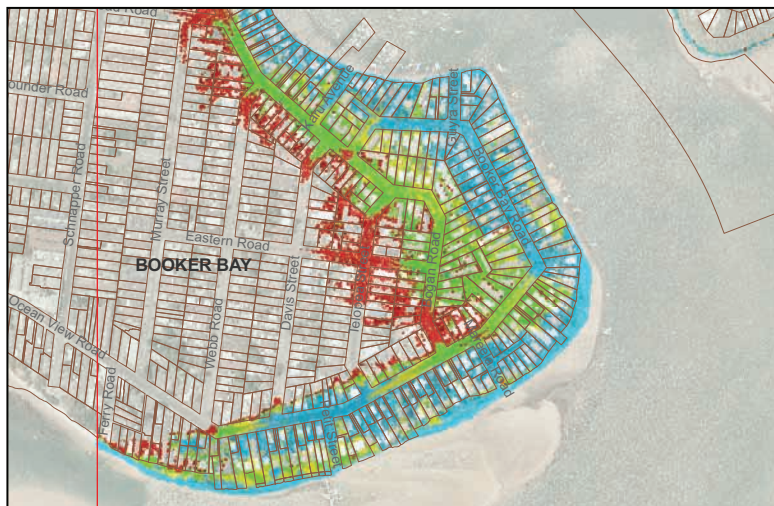
Maps were released showing affects of sea level rise of up to 90cm with average tides, king tides, "one per cent" floods and ocean storms.

The maps show relatively little impact on the ocean beach foreshore, even during ocean storm events.

Other areas affected are mainly restricted to existing flood-prone areas, mostly not affecting residential properties.

The maps show existing flooding levels in blue, 20cm levels in yellow, 55cm levels in green and 90cm levels in brown.

**Website, 15 Aug 2009  
Gosford Council**



Booker Bay area - 1% AEP Flood Inundation Map



Woy Woy area - 1% AEP Flood Inundation Map

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The trackwork closed all services between Newcastle and Central stations.

Buses and coaches were brought in to replace train services.

Major works included cutting stabilisation works, general track maintenance and vegetation management between Wondabyne

and Woy Woy.

Track grading and resurfacing works were also carried out between Woy Woy and Gosford stations.

The Woy Woy level crossing received major works including the cut and removal of sleepers and rail, overhead wire adjustments and the excavation and rebuild of track subgrade and formation.

**Pamphlet, 19 Aug 2009 RailCorp**

## Food network wants members

**The Peninsula Environment Group is looking for new members to join its food network in order to support local farmers while enjoying healthy and tasty food.**

The local group liaises with organic farmers from Mangrove Mountain to provide a fortnightly supply for network members.

Group member Ms Shirley Hotchkiss of Umina said as well as the health and environmental benefits of the program, members reported superior quality and taste at affordable prices.

"Since industrial times, urban dwellers have been encouraged to grow their own food in times of crisis, such as war and recession," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"Or they've been motivated by poverty or scarcity to make the most efficient use of resources.

"And some cultures like Italian and Greek have brought their practices to Australia.

"Instead of a front yard of lawn and palm trees, they grew carrots,

tomatoes, figs, grapes, and shared the surplus with neighbours, friends and family.

"But when we eat non-organic produce, we are ingesting many chemicals and pesticides. "And, if we eat animal produce like eggs and meat, we also consume the hormones used by farmers to promote quick growth.

"Orchards and vegie gardens are no longer commonplace here.

"So the Peninsula Environment

Group has been operating a food network to source and supply local organic fruit and vegies.

"If you would like to make a positive difference to the environment, support local farmers, and eat healthy, tasty food, click on the Food Network link at [www.peg.org.au](http://www.peg.org.au).

**Press release, 20 Aug 2009 Shirley Hotchkiss, Peninsula Environment Group**

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## Winners

**The winners of the Peninsula News Crossroads Festival Competition have been announced.**

Congratulations to Ms Hilda Mangan of Tascott and Mr Langley of Pearl Beach.

Both residents have each won a double pass to see an afternoon performance of Australia's finest chamber musicians and string players at Brentwood Village Auditorium on September 5.

Thank you to our other readers for entering the competition.

**Clare Graham, 21 Aug 2009**

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Police from Strike Force Piccadilly II attend the scene of the ATM Blast at West St, Umina, back in December last year

## Man arrested for ATM gas attacks

**A 30-year-old Woy Woy man has been arrested and charged with two offences in relation to 13 separate ATM gas attacks across Sydney, Wollongong and the Central Coast over the past nine months.**

The man was arrested in Woy Woy and charged with participating in a criminal group and conspiring to commit aggravated break and enter.

He was refused bail when he appeared at Gosford Local Court on August 13.

Five other men were also arrested and a total of 137 charges were laid following ongoing

investigations from Strike Force Piccadilly II including aggravated break and enter, malicious damage by explosion and stealing.

Detectives executed 10 search warrants across Sydney, Wollongong and the Central Coast, where they located a large number of exhibits including a quantity of drugs, cash, as well as four motor vehicles and two motor bikes.

The arrests relate to extensive investigations conducted by Strike Force Piccadilly II detectives into 13 ATM explosions including the St George ATM in West St, Umina, on December 20, last year.

Press release, 13 Aug 2009  
NSW Police Media

## Water valve to cost \$1 million

**Gosford Council has asked the State Government for money from its Local Infrastructure Fund to replace a water pressure-reducing valve in Woy Woy.**

According to a council staff report, council is requesting \$1 million to replace the valve to allow for "improved operation and supply increased development in the Woy Woy Peninsula area".

"The current site is unreliable and delivers a service below acceptable standards," the report stated.

"As part of the works, a new valving arrangement in Koolewong would also improve system operations as Koolewong reservoir is upstream of pressure reducing

valve.

"The \$200 million NSW Local Infrastructure Fund has been established as an interest-free loan scheme, under the 2009 to 2010 NSW Budget for local councils to bring forward infrastructure projects, costing at least \$1 million, which are delayed due to lack of funding.

"The funding is to provide an immediate local economic boost as water, sewer, drainage and roads infrastructure projects are provided for local communities."

Council's grants officer has liaised with project officers who have investigated the project and found it suitable for the loan scheme.

Council agenda COR.93,  
11 Aug 2009

**Work has commenced on the upgrade of the BiLo car park in Oscar St, Umina.**

The upgrade will increase the total number of car parking spaces to 73 and will feature shade sails to improve the customer amenity.

"The plans were recently approved by Gosford Council and are a precursor to a full refurbishment and re-badging of the existing BiLo Supermarket which will commence in October this year," Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"The refurbishment will see the BiLo become a Coles Supermarket outlet with the floor area expanded into the existing vacant specialty shop areas.

"The new work will create a new store format with an improved retail offer to customers.

"The commitment by Coles Group to the Umina Beach CBD

## Carpark work starts for supermarket



The new car park shade sails proposed for Oscar St, Umina, will be similar to those found at Raymond Terrace shopping centre (above)

comes at a time when Woolworths are also planning the construction of the major supermarket on the old G&B Hardware site in West St later this year.

"It is also expected that Aldi will commence work on the new supermarket in Trafalgar Ave in early 2010.

"Each of these major

commitments to the town centre are expected to substantially increase foot traffic and boost retail activity across the CBD.

"The chamber looks forward to working with the majors for the best possible outcome for the town centre."

Newsletter, 19 Aug 2009  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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## Council pursues grant opportunities

The Forum section in the Monday, June 29, issue of Peninsula News included two letters regarding the Australian Government funds that Gosford Council applied for to implement actions associated with the Ettalong Beach Reserve Plan of Management (2007).

Grant funds from sources such as the Australian and NSW Governments are essential to implement many of the priority actions council undertakes on behalf of the local community.

Council applies for grants to undertake a wide range of works to improve infrastructure, the environment and service provision in the city.

Whilst environment protection and restoration activities are at the forefront of council's priorities, these works are often expensive and require joint funding assistance from local, state and federal governments to achieve long-term solutions.

As such, council remains vigilant in applying for Federal and State Government grant programs such as coastal protection and restoration activities.

Despite council's efforts, not

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every funding bid is successful.

Where possible, council also takes advantage of other funding opportunities to support a wide range of projects.

As a result of the global economic crisis, both the Australian and NSW Governments have provided additional opportunities for local councils and communities to apply for grant funds for local projects.

Council has taken advantage of these additional opportunities by applying for grants for a number of projects, including the implementation of various actions from the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management.

A determination on council's application is yet to be made by the Australian Government.

Council regularly submits grant applications for environmental protection and restoration works.

In April 2009, council submitted an application to the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program requesting \$4.3 million over four years to address a number of important local environmental issues.

One of the key components of this proposed project was the restoration of the local coastal and

estuarine environments.

Information recently posted on the Caring for Our Country website indicates that council was not among the five NSW based projects funded by this program.

Applications will continue to be made to the Caring for Our Country program and other programs that provide funds for environmental projects.

The Peninsula Recreation Precinct project, which includes the restoration of a remnant of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland and adjacent dune vegetation, was successful in gaining funds from the Australian Government.

This project will result in improved recreational facilities and environmental outcomes for the precinct, which is located off Sydney Ave in Umina.

Community participation in this project is both welcomed and encouraged.

Information regarding opportunities for individuals and groups to be involved can be obtained from Gosford City Council's Open Space and Leisure Officer, Shari Timothy on 4325 8222.

Cr Chris Holstein,  
Mayor of Gosford

## Stop the bubble-wrapping

You can tell local councillors don't commute.

Woy Woy Rd is frustrating enough when you're lined up behind 20 people doing 70km/h along there in peak hour.

Now it's a line-up of 50 people doing 55km/h.

If the local council was so concerned about our safety, they would have repaired the guard rail by now.

The accident which damaged it on both sides happened over a month ago.

This is just another opportunity for them to assign police to the area in the hope of collecting speeding fines.

It is also ridiculous that, when turning right into Woy Woy Rd from Central Coast Highway at Kariong, there is a red arrow during peak hour while the light is green for

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highway traffic.

Commuters now have to back up across both intersections and it is causing traffic bank ups for the entirety of peak hour.

If the council thinks they're keeping us safe by bubble wrapping us, all they're doing is increase driver frustration.

There are many multi-lane intersections in Sydney, often near curves which are blind when traffic is lined up, which allow cars to turn right when the main light is green.

Why can we not have this at the Kariong intersection?

There is plenty of visibility and plenty of opportunities to move through the intersection.

David Pardy,  
Ettalong Beach

## Thrilled with Marie

The Somersby community, with the constant help of Marie Andrews, has just won the fight to stop a huge sand mine next to Somersby Public School.

This should be acknowledged in the Peninsula News as her staff at Woy Woy has been so helpful over

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the last 13 years and Marie always returns our calls and emails.

We are all thrilled with the outcome.

Ruth Donnelly,  
Somersby

## A 24-hour food store is overdue

Last week I was sounded out about what I thought of the prospect of a 24-hour McDonalds next to the Woolworths service station which is already well under way on the corner of West St and Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

I am a 100 percent in favour of the commercial development of another food outlet and I believe Umina has a chance to become the place to eat on the south end of the Central Coast.

It is long overdue.

It will strengthen the resolve of already unhappy locals to insist on a stronger police presence in the Umina CBD over night.

Friday, August 14, confirmed what I have told all those who

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would listen.

Another vandalism attack, this time at the TAB, by drunken youths hanging around the Umina CBD inflicting anti-social behaviour in the early hours of the morning.

Without 24x7 monitoring and

a proper quick response, the expensive recently-installed CCTV will do nothing but provide a record of what happened in the small hours of the night.

Until we have a strong police presence right here on the Woy Woy Peninsula, we will continue to endure an increase in attacks on what is laughingly identified as our "quiet enjoyment".

In the meantime, our Central Business District needs to grow, and that will be much more productive experience with constructive community involvement at the grass roots level. Don't continue to sit back and let community leaders direct things the way they have in the past.

Edward James,  
Umina

## Sponsorship is child exploitation

McDonald's sponsorship deal has turned Australian Little Athletics into logo-wearing, low-paid child labour working for the foreign owned burger-master on low rent public land.

As a great grandfather, a returned soldier, a former veteran athlete and a former BUGAUP activist, I object to the exploitation of young children for the benefit of the commercial advertising industry.

Parents who sell advertising

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space on the person of their child should consult their consciences about possible child abuse.

Amateur athletics is a sport that can be enjoyed on a shoestring budget without the intrusion of commercial advertising onto public sports fields or the pollution of the minds and bodies of Australia's future adults.

John Collins,  
Woy Woy

## Industrial estate camping

Has anyone noticed how peaceful industrial estates are?

They are often as quiet as a cemetery.

Contrast this to suburbia, particularly on a Sunday.

The noise is overwhelming.

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Home handymen and builders using steam pile drivers, cement grinders, electric drills, screeching chainsaws, booming leaf blowers and assorted mowers and cutters.

The noise is loud, obnoxious

and drives one to distraction.

A sane person becomes like the Disney character Donald Duck, a creature of rage and despair.

I suppose the answer is, if one seeks a quiet weekend, to go and camp in an industrial estate.

Keith Whitfield,  
Woy Woy

I read with amazement the letter from Keith Whitfield on shooting in our national parks.

Does he not realise the defenceless animals that he is talking about are feral foxes and cats which destroy all our native animals?

The animals are currently poisoned by the National Parks and Wildlife using 1080 poison which is

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a very slow and painful death and also kills our native animals.

Shooting would not occur anywhere near properties bordering National Parks, and the shooting is done by expert marksman who put safety above everything else.

Lionel Brian Mance,  
Macmasters Beach

## Shooting is targetted

## Woy Woy Rd targetted by police

The 60km/h zone of Woy Woy Rd will be among areas targetted by police for speeding over the next two months.

Police will be targetting speeding and drink driving as part of Operation Brisbane Water Safer Roads until the end of October.

According to highway patrol officer Sergeant Phil Saunders, the four-month operation began at the start of July and will target main roads within the Brisbane Water

Local Area.

He said main roads including Brisbane Water Dr, the Central Coast Hwy, Woy Woy Rd and Empire Bay Dr would be patrolled at peak hour times in both the morning and afternoon periods.

Sergeant Saunders said he could not confirm how many traffic infringements had been issued until the end of the operation.

Clare Graham, 19 Aug 2009  
Interviewee: Phil Saunders, Gosford Police

## Chamber welcomes move for future dredging

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has welcomed moves to negotiate recurrent funding to dredge the Ettalong Channel.

"The Peninsula Chamber has been highly supportive of the dredging issue and especially in regard to a cooperative approach with the NSW State Government," Mr Wales said.

"The business community welcomed the Council's recent decision to match the NSW State Government offer of \$250,000 towards the maintenance dredging but always believed that an ongoing program should be implemented so that we don't have the same argument in another five or six years.

"Council's decision to seek support from the Local Government Association to negotiate a clear policy as to who is responsible for maintaining channels is a good move.

"This issue has clearly divided the council and regardless of the reasons, a cooperative approach needs to be worked out so that monies can be allocated into the future to ensure that the Ettalong Channel is kept clear."

Mr Wales said that valuable time had been wasted procrastinating



Overlooking the entrance to Brisbane Water where dredging works are expected to take place before Christmas (photo source: Gosford Council)

over who should fund the work.

"We need leadership on this issue and the Peninsula Chamber was delighted to see Cr Peter Freewater take on the role as advocate for the dredging," Mr Wales said.

"It was a common sense decision to support the funding."

According to council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen, NSW Maritime completed a survey of the dredging area adjacent to the southern end of Lobster Beach on August 13.

He said results from the survey were now being looked at by council to assess the volumes of sand needed to be dredged from the area.

Mr Glen said tender documents were also being prepared by council and the dredging process was expected to be completed by Christmas.

Press release, 16 Aug 2009  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Clare Graham, 20 Aug 2009  
Interviewee: Stephen Glen, Gosford Council

## Lessons learnt from boat stranding

A boat became stranded in the main entry channel to Brisbane Water off Lobster Beach after running out of fuel on August 9.

Central Coast Coastal Patrol publicity officer Mr Richard Manning said the incident could be used as a lesson for other boat users enjoying the warmer weather.

"As the good weather entices more of us onto the water, there are a few lessons from this incident," Mr Manning said.

"Having a GPS on board is a great advantage, if properly calibrated it can make pinpointing

your position, even in unfamiliar places, very simple.

"If dependent on a mobile phone, it would be good to have your local and nearby marine rescue bases listed in its directory.

"It is best to attend to obvious problems like a defective radio system before it is needed in an emergency.

"It is also recommended to always have a small reserve of fuel stored on board in a safe manner - do not depend on others as fuel transfers can be hazardous."

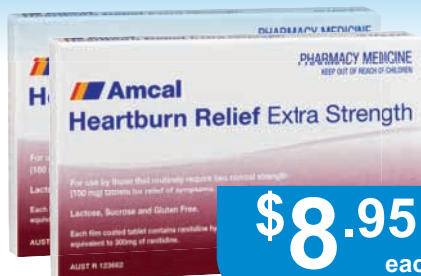
Press release, 9 Aug 2009  
Richard Manning, Coastal Patrol

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Umina District Chamber of Commerce president Ms Sharon Martin outside the old Mitre 10 site as demolition works begin to make way for the new Woolworths Supermarket

## Demolition work starts

Demolition has begun on the corner of West and Trafalgar Sts in Umina to make way for the construction of the new \$11 million Woolworths supermarket.

The new supermarket featuring 118 onsite car parking spaces is due to be completed by mid next year.

Umina District Chamber of Commerce president Ms Sharon Martin said the new development would bring 150 full-time, part-time and casual employment positions to the area.

"Amended plans currently before Gosford Council show an attractive building which is tastefully and carefully designed to blend into the

existing village facade, while at the same time delivering a refreshing clean and modern visual," Ms Martin said.

"Woolworths encourages the use of local trades where possible throughout the construction which is a welcome opportunity for local trades such as plumbing and electrical contractors, concrete and construction specialists as well as numerous other fixture and fit out contractors.

"Andrew Love, development manager with Woolworths Ltd, expressed an interest in having an open, informative and cooperative relationship with the Umina District Chamber of Commerce and the local community."

Press release, 18 Aug 2009  
Sharon Martin, Umina District Chamber of Commerce

## Cinema helps council win award

Gosford Council has won a communications award thanks to the help of a local cinema, according to Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

He has thanked Ettalong Cinema Paradiso for its help in promoting Gosford Council's beach safety campaign.

The campaign has since been awarded an Excellence in Communication Award at the RH Dougherty Communication Awards of the Local Government and Shires Association.

Cr Holstein said the Peninsula cinema had provided financial support in ensuring the success and implementation of the beach safety campaign over last summer.

He said more than 200 cinema adverts of the beach safety message were shown every week throughout the campaign.

"I am very proud to announce council's achievement in winning the award," Cr Holstein said.

"This could not have been done without the generous support of local businesses and organisations such as the Ettalong Cinema Paradiso.

"Council's submission in the prestigious awards was its 08/09 beach safety campaign, which focused on educating the two million plus beach goers who visit the area annually, on how to be safe on Gosford City beaches."

Cr Holstein said that evaluation of the campaign revealed that the beach safety message was not only seen by the target market, but also that the safety messages were understood and acted upon.

"In 2008 rescues outside the flags totalled 1577 and in 2009 that total fell to just 445 rescues," Cr Holstein.

"This 71 per cent reduction in rescues is made even more remarkable when assessed with the full knowledge of the huge increase in beach goers, perhaps due to

the better weather experienced in 08/09 season.

"Beach visits rose from 1.2 million in 07/08 to almost double with 2.2 million visiting the beach in 08/09."

According to Cr Holstein, the multimedia campaign featured a message of positive reinforcement of the right things to do at the beach to be safe, rather than a 'do not' approach.

He said judges commented that the campaign featured a very clear and well-targeted beach safety message that had terrific reach, a real impact on safety and awareness and with a very modest budget.

Cr Holstein said he was extremely proud of the efforts of Gosford council staff which contributed to the success of the campaign.

"The Gosford City Local Government Area encompasses some 50km of coastline with magnificent stretches of beach," Cr Holstein said

"Our dedicated team of Professional Council Lifeguards, in partnership with our nine resident Surf Life Saving Clubs, patrol from Wamberal in the north to Umina in the south.

"Together we provide patrols for seven months a year at nine stretches of beach.

Clare Graham, 7 Aug 2009

Interviewee: Cr Chris

Holstein, Gosford Council

Press release, 7 Aug 2009

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The first step in establishing when and how to prune your tree or shrub is to know whether the plant you want to prune has Secondary Growth and when does it flower. This is essential especially when pruning hedges of various types.

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## No plans to sue Ed James

**Gosford Council has no intention of taking legal action against Umina activist Mr Edward James, according to council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky.**

Following a question without notice from Cr Peter Freewater at a council meeting on July 7, the issue of taking legal action against Mr James was put to general manager Mr Peter Wilson.

Cr Freewater made mention to Mr Edward's paid advertisements in the Peninsula News, in particular, one half-page advertisement that appeared on May 4, stating that the mayor and deputy mayor of Gosford were liars.

"The mayor apparently lied in regard to the statement that 'Mr James had made several hundred complaints to other agencies and Gosford Council, none of which had been validated'," Cr Freewater said.

"The deputy mayor apparently lied in regard to the statement that 'the pipes at Piles Creek could not possibly rust because they were made of a special plastic'.

"Given how poorly this article reflects on council, does this council intend to take action against Mr James and if not, why not?"



In response, Mr Wilson said he was "not aware" of any plans to take action in regard to "that piece of information".

"I would suggest that, if council wants to have a discussion on any legal action, the appropriate place would be in council's confidential session," Mr Wilson said.

Mr Pasternatsky confirmed to Peninsula News that council had passed no resolution to proceed with legal action against Mr James.

**Council agenda Q.94, 7 Jul 2009**

**Clare Graham, 18 Aug 2009**

**Nic Pasternatsky, Gosford Council**

## Junior Guides have first birthday

**Blackwall Junior Girl Guides celebrated its first birthday at the Ettalong Guides Hall on August 10.**

Girl Guide publicity officer Ms Leonie Newson said it was great to see the Blackwall group grow steadily over the past year.

"The unit began in 2008 with Ronnie Joyce as unit leader and a total of three girls," Ms Newson said.

"Membership is now at 22 girls ranging in ages from six years to 10 years who eagerly participate in the various activities each week.

"Over the past 12 months we have been camping, attended Thinking Day, kite flying, participated in a swimming carnival and sold Girl Guide biscuits."

For membership information, telephone Cynthia on 4328 3247.

**Press release, 18 Aug 2009  
Leonie Newson, Blackwall  
Girl Guides**



Members of Blackwall Girl Guides celebrate the group's first birthday with fun and games on August 10

## Benefit night for Rhodes family

**The Bays Community Group held a benefit night for the Rhodes family who lost their Woy Woy Bay home to a house fire on July 25.**

The fundraising night was held at the Bays Community Hall on August 8, to raise money and provide the family with kitchen and non-perishable food items.

Each family in the area was asked to bring along items starting with the first letter of their last name to ensure the family received a variety of food and kitchen items.

"In the true spirit of Aussie mateship and friendship, neighbours and friends rallied around and at the special Benefit Night showed how much they loved and valued the Rhodes family," group president Mr Bob Puffett said.

"Everybody was most generous and gave the Rhodes family a great start to the next phase on their life's pathway."

"We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our wonderful community following the loss of our beloved family home in the recent fire," Mr Ian Rhodes said.

"The kindness and generosity

shown to our family has touched all of us deeply.

"The initial Sunday night dinner shared with the Lovatts, the Hopkins and cooked by the Sextys held us together in those early shocked hours.

"This was followed by lots of offers of accommodation so that we didn't have to leave our beloved bay."

Bob Puffett hunted us down in the Umina Caravan Park on the first day with offers of help from the whole community.

"Laurie Davids got to work finding us a place to live.

"Friends and neighbours arrived with lots of wine, coffee and home

cooked meals.

"This was all topped off with a spirit of sorrow, kindness and generosity that permeated throughout the bay.

"The community event that was held in honour of our loss on the night of August 8, gave us all time to reflect and share the experience.

"We have come home with a trailer laden with beautiful gifts of all shapes and sizes - a token of the spirit of kindness that makes the bay such a great place to live.

"This will go a long way to helping us with the nuts and bolts of keeping the family going."

**Newsletter, 19 Aug 2009  
The Bays Community Group**

## Emissions trading discussed

**The Peninsula Environment Group will hold a free Emissions Trading Forum on Tuesday, September 1.**

"Are you still wondering what emissions trading is?" group member Mr Grant Focas said.

"Or what the government's scheme proposes?"

"Hear an explanation of emissions trading and speakers Greens Gosford Cr Terri Latella, Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast Branch president Mark Snell and head of campaigns Greenpeace Australia

Pacific Stephen Campbell, discussing why some sections of the environment movement support the scheme while others reject it.

"Will it be an effective strategy to combat climate change?"

"Come and discuss."

The forum will start from 7.45pm at the Woy Woy Environment Centre located in the old St Luke's Church, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

**Press release, 17 Aug 2009**

**Grant Focas, Peninsula  
Environment Centre**



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Federal Member for Robertson

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Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal and NSW Minister for Housing Mr David Borger at the Woy Woy building site

## Social housing provides stimulus

**Work is underway to complete two social housing projects in Umina and Woy Woy worth \$3.3 million that will employ 75 local tradespeople and labourers.**

The two projects are a part of the Federal and State Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

Local building company Baxter O'Hara Building has been awarded the social housing development project at both Peninsula locations.

"Another important part of the Australian Government's Stimulus Plan is for repairs and maintenance and to help reduce the backlog of maintenance and upgrading work

in social housing," said Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"The Australian Government is investing \$2 billion as part of its Stimulus Plan to deliver more than 6500 social housing homes in NSW and on top of that, the NSW Government is also investing \$1 billion to deliver another 3000 homes," NSW Minister for Housing Mr David Borger said.

"In the Central Coast and Hunter regions, the Nation Building Social Housing program will see 1300 new homes built, worth around \$366 million.

"These projects are anticipated to support around 1400 full time equivalent direct and indirect jobs per annum over two years, boosting the local economy.

Press release, 14 Aug 2009  
David Borger, NSW Minister for Housing

## Wine and cheese success

**More than 125 local residents turned out for The Bays Community Group's inaugural Wine and Cheese Night held recently.**

Group president Mr Bob Puffett said the event was a fantastic way to bring the local residents out of their "winter slumber".

"The doors were already bursting at 6:30pm as people sipped champagne and devoured the assortment of gourmet cheeses on offer," Mr Puffett said.

"Upwards of 125 people came throughout the evening, ferried around by Greg McMullen - more than any of us could have imagined, and buoyed by other prominent locals such as mayor Chris Holstein.

"Ted Watson and Ron Taylor dutifully staffed the bar, and provided tasting pointers for us mere mortals.

"Jim Doe was also on hand to discuss his fine art work, with over 30 paintings and prints out for people to admire.

"Jim also provided a fantastic prize for the hugely successful raffle.

"And if that wasn't enough, entertainment was provided by the Scarratt boys in their first paid gig.

"This was another exclusive for the Bays Community and, from what we heard, they clearly have a long and successful musical future in front of them."

Newsletter, 19 Aug 2009  
The Bays Community Group

## Council to sponsor Oyster Festival

**Gosford Council has taken up a \$5000 sponsorship deal to support this year's Oyster Festival to be held in Ettalong across the weekend of November 7 and 8.**

Festival chairperson Ms Debra Wales said it was great news to see council support the festival once again.

"While this ensures the continuation of this community event, the \$5000 sponsorship is a worthwhile investment for the Peninsula in terms of promoting the tourist and hospitality industry," Ms Wales said.

"Through our research and surveys, we know that the local tourist accommodation places have 80 to 100 per cent occupancy on the weekend of the festival.

"Our shops, restaurants and cafes report a 200 per cent plus increase in turnover which in turn relates to more money in the local economy and improved

employment opportunities.

"Clearly, council has recognised the iconic nature of this event and the positive benefits it brings to the region.

"Council's continued support is important for all these reasons and we are pleased that this event has now achieved regional status with the recent backing of Central Coast Tourism Inc."

Ms Wales said the festival was also proud to announce major sponsorship with Crowne Plaza, Terrigal.

"We have had such a huge response to our website at [www.oysterfestival.com.au](http://www.oysterfestival.com.au) where we proudly display our major sponsors."

In addition to council's \$5000 contribution, it has also resolved to receive an event report within one month of the completion of the festival detailing both the financial and community benefits.

Council agenda COM.36, 28 Jul 2009

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# Raising money for the pool

**I was recently given a huge bundle of old Woy Woy Heralds by an elderly citizen.**

Yellowed and fragile, the pages certainly made interesting reading.

Would you believe that back in the 50s, the paper published the names of all admissions and discharges from the local hospitals, including Orange Grove and Ocean Beach private hospitals?

Furthermore, the paper contained a social column under the heading What Suzie Saw, followed later by Tell It to Joan where, in breathtaking prose, we were informed where so-and-so went on holidays and who was visiting from out of town.

It was such delightful gossip and kept all of us informed about what everyone else was doing.

Tom Arkins was editor at the time and the actual printing was carried out by the old family firm of Ironmongers at Gosford.

Peter Hay looked after all the sport news and Simon Townsend (of Wonder World) started his career with the paper as junior reporter.

Reading through these old papers revealed a rather different world where simple pleasures and community activities were very much part of our daily lives.

Making comparisons is really a pointless exercise, but what became abundantly clear from perusing these old papers was the extraordinary part played by the various service clubs in the social and economic fabric of the community.

Great emphasis was placed on the diversity of trades and

professions included in the membership of these clubs so, in essence, they represented a microcosm of our community.

One particular project adopted by all the clubs was to raise money for the proposed War Memorial Pool.

Always ready to accept a challenge, Woy Woy Apex purchased land in the Garden of Adin Estate and then proceeded with the erection of a dwelling using mainly volunteer labour, with all profits from the sale going towards the Pool fund.

One of the most ambitious and imaginative events was the Back to Woy Woy celebrations which took place during October 1965.

All the service clubs were involved, with the help and support of many other organisations including Woy Woy Theatrical Society, Ocean Beach Surf Club and numerous sporting bodies.

It was reported that more than 8000 people watched a colourful procession from Woy Woy to Ettalong – extraordinary considering the population at that time.

Woy Woy Theatrical Society, blessed with a lot of great talent, put on a brilliantly conceived revue called Why Woy Woy, written specially for the occasion by that wonderfully talented lady Joy Hollier who was well known nationally as an ABC playwright.

With her flaming red hair and her ample figure, she used to ride her tricycle to Umina to do her shopping, always accompanied by her two cocker spaniels carried in a basket behind her.

She was certainly a much loved



and respected lady in Umina.

The festivities commenced with the Festival of the Waters organised by Apex and culminated with the crowning of the Festival Queen at a Ball held at the Pacific Cabaret, watched by an estimated crowd of 1000 people.

There were four entrants vying for the title.

Dianne Duggan was sponsored by Apex, Lorraine Marsh by the Olympic Pool Committee, Helen Renwick by Rotary and Suzette Waugh by the Lions Club.

With the enthusiastic support of their committees, the girls raised in excess of \$9000 towards the pool which, considering this was 1965, was a huge amount.

No doubt you will want to know who won.

Well, it was Suzette who managed to raise one third of the total amount.

Other activities included a full surf carnival organised by Ocean Beach Surf Club, with the highlight

being a marathon boat race around Lion Island, won by Port Kembla Surf Club with Avoca Beach Surf Club claiming second place.

Following the procession, a carnival was held at Ettalong which included a maypole and other attractions which kept the crowd entertained throughout the afternoon.

In addition, a gala Soccer Day was conducted at Umina, together with a Games Night at the South Woy Woy Progress Hall.

One of the most watched events was a marathon swim from Gosford to Woy Woy, won by Noel Duff in the amazing time of one hour and 28 minutes.

Jim O'Donnell, the popular licensee of the Woy Woy Hotel, put in a token appearance by diving in with the rest of the competitors only to clamber aboard one of the marshalling boats and dive back in 100 metres from the finishing line in order to claim the second spot, with much cheering and applause

from the good natured crowd who appreciated the joke.


Seeing so many hard working people were involved, it would be unfair to single out individuals.

However, I should mention the late Tom Waugh who made a huge contribution both as compere and organiser.

Then there were people like the late Phil Tonkin, the president of the Pool Committee, and Bruce Judd and Barry Langford who, supported by their clubs, made such a fantastic and unselfish contribution which, in due course, resulted in the construction of the pool.

As a community effort, the Back to Woy Woy celebration was an outstanding success, the likes of which we may not see again.

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Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews attended the launch of the Teen Time Project

## After-school disability service starts

**An after-school care service will start in Woy Woy for teenagers with intellectual disabilities following a funding announcement.**

The Teen Time program is run by Coastlink and has received more than \$200,000 in State Government funding to operate a service from South Woy Woy Progress Hall.

Coastlink chief executive officer Ms Lynne Rainford said the Teen Time program provided after-school care and vacation care for people with disabilities, including people with challenging behaviours.

"Coastlink has been fortunate to receive funding from the State Government to operate a Teen Time program at Woy Woy for working parents or parents undertaking study to re-enter the workforce," Ms Rainford said.

"The after-school component will operate at Woy Woy on some days from 3pm to 6pm and will

provide opportunities for people with disabilities attending high school to attend.

"They will be able to complete homework tasks, help make a nutritious afternoon tea with the friends they meet at the centre, join a fishing group, use Wii games, play e games, use the computer and all kinds of other great things.

"They will make friends in these groups that will last through school and beyond."

Minister for Disability Services Mr Paul Lynch said the NSW Government understood the wide range of challenges carers faced in supporting people with a disability.

He said Coastlink Teen Time Central Coast \$216,600 to provide parents of teenagers with an intellectual disability more respite.

"Both Teen Time and the Ageing Parent Carers program are providing funding and support for carers on the Central Coast," Mr Lynch said.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said the Teen Time program allowed parents of teenagers with an intellectual disability more respite, allowing them to pursue jobs and study.

"Teen Time acknowledges that carers who remain in employment need flexible work practices, alternative care arrangements and financial help with the cost of caring," Ms Andrews said.

"We all know how dedicated carers are. The NSW Government is supporting their effort with funding and support."

The after-school component of the program will be held at South Woy Woy Progress Hall at 76 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy.

For more information, contact program coordinator Alan Miles on 4321 1022.

**Press release, 12 Aug 2009  
Paul Lynch, Minister for Disability Services  
Lynne Rainford, Coastlink**

## Koori-Oke raises \$5000

**The MINGALETTA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation in Umina has raised more than \$5000 for the Leslie family and their young son Riley.**

Six-month old Riley has just finished open heart surgery to repair two holes in his heart and the money raised from the karaoke fundraising night will help cover hospital costs.

Riley's great grandmother Ms Dianne O'Brian has chaired MINGALETTA for three years and is overwhelmed by the community support.

Event coordinator Ms Kerry Eason also agreed that the amount of support shown from the

community was amazing.

More than 100 people attended the Koori-Oke fundraising night at Everglades Country Club on August 8.

Ms Eason said a total of \$5250 was raised for the Leslie family of Kariong.

"Riley has been out of hospital now for two weeks but unfortunately he is back in Gosford Hospital with a touch of pneumonia," Ms Eason said.

Ms Eason said MINGALETTA would not hesitate to hold another benefit night if Riley needed more surgery and medical assistance.

**Clare Graham, 17 Aug 2009  
Interviewee: Kerry Eason, MINGALETTA**

## Seniors should nominate, says Andrews

**Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews is calling on nominations for next year's NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards.**

"We are extremely fortunate to have such a large number of seniors that are active in the community on the Woy Woy Peninsula," Ms Andrews said.

"I would encourage Peninsula residents to nominate seniors in their community who should be

recognised.

A number of Peninsula seniors have been nominated in past years for their various community contributions.

Nominations are now open for the NSW Seniors Week Achievement Award that recognises seniors for their contribution to the development of the community and their leadership and initiative.

Ms Andrews said the awards provide an opportunity to formally thank older people for the contributions they make to their communities and to NSW as a whole.

Nomination forms are now available on the NSW Seniors Week website at [www.nswseniorsweek.com.au](http://www.nswseniorsweek.com.au) or by calling the Seniors Information Service on 131 244.

Nominations close on September 25, and nominees will be notified of their success in January next year.

**Press release, 19 Aug 2009  
Member for Gosford, Marie Andrews**

## New aged care staff trained

**Woy Woy Community Nursing Home will train two new aged care staff members while the Peninsula Village Retirement Centre and Hammond Care will each train three staff with the provision of new Federal funding.**

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said the electorate received funding of \$216,257 to train and increase the skills of 57 local aged and community care staff.

Workers in aged care homes will be able to gain certificate-level qualifications, such as enrolled nursing, as part of the Better Skills for Better Care program.

"This is a practical and commonsense measure. It is about helping people gain additional work skills and build a long-term career in aged care," Ms Neal said.

"Improving the skills of staff will help to provide better care for older residents in our local community."

**Press release, 24 Jul 2009  
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

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## Recycling spectacles

**A collaborative project between Simplicity Funerals of Woy Woy and Lions Club Australia has seen the collection and delivery of hundreds of used spectacles for disadvantaged people in developing countries.**

Woy Woy funeral director Ms Jan Thompson said the Woy Woy office was pleased to come together with other Simplicity Funeral branches to assist in Lions Club Australia's Recycle for Sight program.

"Simplicity Funerals on the Central Coast, along with a number of locations throughout Sydney, are collecting and recycling eyeglasses throughout 2009, with organisers hoping to boost the number of glasses donated this year," Ms Thompson said.

"We encourage people to donate used spectacles at participating funeral homes.

"All of our funeral directors have already scoured their own homes, and just like they did, I'm sure many will find glasses they no longer

use tucked away in cupboards or drawers.

"The program also allows families to donate their deceased loved ones' glasses which will 'live on' and assist the less fortunate in a practical and helpful way."

Ms Thompson said prescription glasses with both plastic and metal frames were most welcome and could be dropped off during normal business hours at collection boxes located in each Simplicity Funerals branch.

"Many families are also bringing in glasses when they come and see us to arrange a funeral or attend a service," Ms Thompson said.

"Since the Save-Sight Foundation was established in 1964, significant quantities of donated glasses have been distributed via humanitarian organisations to countries in need, but there are many more people for whom the cost of purchasing glasses or even being seen by an eye specialist is out of the question.

"Simplicity Funerals is proud to be participating in this initiative as part of our commitment to the community.

"You can really appreciate the difference that the Recycle for Sight program makes."

Director of the NSW Save-Sight Foundation Mr Samuel Chu said the donated glasses would be packed and shipped to the Lions Save-Sight Foundation where they would be sorted, cleaned and classified by prescription in preparation for delivery to the areas where they are needed most.

"Lions Club Australia is very appreciative of the support that Simplicity Funerals is providing for the Recycle for Sight program," Mr Chu said.

"Anyone who has an old pair of glasses lying around at home is encouraged to bring them along to Simplicity Funerals in Woy Woy or phone 4344 2333 during normal business hours."

**Press release, 5 Aug 2009  
Jan Thompson, Simplicity  
Funerals Woy Woy**

## Helping on Daffodil Day

**Umina Beach resident Ms Vicki White has answered the Cancer Council's call for volunteers to take part in this year's Daffodil Day.**

Ms White will be at Deepwater Plaza on Friday, August 28, raising funds and selling daffodils for the Cancer Council.

Daffodil Day raises funds for cancer research, prevention and support services through selling daffodils and other items promoting the fight against cancer.

Ms White, 49, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998 and as a single mother with children found the support from the Cancer Council invaluable.

"The Cancer Council has been wonderful," Ms White said.

"It can be very difficult resuming a normal life and living with your diagnosis."

Vicki's cancer was an aggressive kind and she required both radiotherapy and chemotherapy to fight the tumour.

During the same year Vicki's mother was diagnosed with cancer.

Ms White said that, without the Cancer Council's support in caring for her children during her therapy, life would have been impossible.

"Everybody is touched by cancer," Ms White said.

"One day, it could well be you.

It's an ongoing battle.

"We've still got a long way to go with cancer research and we need funds to continue that research.

"I help as much as I can with the Cancer Council who in turn helps people like me.

"The main reason I do it is to make a difference."

In 2008 stalls at Deepwater Plaza raised \$4000 for Daffodil Day and Ms White hopes they can achieve the same result this year.

Apart from Daffodil Day Ms White also helps on Pink Ribbon Day, helps organise the Peninsula Relay for Life and through her training with the Cancer Council is setting up a cancer support group at Gosford Hospital.

Community relations coordinator at the Cancer Council's Central Coast office Ms Lesley Chart said the fundraising on Daffodil Day directly benefited people on the Central Coast.

"In our own region, Cancer Council is helping fund cancer support groups, Sunsmart programs, transport for cancer patients and community advocacy for a public radiotherapy unit," Ms Chart said.

**Kevin Holloway, 7 July 2009  
Interviewee: Vicki White  
Press Release, 29 July 2009  
Lesley Chart, Community  
Relations Coordinator  
Cancer Council NSW,  
Central Coast Region**

## Homeless numbers drop

**A recent survey conducted by Mary Mac's Place has revealed that 20 per cent of those attending the free meal service were homeless, transient or living in insecure accommodation, a drop of 17 per cent since summer.**

Three per cent were women.

The survey was carried out as part of Homeless Person's Week from August 2 to 9.

According to project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht, a similar survey conducted over last summer showed that 37 per cent as homeless, transient or living in insecure accommodation.

"Evidence suggests that our companions who are homeless, transient and sleeping rough may gravitate further north through winter, where the climate is less punishing," Ms Schacht said.

"Traditionally, the numbers of companions at Mary Mac's Place increases over the warmer months.

Ms Schacht said the number of people attending Mary Mac's Place has increased by 43 per cent in the last financial year.

"In the same period, we have experienced an increase of 143 per cent in running costs, including food and other grocery items, cleaning and utilities," Ms Schacht said.

"The only paid, part-time position is the project coordinator's which is funded by Centacare Broken Bay Family Services and St Vincent de Paul Society."

"Mary Mac's, which is a charitable project of St John the Baptist Catholic Parish, is able to operate only through the great generosity and goodwill of our team of 70 dedicated volunteers and the many businesses, groups and clubs on the peninsula which support us."

Ms Schacht said the opportunity to meet with disadvantaged members of the community has enabled Mary Mac's volunteers to refer patrons onto other services such as Rosalie's Gardens Family Support and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Press release, 18 Aug 2009  
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place**

## Council works

**Gosford Council will conduct works in Blackwall, Empire Bay, South Woy Woy and Pearl Beach from August 24 to 30.**

Council workers will place posts as part of a retaining wall in Orange Grove Rd, Blackwall.

Water main renewal work will continue in Echuca Rd, Empire

Bay, while work will also continue in Nambucca Dr, South Woy Woy, for the construction of a new playground.

Council workers will establish a work site in Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach, throughout the week to commence drainage lines across the road way.

**Press release, 20 Aug 2009  
Shannon Curtis, Gosford Council**

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Participants enjoy the last Brisbane Water Outrigger Regatta at Ettalong foreshore (photo by Lisa Lent)

## Weekend festival for outrigger regatta

Ettalong Beach will hold a weekend festival when it stages the fourth annual Brisbane Water Outrigger Regatta next March.

The creation of the Brisbane Water Outrigger Regatta Festival is a project involving the Ettalong Beach Business Group and the Te Iku Nui Outrigger Canoe Club.

"Te Ika Nui has been holding an Australia Outrigger Canoe Racing Association sanctioned regatta at Ettalong Beach for three years," Ms Wilson said Festival coordinator Ms Lindy Wilson.

"By helping to expand this into a community festival, we feel we can utilise our location strengths and village atmosphere and the natural beauty and pristine waterways of the region.

"The multi-day event will feature a changes race which starts at Ettalong Beach, goes through the Brisbane Water to Gosford and back.

"This course allows for unprecedented waterfront viewing by many different communities.

"It is a spectacular and exciting relay where teams change over in

the water.

"This is a unique race format seen in few Australian Outrigger regattas."

Ms Wilson said the festival would also feature stalls and entertainment threaded through Ettalong including a Polynesian twist with a Saturday night Luau.

She said the festival would be a great opportunity to showcase local businesses and community groups while providing a sporting event that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

"Although the regatta originates in Ettalong, we see this as a whole Brisbane Water event and plan to build it into a major tourist attraction and the largest outrigger regatta in Australia," Ms Wilson said.

"We are looking to involve as many local community groups as possible around the Brisbane Water."

Ms Wilson said the festival committee were always looking for more sponsors, stall holders, volunteers and ambassadors to get involved.

For further information, contact Lindy Wilson on 0417 210 674 or at ebbgi@hotmail.com

Clare Graham, 20 Aug 2009

Press release, 17 Aug 2009

Lindy Wilson, Ettalong Beach Business Group

## Murder and crime stories from the past

Woy Woy Library will host a History Week event featuring stories of murder and crime from the Gosford district's past.

Local studies librarian Mr Geoff Potter will present stories for anyone interested in the history of local crime, people wanting to research their own criminal ancestors or simply those who enjoy a good mystery.

Lindsay Allen, senior archivist from State Records NSW, will also be at the event to talk about some notorious crimes in NSW, and the records that preserve their memory.

"What city or town in NSW has not had a bushranger pass through, a murder in its back alleys, a corrupt official run out of town or a skeleton tucked away somewhere waiting to be found?" president of the History Council of NSW Mr Mark Dunn said.

"NSW shimmers and glistens with colourful characters, places of ill repute, likely lads and femme fatales.

"Discover the scandals, crime and corruption that have shocked us over time and shaped our history, sometimes in unexpected ways."

The History Council of NSW has been running History Week for 14 years to show that history is interesting, relevant and all around us.

More than 140 events will be

taking place across the state with museums, libraries, universities and historical societies getting involved.

The History Week event at Woy Woy Library is free and will take place on September 9, from 2pm to 4pm in the Spike Milligan Room.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting 4325 8118 or via email at geoff.potter@gosford.nsw.gov.au

Press release, 10 Aug 2009  
Zoe Pollock, History Council of NSW

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Arts & Entertainment

# Performance night at Pearl Beach

The Association for Contemporary Music and Performance will present Performance Night at Pearl Beach on Friday, August 28, in the Pearl Beach Community Hall.

The Association was recently formed by a group of artists to explore the relationship between music, performance, visual arts, theatre, literature and film.

"What we want are performances which are lively, stimulating and address the realities of actual social life," association president Mr John von Sturmer said.

"We want things that can work on the run, a performance style which is adaptive, immediate, something that can take to the streets."

The idea of an art presentation came after Ms Albertina Viegas and Mr Slawek Janicki became residents of Pearl Beach in March this year.



Mr von Sturmer has been visiting them often, working on new ideas for an association.

"It seemed a natural thing to organise the first association event at Pearl Beach, as a present for this beautiful place and for the community," Mr Janicki said.

Mr Janicki has become vice-president of the association and was recently joined by his son Qba from Poland where he studies at the Cracow Academy of Music.

According to Mr Janicki, August 28 will be an opportunity to see

a series of art installations and performances by a number of local and overseas artists including Daniel Wallace, Albertina Viegas, Regina Walter, John von Sturmer, Slawek Janicki, Qba Janicki and Kris Wanders.

Accompanying the concert there will be jazz videos and new media pieces.

The concert of Wanders/Janicki/Janicki Trio is part of a bigger tour featuring seven concerts in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

The tour is supported by the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Poland.

The event will begin at 7pm. Light refreshments will be provided and the bar will be open till late for all guests.

**Press release, 17 Aug 2009  
Slawek Janicki, Association for Contemporary Music and Performance**

# Maritime art collection goes online

A unique online collection of Australia's maritime art and photography was launched at Woy Woy Library on August 14.

The Alfred and Roy Duffy Collection is hosted on Gosford Council's website and consists of more than 2200 photographs and photographed artworks relating to Australian shipping in the period 1870 to 1930.

"This exceptionally rare and nationally important collection has only been seen by a very small number of people over the years," Gosford Library manager Mr Allan Flores said.

"Well suited for marine enthusiasts of all kinds, this Aladdin's cave of souvenirs, paintings and photographs was visited by sailors and ship lovers from all around the world.

"Many images depict changes to Sydney Harbour from the 1880s

to the 1930s.

"Looking at the Duffy images, it is possible to trace some of the expansion of the port and to watch the changing face of local and international shipping.

"The variety of vessels represented in the collection is phenomenal.

"This database will be a boon to marine history enthusiasts around the world.

"Never before has such a concentration of Australian maritime art been available to browse in one location.

"Many of the original paintings are scattered around the world. If they have survived, most will never be seen in Australia again."

The collection can be found at <http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/alfred-roy-duffy-maritime-heritage-collection>

**Press release, 11 Aug 2009  
Alison Hood, Gosford Council**

# Fete volunteers wanted

Volunteers are needed to help with the Empire Bay Public School Springtime Fete on November 7.

Volunteers are wanted to sell ride tickets, help out at stalls on the day and to donate unused goods for the White Elephant Stall.

Unlimited ride tickets are now available from the school for \$20 each.

Volunteers are needed to sell these tickets every Friday morning from 8.30am to 9.15am.

People will also be needed to

help with book, cake, food and drink stalls throughout the fete day.

The fete committee is calling on people to reuse and recycle by donating unused items to the White Elephant Stall.

For more information, contact Therese on 4363 2912.

Alternatively, volunteers can leave their name at the school office on 4369 1796.

**Newsletter, 12 Aug 2009  
Empire Bay Public School**

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## Author speaks about latest book

Central Coast fiction author Peter Yeldham will speak about his new book and about the writing process when he comes to the Peninsula next month.

The visit has been organised by Ms Mandi McIntosh of Book Bazaar in Umina.

Mr Yeldham has been a writer since the age of 17 when he wrote short stories and radio scripts.

"He went to England, intending to stay a year and stayed nearly 20, writing for British television in the 1960s, then feature films and stage plays," said Ms McIntosh.

"His Australian work includes numerous mini-series, among them 1915, Captain James Cook, and All the Rivers Run.

"He adapted Bryce Courtenay's novel Jessica which won the 2005 Logie award for best mini-series.

"He is the author of eight previous novels, which include A Bitter Harvest, Without Warning, The Currency Lads, Against the Tide and The Murrumbidgee Kid.

"In 1991, he received an Order of Australia Medal for achievement in film and television, and in 2003 a Centenary Medal for services to Australian writing.

"Industry honours include six Australian Writing Awards, a British Guild Award, and a nomination for an International Emmy for his television drama Captain James Cook."

Press release, 17 Aug 2009  
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar

## Theatre presents scholarship

The recipient of this year's Woy Woy Little Theatre Scholarship was announced at the opening night of the Stella By Starlight performance at Peninsula Theatre on July 31.

Local musician Mr Sam Bannerman was awarded the \$500 Woy Woy Little Scholarship.

The scholarship is run every year as part of Woy Woy Little Theatre's sponsorship of the Youth in Performing Arts program for the past four years.

Group publicity officer Ms Patrice Horne said the Youth in Performing Arts program aimed to



provide an opportunity for youth to perform and participate in a quality program featuring all aspects of the performing arts.

"This year's recipient is musician Sam Bannerman," Ms Horne said.

"Sam is studying music at university and is also writing his own compositions.

"One of his major influences is Bob Dylan and this is reflected in his work.

"Sam is passionate about his chosen career and is determined to succeed.

"One of the past recipients of this award, Zach Smith, is currently playing the lead role in The Producers, which is on at Laycock St Theatre this month."

Press release, 7 Aug 2009  
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre

## Second book on the way

Ettalong Beach author Mr David Hyman is looking to publish his second book into the hidden secrets to living a satisfying and fulfilling life.

Mr Hyman completed the first part of Us and This Universe - A Panacea of Life in June last year through Zeus Publications and is in the final stages of organising a publisher for the second part of the book.

More than 25 years in the making, Mr Hyman said it was a trip to India in 1974 that "opened his eyes" to a new way of thinking and looking at the world.

"I was in India for four weeks back in 1974, as an interior decorator for Air India executives," Mr Hyman said.

"It was the peasants and beggars there who changed me and inspired me to look at the world in a new light.

"In particular, a 12-year-old boy took me under his wing for the day and opened my eyes to what life is all about and should be about.

"It was mind blowing."  
Mr Hyman and his wife have lived on the Peninsula for three-

and-a-half years after moving up from Sydney to retire.

He enjoys the relaxed attitude and friendly nature of the Peninsula community, while taking pleasure from the sea right at his doorstep.

"My book is for self-improvement, self-awareness and gives readers a better understanding of life and the universe around them," Mr Hyman said.

"It is great for people who are going through a difficult stage in their life such as losing a loved one or depression.

"It also teaches people about their emotions, how to alleviate stress and maintain a positive attitude and how to change their mindset from negative to positive.

"The reader will be left with a totally new awareness, reality level and understanding of life."

Us and This Universe part one can be purchased from Book Bazaar in Umina and Gnostic Forest in Woy Woy.

Clare Graham, 19 Aug 2009  
Interviewee: David Hyman, Ettalong Beach

## Good days at the old pub

A recent offering from Keith Whitfield mentioned, amongst a number of old local identities, Jim O'Donnell and the Old Woy Pub.

I played piano with the band that entertained in the beer garden back in those days.

The band leader, Bert McCullough, asked me to fill in for one weekend and I eventually stayed for well over two years.

The other band members were Frank Byrnes on drums and 'Banjo' Bill Baird.

We played to capacity crowds most Saturday nights, some

Fridays and the occasional Sunday afternoons for the benefit of bona fide travellers.

On some occasions, we were joined by a troupe from Les Girls who would come up from Sydney to try out new material.

As well as playing toe tapping sing-a-long music we also ran talent quests and accompanied anyone who wanted to render a 'little number' whether in tune or not, with sometimes hilarious results.

Gentleman Jim had a nice line of patter to introduce the proceedings and his daughter Ann would sometimes sing a couple of songs.

Like her father, she had style. His wife kept an eye on the general goings on from her favourite spot next to the beer garden bar.

The Old Pub was a well-run establishment with hard working and efficient staff, some of whom such as Kevin Oxford, Big Harry and Maurie are still around and no doubt would have their own stories to tell.

The Old Pub was unique at that time in that it provided a well-run venue where the patrons virtually ran their own show with a little help from the band.

The modern day equivalent would be karaoke.

When Jim sold up, the band broke up and subsequent owners never managed to create the same atmosphere.

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Letter, 19 Aug 2009  
Bill Flynn, Blackwall

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**Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group**, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am  
**Bushcare group**, Pretty Beach, end Araluen Track, 8am  
**Ex-Navalmen's Assoc**, Central Coast Sub-Section, 10am, **WWLC Scrapbooking**, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712; Chatterbox Group, **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; **Photography course (monthly)**; **The Web** 5pm-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  
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## SUNDAY

### First Sunday of every month

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

### Second Sunday of every month

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

### Third Sunday of every month

**Bushcare Group**, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486  
**Ettymalong Creek Landcare**, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251

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

**Peninsula Environment Group**, Picnic in the Park, 11am-2.30pm, Lions Park, Woy Woy, info @ www.peg.org.au

### Fourth Sunday of every month

**Old Time/New Vogue Dancing**, 1pm-4pm **ESCC**

### Last Sunday of every month

**Alliance Française "La Petanque"** (the game of boules), 11am-5pm, enq: 0415 309 074

**Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy, enq: 4341 4151

**The Bays Community Group Monthly Aussie Hot Breakfast** \$8.50 adults, \$4 kids Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay

### Every Sunday

**Fijian Cultural Group**, 11am-4pm; **Coast Community Church Services**, 9am & 5pm, enq: 4360 1448; **Full Life International Church**, 10am-3pm, **PCC**  
**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**

**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**

**Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association**, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 2945, **WH**

### 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

**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; **BFC Yoga**, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH Mums Meditation** 10am,

# Shop supports RSPCA campaign

## A local cake shop is taking part in the RSPCA's annual cup cake fundraising event throughout August.

Ettalong cake design business Edible Ornaments has pledged to donate 50 cents from every \$2 cup cake sold until the end of the month.

According to business owner and cup cake maker Ms Marilyn Gunn, the response from the community has been wonderful.

"So far, we have raised around \$250 from the sale of more than 300 cupcakes," Ms Gunn said.

"This is a great result for us as we look forward to selling more cupcakes until the end of August."

Ms Gunn and her husband Steven moved to the Peninsula last March to start the cake design business.

She said the RSPCA was a fantastic organisation that deserved the support from all of the community since their work was instrumental to the health

and welfare of animals across Australia.

"I first saw the advertisement on television for RSPCA's Cupcake Day," Ms Gunn said.

"I didn't have much time to publicise the event in time for the special day on August 17, so I decided to make it a month-long project.

"I decided to get on board with the cupcake fundraiser since cupcake making was my passion and I also love the work the RSPCA does for animals in our community.

"We have adopted two dogs from the RSPCA and on a couple of occasions I have rescued injured dogs from the street and taken them to RSPCA volunteers to be looked after."

Ms Gunn said the business was hoping to raise up to \$500.

"We will also be entering one of our butterfly cupcake designs in the RSPCA cupcake competition."

Clare Graham, 19 Aug 2009  
 Interviewee: Marilyn Gunn, Edible Ornaments

**Drumming classes 4pm RBG**

**Dancing**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 12.30pm; **Fitness**, 1pm, **ESCC**

**Gym Sessions**, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing (Women)**, 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**

**Carpet Bowls**, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

**Fairhaven Cash Housie**, 7.30pm; **Bingo**, 11am, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**

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

**Patchwork & Quilting**, 10am; **Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC**

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

**Childcare**, 9am; **Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am; **Over 55's**

**Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm;

**Yoga**, 9.30am; **Mad Monday Craft & Cooking**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Physical Culture Club**, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **U3A Courses; Ballroom**

**Dancing**, 9am, **PCC**

**Craft group**, 1pm, **BFC**

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

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

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

**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**

**Woy Woy Judo Club**. 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **EPH**

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## College holds special assembly

**Brisbane Water Secondary College celebrated the academic excellence of students from years 7 to 12 at a special assembly on August 13.**

This year's Mid-Course Academic Assembly was held at the college's Woy Woy Campus

with students, teachers and parents attending.

"These students are our top academic performers in their respective years across all of their chosen subject areas," college head teacher Mr Brett Giles said.

"In the college, we encourage all students to strive to achieve their personal best in their studies

at all times and this ceremony is a celebration for those who are.

"The assembly also acknowledges the wonderful efforts of our parents/carers and teachers in supporting, nurturing and developing our students."

**Press release, 18 Aug 2009  
Brett Giles, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

## Nominated

**Empire Bay Public School has nominated three community members for the Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation.**

The school's staff and parents nominated Ms Karen Wylie, Ms Karen Norris and Ms Catherine Saha to be the recipients of the Empire Bay Public School awards.

A special awards ceremony will

be held at Kincumber High School on September 15.

**Newsletter, 12 Aug 2009  
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**

## Keep sickness at home

**Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley has encourage parents to keep sick children home from school to prevent the spreading of the cold and flu.**

"At the beginning of the term, we sent home a section in the newsletter from the Department of Education and Training regarding cold and flu management," Ms Buckley said.

"It is concerning to see so many of our students ending up in the school sick bay with cold and flu

like symptoms.

"Sick children with colds and flu need to be kept home and well rested so they can have time to recover from the illness.

"When they come to school ill, with a cold or flu, they not only infect other students but are not able to concentrate or work properly at school."

Ms Buckley said it was the school's policy to ring parents to collect sick children from the school sick bay.

**Newsletter, 18 Aug 2009  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

## School updates logo

**Woy Woy South Public School is planning to update its school logo with the help of a creative design company.**

According to school principal Mr Terry Greedy, the new school logo will be given a modern look while incorporating the main elements of the present logo.

"The logo will be predominately red and white, in line with school colours, with a blue sash

representing our proximity to the water," Mr Greedy said.

"The logo displayed on the back of this week's newsletter includes the Southern Cross and school motto, along with two figures symbolising a school made up of young and old children happy and safe working together in a family orientated environment."

**Newsletter, 11 Aug 2009  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

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## Mayor takes up reading cause

**Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein is encouraging young families to take part in this year's Gosford City Reads program.**

He said a number of activities had been organised by Gosford Council in local schools, preschools, parks and shopping centres across the local government area, including the Peninsula.

Cr Holstein said the community needed to take action to encourage literacy from a young age.

"A recent survey by the Australian Bureau of Statistics found that close to 50 per cent of Australians had very poor literacy skills," Cr Holstein said.

"Literacy is an important issue

that affects our entire community and increasingly the benefits of reading to children from a young age are being acknowledged."

Cr Holstein said Gosford council's Early Childhood Literacy Committee invited both adults and children to share in the joy of language through books, songs and rhymes by participating in this year's Gosford City Reads program.

The committee is encouraging libraries, community groups, schools, preschools, businesses, health and support services as well as individuals to participate in the "fun-filled celebration of literacy" from August 24 to 28, by designating time to read, sing or

rhyme with babies and children.

As part of the council's calendar of events, students from Umina Public School will participate in a Safari of Language and Literacy Experiences Week with children from Umina Child Care Centre.

Peninsula Storytime in the Park will take place on August 25, and include a number of activities for young families at Lions Park in Woy Woy from 10am.

For further information or to register an event, visit council's website or phone Gosford City Library on 4304 7009 or 4304 7013.

**Press release, 17 Aug 2009  
Alison Hood, Gosford Council**



## Woy Woy makes J Rock final

**Woy Woy Public School will hold a special breakfast to celebrate Fathers' Day.**

The event will take place at the school on Friday, September 4, from 8am to 9.30am.

"All our dads, pops and significant males in the family are invited and welcome to attend," school principal Ms Ona Buckley said.

"It is so great to see our dads at school.

"Many of our classes have written stories about their dads.

"Some chosen stories have been mounted and sent up to Erina shopping centre to be displayed in different shops.

"Next time you are there check them out.

"We have many more stories that will be displayed in the hall on the morning of the breakfast for all the dads to read.

"These stories are so precious and special.

"One of our students has been put forward as the principal's choice story.

"This is a very special acknowledgement and this child and their family will be invited to attend a special awards breakfast on September 4, with other principal's choice students from other schools on the Central Coast."

**Newsletter, 18 Aug 2009  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

**Woy Woy Public School has qualified for the J Rock grand final as part of the Sydney Rock Eisteddfod performing arts competition.**

More than 60 students will perform the routine Tic Toc in front of hundreds of school students from across the state at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on September 8.

J Rock coordinator for Woy Woy Public School Ms Rae Campbell said the students had been practising hard since the start of the school year.

"This is the inaugural final for Junior Rock Eisteddfod (J Rock) and Woy Woy has been competing since 2005," Ms Campbell said.

"The school has not been involved in such an event like this since 2004, when we reached the finals level of Wakakirri, another performance event for children."

The school's routine Tic Toc was created and choreographed by Ms Campbell and Ms Marea McGinley and looks at how people try to control time.

"They write about it, build machines to measure it, try to travel through it, paint images of it, but really time just keeps moving on like the 'tic toc' of a clock," Ms Campbell said.

"Many community members, staff and parents have dedicated countless hours to costume and set design and construction.

"Many local businesses have helped by donating prizes for a raffle or by sponsoring the team."

Ms Campbell said the students would continue to rehearse in the lead up to the grand final next month.

**Clare Graham, 20 Aug 2009  
Interviewee: Rae Campbell,  
Woy Woy Public School**

## Breakfast for Fathers' Day

## Art exhibition in school hall

**Umina Public School is inviting the local community to attend its art exhibition in the school hall on August 29 and 30.**

Umina P&C Treasurer Ms Deretta Brown said staff and students welcomed members of the local community to attend the event to support local students.

"Students will be exhibiting their work alongside many noted professional artists," Ms Brown said.

"All artwork displayed will be available for purchase on the weekend.

"Bring along the whole family.

"Children can participate in their own exciting art activities during the weekend and you can treat everyone to morning or afternoon tea."

Entry into the exhibition is by gold coin donation.

The exhibition will run from 10am to 3pm across both days of the weekend.

Ms Brown said tickets to the opening night are also available for Friday, August 28, from 7pm to 10pm.

Tickets, valued at \$10 each, can

be purchased through the school office.

Artists' enquiries can also be directed to the school office on 4341 1630.

**Press release, 10 Aug 2009  
Deretta Brown, Umina P&C Association**

## Basketball gala day

**A group of 20 students represented Woy Woy Public School in a basketball gala day at Niagara Park Youth Club recently.**

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said the students showed great sportsmanship and teamwork on the day.

"The girls unfortunately lost their

first game with a close score," Ms Buckley said.

"The boys also played extremely well but lost by a tight score.

"Later the girls had to play another game against tough players and we managed to take out a win and so did the boys."

**Newsletter, 11 Aug 2009  
Woy Woy Public School**

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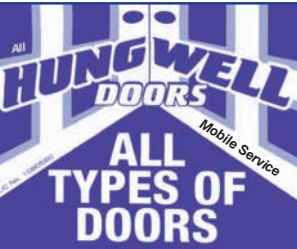
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## Golf day for league clubs

**Everglades Country Club will play host to Umina junior and senior rugby league clubs' inaugural Golf Fundraising Day on Monday, September 28.**

According to club representative Mr Matthew Harvey, the event will raise much-needed funds to buy new jumpers and equipment for more than 400 junior and senior players.

"Both clubs are run by volunteers to help keep the children active in the community," Mr Harvey said.

"Therefore we are looking to raise money to support the good work of local volunteers in keeping local children healthy and active.

"And what better way to do it than to hold a game of golf.

"The day will start with a barbecue breakfast from 7am, with

tee off at 8am.

"After golf, we will head into the auditorium and have a presentation and auction of NRL signed jumpers.

"We will be holding raffles during the day to drawn at the presentation.

"The event will be run in a three-person Ambrose format and will be a fun day out for all participants.

"The cost will be \$50 per person which includes golf, breakfast, lunch and presentation."

Mr Harvey said the junior and senior clubs were also looking for local businesses to support the fundraising event through sponsorship.

"We have a number of sponsorships available for the day including gold, silver and bronze packages," Mr Harvey said.

"The gold package is available

for \$500 and includes three players, signage on course and exposure on the front of all game-day information documents and preferential seating positions at the presentation lunch.

"The silver sponsorship package includes three players, signage on a hole and on all game day information documents and website for \$300.

"The Bronze class group sponsors package valued at \$200 features three players, signage at barbecue area and on all game-day information documents.

"Anyone interested in attending or taking up one of our sponsorship packages please contact me on 0419 621 609."

**Press release, 10 Aug 2009  
Matthew Harvey, Umina Junior  
Rugby League Football Club**



Umina Beach BC President Ian Jarrett presents Gosford Hospital Cancer representative Colleen Stevens with a cheque for \$3,500

## Bowlers hold charity day

**More than 100 bowlers took part in the second annual Ron Pursehouse Memorial Charity Day at Umina Bowling Club recently.**

The day commemorated life member Mr Ron Pursehouse and raised \$3500 for prostate cancer research.

Club president Mr Ian Jarrett said the money raised from the event was a record amount.

"This inaugural charity day last year raised \$3000 and we are pleased to advise that this year raised an outstanding \$3500," Mr Jarrett said.

"These funds will be used for research into men's prostate

cancer and a representative from Northern Sydney Central Coast NSW Health, Ms Colleen Stevens, thanked the bowlers and club members for their support of this most important research program.

"Betty Pursehouse, widow of Ron, thanked everyone for their participation in this annual event and was overwhelmed with the response.

"The major prize of the raffle for five days at Forster was won by Ron Austin of Umina while the Captain Cook Buffet Cruise was won by Wal Pawelko, also of Umina."

**Publication, 19 Aug 2009  
Ian Jarrett, Umina Beach  
Bowling Club**

## Surf club looks for members

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club is looking to recruit new members as this year's beach swimming season prepares to kick off.**

As part of its registration program, the local club will hold a promotions day at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy early next month.

Club publicity officer Mr Carl Krucler said the event would be a good chance to recruit new members in the local community while promoting the work of volunteer life savers.

"You can ask members in

attendance anything you need to know for your child or yourselves to become involved in surf lifesaving by joining a family-oriented club," Mr Krucler said.

"Members will also be on hand to take registrations on the day.

"There will also be the SLSA promotions trailer to display information on many topics covered by surf life saving."

The day will commence from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, September 5

"Umina SLSC is celebrating its 50th anniversary this coming season so it would be an ideal time

to join and become involved in the festivities," Mr Krucler said.

"There will be a weekend of celebrations in recognition of this milestone from Friday, October 30, to Sunday, November 1.

"Previous and current members are encouraged to attend any or all of the functions that weekend to renew acquaintances and relive past experiences while absorbing the wonderful panorama of the beach from the new clubhouse."

**Press release, 11 Aug 2009  
Carl Krucler, Umina Surf  
Life Saving Club**

## Best performance for Woy Woy

**In what has been described as its "best performance of the year", Woy Woy Rugby Union's first grade side defeated The Entrance 103 to nil in round 17 of competition.**

Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said Woy Woy was "relentless" in its huge win over The Entrance at Woy Woy Oval on August 15.

"They were able to run in 15 tries during the game and this puts them in great form for the final game of the season against Terrigal," Mr Thomson said.

In other results for round 15, Woy Woy second grade also came out on top with a 31 to 29 win against The Entrance, while the Colts division saw Woy Woy defeated 15 to 12 by Ourimbah.

As for previous games in round 16 of competition played out on August 8, Woy Woy first grade were defeated 43 to nil by Avoca who remain at second place on the ladder.

"Avoca Beach proved too strong for Woy Woy at Woy Woy Oval, running out winners by 43 points to nil," Mr Thomson said.

"The game was quite competitive in the first half but the further the game went on Avoca Beach did

assert their authority.

"The half time score was 14 points to nil to Avoca Beach and they were certainly not getting it all their own way.

"Some dogged Woy Woy defence was keeping them from scoring and the home side was certainly in the game at the halfway mark.

"Best for Avoca Beach were lock Emile Thomas and centre Lenny

Beckett who was able to cross for two tries.

"Woy Woy defended well but Avoca Beach got stronger and stronger the further game went on.

"Five-eight Andrew McNamara played very well for Woy Woy and the defence of centre Nathan Barrett was a feature for Woy Woy."

**Press release, 15 Aug 2009  
Larry Thomson, Central  
Coast Rugby Union**

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## Woy Woy appoints new coach

**Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club has announced its first grade coach for next year's season.**

Club secretary Mr Peter Read said Woy Woy was proud to announce the signing of experienced coach Mr Les Lowe for next season.

"The former Umina and Ourimbah mentor will take the reins from Roosters' great Jade Mason and has already set about lifting the Roosters back into a premiership contender," Mr Read said.

"Upon being introduced to the Roosters' faithful on August 16, Lowe made it clear that he would be getting straight down to business."

The incoming coach said that players would be recruited for key positions to complement the existing senior squad.

"I'm a Rooster now, and I am not coming alone," Mr Lowe said.

"I'm really excited about taking on the job and I will be working



hard with the committee to bring success to the Woy Woy Club."

Club president Mr Geoff Staunton said he applauded the Rooster's committee for its decision to appoint Lowe and feels that the club's younger players can only benefit from the experience that Les Lowe brings.

"We have a lot of great young players in the under-18s and under-20s," said Mr Staunton. "And even though some already played first grade, having Les coaching them

will only help them go to another level."

Mr Read said a meeting on August 19 was expected to see Central Coast Rugby League announce that the competition structure for next year will see the return of third grade as an "open age" competition, along with the junior age divisions reverting to under-19s and under-17s.

**Press release, 18 Aug 2009  
Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club**

## Woy Woy to host rugby union finals

**Woy Woy Oval is set to host a number of matches in the Central Coast Rugby Union final series over the coming weeks.**

The minor semi finals will kick off from 10.20am with the under-19s game between third and fourth placed teams on the competition ladder on August 29.

Meanwhile, the third grade competition match will commence from 11.50am and the second graders from 1.20pm.

The minor semi-final match between third and fourth placed first grade sides will start from 3pm at the oval.

Major semi-finals will be played out at Erina Oval on August 30 between first and second placed

teams in all grades.

The following Saturday will see the preliminary finals unfold at Woy Woy Oval from 10.20am with the under-19s.

First grade will commence from 3pm.

The grand final will also be battled out at Woy Woy Oval on September 12, with the under-19s competition starting the day off from 10.15am.

The third grade grand final will follow from 11.45am while the second graders will play off for the premiership from 1.15pm.

The first grade grand final will kick off from 3pm.

**Press release, 19 Aug 2009  
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

## Cricket club receives alcohol accreditation

**Woy Woy Cricket Club has received the next level of accreditation in the Good Sports program that aims to promote the responsible sale and consumption of alcohol at sporting events.**

The Peninsula club is among 45 Central Coast clubs to have joined the Australian Drug Foundation program to reduce problems associated with alcohol consumption.

The club has already obtained its first level of accreditation.

"As a liquor licence holding club, we understood the need to introduce an alcohol awareness program to encourage a safe environment for all players, families and supporters especially given the number of junior players in our

senior teams," club secretary Mr David Gemmell said.

"Good Sports provides a set of guidelines and requirements that we must meet to ensure our accreditation is maintained.

"These requirements, while numerous, are easy to implement and manage if you are aware of them and range from ensuring people serving alcohol have their RSA licence (and RSA licence holders are displayed), to ensuring that food and free water is provided, and that an up to date incident register is maintained."

Mr Gemmell said he would encourage other Peninsula sporting clubs not already implementing the Good Sports program to get involved.

"The benefits it has provided our club through increased participation

by juniors and families is extremely encouraging," Mr Gemmell said.

"The introduction of the Good Sports program within the club has seen the number of people attending our matches and after match functions increase, especially the number of juniors and families attending.

"At the same time we have not had an incident involving alcohol for the past three seasons which is a good reflection that the program does work.

"There is a commitment within the club that this season we will work towards obtaining level three accreditation, which with some hard work and dedication should be achieved by Christmas."

**Clare Graham, 19 Aug 2009  
Interviewee: David Gemmell,  
Woy Woy Cricket Club**

## Mixed results for Bunnies

**Latest rounds of the Central Coast Rugby League competition have seen mixed results for the Umina Bunnies.**

Round 16 of competition also saw defeat for the Umina first grade side against point table leaders The Entrance, with an 84 to six loss.

Second grade saw victory over The Entrance Tigers with a 33 to 24 finish, while the under-20s also came out with a 24 to 14 win.

In round 15 on August 2, Umina's under-18s and under-20s won comfortably while second and first grade teams took defeat against Northern Lakes at Gumbuyah Oval.

"Gumbuyah Oval is a graveyard littered with many a team and the Warriors' Firsts had the intention of skinning the Bunnies for the second time this season," club secretary Mr Kevin Hulls said.

"The Bunnies knew the battle was on for a win.

"Both teams launched a take-no-prisoner assault, leaving many players icing bruises at its conclusion.

"At half time, the home-side was just leading."

The final score was Northern Lakes 34 to Bunnies 24.

Umina's second grade side also lost to Northern Lakes, 28 to 10.

"Second grade now finds themselves with only three rounds remaining in a must-win situation every game which will enable them to hopefully grab fifth position for the semi finals," Mr Hulls said.

Short of two backline players, the team held the score to 12 to 10 with approximately 15 minutes to go.

"Against 12 men, the Bunnies defence went haywire as fatigue set in and we allowed the warriors

to run in 16 unanswered points.

"The under-20s was a game that on paper was an easy win for the Bunnies."

In the event, the team scored a 32 to 4 win.

"From the outset the Warriors aggression in attack and defence belied their position on the competition table.

"The Bunnies forwards were slowly taking control, thus setting the platform for the backs to enjoy room to move and score giving the 'Bundogs' a small but reasonable half time lead.

"Points in the second half were a bit easier to come by as the Bunnies maintained their concentration and game plan (much to the coach's relief) for rest of the match."

"Umina Beach under-18s game against Northern Lakes was another match that on paper we were always going to win comfortably.

"While leading comfortably after the first half and playing a reasonable game in both attack and defence, our discipline went out the door as we struggled to complete anything in the second half to record an uninspiring 36 to nil win."

**Newsletter, 7 Aug 2009  
Kevin Hulls, Umina Beach  
Rugby League Football Club  
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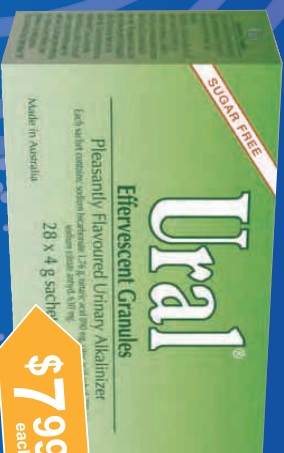
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